

# Mennonite Observer

"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." I Cor. 2:2.

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The new M.B. church at Malakpet, Hyderabad, India, under construction. Dedication is set for November 27, 1955.

## Memorial Church at Malakpet

Rev. J. H. Lohrenz \*

(In the Sept. 28 issue (Vol. 1, No. 2) we carried an article on the new church being built at Malakpet. It was translated from the German. We have now received an English article from Bro. Lohrenz, and thus are giving only any added information. —Ed.)

The American Mennonite Brethren Mission in India began in Malakpet, in the southeastern part of Hyderabad City. Here the pioneer missionaries purchased the first mission station, moving onto the premises on Nov. 27, 1903. It was a day of joy and a step of faith when the missionaries started preaching the saving Gospel of Christ to the Telugus here.

Malakpet is the cradle of the India Mennonite Brethren Church. Here the first Indian evangelists began winning souls for Christ. Here a small group of Christians organized on March 27, 1904, as a local church. Although the mission station had to be moved because of various reasons, Christians have continued witnessing in the area. However, there has been a real need for a church building there.

Property was purchased in 1954 and in July of this year construction was started on a 60 ft. x 32 ft. building. The dedication of this church, the Lord willing, will be held on November 27, 1955, exact-

ly 52 years after the first missionaries moved into Malakpet station. We are looking forward to special blessings on that day.

The contributions for the building fund come as voluntary donations from those whose heart is moved by the Lord to give to this project. The Missionary Council on the field and the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions have approved the project, but the building funds are to come through contributions designated for this purpose. No solicitation is being made, but the membership of the M.B. churches is being informed of the project. Up until now one-third of the required funds, Rs 30,000, or \$6,400, have been received. May we ask

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## Anniversary Services at Hampshire

Coldwater, Ont. — Special anniversary services were held at the Christian Fellowship Chapel, Hampshire, Ont., on October 30. Dr. Albert Hughes from Toronto was the guest speaker, and a double male quartet from St. Catharines provided the music. Other visitors came from St. Catharines, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Toronto and Orillia, filling the chapel almost to capacity.

After the morning service lunch was served at the Chapel. The afternoon service consisted of songs by the double male quartet, duets, and a mass choir made up of all the young people present. Mr. Norman Whitney related some of the blessings of the past eleven years, and Dr. Hughes gave a personal testimony.

The evening evangelistic meeting was also well attended.

The day concluded with a special half-hour anniversary broadcast over CFOR, Orillia, at 9 p.m.

Nightly services were held throughout the week October 31 to November 4, with daily broadcasts at 11:45 a.m.

## MAKES TOUR OF SEVERAL MANITOBA CHURCHES

Kronsgart, Man. — Rev. H. S. Rempel of Saskatoon is currently making a tour of several Manitoba churches. He spoke for three evenings at Kronsgart M.B. church, conducting the meetings from Oct. 30 to Nov. 1.

Rev. Rempel pointed out some rather unusual truths in his por-

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trayal of the passion week of our Lord. He called the procession to Calvary the saddest procession in history, and Christ's funeral, though poorly attended, as the holiest and most sacred of them all. He represented Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus as heroes who took care of Christ's body when not one of the disciples dared show himself. He declared that the result of their action must inevitably have been the confiscation of their goods and the loss of their position.

## DIES OF HEAD INJURY

George Krause, 26, of 10 Sylvia St., Winnipeg, died in the General Hospital on Wednesday evening without regaining consciousness after a fall on the icy sidewalk on Nov. 5. He did manage to walk in, but while a head injury was being treated he collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. He was single, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Krause.



To the right is the first mission home of the M.B. mission at Malakpet, Hyderabad, India. It was occupied on November 27, 1903 and is now a government police hospital. To the left is the first M.B. mission church-school. It was built by Rev. J. H. Pankratz in 1905. Now it is used as a government police hospital ward.

## Editorial

### A Time for Action

Thirty-seven years ago, on November 11, bedlam broke loose in the cities and towns of France, England, the Commonwealth, and the United States. Cannons boomed, whistles blew, sirens wailed and milling crowds cheered wildly. World War I was over! The German army had capitulated. The Allied forces had won the victory.

But when the cheering was over, the throngs had dispersed, and the instruments of war were being put away, a voice was heard declaring in accents slow and solemn: "Victory has been bought so dear as to be almost indistinguishable from defeat." Winston Churchill had spoken.

And what shall we say today when the world has been ravaged by another devastating world war; when nation has been pitted against nation in Europe, in the Philippines, Korea, Indo-China; and when Israel and the Arab nations continue their petty war? Is war bringing peace? Is the clash of arms ringing in cooperation and world brotherhood? No, history proves that a peace treaty often bears within it the seeds for the next and more terrible conflagration.

What should be our position on Armistice Day? Should we heap recriminations upon those who fought for their country, while thousands of crippled soldiers still suffer in veteran's hospitals? Should we smugly shake our heads over the horrible results of war, while heaps of rubble and devastated buildings still flank many streets in the world today? Should we celebrate while starving mothers and children search through garbage cans for food? And while the nations of the world are daily producing more deadly weapons, should we withhold from them the gospel of peace?

Again here the words apply: we can pray, give and go. We can pray for the victims of war, for the governments, for peace in the world. We can give to the suffering in our hospitals, and in war areas. And we can go to "preach peace by Jesus Christ (who is Lord of all)."

Now is the time for united Mennonite action under the MCC, to GIVE "In the Name of Christ." Now is the time to GO and work in voluntary service and in PAX units. Now is the time to PRAY for the freedom and spiritual comfort and revival of our brethren behind the Iron Curtain.

Everyone must strive for peace, and not only our ministers, the MCC, and peace committees, for peace about us is an expression of peace within us. A peaceful society is composed of peaceful individuals.

This is not a time to piously sign peace petitions. This is not a time for fruitless discussion about the evil results of war. This is a time for action, for the application of the words of Christ, "Love thy neighbour as thyself."

### Through the Looking-Glass

#### A Statement of the Problem

Should we, or should we not, use the English or the German language in our Mennonite churches?

Let me begin by asking: "What is the purpose of a church?"

Any church, no matter what the denomination, was not built as a monument to tradition. They were built as temples of God; a place where people could go to pray, to worship God and to study the Scriptures. The manner in which it is done, or the language used, is of little significance—if the congregation does not understand what is being said. For Luther that meant translating the Bible into German. For Tyndale it meant translating it into English.

We have a problem, almost a unique one, of having to decide which language to use in our Mennonite churches. We must have a solution or the Mennonite brotherhood will gradually disintegrate. Should we use our traditional language, German, which very many young people, too many to be shrugged off, have either forgotten or have never learned well? Or should we use the English language; and let our parents live the rest of their life shut off from the comforts and peace they can receive from a sermon preached in a language they can understand. We can do neither and still hope to have a strong and united Mennonite church.

## Devotional

### "By Faith Noah"

Rev. John Epp

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith" (Heb. 11: 7).

Faith, not the ark, is the secret of Noah's greatness. Anyone with some ability as a carpenter could have constructed the ark. But to obey God and in faith do that which at that moment appeared absurd, impractical and unnecessary, required a Noah—a man of faith.

Faith can more easily be illustrated than defined. It is that mysterious response of the heart and mind of every Christian toward God. The more fully it is exercised the greater the glory to God and the greater the blessings to the individual. Because of his faith Noah received the distinct honour of having his name entered into heaven's Hall of Fame.

By faith Noah was warned by God of things not seen as yet. It was the prophecy of an unprecedented flood. To a mind without faith it seemed preposterous and impossible, for nothing like it had ever happened. Experience provided no precedent. But the mind of Noah perceived the coming judgment. His faith provided him with those spiritually perceptive powers unknown to the unbelieving mind. He looked beyond man's

Yet how can we even hope to keep the German language alive when with every generation it is becoming less understood? How can our children even hope to become good citizens and establish themselves in this country if they do not adopt the English language? We must also keep in mind that the future leaders of our churches will be these same children. But can we expect them to go to a church where they do not understand what is being said? It would be of very little value to them or to us. So we must by all means make a place for them in our Mennonite church.

Other churches have found a solution. Surely we can too, for we must have one, with the help of God.

Walter Neufeld, Winnipeg.

(We would prefer not to have an extended debate on this subject, for it usually generates more heat than light. However, if someone feels he can make a truly worthwhile suggestion we will not ignore it. It might be well to remember that the truth usually lies in the middle, not at the two extremes. —Ed.)

plans and saw God's program. How far does our faith look today?

Having received the warning, Noah, by faith, moved with fear. Other translations say: "He moved with reverence." He lived in a reverential fear of God. It wasn't a crushing or a despairing fear, but a fear that gave balance and poise in Noah's life. Every motive and movement was God-censored. He was constantly aware of God's holy presence in his life. This godly fear filled his life with a holy caution and a preserving wisdom. This is the fruit of real faith.

Furthermore, by faith Noah prepared the ark. It was an immense building project for his day. It appears even greater when we realize that he undertook it solely upon the revealed warning of God. There was no other reason for doing it. There was no syndicate providing financial backing. There was no conference giving him prayer support. His fellow-men ridiculed it. His friends scoffed at him. Noah built the ark entirely by faith in the Word of God.

