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

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## Hearts Stirred in Evangelistic Campaign

By P. C. Tilitsky

*Yarrow, B.C.* — The Yarrow Mennonite Brethren Church chose the month known as the coldest in the year to bring Easter into the spiritual life of the church and community. For close to two weeks, January 20 to February 1, Rev. J. G. Baerg, pastor of the M. B. Church at Mountain Lake, Minn., proclaimed the Word of God in Bible study sessions and at evangelistic meetings in the evening.

Preparations for the campaign were begun immediately after the week of prayer, observed during the first week in January. Every church member was exhorted to be much in prayer and to be willing to help make the services a season of true revival. The personal workers were given a very helpful lecture by Rev. Lenzmann, the pastor, at the monthly Sunday school teachers' meeting. Mr. George Reimer organized a 95-voice mass choir in cooperation with the church's music committee. Invitations were delivered by about 18 groups of 2 to 3 young people each, who visited every home in the community. Prayer meetings preceding every evening service were organized by Rev. P. P. Neufeldt. In addition, two members of the young people's committee and the pastor shouldered the responsibility of printing programs so that every visitor would receive a few printed words of encouragement.

All this preparation took time, energy and love for the lost. By God's grace the church was prepared and waiting when Rev. Baerg arrived on Jan. 19.

The campaign consisted of five Bible study sessions and 12 evening services in addition to the regular Sunday morning services. Rev. Baerg expounded the tenth and eleventh chapters of the book to the Hebrews during the day from Friday, January 20, to Sunday, Jan. 22, speaking at both morning and afternoon services. Here the groundwork was laid for revival. He also spoke on the Sunday morning radio program sponsored by the church.

During the Bible study sessions

and for half of the evangelistic services, Rev. Baerg spoke in the German language. During the last week he delivered his messages in English at the evangelistic services. At the evening services he always had a message for the children before he spoke to the adults. The Word was preached in quantity and in its God-intended quality.

During these two weeks "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad". Many Christians were led to realize that

they lacked the "first love", true faith and full joy, consecrating their life anew to their Lord and Saviour. A large number of boys, girls and young people found forgiveness of sins at the foot of the cross of Jesus. Only God knows the full extent of the fruit from these services.

We rejoiced at the sight of people rededicating themselves to God and of others being reborn. It was a time of refreshing, of revival, of a spiritual spring in January. The church has been amply repaid for all the efforts to spread the wonderful Word of a living Lord.

## Mennonite Church Dedicated in Regina

By I. H. Baerg

*Regina, Sask.* — The Victoria Avenue Mennonite Church in Regina was dedicated to the service of God on January 22, at 7 p.m.

The congregation sang "The Church's One Foundation" as opening song, while the interim pastor, Rev. Paul Dyck, read the Scripture passage and led in prayer.

Rev. J. J. Thiessen of Saskatoon, Sask., gave an address based on Genesis 28: 16-17, speaking in the German language. The dedication message was given by Rev. G. G. Epp of Rosthern, Sask., who based his message on Psalm 84: 1-2. Rev. Paul Dyck led in the dedicatory prayer.

Organized in July, 1955, the Victoria Avenue Mennonite Church purchased the church building situated on the corner of

Ottawa St. and Victoria Avenue. Prior to that time they had worshipped together with the M. B. Church on MacKay Street in Regina.

During the service Mr. Blake Friesen expressed the thankfulness of the Victoria Avenue Mennonite Church to the Regina M. B. Church for the fellowship they had found at the M. B. Church. Rev. George Braun, the pastor of the M. B. Church, accepted the expression of thanks on behalf of his congregation.

Both churches are looking forward prayerfully to a rapid growth during the next years, for it is believed that the organization of the two Mennonite churches in Regina will attract more Mennonites to Saskatchewan's capital city.

## Christian Service Emphasis Week

By Marjorie Wiens

*Hepburn, Sask.* — It has been customary for the Bethany Bible School to hold a Missionary Emphasis Week at the beginning of the second term of the school year. This year, however, the foreign missions program was not emphasized so much as Christian service in one's vocation.

The main speaker during the week was Rev. O. Wiebe, pastor of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church at Dalmeny, Sask. Sessions were held twice a day for

students as well as the public. The main emphasis of Rev. Wiebe was on faithfulness in serving Christ in our vocation. He lectured on "Using Our Spiritual Gifts", "Principles of Christian Life and Conduct", and "Knowing the Will of God".

The lectures given by Rev. Wiebe have caused the young people to search themselves to see whether they have developed their God-given talents, whether they have surrendered their whole lives

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## GERMAN RADIO PROGRAM FOR NIAGARA PENINSULA

*Virgil, Ont.* — The Mennonite Brethren Church here has announced that they will be beginning a 25-minute German radio program on February 12 over station CHVC, Niagara Falls. It will be broadcast every Sunday evening at 9:05 to 9:30. This program is taking the place of the planned radio broadcast over Hamilton.

and talents to Christ, and whether they are doing their duty in the field where God has put them.

The evening services were held in the Mennonite Brethren church and were well-attended. Rev. Wiebe's topics included "Redeeming the time", "Christian Giving", and "The Christian's Personal Testimony".

In addition to the messages given by Rev. Wiebe at the evening services, Christians from various professions gave their testimonies. Those testifying were: Mr. D. Murray, manager of the Imperial Bank at Laird; Dr. A. B. Voth, physician and surgeon in Saskatoon; Miss Linda Dyck, taking Nurses' Aid training in Saskatoon; and Mr. Pete Dyck, who is attending Teacher's College in Saskatoon.

This week was definitely a challenging one and left an indelible impression upon the lives of many.

# EDITORIAL

## Devotional

### ACCESS TO GOD

By Ben Hoepfner \*

#### Towards a More Consistent Testimony

Some time ago between 60 and 70 Mennonite businessmen met in the midwestern United States for a discussion centering upon the application of Christian principles to business. That they took time to meet for a discussion of this nature proves that they recognized that there were problems facing them in the business world. It also revealed that they had the resourcefulness and initiative to tackle these problems.

During the last decades more and more Mennonites have moved from the farm to the town or to the big city. A fair percentage of them have invested their capital in some business venture. They have shown that the same industry and thrift that characterizes the average Mennonite farmer also pays off in business. They have proved that Mennonites can grow wealthy through prudent management and sound business practices.

We must face the fact, however, that a modern business venture brings with it many problems that the grain grower or the dairy farmer does not meet. Not only are there more employees, but the relationship between businesses, the rivalry and competition, and the effort to please a fickle public create new and complex situations for the businessman.

The storekeeper is forced to resort to advertising. What claims can he make for the goods he sells? What billboards should he allow companies to display in or on his store? What goods shall he carry on his shelves? These problems are in the field of business ethics. Must each storekeeper work out the solution to these problems himself, or could he together with fellow-Christians come to agreement on biblical principles to govern his actions?

The construction man has his difficulties. Should he bid so low on a job to get it that he knows he will later have to add "unforeseen expenses"? And if the cost is higher than anticipated, should he substitute inferior material to balance the cost? Or if the owner asks for special favours, should he refuse? What about his attitude toward his men? Should he pay the going wage or try to get by with the minimum prescribed by the government? These and other problems also could lead to a fruitful discussion if a group unitedly earnestly sought the will of the Lord.

Only two lines of business have been mentioned. There is also the service station owner trying to earn a living by selling gasoline. Should he remain open on Sunday during the summer to catch the tourist trade? And the manufacturer faced with a large income tax levy—should he try to lower it by special investments or other devices?