Noah's faith accomplished even more. By faith, we read, he condemned the world. He was indeed a savor of life unto life and of death unto death. His was a well-defined faith with a practical expression. He lived, preached and built the ark as the only means of salvation.

Such a faith has its rewards. He saved his house and became heir of the righteousness of God. Faith is truly the victory that overcometh the world.

Are we going to become a modern Noah? We can — by faith!

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## Mission Work at Danbury

Ben Hoepfner

No doubt Danbury is unknown to many. It is a remote hamlet in middle Saskatchewan, about 50 miles west of Swan River and 70 miles north of Yorkton.

The mission work in Danbury was begun some 8 years ago when the brethren Albert Toews, Pete Martens and J. K. Reimer held services in the community. As a result of their work several souls were saved.

At first this little group was very zealous for the Lord. They came together for fellowship, and sang, witnessed and rejoiced. It soon became apparent that they were in need of a permanent building. The Western Gospel Mission with the help of the local believers speedily built a tabernacle, known as the Western Gospel Mission.

But as time went on the first love for the Lord abated. This retrogression took place in spite of Rev. John K. Reimer's able ministry. Today individual believers lament the declension.

In spite of this low spiritual condition on the part of some the Western Gospel Mission carries on. An extensive Daily Vacation Bible School program, with about 70 children in all in six different places, was carried out. Many more could have attended had not the Roman Catholic and the Greek Catholic influences stopped them. (The community is predominantly Catholic).

The mission also has access to seven public schools. In these schools weekly half-hour Bible Classes are conducted, with an enrollment of about 100. The editor of the *North Star*, a local newspaper, also granted a column containing 450-500 words for the presentation of the Gospel. Many Catholic homes are reached in this manner. With a little expense this ministry could be enlarged.

### OUR READERS SAY

#### Likes the Newspaper

Enclosed please find a money order for \$1.75 for a subscription to the MENNONITE OBSERVER.

I am glad that you started this English weekly paper. I find it very good. May God bless you in this field of service.

Arnold Schroeder.  
Main Centre, Sask.

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#### Saw it at Friends

Please send me the MENNONITE OBSERVER for one year. It is a very good paper. I had a chance to see it at some friends and would like to have it too.

Mrs. Rose Nickel.  
Chilliwack, B.C.

In addition to the above, seven Gospel campaigns were conducted during the last four months. Regular street meetings were also held in some surrounding towns.

Still other avenues are the chapel services and the personal work. The missionary is at liberty to go from house to house to present the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Although this work is not so easy, it is effective.

To some the question may arise: "Does the preaching of the Word accomplish anything among the Catholics?" The answer is in the affirmative. Yet the proclamation and acceptance of the Gospel will take place only as the saints lift up pure hands in fervent intercession.

This intercession is the more needed as the Reimers and the couple which succeeded them are both off the field. Will you pray?

## Witness in Brazil

Peter Sawatsky \*

It is with pleasure that we take this opportunity to send greetings to our friends back home and report from Brazil, especially since we were not able to visit many places in Canada before we left home.

We left New York harbour on September 18, 1954, on board the M/V SARGENT, a freighter that made stops at Charleston, North Carolina, Belem and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, before reaching Santos, our port of debarkation.

After 18 days on board ship we received our first glimpse of Brazil. While passing shacks and dilapidated buildings along the riverside, we were surprised to see the tall, modern-looking skyline of Belem, lit up by the last rays of the setting sun.

### Belem

It was interesting to go ashore and walk up the streets of Belem. The architecture of most of the houses was ancient. They were largely of brick, often with a fancy glazed front. Most of the people are darker, but the shades of skin vary from light to very black. Since the language was foreign it was a frustrating experience asking for information and trying to buy something.

### Rio de Janeiro

Twelve days after leaving Belem, we dropped anchor in Rio de Janeiro harbour. The famous statue of Christ and the Sugar Loaf Mountain were obscured by clouds, but the tall buildings of Brazil's capital were dimly visible.

One afternoon we took the aerial cable car to the top of the



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sawatsky at the language school, Brazil.

Sugar Loaf Mountain, where we could see the city from a great height. We also went to see the Corcovado, the giant statue of Christ on a mountaintop behind the city. It is lighted up at night and can be seen for many miles, so that sailors often use it to guide their ships. It is a sad thing that although the people see the great

monument and have an outward knowledge of Christ, they do not have a personal, inner experience of Him as Saviour.

### Santos

On October 28 we reached Santos, our final destination. We passed the custom's inspection in the afternoon and then found a truck to take our baggage to Campinas, the location of the language school.

Campinas is in the state of Sao Paulo, about 100 miles northwest of the famous coffee port of Santos. Sao Paulo, the capital of this state and the fastest-growing city in the world, is between Campinas and Santos. Campinas has a population of about 100,000 and is situated at an altitude of between 2,000 and 3,000 feet.

We have just finished our fourth quarter of language study. Most of the teachers are Brazilian in order to avoid learning Portuguese from someone with an accent. We are happy at the progress we have made. We are able to talk about familiar subjects and give a simple witness to the people we meet.

A young man, Jose Carlos, has been coming to our house to exchange English and Portuguese conversation. We frequently read the

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## Here and There — and Everywhere

### To Teach at Gem

*Lindbrook, Alta.* — Bro. Peter Warkentin, the choir leader at the M.B. church here, left recently for Gem, where he is teaching in the Bible school. Several young people have also left for the Coaldale Bible School.

### Two Injured in Accident

*Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.* — Alfred Andres, 17, and Nick Woelk, 20, of Virgil, Ont., were severely injured early Sunday morning, October 30, when their car hit a tree.

The pair were returning from a evening spent in New York state when Andres, the driver of the '48 Pontiac, apparently fell asleep at the wheel. The car plowed into a ditch and ended up against a tree. They lay in the wreck until a neighbouring farmer came to their aid.

Andrés was in critical condition all day Sunday, but both are now reported to be in good condition in hospital.

The car was demolished.

### Sponsor Bus to Graham Meeting

*Coldwater, Ont.* — The Christian Fellowship Chapel at Hampshire, Ont., sponsored a free bus to the Billy Graham meeting in Toronto on October 14. Rich blessings were experienced while

traveling and attending the service. A capacity crowd was out for the service, with the theme of the evening "The Home." Some 400 people made decisions for Christ that night. Two of them were from our group.

### Thanksgiving Service at Pincher Creek

*Pincher Creek, Alta.* — The M. B. church at Pincher Creek, Alta., held its Harvest Thanksgiving and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 23. The guest speakers at the morning service were Rev. H. Kornelson and Rev. David Pankratz of Coaldale. At the afternoon service Rev. A. Koop and Rev. J. A. Froese of Calgary spoke.

### Missionary Returns

*Main Centre, Sask.* — Miss Eleanor Neufeld, missionary to Ethiopia under the Sudan Interior Mission, returned to her former home at Main Centre, Sask., on October 14 after one term of service on the field. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neufeld, now of Abbotsford, B.C., had come to meet their daughter.

After visiting a number of friends and relatives in this area and giving a brief report to her home church on Sunday, October 23, Miss Neufeld accompanied her parents to their present home at Abbotsford, B.C.

### Choir Sings at Kitchener

*St. Catharines, Ont.* — Following the invitation of the M.B. church at Kitchener, Ont., the male choir of the radio program, "Glorious Gospel", presented a song-program there on October 30. The Rev. Henry Penner also brought a message, the first in a series of four messages emphasizing the deeper Christian life. He spoke at special meetings for young people from October 30 to November 2 in the Kitchener M.B. church.

### Open Mission Sunday School

*St. Catharines, Ont.* — During the past few years the young people at St. Catharines have served the Lord through a Good News Club held on Monday evening. But because they saw other areas needing the Gospel they started another Sunday School on Oct. 30. The attendance the first day was 24.

### Winning Souls at Choir Practice

*Compass, Sask.* — Not many people think of choir practice as a place to win people for Christ, but the Dave Nickels report that after a choir practice recently a 15-year-old girl was led (by the choir director) to make a decision for Christ. About 33 attended the practice at the M.B. mission station there, a part of the M.B. Mission of Saskatchewan.

They also report that Rev. J. S. Adrian, the Field Director of the Mission, visited the station on Oct. 21 for a time of fellowship and inspiration.

After a few weeks of holiday at Kelowna, B.C., the Dave Nickels are ready to take up the task with renewed courage.

### Friesen Serves in Northern Saskatchewan

*Compass, Sask.* — Rev. John Friesen of Hague, Sask., conducted a series of German services in the Barnes Crossing and Dorintosh Mennonite churches. The attendance was small because of the two-day blizzard that blocked nearly all traffic.

### Jail Term for Assault

Peter A. Enns, Winkler, Man., who attacked his wife, Tina, with a knife on October 2, was sentenced to six months in Headingly jail on October 28. Three of the children are staying with relatives at Rosebank and one, together with Mrs. Enns, is staying at the J. Kehlers, Winkler.

### United Mennonites Purchase House

The B.C. Conference of United Mennonites has purchased a house in Vancouver that is to replace the former Mary Martha Home, which had to be liquidated when the church at 49th Ave. and St. George St. was sold.

## Leamington Hosts Peace Conference

The twentieth annual conference of the Historic Peace Churches in Ontario convened at the North Leamington United Mennonite church on October 22.

Guest speaker at the all-day conference was Rev. C. N. Hostetter, chairman of the Mennonite Central Committee. He delivered messages on: The Cost, Cause, and Cure for War; Rethinking our Peace Position; and The Mission of the MCC.