Christianity is not a Sunday coat to put on and take off at leave. It must not be separated from practical life. Therefore it must be applied in all areas of life. If we as Mennonites want to maintain a consistent witness we must do so in business also. The sad fact is that many a man's testimony on Sunday night is nullified by his behaviour to his employee on Monday, in his contact with a salesman, or in a shady business deal.

A frank discussion of the problems involved would help a lot. Ministers, Sunday school teachers, and youth workers meet for conventions and conferences, why not the Mennonite businessmen?

#### TAX-EXEMPT INVESTMENTS

A tax assessor came one day to a poor minister of the gospel to determine the amount of taxes the minister would pay.

"What property do you possess?" the assessor asked.

"I am very wealthy," replied the minister.

"List your possessions, please," the assessor instructed.

The minister replied, "FIRST, I have everlasting life (John 3:16). SECOND, I have a mansion in heaven (John 14:2). THIRD, I have peace that "passeth understanding" (Phil. 4:7). FOURTH, I have joy unspeakable (I Pet. 1:8). FIFTH, I have divine love that never faileth (I Cor. 13:8). SIXTH, I have a faithful, pious wife (Prov. 31:10). SEVENTH, I have healthy, happy, obedient children (Ex. 20:13). EIGHTH, I

Ever since the entrance of sin man has been conscious of being estranged from his Creator. This estrangement has affected men in various ways. Some have been smitten with bitter remorse while others have been led to doubt the very existence of God. Still others ask the solemn question, "How can man have access to God?"

The question as such is profound and has great significance, for its answer is of momentous import. Therefore it cannot be answered by merely human insight. However, the Word of God has an answer. We read in Hebrews 10:19ff: "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus . . . let us draw near. . ."

It is of note that in this passage God quite plainly tells man that he has an entrance to Him. The one who believes this says, "Thank you, Lord," claiming the privilege and enjoying the fellowship with God.

The access to God is afforded, however, not because of man's own righteousness. Man has no righteousness to make him acceptable in God's sight. Nor can man enter God's presence because of some church affiliation or adherence to certain traditions. The basis of access to God is none other than the shed blood of Christ.

The Father in His infinite love sent His Son. The Son in express obedience voluntarily gave up His life on the cross. It seems the Father said to the Son, "Satan has succeeded in degrading my beloved creatures. They have fallen. What can we do to save them?" The Son in great compassion replied, "If the crown of creation is to be saved the punishment due because of sin, their sins must be removed. In love toward Thee and the human race I will take their sins upon Me and bear the penalty." Whereupon the Father said, "That will mean death for you—the death on the cross." Yet the Son, real-

have true, loyal friends (Prov. 18:24). NINTH, I have songs in the night (Ps. 42:8). TENTH, I have a crown of life (Jas. 1:12)."

The tax assessor closed his book and said, "Truly you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

—Broadcaster.

When asked for the secret of her power, Florence Nightingale answered: "I work very hard; and I never have refused the Lord anything."

izing what it would mean to forsake heaven and come into this world, realizing what it would mean to be ridiculed by men and tempted by Satan, and fully conscious of the agonies awaiting Him in the garden and on the cross, consented to take man's sin upon Himself. The privilege of calling upon the name of God for salvation is based on the death of Christ.

This access assures the believer, the one who has received Christ as Saviour and Lord, of constant and sufficient grace. We read in Hebrews 4:16: "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." The grace thus given assures the believer of the help needed in the time of trouble. Moreover, the grace thus obtained enables the believer to live a godly life (Tit. 2:11ff), and assures him that finally he will be ready at the second coming of Christ. The blessings of access to God are indeed manifold and far-reaching.

An understanding of the approach to God through Christ and an acceptance of its consequent blessings should cause all of us to dwell in the sanctuary and experience Christ as the One who is equal to all our needs. Jeremiah the prophet is promised by God: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3).

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## Missionary Visits Blaine Lake

Rev. P. J. Esau

*Blaine Lake, Sask.* — Guest speakers, and especially missionaries, are always much appreciated at a lonely, out-of-the-way place such as Blaine Lake. Thus it was a joy to welcome to our chapel on Sunday, Jan. 29, Rev. Paulson of Saskatoon, who has served in China for two terms under the China Inland Mission.

Rev. Paulson's morning message was based on John 4: 35—38. He pointed out "what Jesus saw" when He focused the attention of His disciples upon the ripened fields. Christ emphasized the great spiritual need of "fields ripened already to harvest". China is one such field and it should have a definite place on our prayer-program.

The disciples missed seeing this need because they were preoccupied with things of minor importance, "things for the stomach". We were further reminded of the "wages" that the Lord promises to "him that reapeth". According to Jesus' words in Mark 10:30, the reward of the laborer shall be a hundredfold. Thus we have nothing to lose, only much to gain when we step into the service of the Master.

### Eden Christian College Presents "Wilhelm Tell"

*Virgil, Ont.* — On January 29 Eden Christian College presented the German drama "Wilhelm Tell" as the first major drama of the school year. A cast of 35 participated in the effective portrayal of this German classic.

The story of "Wilhelm Tell" was unfolded in four scenes, several of which stood out as especially well done. The portrayal of the agony in Tell's mind when ordered to shoot the apple off his son's head and the skillful stage manipulation to get the apple from the boy's head, was outstanding. The storm scene during which Tell escaped from the boat and from the tyrant Gessler's grasp was made doubly effective with excellent sound effects. Simulated thunder and lightning made Tell's escape seem all the more miraculous.

Wilhelm Tell was acted by John Dick, Kitchener; while Jake Braun, St. Catharines, was quite realistic as Tell's son. Other standouts were Elly Pries as Tell's wife, Jake Boldt as a young noble and Albert Isaac as Gessler.

It has become the custom for Eden Christian College to climax the school's literary efforts each year with a major drama. This year two such events have been planned, with the first one the presentation of "Wilhelm Tell". A number of German folksongs ad-

ded to the evening's entertainment.

At the evening's service Rev. Paulson showed two films to an overcrowded church. We marvelled at what the grace of God can do in the lives of the sick and sinful creatures, physically and also spiritually, as shown in "The Hope of China" and "The Flower of Tibet".

(Editor's Note: The last report by Rev. Esau told of the first service in the new chapel. This was not the dedication service, which will be held when the roads are in a more passable condition. Look for later announcements.)

### RECITAL BY REYNOLD SIEMENS ON FEB. 22

The Mennonite Symphony Society will present 23-year-old Winkler cellist, Reynold Siemens, in recital on February 22 in Young United Church in Winnipeg, Man.

Mr. Siemens is a student of Leonard Rose at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. His recital in Winnipeg will be part of a concert tour of the eastern and mid-western United States with pianist Anton Kuerti, Austrian-born student of Rudolph Serkin at Curtis.

Mr. Kuerti has appeared as soloist with many orchestras in the U.S.A., including the Boston "Pops" orchestra. During this tour he will appear as soloist on February 18 with the CBC Winnipeg orchestra under Eric Wild in a performance of Weber's "Konzertstück".

Three recitals will be given by Mr. Siemens in Carnegie Hall, New York, this season. One of these will include the first performance of a sonata by Dr. Herman Parri, New York composer.

### Resigns After 26 Years as Choir Director

By Ron Suderman

*Kronsgart, Man.* — Mr. John Labun, who has been the choir director at the local Mennonite Brethren Church for the past 26 years, has resigned this position.

In 1919 Mr. Labun came from Tabor College and, with the enthusiasm that is typical of him, began to organize a choir. To help the choir members he held classes at which they studied music theory and sight-singing. These members formed the nucleus, the embryo so to speak, of our present choir.

It is not idle flattery to insist that Brother Labun has always been, and still is, very actively interested in seeing the choir progress. In spite of occasional disinterest and even active opposition he has carried on to the best of



This car belonging to a deputy sheriff in Yuba City, Calif., was washed off the road and, covered with silt directly in line with the break in the levee, although three-quarters of a mile away. The sheriff was on a mercy mission asking people to evacuate. His son's car was similarly buried 3 blocks away. Both lost their lives. The top of the car was chopped out with a hatchet.

his abilities. In resigning he expressed the hope and wish that the choir might grow even more now that it is in the hands of a younger man.

Mr. George Olfert is succeeding Mr. Labun as choir director. He is a teacher at the local public school and an accomplished singer. We feel sure that he will fill the position capably.

### SEWING CIRCLE AIDS PIONEER MISSION

*Altona, Man.* — The Mary Martha sewing circle of the Altona Bergthaler Church sponsored a program on Tuesday, January 24, that netted \$150. This will be donated to the Mennonite Pioneer Mission to assist with the purchase of a power toboggan and other necessities required at the Pauinguessi Mission station. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neufeld are serving at this mission station, which is located near Little Grand Rapids, Manitoba.

Several cartons of clothing, with a total weight of 47 pounds, were shipped by air for school children who needed clothes badly in order to attend school.

## Mennonites Help in Yuba City Cleanup

*Akron, Pa. (MCC)* — Mennonites have contributed more than 349 man days in clean-up work in flood-stricken Yuba City, Calif.

The Mennonite Disaster Service, organized on the West Coast when the flood struck, is now moving into farm areas with a smaller unit of workers for clean-up projects cleared through the Farm Bureau. The period of clean-up is expected to be much shorter than was anticipated earlier.

Men from 27 California congregations plus some Idaho Mennonites have participated in the task. Some women also were on hand to help.

Director of the Yuba City activity is Herman Klingenberg of the First Mennonite Church at Reedley. H. R. Wiens of Reedley and Leonard Garber of Winton have also directed the work periodically. Coordinators in the Reedley MCC office have been Wesley Pauls and Rudy Lichti.

The possibility of a building unit has been discussed as has the possibility of a more permanent organization of MDS on the West Coast.

## You Also Can Win Premiums

"The Mennonite Observer is a paper that sells easily. There are very few who will refuse to buy it." —Ontario.

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## HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

### Father Recovering

*Leamington, Ont.* — Mr. J. C. Heinrichs, who was to have an operation for a brain tumor, is on his way to recovery. Surely the Lord is answering the prayers of His people. Prayer is still needed for the family, who lost their mother last summer. The oldest child is in her early teens and the youngest is four years old.

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### Dies Suddenly in B.C.

*Winkler, Man.* — Bob Friesen, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Friesen of Winkler, died suddenly at the Vancouver General Hospital in Vancouver, B.C., on Saturday, January 28.

He was found in an unconscious state by his room-mate, Kenneth Friesen, also of Winkler, and taken to the hospital, where he passed away at noon the next day, 22 hours later.

Bob had been employed at the West Coast for the past nine months.

He leaves to mourn his parents, grandparents and three brothers. The funeral service was held on Friday, Feb. 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the Winkler Bergthaler church.

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### Sunday School Course

*Arnaud, Man.* — Rev. J. D. Adrian of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College gave a short course for Sunday school teachers at the Arnaud Mennonite church on Friday evening, January 27, and on Saturday, January 28.

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### Bethany Chorus Serves at Laird

*Laird, Sask.* — The Chorus Choir of the Bethany Bible Institute of Hepburn, Sask., presented a program in the Laird M. B. church on Sunday, January 29. The program consisted of testimonies, songs by trios, quartets, the choir, and a message.

The choir was under the direction of Mr. J. K. Schroeder. Rev. W. Wiebe opened the service with Scripture and prayer, while Rev. J. H. Epp, principal of the school, brought the evening's message.

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### Farewell for Missionary in Vancouver

About 200 relatives and friends gathered in the Fraserview Mennonite Brethren church basement on January 22, at 2:30 p.m., for a farewell service for Miss Elsie Peters, who is returning to the mission field in Africa. Miss Peters is working under the Evangelical Alliance Mission.

During the program Rev. H.

Neufeld read Hebrews 13:5-6 as a farewell message. Art Block sang "Ich werde kein Fremdling dort sein" and the Neufeld brothers played an instrumental piece. Thereupon Miss Peters showed some slides from the work on the field and gave a short report. Other items were the playing of "The Ninety and Nine" by the Neufeld brothers, a solo by Rudy Martens: "Ich blicke voll Beugung und Staunen", and the closing by Mr. G. J. Wiens, who read II Tim. 2:1-3.

A lunch was served and an offering received to close the afternoon's gathering.

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### Bible Conference at Steinbach

*Steinbach, Man.* — Rev. Frank H. Friesen of Morden and Rev. B. B. Boldt, teacher at the Winkler Bible School, led in a series of Bible discussions at the M. B. church here. They discussed the first three chapters of the book of Romans during the conference, which lasted from January 27 to 29.

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### New Editor for "Menno-Blatt"

The "Menno-Blatt", published in Fernheim, Paraguay, has received a new editor, Mr. Peter Klassen, Jr., a teacher. His assistant is Mr. Peter Wiens, also a teacher.

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### Milk Plant in Operation

The renovated milk plant in Filadelfia resumed operations on January 2. This was a day the farmers had been waiting for during the last months, for no milk could be sold while the renovation was in progress.

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### Returns After Ten Years

*Leamington, Ont.* — W. Thiesens of Leamington have received news from Bishop Erich Schultz in Berlin that their son-in-law, David Fast, has returned from a Russian prisoner-of-war camp and is now living in Ruedersdorf near Berlin in East Germany. This is the first news that has been received of his whereabouts in ten years. He is active as doctor in a clinic there.

After nine years of waiting in vain for any news of his whereabouts his wife has remarried a year ago.

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### Five Injured in Two-Car Crash

*Altona, Man.* — Five Altona people were injured in a two-car collision about two miles east of Morden, Man., on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 25. Both cars were extensively damaged.

The accident occurred when C.

J. Funk of Winkler lost control of his car because of loose snow and icy highway conditions, skidding sideways into the path of an oncoming car driven by J. B. Dueck of Altona. Mr. Funk was travelling alone at the time of the collision.

Most seriously injured was Mrs. J. B. Dueck, who was confined to the Winkler hospital for some time. Mrs. Edgar Braun, Altona, was al-

so hospitalized but was released the next day. The other occupants of the car received minor injuries.

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### Abundant Rainfall in Friesland, Paraguay

News from Friesland, Paraguay, indicates that sufficient rainfall has given new hope for a crop. The gardens are doing very well and watermelons are ripe already.

## Glad for Arrival of Reinforcements

(The following is taken from a prayer-letter we received from the Ernest Dycks, who are active on Matende station in the Belgian Congo under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. The Dycks come from Abbotsford, B.C.)

Greetings from the Congo with Hebrews 11 and more particularly with two words which are repeated over and over again in this chapter: "By Faith". These two words give us the key to the fruitful lives of those enumerated in this chapter. God grant that we all might be found advancing "by faith" while it is yet day.

The dwelling of which we wrote in our last letter has been completed. The sisters Elsie Fischer and Mary Toews moved in just before Christmas. We were thankful to the Lord when Sister Toews arrived in November to take the responsibility for the primary school. She will be an asset to the school and a help in pointing the children to Christ and in counselling them in their spiritual problems.