Other speakers were Harvey Toews, MCC director at the Wa-

The Mary Martha Home provides temporary lodging for girls coming in to Vancouver to look for work. It also serves as a meeting-place for them on their days off. Those seeking employment in housework are also served through an employment agency.

### Three Choirs in Song Fest at Vineland

The three United Mennonite church choirs in the Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, combined for a song service at the Vineland United Mennonite church on Sunday evening, October 23. Taking part in the service was the 37-member choir from St. Catharines led by Mr. Janzen, the 47-member Niagara choir led by Mr. Willms, and the 30-member Vineland choir led by Mr. Jacob Koop.

A talk by Rev. P. J. Heinrichs, pastor of the St. Catharines United Mennonite church, traced the history of church music from the Greek and Roman period up to the present.

### Walls Leave for Europe

The Cornelius Walls sailed for Europe on the S.S. United States on October 28, after a tour of churches in America to present the needs of the European Mennonite Bible School. They are returning to resume duties at the Bible school, where Bro. Wall is principal.

### Froese to Brandon for Winter

Rev. A. J. Froese of Boissevain, Man., moved to Brandon, Man., on October 27 to assume the responsibilities at the Gospel Light Mission there. Br. Froese was active in this mission, sponsored by the M.B. Mission of Manitoba, last winter.

### Braun Accident Victim

Jacob J. Braun of Gruental, Man., was killed in an automobile-truck collision on November 5 near Niverville, Man. Highway No. 59, where the accident occurred, was icy at the time.

### Church Choir Goes Visiting

*Abbotsford, B.C.* — The church choir of the South Abbotsford M.

terloo office, and Rev. Henry Thiessen, Leamington. Mr. Toews had as his theme, "Serving at Ailsa Craig," and Rev. Thiessen spoke in German on "The Prince of Peace."

Guests and delegates represented the United Mennonite Church, the Mennonite Brethren Church, the (Old) Mennonite Church, the Amish Mennonites, and the Brethren in Christ.

Executive officers for the coming year are: Bishop E. J. Swalm, chairman; Bishop J. Wichert, Vineland; and C. J. Rempel, Kitchener.

B. church traveled to Vancouver on October 30 to give a program in each of the Mennonite Brethren churches there. During the morning service they sang at the Vancouver M.B. church and then they brought a program in the Fraser-view M.B. church in the evening. Rev. C. D. Toews spoke on both occasions.

### Sponsor Film at Manitou

*Manitou, Man.* — The Student Christian Fellowship of the Manitou Collegiate Institute sponsored the film, "Missionary to Walkers Garage," in the M.B. church at Manitou on October 30. The group brought a short program before they showed the film.

## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Post Oak Mission, at Indianola, Oklahoma, plans a 60th anniversary jubilee November 24 to 27.

The Mahbubnagar Bible School in India had its closing program at Jadcharla October 9. The 30 students presented a program in the Jadcharla Church, which was filled.

W. G. Baerg of Arnaud, Manitoba, writes from Panzi in Belgian Congo that an elders' conference was held in October to prepare for a large native conference to be held in January, 1956.

More than 100 Africans have been added to our church in the Panzi region in Belgian Congo through baptism in recent months, according to a report by W. G. Baerg. He writes: "The church is growing rapidly and not without reason. The Lord has given grace and at present we have a full evangelistic program all through the region. The Word has a wonderful power. The tithes have come in well and funds have also been coming in for the church building as promised. There has been a nice income for their Lord's fields."

Ground-breaking services for a new Mennonite Brethren school building at Curitiba, Brazil, were to be held October 30, if plans were carried out. Workers are enthusiastic about this project and welcome the prayers of the church-

### Executive Visits Northern Mission Stations

*Abbotsford, B.C.* — The executive of the West Coast Children's Mission recently made a tour of their mission stations in northern British Columbia, stopping off to visit as many Mennonite teachers as possible. Rev. Peter Neufeld, Bro. A. J. Stobbe, and Rev. Henry Warkentin held special services at Terrace. Then while Rev. Warkentin traveled to Port Edward the rest of the party went to New Hazelton, where they again held special services. They also visited Vanderhoof, where the Calvin Buehlers are labouring.

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you to make this a matter of prayer. We are confident that the Lord, whose work this is, will do His part. God's children here in India are also contributing funds, but their gifts are used mainly for furnishing the church and for installing the lights.

We shall be grateful if all the Mennonite Brethren churches in the U.S.A. and Canada will remember this occasion and the needs of God's work on November 27, the day on which the church is to be dedicated.

\*M.B. missionaries at Hughestown, Musheerabad, Hyderabad, Deccan, India.

es as they seek to lead Brazilian youths into Christian ways through this school.

The David H. Balzer family of Coaldale, Alberta, in Japan has moved from Ikeda City to Ikoma—an area between Osaka and Nara which is about 40 minutes via express from Osaka station. Pray for them as they have moved to this place to make contacts and to locate a central point to build a home and begin their work.

Brother and Sister Elton Berg, members of the Lustre Mennonite Brethren Church, Frazer, Montana, are scheduled to sail for Europe late in November. They will assist other Mennonite Brethren personnel in the European work, applying their interests and abilities in music and children's and young people's work. At present they are visiting Mennonite Brethren central district churches. The Bergs have attended Tabor College, Grace Bible Institute and Prairie Bible Institute.

At Ngenge village in the Belgian Congo the Christians have accepted responsibility and are constructing their own church building of permanent materials. They have carried tons of rocks for the building. At last report they had collected enough money for the masons and cement and the walls were up.

# MENNO VISITS QUITO

David Nightingale

(6th Installment)

Our young Canadian friend could not help but think of how misleading the wiles of the devil are. How effectively he had been able to work out his diabolical plans through the instrumentality of the Catholic Church! The vast mass of the people had been kept in ignorance mentally and spiritually. They had been led far astray in the sinister darkness of idolatry, and knew nothing of the blessed Gospel in its divine purity. Menno almost envied those missionaries who had the privilege of telling these dear Ecuadorean people of the Saviour who could cleanse the vilest heart from the darkest stain of sin, and fill it with joy, peace and an eternal hope.

"Here we are!" announced the driver, as he swung the car into a sideroad. "Now, that new building to the left is the Rimmer Memorial Hospital, part of HCJB's Medical Department, and right across the road — is the radio station itself."

A smiling Indian woman, with a big, heavy shawl over her shoulders and a felt hat on her head opened the large gate as the car drew up, and in the next moment Menno found himself on the compound of The Voice of the Andes.

Two hours after his arrival at HCJB, Menno was casually walk-

ing along the road leading to the highway. Everything in general seemed to make him feel very content and happy. Thus far his plans had worked out beyond expectation. The Nightingales, in charge of the German Department at the Radio Station, had been taken completely by surprise. They had been thrilled at such an unexpected visit by an old friend while so far from home. But wait, a faint noise seemed to reach his ears. As he listened very intently, he heard it again, and he felt strangely drawn in the direction of the sound. He hurried across the soft, green grass to a pile of brush, where he stopped abruptly with an exclamation of horror!

What he saw was too tragic for words. An innocent child, which could not have been more than two weeks old, lay there sobbing as though its little heart were breaking. Its haggard face and hollow eyes told Menno the pathetic story of a helpless castaway on the verge of starvation. What could have motivated a mother's heart to leave her little one thus? No one can tell. Menno's eyes were filled with tears, but there — in striking contrast to the wretchedness of this little one — he seemed to hear the blessed Saviour say again: "...of such is the kingdom of Heaven!"

(To be continued)

## Prayer Answered in Belgian Congo

Miss Susie Brucks \*

*Kipungu, Belgian Congo.* — Greetings with Ps. 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"

"Mid mightiest foes, most feeble are we,

Yet trembling in every conflict they flee:

The Lord is our banner; the battle is His;

The weakest of saints more than conqueror is."

We praise God that we are well and happy in the Lord. Yet these days at the mission station are busy, for the new missionaries, the Benjamin Klassens and the George Fauls, have arrived. However, this is also a cause for much rejoicing.

The mail truck arrived today, but no letter. I suppose it is because I have not written to you.

The testimonies of the baptismal candidates have given us much joy. At Kilembe and the surrounding villages we have accepted more than 30 candidates. Here at Kipungu we have only begun to listen to them, so we do not know as yet how many there will be. We do thank God for them.

The school-work is proceeding

satisfactorily on the station, with over 200 children studying in seven grades. Miss Dorothy Kopper is teaching the primary grades, Miss Katherine Willems in the sixth grade, and Miss Martha Willems in the seventh grade. They are kept quite busy.

The medical work is growing, keeping me very busy. But God also answered prayer in this phase of the work. The government in the Congo has become much stricter in the last few years. Everyone doing school work or medical work must have recognition from the state. Now I have only graduated as a practical nurse at home. So although I have had more than eight years of experience in this work and have also finished the course in tropical medicine for nurses in Belgium, I lacked the recognition necessary for doing obstetrical work.

A new law was released for this year stating that if a nurse had done obstetrical work before 1952 she should send in an application and she would receive permission to do this work. But this law applies only to graduate nurses.

I sent in an application in 1954,

but no answer came. However, Bro. Kliever was informed that I would not receive this permission. Yet because our heavenly Lord is higher than our earthly lord, I called upon God, telling Him about my burden.