We closed both the E.A.P. and the primary school on December 17 for a four weeks' vacation, and reopened on January 16. We were glad for the break in school routine and spent the time catching up on work that had piled up.

During the Christmas holidays it was our privilege to meet Brother J. B. Toews again. Then two weeks ago we also had the joy of welcoming Brother and Sister H. K. Warkentin to the Congo. They will be making an inspection tour of the Africa Mennonite Brethren Mission field together with Brother Toews. We expect them to attend the Missionary Field Conference, which is to convene at Ecole Belle Vue from February 14 to 19.

January 5 marked a step forward for us at Matende. That was the day the A. J. Esaus arrived with their family to take up the work on this station again. For over two years we have been praying for a much-needed couple and now the Lord has answered. Their coming will mean that there will now be more time for village evangelism. Brother Esau will carry the major responsibility for this phase of the work. Won't you pray that God will bless His Word

as it is preached and taught in the villages?

We have 18 teachers in 15 villages at the present time. There are 400 children enrolled in these village schools. These children, their parents, and many others should be reached for Christ. In all, Matende is responsible for some 130 villages—so you will see that we are just beginning. There is still much land to possess. Can we count on you to back up the work in prayer that "by faith" the missionaries and the native workers might go forward?

There is another note of praise. On January 17 the church at Matende sent its first full-time native evangelist into the villages. His name is Kikutu Daniel. He has finished the three-year Bible school course at Kafumba and will work in an area that takes in about ten villages. We have eight teachers in these villages. Pray for him, that he might reach the older people for Christ and be a help to the teachers in reaching the children as well.

Just over three weeks ago Brother Esau and I made a trip to the villages taking the teachers back to their schools after the Christmas vacation. We conducted services in six villages and the attendance was encouraging. At one village a small group remained after the service to hear more of the way of salvation. We trust that a number were able to grasp salvation by faith, for they are so ignorant and steeped in sin that it is nothing short of a miracle to see a genuine conversion. People are quite ready to agree to all that you ask them. They say that they have believed—hoping to receive baptism. However, it is quite another matter for them to really break with sin and the past and to show with their lives that they are new creatures in Christ Jesus. Will you help us pray for a conviction of sin and genuine conversions among them?

In closing let us thank you again for your prayers and letters. Many, we know, pray, but do not write. However, if you pray and also write you will receive a double blessing.

The address is: Rev. Ernest Dyck, B. P. 65 Kikwit, Congo Belge, Africa.

## Toews at Graduation at Kafumba

(Here are excerpts from Brother J. B. Toews' administrative reports to the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions, made while he is visiting the mission field in the Belgian Congo.)

Missionaries Frank Buschmans, Theodor Martens, Susie Brucks, Martha Willems and Elsie Guenther greeted us at the Kikwit airport when we arrived on Saturday, December 17. We had spent our time in consultations in Leopoldville since our arrival on Monday, December 12. Such meetings on the field are not only impressive, but also carry a great spiritual significance. After regulating the details in Kikwit, we all drove to Kafumba, our major station situated south of Kikwit. The reunion with the Kafumba staff and with several missionary families from other stations who had come for the graduation of the Bible school was solemn. A prayer of thanksgiving marked the conclusion of the warm greetings and expressions of joy.

For the Sunday morning worship service at Kafumba the church was filled. The estimated number in attendance was 900. The character of the service was much like our service at home, with the exception that Pastor Timothy found it necessary to repeatedly pound the pulpit with a stick in an effort to quieten the audience. A number of men finally were placed in the aisles, who walked back and forth quieting those who would whisper. It is their method of keeping order and did not appear awkward, because it is in keeping with their social culture.

The singing was good. The special numbers by the Bible school men's chorus were excellent. There was harmony, expression and spiritual power as they sang the old familiar hymns of Zion in their own tongue. One of the brethren, Kufikisa N. Jean, brought special greetings to the visitor from America with words of Scripture. The many guests who had come from neighboring mission stations for the Bible school graduation were welcomed and introduced.

Then followed the morning message by the visitor from America and interpreted by Irwin Friesen. A word of greeting in the name of Jesus dispelled all hesitancy on either side. The common denominator had been found and the close spiritual relationship which supercedes all barriers of race established.

Not all faces, however, reflect a spiritual response. In the crowd are persons who can hardly be recognized as belonging to the crown of God's creation. Their facial expressions speak of pain, horror and hopelessness. The mark of enslavement to the powers of Satan is so evident. They are

a small representative group of the millions who have not yet met Jesus.

The graduation exercises of the Bible school were thrilling. The contrast between the product of the Bible school and that of an average Christian coming from raw paganism is indeed remarkable.

This year's Bible school was in session eight months. The students are required to spend two weeks of each semester in practical work in the villages. The enrollment was 68, of which 44 of the students came from our mission and 24 from neighboring missions. Twenty-five students were graduated from the three-year course.

The program of the graduating class compared well with a school program in the homeland. The singing under the direction of Bob Kroeker was excellent and would compare favourably with some of our men's choruses at home.

The brief messages and speeches by the students revealed oratorical ability. The 24 young men, all dressed in white trousers and white shirts and with shoes on their feet, made an impressive picture. All of this year's graduates are now on probation for a period of one year, after which those who prove themselves in life and service will receive their certificate. Eight of last year's graduates were awarded certificates this year.

Another important observation was the work done by the Sisters Friesen and Kroeker among the student wives. This group appeared on the stage to present a musical selection. One of the sisters spoke briefly, expressing the desire to be of definite help to their husbands in the work of the Lord.

The day came to a close with a Bible study with our missionary personnel. A season of prayer in the presence of God concluded this day with its many impressions, observations and blessings.

### Nearly 20,000 Copies of Scripture Distributed

During the past year the Manitoba Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society distributed a total of 19,555 copies of the Scriptures in 32 different languages, it was revealed at its annual business meeting. This total includes 25 copies in Braille for the blind in both German and English and another 6 Talking-Book records in English for the blind.

In his address Dr. A. H. Campbell, who was re-elected as president, stated that the British and Foreign Bible Society was the largest missionary organization in the world. Its work is basic and absolutely essential to that of any



Above are shown those taking part in the ordination service. They are standing in front of the M.B. church at Volendam, Paraguay. Left to right, Rev. Aaron Reimer (ordained), Mrs. Reimer, Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Born, Mr. Kornelius Abrahams (ordained as deacon), Mrs. Abrahams, Rev. Willy Janz, Mrs. Kornelius Voth, and Rev. Kornelius Voth (leading minister of the Fernheim M.B. Church and chairman of the M.B. Conference of S.A.).

## Ordination in Volendam, Paraguay

By H. C. Born

The importance of the ordination of a minister and a deacon in the M. B. Church at Volendam, Paraguay, can best be evaluated in its historical perspective.

During the pioneer years of the settlement, the church at Volendam was affiliated with the M. B. Church at Friesland. Later it was organized as an independent church, with Rev. Frank Janzen as church. It has supplied the Scriptures as needed by all churches in their missionary work for the last 152 years, accepting a loss on its Scriptures by providing them at cost or at reduced prices as well as gifts.

A hearty thank you was given to all who supported this work. A statement was received from the parent society in England indicating that people who are now receiving the Scriptures in Asia and Africa would not have been able to get these copies for years to come if it had not been for the donations of the Canadian people.

In addition to the Scriptures distributed by the Manitoba Auxiliary, it also sent a total of \$19,082 to the Canadian head office to help the parent society supply the urgent needs for Scriptures all over the world. In addition to its missionary work, the Auxiliary operates a bookroom for profit. Last year's net profit of \$6,796 was turned over as a contribution to the missionary work of the Bible Society.