As a last resort I wrote to Rev. Coxhill, our representative in Belgium and asked him to go and see whether I was refused or not. If permission had been refused me I wanted to know it. After a few days a letter arrived saying that I was not refused permission to do obstetrical work, but that I could work in the Congo and Ruanda-Urundi. The Congo Governor-General was notified of this decision, and the news must be on the way to Bro. Kliever. Thanks be unto God for this! I am ashamed that I did not trust God more. He is faithful!

This month we have had seventeen births thus far (Oct. 20). I do enjoy the work with the mothers and children. Here they hear the Word of God. Here they learn to pray. And I hope that soon a number of mothers will accept the Lord. Let us pray more for them.

We are in need of more baby blankets and shirts. If you should have some, please send them to us. Each mother receives one rag, one baby blanket, and two little shirts. She uses leaves for cleaning the baby. They certainly are happy for these clothes.

One of the workers at our dispensary was in difficulties, but he has overcome the evil one and is happy in the work. Pray also for them. And pray for us missionaries. Often we are the hindrance to their growth in the Lord.

May God bless you and keep you. May He find us faithful at all times.

\*Mennonite Brethren missionary in the Belgian Congo.

## BOOKS FROM GERMANY FOR SOCIETY

A total of 435 books have been donated by the Foreign Ministry in Bonn, Germany, to the Mennonite Society for the Preservation of the German Language, the German Consul in Winnipeg, Dr. E. Lanwer, announced at the annual session of the Society.

Meeting in Winnipeg on October 29, the Society heard reports and dissertations on various aspects of their work and the possibilities for the future. Special guests were Dr. E. Lanwer, the German Consul, and Mr. Friedrich van Hase, from the Embassy of the German Republic in Ottawa, and Mr. Stirk, head of the German department at the University of Manitoba.

At the business session in the afternoon the name of the Society was changed from "Mennoniti-

scher Verein 'Deutsche Muttersprache'" to "Mennonitischer Verein für die Pflege der deutschen Sprache". Another decision now makes it possible for the local groups outside of Manitoba to send in only half of their \$1 membership fee, and the other half may be used for local expenses. The new chairman of the Society is Rev. D. K. Duerksen, Winnipeg.

## Books You Need

**The Bible in World Evangelism.**

By A. M. Chirgwin. 162 pages.

Because of our emphasis on the Bible this book is invaluable. It briefly describes the place of the Bible in the early church, the Reformation, the Puritan and Pietist movements, the Evangelical Revival and today. Then the author relates some of the achievements, or results, of the distribution and reading of Scripture. Finally, he fascinatingly describes how the Scriptures can be spread by the individual and the church. It is a truly fascinating and stimulating book ..... 95¢

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# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Hello to all of you! Winter has really come, hasn't it? In fact the other day I saw two little boys trying to make a snowman already. Others were playing in the snow on the way to school.



How about a few riddles this week? Here are two in the form of poems. They each describe a woman of the Bible, so see if you can guess who they are without looking at the answer at the bottom of the letter. Here is the first one:

This woman came to the temple,  
Her offering seemed very small;  
Christ saw it and said she had given  
The very best of them all.

The second one reads:

She anointed the feet of the Saviour,  
With an ointment both costly and rare,  
When in simple and grateful devotion  
She wiped them again with her hair.

Are you still enjoying school and working hard at your studies? Or maybe you are like Susan, who came home and told Mother she had made a hundred in language and spelling. Mother was happy at first, but changed her mind when Susan said she had sixty in language and forty in spelling.

Good-bye for now, but I do hope more of you will write to us soon, won't you?

Aunt Selma.

(John 12:1-8).  
Answers to Riddles: 1) Widow (Luke 21:1-4). 2) Mary of Bethany

## The Story of our Church

Mrs. H. T. Esau

(5th Installment)

### FINDING A NEW HOME IN RUSSIA

Our fathers lived in Prussia for over two hundred years, but the time came when they again had to look for a new home. All those who wanted to remain true to the teachings of the Peace Church were thankful to God when Catherine the Great of Russia sent a high officer to them. Upon his advice two men were sent to see the land and make arrangements with the Russian Government. The first group settled along the Dnieper River at Chortitz, not far from the Black Sea, in 1878. They had a very hard time getting started and learning how to grow crops on dry land. Many of their belongings had been stolen on the long journey, but in time they built comfortable homes and learned to love their new land. This first settlement of Mennonites in Russia became known as the Old Colony.

In 1800 Czar Paul I, the son of Catherine the Great, gave a Letter of Privilege to the Mennonites. Because of this written promise over a thousand more families left Prussia after the year 1803 to settle the Molotschna Colony.

Others came directly from Holland. Still others came from Poland, some of them walking all the way. No price was too great to pay if they could only find a home where they could live and worship as they believed the Bible taught.

When the groups reached the great plains they divided, settling in villages along the right bank of the Molotschna River and its branches, near the Sea of Azov. Each village received a large piece of land, and this was divided into a pasture for all the cattle, and into fields best suited for wheat and other crops. Every family received a small part of each kind of land, and so each farm was in small fields scattered around the village.

The pioneers found only grass on these wide open prairies, and they missed the dikes and canals of Prussia. The women had no wood to burn, so they used dry grass and cow dung to cook the food in their large kettles.

The pioneer years were very trying, but the people worked hard, and saved, and God blessed them and gave them peace. And once more God used them to transform barren land into a garden spot to grow bread for Russia.

(To be continued)

## Children Write

Bindermichl, Bergern 62  
Linz 1D., Austria.

Dear Uncle Les,

We read the letter you wrote to us, so I want to write a letter to you.

My name is Tommy. I am seven years old. My brother's name is Charles. He is six years old. My smallest brother's name is Gareth. He is four years old.

I am in the third grade and Charles is in the first grade. We have our school at home, and my mother is our teacher. I am writing this letter during my English class.

We were making things for Halloween. We have made a poster and a pumpkin basket.

My daddy and mommy are missionaries and every Sunday we all go to Sunday School. I like to live in Austria, but I miss living in Canada or the U.S.A. very much.

Sincerely,

Thomas Neufeld.

*My, what a long way that letter has traveled! And now it will travel all the way to Japan on the other side of the world, where other missionary children may read it. That is almost like broadcasting by radio.*

Thank you for your fine letter, Tommy! —Ed.

## GOD CALLED THIS GIRL

"I want my mother! I want my mother! It isn't fair that she goes to India, leaving me here alone to go to school," sobbed the little girl, as she pounded the floors with her little fists and cried as if her heart would break. "I shall never, never go to India to live. No! No! No!"

Ida Scudder was a member of a very famous missionary family. Many of her relatives were missionaries in India. She herself had lived in India with her father and mother until now. But now her parents had gone back to India—leaving her in the United States to go to school.

"I know mother has work to do and I know it is hard for her to go, leaving me here," thought Ida as she dried her tears. "I'll go to school and do as she told me, but I do so want my mother! When I'm grown-up and have children I will not go off and leave them alone. I am going to stay with them."

The years of school slipped by for Ida. She grew sort of used to being separated from her father and mother, but she still often longed for them. When the time came for her to graduate she did not know what to do. Should she become a teacher, a nurse, or work in an office? When other people

asked if she was not going to India, she replied, "Never! I shall not be a missionary. Fifteen missionaries in one family is enough. My work is here!"

Yet just as Ida was going to graduate a letter came from her father telling her that her mother was very ill, and that Ida should come right away to India to nurse her. Of course she was quite willing to do that, but she was still determined that she would not stay there.

While her mother was ill Ida was content to stay in India, but as soon as the invalid recovered, Ida longed for Northfield Seminary, where she had been studying. Often as she lay in bed she would close her eyes and dream of the lovely country around the school.

One night as she lay half asleep there was a knock on the door, then another — and another. "Someone must need help very badly," she thought as she got up to open the door. When she came to the screen door, there stood a stately Mohammedan, bowing low before her.

"I have come for you, gracious lady," he said, "My wife is ill to death. You will come at once? She needs you."

"But surely you mean the doctor, my father," the girl replied. "I'll tell him just as soon as he comes in. He will be there in the morning."

"Oh no!" the Mohammedan said. "No man has ever looked upon the face of my wife. We are high-born. If you do not come she will die. I would rather that my wife die a thousand deaths than to have a man look upon her face."

"I cannot come," Ida told him. "I would not know what to do."

When the man was gone Ida could not help but think of his sick wife. "If I had been prepared, I could maybe have saved her life," she thought.

Soon there was another knock, and a second man was there who needed help for his wife.

"My little new wife is very ill. Will you come and help her?"

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## Future Subscribers

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Cornie Pauls, Grassy Lake, Alta., a daughter on October 31.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Toby Schmidt of Hepburn, Sask., a son on November 3.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hildebrand, Grassy Lake, Alta., a daughter on October 31.

As soon as a baby begins to crawl around, gates should be fixed at top and bottom of stairs, since active and inquisitive little youngsters climbing up or down, may sustain severe injuries unless they are big enough to control both muscles and balance.

# They Brought Good News

By Mildred Bishop Jorgenson

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(7th Installment)

## CHAPTER FIVE

Arriving at Calamar, they learned their journey must continue down the river Magdalena to Santa Juanita. They interviewed the captain of a cattle boat. He shrugged and gesticulated:

"Perhaps we go tomorrow. Perhaps not for many tomorrows."

David was beginning to understand that expression "the land of Manana," for the natives did not believe in doing anything that could possibly be put off until tomorrow. They learned that it was just at the end of the dry season and the river was full of sand bars. They must wait for the river to rise, which might happen at any time.

There was nothing to do but put up a pup tent in the dubious shade of some shrubbery near the dock. For two days they endured discomfort akin to torture. There was a myriad of insects and David started using injections to guard against a malarial infection from the host of mosquitoes. The heat of the sun was intolerable. When it started to rain on the second day and the perfect torrent beat down upon their flimsy tent the drenching they received seemed almost worse than the sun's rays a few hours before.

In the late afternoon they had just dropped off into a sleep of exhaustion when they were aroused by a volley of shouted Spanish, which they interpreted to mean that the cattle boat was ready for its trip. Even the small boat could not be brought to shore, so they were unceremoniously hoisted to the shoulders of two brawny Indians and carried to the boat. When this craft had come as near the large boat as the captain deemed wise, they were tossed across the remaining expanse of water, as carelessly as though they were sacks of flour. They felt that it was truly an act of Providence that they landed safely and David breathed a prayer of petition for the delicate instruments, that they might survive this rough treatment.

Their troubles had only begun. The tiny cubby-hole which was to pass for a cabin was stifling and directly over the engine room, so that the throbbing of the motors made sleep impossible. Early in the morning the boat, which seemed to be scarcely moving at any time, came to a complete standstill. Soon it was learned that they were stranded on a sand bar. They had been trying to get some sleep in two rickety deck chairs, but now the sun began to beat down upon them and the insects swarmed over them adding to their extreme dis-

comfort. The cattle had been packed in the hold so closely that they could not lie down. The clamor and the odor which came from below served to add more items to their list of unpleasant experiences.

David was far from enjoying the situation, but he was most troubled because the wife, whom he had so recently promised to cherish and protect, must go through such hardships, while he seemed powerless to do anything about it. Evangeline was amused by the fat little captain who strutted around so cockily, waving his arms and shouting orders until his round face resembled a red balloon. Her gay laughter rang out and soon she was singing choruses. David, looking at her with loving admiration, joined in.

*"I have good news for you  
And, best of it all—it's true—"*

The captain stopped shouting and came to listen. They found they were able to make him understand their Spanish. They got permission to distribute some tracts and he promised that they could have a meeting "Manana."

Part of the cargo was dumped overboard, then they waited several hours—finally more cargo disappeared, followed by more hours of waiting. To no avail was the vessel lightened. The boat remained in the center of the muddy river. At first they had ice and some bottles of a cold drink, so did not suffer from thirst. The food was greasy and unpalatable and finally had to be rationed sparingly. But even the daily rains did not raise the river sufficiently to dislodge the boat from its resting place.

"We'll remember this Christmas for awhile. If we are looking for different experiences, we shouldn't complain."

At Evangeline's words David realized it was indeed Christmas Day. It was truly different. They talked of the snow and cold in Chicago, of the programs and family gatherings. For the first time a feeling of homesickness swept over them. Evangeline felt that she might be going to cry, so she jumped up.

"It is time this lazy housewife prepared the Christmas dinner. There is some tea in my bag, and a tin of orange marmalade. If we can get some bread—dry bread will do—and some hot water, we can have an English tea party."

The lump was leaving her throat and she had a happy thought. "Remember those mints Uncle Dan insisted on tucking into your bag? We could pass them around. We have some Spanish New Testa-

ments for gifts. We could have a program—songs and Scripture reading in Spanish."

The eyes of all the crew were fixed on David as he read slowly and distinctly. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

Some of those men were hearing the good news for the first time. It was with great joy that they were able to make the way of salvation plain to the captain. Evangeline was amused by his actions from the start, and she prayed much for him during the day.

When the soft darkness had given them some welcome relief from the heat and insect pests, the new missionaries stood at the rail. David's arm was about his wife, her head snuggled against his shoulder. Evangeline choked down a sob of happiness. "This has been the most wonderful Christmas of my life, and that is saying a great deal."

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal," softly quoted David.

Throwing back her head Evie quickly replied, "Therefore my beloved brother, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

## CHAPTER SIX

The next day, amid much creaking and shouting and bellowing of cattle, they were able to resume their trip down the river. A few hours later they found themselves truly strangers in a strange town. They had expected to be met by one of the Mission workers, who was to have arranged for living quarters and to have stayed with them until they were settled. Instead, they were met by a native boy with a hastily written note.

David tried to keep the dismay from his voice as he read the message to Evangeline. "It is from Maria Hermosa. She says she couldn't wait for us any longer, as she was needed urgently in an inland village, which she could not reach after the rainy season began." In real consternation he continued, "She rented a house for us, but the owner was warned not to have anything to do with the Protestants. So just before she left, he insisted that she release him from their agreement. She was not able to find another house. We are to go to Don Tolo Donato. He may be able to tell us what to do."

Evangeline had successfully hidden from David the strain she had felt during the river trip. She had kept her courage bolstered by the thought that soon they would be in their own quarters. They could have refreshing baths, some food and rest. Now they were even worse off, if that were possible. They had not even the doubtful comfort and shelter of a cattle boat. She sat down suddenly on one of the trunks and closed her eyes.

"This will never do", she thought to herself. "You've got to stand, Evie, hard, with both feet—on the promises of God."

"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage; for the Lord thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest."

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint—" Suddenly she jumped up and her smiling glance was serene. She tucked a few stray curls under her hat, rubbed a soiled puff across her shiny nose, straightened her shoulders, and with all the strength she could muster said, "It's time we were on our way to see Don Tolo Donato."

Don Tolo was a white-haired man, past eighty, and one of the few Christians of the town. He had held a minor government position and now received a small pension. He owned a fair-sized house and a little plot of ground. At first he had been persecuted because he was a believer, but had received all ill treatment with such indifference that he was no longer bothered. The Don's nephew and only relative had occupied the upper floor of his house, but was now gone on a government mission, and had given no definite time for his return.

Don Tolo opened his heart and his home to these young messengers of his beloved Saviour. They were to occupy his nephew's quarters until they found a home. He would surely not be back for several months. The old man hobbled up the outside stairway, beaming at the travel-wearied missionaries.

(To be continued)

### Stop WORRYING!

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for their Birthday,

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## Europe, as Seen by a Teacher

Miss Susan Toews

(2nd Installment)

### London

At last I was seeing London, the London that poets, writers, statesmen, and artists, write about, talk about, and paint. My earliest literary acquaintance with London was in Grade 1 when I learned, "Pussycat, pussycat, where have you been?" "I've been to London to see the Queen." This time it was I who was in London and wanted to see the Queen.

The day after our arrival we had our first ride by "tube" (London's subway) to Piccadilly. From there we walked down the Mall to Buckingham Palace to see the "Changing of the Guards." The guards were colorful, the music martial, but the ceremony was confusing. A helicopter spun over our heads and headed for the palace gardens, where it landed to take up Princess Margaret and fly her to an R.A.F. display. That was the nearest we came to seeing the Royal Family. As soon as the ceremony was over, the crowds of people dissolved as snow in April does. We had a rest in the park next to the palace, and then set out to have lunch in one of the famous English "pubs." After walking for miles, we finally came to one called "The Three Feathers," and walked in.

### No Buttermilk

"The Three Feathers" was one of their "better pubs," but we considered it to be shabby, although interesting. One of us asked the waitress if there was any buttermilk available. She looked bewildered, and then said hesitatingly, "No, but we have fresh cow's milk!"

In the afternoon we went on a two-hour bus tour of London. We enjoyed riding on the double-decker buses, for they provided us with an excellent view of the city. We went past famous places like: 10 Downing Street, Trafalgar Square, Dickens Curiosity Shop, the church where Dickens was married, the oldest house in London (only 1,300 years old), Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, and many more.

One of the days in our busy week was set aside to take a bus trip out of London to the five ports near the south-eastern coastline. A thousand years ago they had been sea ports, but since then the sea has receded and thousands of acres of fertile grass lands have been reclaimed from the sea.

The early morning ride through the sleeping London streets was beautiful to begin with. The sun filtered down between the huge buildings and along the streets. On and on we went, and finally we were on Westminster bridge, from

where we could see the Tower Bridge dimly outlined in the mist, as it kept its age-old watch over the Thames, the aorta of London.

### The English Countryside

After an hour and a half of traveling we were out in the English countryside. The sun was shining brightly, doing its best to present England to us in a favourable light. I was impressed by the greenness of the English country and the absence of weeds, for every square foot of land was under cultivation. We met a shepherd with his flock of woolly charges, so cuddly and soft-looking. The delicate-looking faces with their chiseled noses gave them quite a madonna-like appearance. The shepherd belonged to our age, though, and rode a bicycle.



A street in the coastal town of Romney, England. Romney is one of the 5 harbour towns. Note the chimney pots—one for each fireplace.

The most charming of the five harbour towns we visited was Old Romney. It was a typical little ancient town, with very narrow cobbled streets winding in and out like a river and flanked on either side by little ancient houses, that seemed to huddle and lean against one another in the most friendly and chummy manner. They seemed quite experienced in the ways of men and the world. Generations have passed over their thresholds.