Among the honorary vice-presidents elected were Rev. H. H. Janzen and Rev. I. I. Friesen. Bishop Benjamin Ewert is an honorary member of the Auxiliary, while Rev. B. B. Fast was elected second vice-president on the executive committee. Mr. C. C. Neufeld was elected as one of the 16 board members.

leading minister. In this church, with a membership of 124, Rev. Janzen was the only ordained minister and Johann Barwich was the only ordained deacon.

One month after we arrived, having been sent by the M. B. General Board of Welfare, the Janzens moved away from Volendam. After their departure Aaron Reimer was elected church leader and Kornelius Abrahams was asked to assist the deacon. Yet some months ago the Barwichs emigrated to Canada, leaving the church without a local ordained worker.

For these reasons the ordination of Brother Aaron Reimer as minister and Brother Kornelius Abrahams as deacon on November 13, 1955, was a blessed experience for the church.

The other services in the settlement were cancelled on the morning of the ordination, with the result that the church was almost full. Rev. Willy Janz of Friesland emphasized the duties of a messenger of God in his address. Rev. Kornelius Voth, Friesland, the moderator of the M. B. Conference in South America, delivered a message on the duties of a minister and a deacon. It was my privilege to say a few words on behalf of the local church.

Rev. Kornelius Voth addressed the ordination questions to the brethren, their wives, and the church. Thereupon the act of ordination was performed. After this several ministers from the Mennonite Church wished the couples the Lord's blessing.

We are thankful to our conference for the Bible schools that we have in South America and for the Bible Institute that is to be opened in Fernheim. We are hoping that more of our young men will be prepared there to assume the responsibilities of church work.

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

How are you enjoying school these days? You must be very busy, for very few of you seem to have time to write a letter. We enjoy your letters, so do write, please.

Do you ever find it difficult to say "thank you"? The Bible tells us about ten men who wanted Jesus to help them. They were sick with leprosy and had to stay far away from those people who were well. They were outcasts.

When these ten men saw Jesus, they called loudly, "Jesus, pity us."

Jesus did pity them. He made them well.

The men were so glad to be well again that they hurried away as fast as they could go. Only one man came back to thank Jesus. He threw himself down at Jesus' feet and said, "Thank you!"

Jesus said, "I made ten men well. Where are the other nine? Only one man came back to thank me."

Let's always remember to say "thank you", boys and girls. We want to especially say "thank you" to Jesus for saving us from our sins.

Aunt Selma

## Children Write

Box 84-B, R.R. 1,  
Ste. Anne, Man.

Dear Aunt Selma,

I greet you in Jesus' most wonderful Name.

My hobbies are reading, embroidering and going to Sunday school. We have Sunday school every Sunday.

I was 15 this month and do not go to school any more.

My name for this page is "God's Jewels".

Sincerely,  
Esther Reimer.

*It seems you and your sister made up your mind at the same time about writing to us. That's fine—and we are glad you suggest a name for the page too.*

Box 84-B, R.R. 1  
Ste. Anne, Man.

Dear Aunt Selma,

I am very thankful for the "Children's Page".

My hobbies are reading, going to Sunday school and memorizing Bible verses.

I am 11 years old and in Grade 5 at school. My best subjects are Spelling and English.

My name for this page is "Jesus' Sunbeams".

With love,  
Betty Reimer

*Now there's a girl who knows what is good for her. I just wonder how many of you make it a hobby to memorize Scripture verses. It certainly is a wonderful idea.*

## Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(7th Installment)

### NOBODY HOME

On the morning after Mouttet and his followers escaped from the valley the besiegers were puzzled to see no smoke coming from the chimneys of Mouttet's farm houses. They feared that Mouttet and his men had set a trap for them and hesitated to enter the valley, not wanting to come under the gun-fire of Mouttet's snipers.

Since nothing stirred some of the more daring men cautiously went forward at noon, expecting a surprise attack by Mouttet's men at any time. Still nothing stirred in the valley, so some of the attackers ventured into the open toward the farm yard.

Nothing happened.

Then the soldiers entered the yard, moving cautiously from house

to house, still expecting some unpleasant surprise; but everything remained quiet. The farm had been deserted and nobody lay in wait for the attackers.

The Faithful had fled.

Before long the whole army swarmed over the place. The tracks of the departed people were found in the soft ground of the valley and the pursuers followed them to the narrow entrance of the hidden path over which Mouttet's crowd had fled. Here they paused. They were afraid to move farther until one of the officers shouted, "What they did, we can do also!"

Exactly like Pharaoh, who followed the Children of Israel into the Red Sea, the military division now followed the Faithful into the gorge through which they had made their escape. A marching

column was formed and a pistol shot was fired as a signal to move on in single file.

The echo from the sharp report of the officer's pistol resounded from the nearby and the far off precipitous mountain sides until the last faint ring of it seemed to merge with a far-off rumble. The rumble grew rapidly into a thunderous roar that seemed to rock the mountains. The benumbed soldiers stiffened in their places like stone statues, remaining motionless until the forerunners of the disaster, lumps of snow mixed with small and larger stones, started to come down upon them. Now they awoke

from their stupor and rushed back toward the valley, but it was too late. The onrushing stones and heavy loads of snow knocked them down and buried them alive in the gorge. Not a single one of the pursuers escaped.

(To be continued)

## ANSWERS TO BIBLE TWO'S

1. Moses, Aaron.
2. Jesus, Moses.
3. Mary, Martha.
4. Jesus, Stephen.
5. Enoch, Elijah.
6. Joseph, Daniel.
7. Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5.
8. John, James.
9. Lois, Eunice.
10. Jacob, Esau.

## Wind and Rain

By Elsie Beth

Billy and Tom are walking home from Sunday school. Let us imagine that we are walking beside them unnoticed. This is what we would hear:

*Billy:* How did you like our story today?

*Tom:* I thought it was very good.  
*Billy:* I thought so too. Our teacher can make these simple stories so interesting. Today we had the story of two men building houses. Everybody knew that the house on the rock could stand a lot of rain and wind.

*Tom:* Yes, and everybody knew too that the house which stood on the sand would fall because the wind and the rain would take the sand away.

*Billy:* We certainly knew that much about building houses. Yet our teacher still made it very clear that we are building on our "life houses" every day. I'm so glad we can build those houses on the Lord Jesus Christ. But I wanted to ask another question about that story and didn't get around to it because our time was up.

*Tom:* What did you want to ask about such a simple story? Why, everything in it is as clear as can be. We are the people who build houses; the rock is the Lord Jesus; the wise man is the person who lets Jesus come into his heart; the foolish man thinks he can get along without Jesus. What more do you want to know?

*Billy:* It may seem funny to you, but I would like to know what the rain and the wind stand for in that story.

*Tom:* Oh Billy, don't be silly! The important thing in the story was the rock. The wind and the rain were just put-in to make it a complete story, don't you see? Here comes Mr. Green. Ask him if I'm not right about this.

*Billy:* How do you do, Mr. Green.  
*Mr. Green:* Just fine, thank you, and how are you?

*Billy:* Mr. Green, I'm puzzled about something in the story we had today.

*Mr. Green:* That sounds good. I love to see boys who really think

about their stories. But let me hear what is puzzling you. Maybe I can help you with it.

*Billy:* We had the story of the wise man and the foolish man building houses. Our teacher told us that we are all builders and that the Lord Jesus is the rock. But what do the rain and the wind stand for?

*Mr. Green:* A good question, Billy. I guess if we do a little more thinking we should find the answer. Let's think about the wind first. Tell me, what does a wind do?

*Tom:* It just blows.

*Mr. Green:* Tell me some of the things it does as it blows.