### The Presence of the Past

In Romney we entered the ancient stone church built before William the Conqueror came to England in 1066, when Romney was a harbor town with sailors staggering through its streets, and only daring daughters venturing out at night. If only those gray flagstones could speak, what a story they could tell.

Treading over the worn, stone threshold of the church into the cool, vaulted interior, and past the cushioned pews with little latched doors leading into them, where the light seeped through the glass-stained windows, a feeling of awe, reverence, and insignificance overwhelmed me. It seemed as though I was in the presence of the Great Past, that intangible, forever il-

lusive, irretrievable Past, the eternal Past, with the lives and secrets of generations locked in its impregnable heart. Here men had worshipped, sought God, repented and found strength and peace when God answered them. Here lay the interred remains of the faithful who had worshipped on these stones and now rested under them, waiting for the trumpet call to rise regenerated, ready to meet their Creator and God.

The dates on the stones took us back to the time when William Shakespeare was living, the time when Henry Hudson perished in the Great Bay, the time when Henry Kelsey first saw the buffalo, and the time when James Wolfe won Canada.

"O England, you have a great past; a past of strong men, of valour, of daring, of doing and finding, of indomitable courage, and 'blood, sweat and tears.' Oh England!" This was my reverie while in the Old Romney church.

be conveniently pushed or screwed down like a car window. That way you can lean out and "observe," baggage can be disposed of quickly, and refreshment wagons at the stations can pull up alongside the open windows.

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## GOD CALLED THIS GIRL

(Continued from page 6-4)

"I will send my father when he comes," Ida again told him.

"No, no! Mem Sahib," cried the man. "We are Brahmins. She would rather die than have a man look upon her face. You must come."

A few hours later a third man came. He told Ida his wife was very ill with fever and needed help. Again Ida could not help, for the man told her that her father could not come. His wife would not see a man.

"It cannot be! It cannot be! She will not come to help," he could be heard crying as he went away.

That night Ida could not sleep as she tossed and turned. "If only I was a doctor I could help. I could save lives here in India which my father cannot help. But if I were a doctor in America I could earn a lot of money. And everything is so much nicer there," she argued with herself.

The next morning she sent a maid to find out what had happened to the three women.

"All are dead," she said when she came back. "All are dead!"

"Dead!" repeated the girl. "Three are dead! Three knocks at the door; three calls for help. Like Samuel, I think I have been called of God. I must study to be a doctor."

Later, going into her mother's room, she knelt by her chair and said, "Mother, I am going back to America soon, but I shall return to India. I am going to study to be a doctor, and then I can work for God in India. I feel that I am needed here."

That is why Dr. Ida Scudder, who became the famous head of the Mary Tabor Schell Hospital in Vellore, India, gladly took her place in the long line of Scudders who had served God in India.

"God called me and I went," she said to a friend. "God knows best where a life should be spent."

Yes, boys and girls, if we want to be happy we have to do what God wants us to do. That doesn't mean it is going to be easy all the time, but it is going to be the life rewarded by God.

And when you pray, remember to pray for the children of missionaries who have to stay at home while their fathers and mothers go to other countries to serve God, won't you? They are often lonely; but praying for them sure helps, for God answers prayer!

Adapted.

## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### Complains Universities Against Religion

Canada has gone too far in the secularizing of its universities, with the result that the teaching of religion is evaded, ignored and even opposed in many of them, Sidney Smith, president of the University of Toronto, told United College students in Winnipeg on November 3.

Speaking at the annual commencement exercises at Knox United Church, Mr. Smith expressed alarm at the indifference to religious teaching pervading many of Canada's higher institutions of learning.

"Religion has determined in great measure our democratic form of government," said Mr. Smith, "And how can we grasp the fundamentals of democracy if we are religiously illiterate."

## CANADASCOPE

### Storm Batters B.C. Coast

A two-day wind and rain storm battered the British Columbia coast and the Lower Mainland last week. Rain-swollen creeks and streams tore out culverts and bridges, swirled through new homes and washed out several roads. Stranded people waited up to 18 hours on isolated knolls until help came.

Striking with ferocious suddenness, the storm caused millions of dollars of damage to the North Shore, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Port Coquitlam, and Haney. The ferry slip at Mission was washed away when the Fraser River rose up to 6 feet, according to reports. The ferry slip was a temporary measure after part of the railway bridge crumbled in July.

The C.P.R. main line was inundated by a mud slide at Harrison Mills and the locomotive and several cars of the "Dominion", a passenger train, were derailed when it could not stop in time. There were no fatalities.

We have received no complete report on the number of lives lost in the disaster.

### Farmers to Get Loans

Prairie farmers will be able to get bank loans up to \$1,500 for their farm-stored grain, it has been announced by Trade Minister C. D. Howe. A five per cent interest rate has been set.

The loans will be correspondingly lower than the \$1,500 maximum if the value of grain the farmer may become entitled to deliver during the current crop year is less than \$3,000, or if the farmer already has delivered some grain to the wheat board against his 1955-56 quota.

A farmer receiving a loan must apply at least half the proceeds of

### Pastor Outlines Church's Belief in Baptism Rite

Rev. John A. Barbour told his Bethel Baptist congregation in Winnipeg recently that baptism has become a superstition for many people — "a magical door to heaven".

"Sprinkling of infants began when worried parents thought that children would go to hell unless they were baptized. Churches that teach that by baptism an infant becomes an inheritor of eternal life are destroying the value of God's work.

"For the first couple of centuries baptism was entirely by immersion. Modern scholarship supports the fact that New Testament baptism was always by immersion", he added.

each of his grain deliveries to the Wheat Board against repayment.

### MINISTERS AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE at WINNIPEG

The annual Ministers and Deacons' Conference of the M.B. church in Manitoba convened in the South End M.B. church in Winnipeg on November 4 and 5. The theme of the conference centered on spiritual life.

Messages were given by: Rev. H. H. Janzen on "What Do We Mean by Spiritual Life?"; Dr. A. H. Unruh on "How is Spiritual Life Brought into Being?"; Rev. John Wiebe on "The Nurture of Spiritual Life," based on Acts 2: 42; and Rev. D. K. Duerksen on "The Nurture of the Spiritual Life Through Religious Instruction."

### Bible School Group Visits Church

Lucky Lake, Sask. — On Sunday evening, October 30, the Lucky Lake M.B. mission church was host to a representative group from the Herbert Bible School. The instructors, Rev. C. Braun and Rev. E. Lautermilch, were accompanied by a group of ten students.

Rev. C. Braun, Principal of the Herbert Bible School, directed a challenging appeal to the young people to avail themselves of the splendid opportunity to study God's Word. He also appealed to the older folks for their prayers and support. Rev. E. Lautermilch brought the message of the evening based on the words of Christ: "Ye shall die in your sins" (John 8: 20ff).

### Evangelistic Campaign at Hepburn

Hepburn, Sask. — A week of evangelistic meetings was held in the Mennonite Brethren church at Hepburn, Sask., with Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the M.B.

### WITNESS IN BRAZIL

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Bible and talk about the Gospel. He has been coming to Sunday School and church with us and seems interested in the Gospel. The family had a Catholic background, but the father is a Spiritualist. They are very polite and friendly. We have visited in their home. Jose is reading from an English-Portuguese New Testament that we have given him. Pray that these folk may see their need of Christ and put their trust in Him. Pray also for Nilo De Toledo, an elderly Catholic man who comes to our house for English conversation. We have also given him some Gospel literature to read.



Jose Carlos and Peter Sawatsky.

Our son, Steven, was born on May 21. He is healthy and growing rapidly. Brazilians like children and he gives us an added contact with neighbors and visitors. We have dedicated him to the Lord and pray that he may grow up to serve Him.

We welcome letters from home and shall be happy to send our regular news-letter to those sending their address to us here at C.P. 15, Campinas, E. de Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Praise the Lord for present op-

portunities in Brazil, and pray that missionaries and all believers may be strengthened to give an effective witness for Christ.

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\*Peter Sawatsky's home is at Abbotsford, B.C.

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## Weddings

### WIENS — ISAAK

Miss Betty Wiens of Aldergrove, B.C., and Norman Wiens of Dalmeny, Sask., were married on Oct. 23 in the M.B. church at East Aldergrove. Rev. Herman Voth officiated, and Bro. Wm. Neufeld delivered a message in English.

The couple will make their home at Dalmeny, Sask.

### HEINRICHS — LOEWEN

Erna Loewen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Loewen of Virgil, Ont., and Peter Heinrichs, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Heinrichs of Herbert, Sask., were married in the M.B. church at Virgil, Ont., on October 29. Rev. D. J. Klassen officiated.

This is the second son of the John Heinrichs to marry a daughter of the David Loewens.

The couple will live at Eyebrow, Sask., where Peter Heinrichs works as a jeweller.

### HAAK — NEUFELD

Elizabeth Neufeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Neufeld of Matsqui, B.C., and Edward Haak, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Haak of Matsqui, B.C., were married on October 30 in the M.B. church at Matsqui, B.C. Rev. H.H. Nikkel officiated. Bro. George Konrad also gave a short message on I Samuel 1.

Special music was provided by the choir; a quartet consisting of the groom's M.B.B.C. friends, George Block, John Suderman, Walter Neufeld, and Bill Born, one of his friends at Matsqui; and Miss Ruth Neufeld, a sister of the bride, as soloist.