*Billy:* It often blows somebody's hat away.

*Tom:* It blows snow into big drifts. (Concluded on page 8-3)

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## THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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(1st Installment)

(With this issue we are beginning a new serial story that we are sure will fascinate you as well as provide inspiration and a challenge for your Christian life. Many of us still remember the pioneer days in the west and this book illustrates some of the problems pioneers met. But it also illustrates God's providence and the power of love.

We are sure that you will want a copy of the book for your library. The cost is only \$2.00 and it may be ordered from us: The Christian Press Ltd., 159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.)

The warm June sun had sunk into the waters of Lake Michigan and a cool breeze had sprung up out of the west. To the group of Holland immigrants encamped upon the eastern shore, where the Black River pours its waters into the great lake, the stirring air was a welcome change from the stifling heat of the day. The tired travellers had been quick to avail themselves of the opportunity to sleep with comfort, and the crude, hastily constructed shack wherein they camped was filled with the slow, heavy breathing of many sleeping forms.

Two men of the company were still awake. The balmy breeze blowing in from the lake had enticed them to remain outside a little longer, rather than to join their companions in the shack where the air was warm and close. They sat upon the sand, resting their backs against the wall of the shelter, conversing upon the trying experiences which they and their comrades had undergone in their journey from the Netherlands, and, now that they were nearly arrived at their destination, they pictured the prospects upon which they built their hope of a happy and prosperous future.

Neither of the men noticed the silent form which disengaged itself from the black forest of the shore and began to advance across the narrow stretch of sand toward the rude building. In the darkness of the shadow it might have been a bear, for those great animals were plentiful in that region, but closer scrutiny revealed the fact that its form was too slight, and its movements too quick for those of a bear.

The figure had left the deep shade of the forest and now stood, hesitant, full in the open light of the beach. It was a man. Upon his head he wore a hood-like cap of dark color, and joined to this, across his shoulders, hung a cape-shaped cloak of the same hue. It was a great bearskin garment, cut

in the style of the "parka" of the later Alaskan dog-driver. The face of the stranger was hidden in a huge black beard whose heavy mass of hair swept down to the chest. The peculiarity of dress, the in-explainable actions, the evident attempt at secrecy of the nocturnal visitor bespoke an errand of no common nature, and shrouded the man in an air of uncanny mystery.

A short distance from the hut he stopped as if to listen. He had heard the voices of the two men in earnest conversation. Stealthily he sidled over to the opposite wall and with eager ears strained to catch the drift of the talk between the two. So close was he that he could understand their conversation. He heard them speak of the long ocean voyage in the steerage of a sailing vessel, of the tedious journey from Albany to Buffalo in horse-drawn canal boats, of the lake trip and its rough waters, of the expectations of the travellers when they had succeeded in settling themselves among their fore-runners in the newly founded village of Holland.

"Well, Gerrit," said one of the men at length, "don't you think we had better retire?"

"I think we might as well, Hendrik," returned the other. "Let's see if there is any more room for us inside. I'm glad that my wife and children, at least, have a place to sleep. The rest will do them a world of good."

The eavesdropper knew that this intended move endangered his concealment. He heard the two rise and start around the corner of the building. Detection was inevitable. His only chance was to bolt for the woods.

"Listen! What's that?" whispered Gerrit in an excited voice, as the stranger made his first move in the direction of the forest.

It was too late to withdraw. He stood plainly visible before the two men. Crouching low, he turned and methodically stalked toward cover.

"It's a bear," whispered Hendrik, deceived by the cloak of bearskin.

"A bear! Maybe, but a two-legged one," said Gerrit. "Don't you see it's walking on two legs?"

"That's right! It's a thief who thought we were all sleeping."

"I think you're right. Even in this wild country, we can't seem to avoid a persecutor of some kind. Shall we follow him?"

Hendrik answered by immediately acting. He rapidly crossed the beach, leaping with great, silent strides, until he had almost overtaken the fugitive. The latter was unaware of his pursuer until he

was almost upon him. In the shock of this discovery he started with a huge spring straight for the dark of the trees. So sudden was his leap, so precipitous was his start, that he loosed his hold upon the bearskin which enveloped him, and it fell to the ground. Before Hendrik could overtake him, he was swallowed up in the forest.

The two immigrants, unacquainted with the country, somewhat terrified by the appearance of so mysterious a visitor, and by the gruesome aspect of the threatening woods, hesitated to follow further into the timber. But Hendrik had noticed the loss of the cloak, and a few moments of searching rewarded the men with the finding of the article.

"Here, I have it," averred Gerrit, "but what sort of a thing is it? It's a skin of some kind and it's still warm."

"That's it," said Hendrik, "that's the cloak of the thief."

"Thief! Robber!" cried Gerrit. "We don't want your filthy skin. We're hanging it on a limb and if you want it, come and get it. But see to it that you don't come near this shack again."

Hendrik laughed outright at this strange caper of his companion. "Gerrit, old man, why yell at him that way? He doesn't understand Dutch anyway. He's probably an American."

"Or an Indian," added Gerrit, somewhat sheepishly.

"Very probably," continued Hendrik, "but let's forget about him and get some sleep. He's too frightened to return any more tonight."

The two left the bearskin upon a small bush near which it had fallen, and returned to their companions, none of whom seemed to have been awakened by the disturbance. In a little while they had settled themselves among the sleepers and had resigned themselves to slumber.

But sleep did not come very readily to Gerrit Kolf. Somehow he felt that he was upon the eve of a new era in his life, an era which would contain events and situations so new, so different from what he and his family had been used to, that he feared lest it be not for the best.

Kolf was a member of the second group of Hollanders to come to this region. In September of 1846, a band of fifty-three Dutchmen, together with their leader, Dominie A. C. Van Raalte, had set sail from Rotterdam in the brig "Southerner". This party was the first instalment of a wholesale immigration of poor, needy Dutch folk, who, discontented with the hardships of strained economic conditions, and with the restrictions placed upon their religious worship, determined to seek religious liberty and new opportunities in the United States.

For seven long weeks this band

of devout Christians endured the mean accommodations of the steerage, cooking their own food, sleeping where and how they could, worshipping God in their own way with frequent prayer, and psalm, and sermon. Finally, they disembarked at New York, where they were cared for by friends whom they found among the Dutch-Americans of that city.

The question of where to settle now confronted the leader, Dominie Van Raalte. The wintry season admitted of no delay. The party sailed by steamer to Albany, proceeded thence to Buffalo by train, and once more by boat to Detroit.

With the help of several kind Americans, especially Judge Kellogg of Allegan, Van Raalte was able to look over the likely regions of Michigan in order to find a suitable site for his colony. The region about the mouth of Black River on the east coast of Lake Michigan appealed very strongly to him. There were ample harbor facilities, marketing opportunities, and the country was adorned with a magnificent stand of timber which would provide the first settlers with homes and a plentiful supply of fuel.

Van Raalte purchased from the government a large tract of land at the head of what is now called Black Lake, and to this country, in the winter of 1847, came a small band of sturdy Hollanders fired with an enthusiastic zeal to wrest from this wild and desolate region a home for themselves and opportunities for their posterity.

The first winter was comparable to the one passed by the original settlers at Plymouth. The colonists knew nothing of the woodman's craft; yet great trees had to be felled to clear the land, shelters had to be built to house their families, food had to be provided to satisfy their needs. But so great was their faith in the cause for which they had come, so great was their trust in the providential care of God, that they entered upon their task with boundless energy, and before long had cleared a small area of land, and had built themselves rude huts of logs and hemlock boughs.