Guests present included the bride's sister, Mrs. Boreski and her husband, who had motored from Medicine Hat, and several nurses from the Psychiatric School of Nursing at Essondale, of which the bride is a graduate.

### WALLMAN — REMPEL

Mary Rempel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rempel of Domain, Man., and David Wallman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wallman, of Sanford, Man., were married on

October 29 in the First Mennonite church in Winnipeg. Rev. Wm. Enns of Springstein, Man., officiated.

### LOEWEN — KLASSEN

Katie Klassen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Klassen of Arnaud, Man., and Peter Loewen of Red Deer, Man., were married on Oct. 29 in the Mennonite church at Arnaud, Man. Rev. Abram Warrentin officiated.

The couple will reside at Red Deer, where Peter Loewen is employed as a mechanic in the air force.

### BELLAMY — BRAUN

Betty Anne Braun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Braun of Beechy, Sask., and Allen Bellamy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bellamy of Bonnyville, Alta., were married on November 1, 1955, in the M.B. church at Beechy, Sask. Rev. Frank F. Froese officiated.

In his address Rev. Froese pointed out that Christ and His Word alone provide a solid foundation for a successful marriage. An arrangement of the Lord's Prayer was sung by Mrs. Jean Andres of Main Centre during the singing of the register.

### DOERKSEN — SCHROEDER

Olga Schroeder, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John K. Schroeder of Main Centre, Sask., and Abraham Derksen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Derksen of Alexander, Man., were married on October 22 in the Mennonite Brethren Church at Main Centre. Rev. John D. Goertzen officiated and Rev. Rudy Janzen from Herbert followed with a message based on 4:12 "A threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Derksen will make their home at Alexander, Manitoba.

### KLIPPENSTEIN - TACHOLSKI

Tillie Tacholski, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Tacholski of Kelstern, Sask., and Jacob Klippenstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Klippenstein of Main Centre, Sask., were united in marriage on Oct. 23 in the Elim Mennonite Brethren Church at Kelstern. Rev. John D. Goertzen officiated. Luke 1:6 was the text for the message given by Rev. Rudy Janzen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Klippenstein are making their home on a farm at Main Centre.

### JANZEN — LOEWEN

Annie Loewen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Loewen, and Henry H. Janzen, widower, were married in the M.B. church at Morden, Man., on October 30. Rev. F. H. Friesen officiated. The guest speaker was Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M.B. church.

## BOLDTS HAVE SILVER WEDDING

Many friends gathered with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boldt on October 29 in the M.B. church at Vineland, Ont., to thank the Lord for His guidance during the last 25 years. Rev. H. P. Wiebe used Luke 5:8 as his text, stressing that God's blessing and guidance should make us thankful, humble, and a blessing to others. Rev. P. Goertzen spoke on Psalm 146.

Other interesting items on the program were: a solo, "God will take care of you", by nine year old Carol; a recitation by an aunt of Mrs. Boldt, Mrs. Tina Bergen; and a number in song by the two sisters, Irene and Laura (Mrs. Wally Janzen) and a cousin, Betty Penner.

A lunch was served in the church basement.

## SILVER WEDDING FOR ENNS'S

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Enns of Domain, Manitoba, celebrated their Silver Wedding on October 26. Rev. Philip Wiebe and Rev. J. B. Wiens spoke. Music was supplied by a double quartet formed by the children.

## Death

### H. K. SIEMENS

On October 27 the well-beloved minister, Rev. H. K. Siemens of Gem, Alta., went home to be with the Lord. After 87 years here on earth, the Lord called him to glory on his birthday. The funeral service was held on November 1 in the M.B. church at Gem.

Rev. Siemens, whose brother, K. K. Siemens, preceded him to glory by a month, came to Canada from Russia in 1926 after a year's sojourn in Mexico. In 1929 he and his family moved to Gem, Alta., from Steinbach, Man. His wife predeceased him by a year and a half. He died at home, with Mr. and Mrs. H. Siemens, his children, with him at the time.

At the funeral service various speakers referred to some highlights in the life of Rev. Siemens. As a minister of the gospel he found hope, courage and strength in the Word of God, which he not only preached but also lived.

Br. H. H. Siemens, oldest son of Rev. Siemens, referred to Psalm 86:15 as a verse his father had found much comfort in. The same verse is also a comfort to those remaining on earth to live for God until He calls: "Return, ye children of men."

The U.S. government estimates that one and a half million Americans have quit smoking cigarettes within the last 18 months. About 38 million others are regular cigarette smokers, 25,000,000 men and 13,000,000 women.



## RELIEF IN BERLIN

Menno-Heim, the Mennonite Central Committee center in Berlin which ministers particularly to East Zone Mennonites, reports giving food or clothing or both to 64 people during September.

The Berlin Mennonite Church invites Mennonites living in the East Zone to come to Menno-Heim for a weekend of Christian fellowship. Then MCC and the Berlin Mennonite Church share food, clothing, rest and worship with these people.

J. K. Klassen of Menno-Heim writes: "They enjoy the meals, especially the butter, cheese and white bread. In the East Zone they must queue for hours to get vegetables, groceries—any kind of food."

## BAIE VERTE, NEWFOUNDLAND

Elaine Brubacher, R.N., Kitchener, Ont., is transferring from the Ailsa Craig Boy's Farm in Ontario to Baie Verte, Newfoundland. In Baie Verte she will assist a United Missionary Church doctor in the medical program for this small village of fishermen and lumbermen.

Elaine brings the total number of MCC Voluntary Service workers in Newfoundland to seven. Alison Deckert and Helen Loewen teach school at Wild Cove; William Regehr teaches school at Twillingate and his wife Maurine is a nurse in the hospital there; Bill and Phyllis Miller teach school and Vernon and Ferne Glick serve in the United Church at Baie Verte.

Since the towns in northern Newfoundland are so small and so isolated, it is very difficult to obtain ministers for the churches and teachers for the schools. Previously one of the laymen read a prepared sermon sent from the head of the church in the capital, St. Johns, for this United Church. And the people slowly lost interest in the church until, as Bill Miller writes: "paying pew rent is often the extent of Christianity."

"The schools are often closed for lack of teachers, or in session but taught by teachers who haven't passed all the grades themselves."

The Mennonite Central Committee Voluntary Service unit is trying to improve the church life by bringing pastoral guidance to people who had been without a minister for years. They are trying to build a stronger Christian community by teaching in the inadequately staffed schools, bringing medical care to the sick and beginning Christian youth activities for all the young people of the town.

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## Bible Schools

### STEINBACH BIBLE INSTITUTE BEGINS SCHOOL YEAR IN NEW BUILDING

On October 30th the Opening Program of the Steinbach Bible Institute was held in the Evangelical Mennonite Church at Steinbach, Man.

Dr. A. H. Unruh from Winnipeg gave the main message of the evening. He spoke on Ps. 78:1-9, emphasizing particularly verse 5. He spoke on the testimony of the Word. He pointed out that the testimony (Zeugnis) was given to us by God; that we witness of the testimony of the Word as Jesus and Paul had done; and that we further the testimony of the Word through our services, Sunday Schools and Bible Schools.

The opening address was given by Rev. P. J. B. Reimer of Morris (Rosenort), Man. He compared the life of the school with the voyage of a ship.

Although the school opening had been delayed for two weeks, the new school building stood there as a demonstration of the marvelous grace of God, reported Rev. B. D. Reimer, the Principal of the Institute. In this connection he said that three months ago not a single tile had been erected on the place. The whole building had been a venture of faith. Mr. Reimer also read Isa. 6:1-5. From this passage he pointed out that Isaiah caught a vision of the Lord, which resulted in Isaiah's confession, cleansing, consecration and commission. "We, too, he declared, should ascertain God's will for our lives.

In addition to these three speakers a few testimonies and a song were brought.

Over a hundred students are attending the Institute, where the high school course is also offered.

### BETHANY BIBLE INSTITUTE OPENS

The official opening of the Bethany Bible Institute was held on Sunday, October 30, in the Mennonite Brethren auditorium at Hepburn, Sask. Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the M.B. church at Kitchener, Ont., was the guest speaker, basing his message on Psalm 119:18.

Several songs were sung by a choir consisting of the whole student body, with Mr. J. K. Schroeder, head of the music department at the Institute, directing.

Members of the faculty are: Rev. J. H. Epp, principal; Rev. Walter Wiebe, pastor of the M.B. church at Laird; Rev. Paul J. Wiebe, Hepburn; Rev. G. D. Gedert; Mr. Waldo Lepp; and Mr. J. K. Schroeder.

The student body totals 60.

### ONTARIO M.B. CONFERENCE BIBLE SCHOOL

The Bible School of the Ontario M.B. Conference opened its doors for the eleventh year of instruction with an enrolment of 19 students. The Opening Festival was held in the Kitchener M.B. church on Oct. 16, 1955. Many visitors from many parts of Ontario came to take part in the blessings of the Lord.

In the Sunday morning service Rev. I. T. Ewert, Principal, spoke on the study of the Word of God, using 2 Tim. 3:15 as his text.

In the evening the actual opening program was given. The songs by the school choir, as well as the testimonies by three students, showed that the students had come with a desire to study God's Word. Each teacher gave a short message. Mr. Jacob Hamm, music instructor spoke briefly on the Bible's attitude toward music. Rev. A. J. Block and Rev. J. J. Toews both gave a call for more participation by the young people in the opportunities for Bible study and more participation in support of the school by the parents. The sermon of the evening was given by Rev. H. P. Wiebe, who spoke on the topic, "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Rev. 3:11).