They called their settlement Holland, and saw with the vision of prophets the day when their infant colony should be a haven to their persecuted countrymen, and a staunch, progressive community in the commonwealth of Michigan.

(To be continued)

Ronald Ballard, a 23-year-old former basketball player, sidelined after becoming paralyzed from the neck down since he was injured in an automobile accident three years ago, is responsible for Crusaders Chapel, a church for physically handicapped persons recently opened in Fort Worth, Texas.

## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

### AFRICA

A study of the extent to which the mission church is indigenous has been one of J. B. Toews' concerns thus far in his Belgian Congo trip. Late in December he visited the Vanga station of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, which is reported to have the most fully developed indigenous church program in the Congo. At Vanga Brother Toews, together with Missionaries J. B. Kliever and Ernest Dyck, also met with representatives from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and Congo Inland Mission to discuss the proposed establishment of a secondary school.

Dr. E. W. Schmidt of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, writes from the Kajiji station in the Belgian Congo: "We are grateful to God for His miraculous deliverance from the attack of a wounded lion in a forest in the Kajiji vicinity. Only superficial injuries of a minor nature were sustained. We feel confident this was an answer to the many intercessory prayers of our friends at home."

Some of the followers on the Panzi station in the Belgian Congo know more than 50 Bible verses, writes William G. Baerg of Arnaud, Manitoba. Followers are young Christians in a training period before baptism. These followers include elderly mothers who have never learned to read or write.

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### INDIA

Nagarkurnool hospital in India averages about 1,200 patients a month, according to Rosella Toews of Frazer, Montana. She writes: "During this cool season (December) we have much pneumonia, pleurisy, fever and cough. Many a child comes in screaming with pain. It's such an easy job to relieve such little things. Often simple treatment and good nursing care is all that is needed."

Rosella Toews writes from Nagarkurnool, India, that there are 87 school children on the compound this school year and that it is a challenge and opportunity to influence them for Christ.

Helen Harder of Gnadenthal, Manitoba, working at Shamshabad, India, writes that two new church groups have been organized recently. Work at the Shamshabad Bible school is encouraging. There have also been good results on that field, she reports. "Most of the preachers are realizing now that they will have to work."

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### JAPAN

Ruth Wiens of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, tells of the manager of a car dealer's company in Osaka, Japan, who committed himself to Christ through the "Light of the

World" radio broadcast sponsored by the Mennonite Brethren mission. He made his decision while a patient in a hospital. Sister Wiens writes of his experience: "Until this time his religion consisted of patriotism to his country. But when he heard about Jesus, the Saviour from sin, light seemed to flood his soul with new hope in a religion which he believed from the very moment to be the only living truth. He wrote asking for the Bible correspondence course. By the time we came to visit him he had already completed part one."

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### MEXICO

Zenaida Anselmo, one of the ladies injured in the Cooper accident in Mexico last summer, still is not able to use her arm freely. X-rays show she has several breaks. Pray for complete restoration.

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### ECUADOR

Two one-hour programs consisting principally of devotional and invitational hymns have been prepared by Brother and Sister J. W. Gossen of Corn, Oklahoma, for broadcast over HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. Recently these tapes were mailed to Brother and Sister David Nightingale (Yarrow, British Columbia), who will find them of great help in their work in the German department.

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### GERMANY

Several conversions in Germany are reported by Mennonite Brethren workers. D. B. Wiens of Saskatoon writes that several Russian persons in Belgium responded to the call of Christ when he preached to a Russian group in their language.

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### BRAZIL

A new station wagon for the work at Curitiba, Brazil, is being provided by the Reedley Church—home congregation of Brother and Sister Erven A. Thiessen who serve at Curitiba. The Brazil mission's single motor vehicle is in constant use and badly in need of replacement.

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### OKLAHOMA

The Mennonite Brethren elementary school at Post Oak Mission, Indianola, Oklahoma, will need three instructors for the coming school year—a principal who can also teach the upper grades and two teachers for the middle grades.

At Post Oak Mission School, Indianola, Oklahoma, the new round-top building serving as auditorium, recreation hall and bus garage has been completed. Its availability makes it possible to conduct large religious services at the school instead of taking school

services of this nature to the Post Oak Mission Church five miles in the country.

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### COLOMBIA

J. A. Loewen of Yafrow, British Columbia, creating a written language for the Choco Indians in Colombia, reports that it has been possible to begin the translation of the Gospel of Mark. Through the help of the Lord, he says a solution has been found to some of the problems of the specialized vocabulary. A good start has been made in a dialect survey, he writes.

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### PARAGUAY

Several commitments to Christ in Asuncion, Paraguay, is cause for gratitude and prayer to God in this new work among the nationals of east Paraguay. This information is reported by Missionary Albert Enns and by Hans Wiens who is assisting him in the work in Asuncion during the summer months.

### Institute New Arrangement

By Walter Penner

St. Catharines, Ont. — The youth committee in the M. B. Church here has initiated a new arrangement for the regular Wednesday night young people's programs.

Instead of planning the whole program themselves, the young people's committee has divided all of the young people into five groups of approximately 15 persons each. These groups are then responsible for the planning and presentation of the whole evening's program.

The first program held under this new arrangement was on the theme of missions. A quick survey was first made to find out how well the missionary reports were being followed. Then various individuals gave short reports about the various fields.

The guest that evening was Miss Vera Kroeker from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. She gave her testimony and in brief outlined the type of work that she is going to do in Germany. She related how she had applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for work in the foreign field and how the doors had not opened. She also testified how God had finally opened the doors to go to Europe with the Janz brother's team to help in the evangelistic work and especially to work with the children.

### WIND AND RAIN

(Continued from page 6-4)

Billy: One day as I was riding my bike it pushed me off the right side of the road and a car almost drove into me.

Tom: It blew my grandfather's barn off the foundation.

Mr. Green: Good thinking, boys. Just as you were telling me those things I had an idea. I have a

riddle for you now. What does the wind always do when it blows?

Tom: You mean to say it does the same thing every time it blows?

Mr. Green: Yes, every time it blows, it—

Billy: Oh, I have it! It pushes.

Mr. Green: Right. It pushed your grandfather's barn off the the right place, Tom, and it pushed you off the right track, Billy. Now I have another riddle. If you have let Jesus come into your life, is there anything at all that wants to push you away from Him?

Billy: Now I get it. Someone who says I am a "sissy" because I love Jesus is just like the wind, because he tries to get me away from the Lord Jesus.

Tom: Is that what it means? Some boys told me to go to a ball game instead of going to Sunday school. They must have been a wind then too, because they wanted to get me away from the right place.

Mr. Green: That's the idea. Anything at all that wants to push you away from the Lord Jesus is like a wind. It may even be the thoughts that you have or the stories that you read. But don't worry, just let your rock, the Lord Jesus Christ, hold you when the winds blow and you shall be safe always.

Tom: I never thought the winds could mean anything in that story.

Mr. Green: Now tell us what the rains did to those houses.

Billy: Jesus said the rains beat upon those houses.

Mr. Green: How does it feel when something is beating down upon you?

Tom: It hurts.

Mr. Green: Does anything that hurts ever happen in your life?

Tom: When we have an accident we get hurt.

Billy: Sometimes we have pain when we are ill.

Mr. Green: How does it feel deep down inside of you when someone whom you love dies?

Billy: It hurts inside of you.

Mr. Green: Or when some good friends don't care for you any more?

Tom: Because we love Jesus?

Mr. Green: That may very well be. Doesn't it hurt?

Tom: It certainly hurts me.