We have had two weeks of instruction since school started. Many blessings have been experienced by the students. Just before closing each Friday we have had some blessed moments of fellowship together and with our Lord. Nearly every one gave a testimony of experiences in their Christian life. I would like to close with the words of Jesus when he said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." Our desire is to learn more of Him this winter.

Ernie Friesen.

## High Schools

### ROCKWAY MENNONITE SCHOOL

The 1955-56 school term brings with it the tenth anniversary of Rockway Mennonite School, Kitchener, Ontario. From its beginning in a renovated barn to last year's dedication of a new administration and classroom building, the school has seen many students step through its doors into various fields of service.

This year the total enrollment of one hundred thirty-four is taught by a staff of nine teachers. During the absence of the history and Bible teacher, Howard Good (who underwent a thyroidectomy), Ross Bender, student at Goshen College and future Rockway faculty member, taught for the first 2 weeks in September. At present, Harvey Toews, MCC Assistant Manager in Kitchener, is teaching history; and Wilfred Ulrich, pastor

of Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, is teaching Bible.

We are greatly indebted to the alumni and board for their gift of a hard-top playing court. Outdoor volley ball and tennis have proved to be invaluable in keeping our bodies healthy physically.

Thus far we have had the privilege of having with us several guest speakers. Carl Wesselhoeft, originally from Germany and a graduate last year of Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, is now under appointment to Somalia, Africa, as a missionary. Brother Wesselhoeft gave us the challenge of consecrating ourselves to service for Christ. Russel Kraybill, evangelist at Preston Menno-

nite Church and pastor at North Goshen Church, Goshen, Indiana, and also Elmer Grove, pastor of Baden Mennonite Church, brought inspirational messages.

On October 17 Paul Erb, editor of THE GOSPEL HERALD, preached the first sermon of our autumn revival meetings. We looked forward to this time with eagerness and were rewarded with a clearer understanding of certain important truths: that sin demands judgment and restitution; that the Deity of Christ calls for our acceptance of Him; and that we Christians ought to be living as well as speaking of our faith.

—Shirley Schultz.

## Bible School at Nagarkurnool

Rev. J. J. Kasper \*

### The Need

To meet the needs of the nine stations on the mission field in India there is a Bible school at Shamshabad with the J. J. Dicks in charge. To this school are sent those from every station who are willing to go and can meet the educational prerequisites. To be able to enter the student must have not less than grade five.

In the villages, however, there are many Christians who can neither read nor write. It is the responsibility of each station to meet the needs of these Christians also. For some years we have seen the need, but have not been able to see our way through to launching out on an educational program, for there are many preparations necessary.

To launch an elementary Bible school you must have class-rooms, for they are conducted during the rainy season. You must also provide living quarters for the students and allow them a stipend to live by, for most of them live only from hand to mouth. What they earn today buys their food for to-morrow.

An elementary Bible school usually is held from June through September, a good three months. Since October is harvest-time, this gives the students an opportunity to earn a little to carry them through the lean months of the hot season when it is often very difficult to find any work at all.

### Preparations for the School

A year ago we began to clean some old store-rooms. We had them re-roofed with asbestos sheets and black-boards put in. Then

just before we left for the hills we laid the foundation for living quarters for the students.

The rooms are only small and covered with zinc sheets. At first we built only five rooms because we thought that the response to our appeal would not exceed four families and several young men. Yet just in case we should be pleasantly surprised we continued the foundation for three more rooms. We continued to pray and look unto the Lord, asking the preachers, who were touring during the hot season, to invite young people to come.

### The Unexpected Response

June came along and we returned from the hills to make final preparations. In our heart we were wondering a little about the prospects. The opening day, June 24, came along and the young people began to arrive—one family, two families, three families, four families, until we had eight families and several young people. We immediately began to build the other three rooms, and they were occupied even before we were finished.

One week after we opened school another couple came, asking for admission. We told them that we had no room. The husband looked around a little and noticed a small room near the cattle shed. He asked whether they could stay in it. It was the room where we would keep the new-born calves, but permission was granted them to move in. After repairing it a little, David and his wife took possession of it.

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**BIBLE SCHOOL IN NAGARKURNOOL**

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But the influx of students did not stop. After a few days Elisha and his wife came, then Elisha and his wife, and John and his wife. We quickly repaired some small kitchens behind the living quarters for the compound workers, white-washed them on the inside, and they were occupied by the couples. This made our total enrollment 30, with several turned

away and told to come back next year.

Many times during those months of Bible school I heard a still small voice say, "Oh ye of little faith." We concluded the school year on October 3 and the young people returned to the villages.

*The Program*

The thirty young people are divided into two groups. The group that could read and write contained 12 students, while the other 18 had to be taught reading and writing. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have both worked very faithfully as teachers, although Mr. Kelly is not too well. Pray for him.

The classroom is simple, for all the students sit on the floor. The instruction is also simple, but the blessing is ours and the challenge is great. The time-table includes Life of Christ, Doctrines, Old Testament, New Testament, and Catechism for the advanced students. The others are taught reading, writing, spelling, hygiene, and Bible. A need realized, plus the ability to meet that need, equals responsibility. It is a joy to see them grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Pray for these young people that they may now be true to Him and witness for Him by their deeds and let their light shine in their dark villages.

\*M.B. missionary at: A.M.B. Mission, Nagarkurnool, Deccan, South India.

*On the Horizon*

**November 14.** — Dr. A. T. Pincock, provincial psychiatrist, will speak on "The Prevention and Treatment of Mental Diseases" in the South End M.B. church in Winnipeg at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**November 11, 12 and 13.** — The Youth Committee of the Manitoba Conference of the M.B. church is sponsoring its annual Bible conference in various centres in Manitoba. Faith, as described in Hebrews 11, will be under discussion by the speakers on the three evening meetings.

**November 11-13.** — The Ministers and Deacons' Conference of the M.B. churches of Alberta will convene at the Lindbrook M.B. church from Nov. 11-13. The guest speaker will be Rev. C. N. Hiebert.

**November 19.** — The Alumni Association of the M.B. Collegiate Institute is planning a musical program consisting of a soloist and an instrumental quartet for November 19 at the Technical Vocational School, Notre Dame and Wall, Winnipeg.

**November 19-20.** — The M.B. church at Grassy Lake will be host to a conference of the youth workers in Alberta. Rev. C. N. Hiebert will be the guest speaker. All those interested are assured of a hearty welcome.

**November 20.** — There will be a "Fireside" in the South End M.B. church in Winnipeg, with Mr. Theo Dedeke, a Nigerian student taking third year pre-med at the University of Manitoba, as guest speaker. He will discuss the situation in Africa, giving special attention to Nigeria. The Fireside begins at 8:30 p.m.

**November 20-25.** — Rev. H. H. Janzen, President of the M.B. Bible College, will give a series of prophetic messages in the North Kildonan M.B. church in Winnipeg. The first message will be delivered at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20.

**November 22.** — The Provincial Relief Committee of Saskatchewan will hold its annual meeting for delegates from all the churches beginning at 10 a.m. in the First Mennonite church in Saskatoon. Rev. J. J. Thiessen, Rev. B. B. Janz, and Mr. C. A. DeFehr will speak.

**November 25-27.** — Three days of Bible study will be held at the South Abbotsford M.B. church at Abbotsford, B.C. Rev. H. Lenzman of Yarrow, and Rev G. Thielman of East Chilliwack will be the speakers. They will give expositions on John 17. The services begin Friday night, and continue all day Saturday and Sunday.

**November 26** — The choir directors of the M.B. churches in Manitoba will have their annual conference on Sat., November 26, 1955, in the Elmwood M.B. church in Winnipeg. The morning session begins at 11 a.m., with the afternoon session convening at 1:30

p.m. The time for the evening service will be announced.

All choir leaders and those interested in music are invited to attend.

**Mennonites in Politics**

Henry Toews

"What Place Do Mennonites Have in the Political Field?" was the topic under discussion at the last meeting of the Association of Mennonite University Students (AMUS), held at United College, Winnipeg, on Thursday, October 27.

Mr. Erhart Regier, the only Mennonite Member of Parliament, representing Burnaby-Coquitlam, B.C., explained to a large group of students why he, a Mennonite, is in politics. He emphasized our responsibility to the rest of the world (national and international). We must dampen materialism, encourage world peace, and provide material aid to the needy two-thirds of the world's population.

Declaring that his position in politics did not require him to deny any of his religious convictions, Mr. Regier emphasized that convictions are personal and that each individual must decide for himself where he can serve best. As for himself, he asserted, the political field was the best medium through which he could make his ideals effective.

Government changed in principle, he said, when it became democratic. Now the government is the voice of the people, and the people will get the kind of government that they deserve. It is our responsibility to make it an efficient and effective body.

A discussion in which the students took part followed. This was the second meeting for AMUS this term. The theme of the first meeting was: "If a Christian, why a Mennonite?" Rev. David Janzen, Honorary President of AMUS, was the speaker.

Each of the topics discussed have stimulated much thought. The problems presented are pertinent, we believe, and of a practical nature for today. We are looking forward to the next meeting when the topic will be: "The Value of the German Language in our Church."

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