Mr. Green: There are many people who do not love Jesus because he lets things come into their life that hurt. Those things are like a rain that beats upon a house. Rains test us to see if we will let Jesus hold us in every trouble. But just as the rock stood firm, so the Lord Jesus will never let us go if we trust in Him to hold us.

Billy: How wonderful! I'm so glad we had that story. I want to let Jesus hold me always.

Tom: I do too.

Mr. Green: He will certainly do so if you really give your life to Him, for in Nahum 1:7 we read: "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble and He knoweth them that trust in Him."

## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### Death Comes to 'Mr. CBMC'

Arnold Gruningen, Jr., 54, a pioneer in the Christian Business Men's Committee International movement, died at Stanford University Hospital on January 18. One of five founders of CBMCI, Gruningen served as International Chairman of the movement for several years and until the time of his death was active as a member of the CBMC of San Francisco. His home was in Atherton, Calif.

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### Billy Graham Holds Spotlight

Statements by religious leaders in Britain and Canada on Billy Graham's doctrine and methods drew more front page coverage than his campaign in India.

In an article in the Durham, England, diocesan quarterly magazine, the Archbishop of York accused Billy Graham of giving "a very distorted view of the Apostolic Gospel."

Describing Dr. Graham as "a man of utter humility and simplicity," the archbishop also wrote, "There is evidence (notably from his recent mission in Cambridge) that he has taught the grossest doctrines and flung his formula 'the Bible says' over teaching which is emphatically not that of the Bible."

In Canada, Dean J. S. Thomson of the faculty of divinity at McGill University, on a lecture tour of western universities, stated that Billy Graham's sermons are a form of "spiritual shock treatment" which reawakens religious thoughts in his listeners.

"Mr. Graham does awaken religious thought in people who have drifted away from their church. The background must be there, however," he said.

At the same time a report by George Burnham told about 30,000 people sitting on the hillsides at Kottayam, India, to hear Billy Graham.

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### Peyote Drug Threatens Missionary Work

Canon T. W. Wilkinson, in his report to the Anglican Synod of Rupert's Land, claimed that a drug, peyote, is a serious challenge to mission work among the Indians in Manitoba, northwestern Ontario and Saskatchewan. The taking of this drug causes a relapse into paganism.

The drug is made from cactus tips, snipped off and dried. It is sometimes chewed, sometimes brewed like tea and sipped. Addicts find themselves in a world with no rules of dimension, in which time is insignificant, space peaceful and indefinite and color exquisite.

Peyote addicts at Red Pheasant, Sask., have been given legal recognition "as a Canadian branch of

the so-called Native American Church of the United States," the report said. The church has thousands of members among U.S. Indians.

## CANADASCOPE

### 10-Cent Interim Wheat Payment

Prairie farmers received welcome news last week when Trade Minister Howe announced a \$22,-300,000 interim payment on higher grades of wheat delivered in the 1954-55 crop year. The grades for which payment will be made are Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 northern and No. 4 special. They make up about 65% of the wheat delivered during the 1954-55 crop year.

The price averages out to 10 cents per bushel, to be paid out probably the middle of February.

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### Urges Immigration to End Food Surplus

"An ample supply of carefully selected immigrants is unquestionably essential to the stabilization of the market for Canada's food production," M. J. G. McMullen, Manitoba manager of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce said in Portage la Prairie at the annual dinner of the local Chamber of Commerce.

"If we cannot sell our exports in competition with other subsidized markets," the speaker said, "possibly we should bring the people over here to consume the food in this country and save shipping charges."

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### Comes Out in Favor of Spanking

The chief probation officer for Greater Winnipeg, Alfred J. Kitchen, laid the blame for unruly children squarely in the parental lap when he addressed some 300 parents at a Home and School Association meeting.

"I am not for official corporal punishment in treating delinquents," he said, "but a good spanking in the home with considerable vigor could in many cases do a lot of good."

"It is all in the relationship between child and parent. Children expect kindly discipline from you and will even go to great lengths to get you to administer it," he stated.

## The World Today

### Egypt Receives Bombers from Czechs

According to diplomatic sources in Washington, D.C., Egypt has received 40 Russian-built Ilyushkin-bombers—some of them already

flying—from Communist Czechoslovakia, an Associated Press report states. The same sources also said that about 25 to 30 Russian-built MiG-15 jet fighters are in Egyptian hands.

It takes about 15 minutes to travel by air between Cairo and Tel-Aviv.

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### Sudan Seat in UN Approved by Council

The United Nations security council Monday unanimously recommended the admission of the Sudan to UN membership. The prompt action came only a week after the Sudanese application for membership was made public. Final approval of the Sudanese membership seems assured at the next session of the general assembly, probably this fall.

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### La Prensa Speaks Again

The voice of the old La Prensa was raised once more in Argentina on February 2. The famous newspaper, grabbed and silenced by Peron because of its fight for democracy, resumed publication with a fighting editorial promising its best efforts to keep dictatorship from rising again in Argentina.

La Prensa reappeared under the guidance of Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, exactly 1,833 days after it fell victim to ex-president D. Peron's regime.

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### U.S. Bans Travel in Hungary

The United States cracked down on Communist Hungary on Feb. 3 for "persecuting" Hungarian citizens who work for the American legation in Budapest and for imprisoning a husband-wife team who worked for American news services.

In its note denouncing the moves the U.S. stated that the travel of U.S. citizens to Hungary is again being banned. New restrictions upon the travel of Hungarian legation personnel in the United States will shortly be imposed.

### MULCHING RAISES RASPBERRY YIELDS

Sawdust mulching has been found to increase the yield of Madawaska raspberries by 50 per cent over clean cultivation, and straw mulching by 25 per cent, during a five-year period at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. In 1955, a very dry season, the yield of raspberries per acre was 3,850 pounds on sawdust mulch, 3,100 pounds on straw mulch, and only 1,742 pounds on clean cultivation. This effect is attributed to the greater moisture-holding capacity of mulched soils. In 1955 soil moisture was deficient on unmulched soil from June 15 to August 12, whereas a shortage did not develop on mulched soil until August 1st.

Both the sawdust and straw

mulches are maintained at a depth of 3 to 4 inches and whenever new mulch is added 300 pounds per acre of ammonium sulphate is applied to supply the nitrogen required in the gradual converting of the mulch to humus. In addition both the mulched rows and the clean cultivated rows receive an application of 700 pounds per acre of a 9-5-7 commercial fertilizer mixture each spring.

### EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS AT NORTH KILDONAN

Evangelistic services were held in the North Kildonan M. B. Church, Winnipeg, from January 29 to February 3. Rev. J. A. Toews, dean at the M.B. Bible College, spoke at the services.

During the course of the week's meetings sinners came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and God's children were strengthened and edified, consecrating themselves anew to God.

Another series of evangelistic meetings is anticipated in the same church in the latter part of February or the first part of March, when Rev. A. Neufeld of Margaret, Man., will be the evangelist.

### CMBC Students at Arnaud

Arnaud, Man. — Miss Nellie Lehn, a B.C. student at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, spoke at the Young People's Meeting in the Arnaud Mennonite church on January 23. She illustrated her talk with coloured slides taken by different people engaged in MCC or in Voluntary Service in Europe, the United States and Canada. A group of students from the college accompanied Miss Lehn and sang several songs.

Miss Lehn has served in Europe for two years under the MCC. She challenged young people to enter MCC or Voluntary Service work, drawing attention to the many opportunities in places like the Brandon Mental Hospital, Ninette Sanitorium, the Youth Farm in Saskatchewan, the Ailsa Craig Boy's Farm in Ontario, the PAX projects in the various countries, etc. She pointed out that there is still much misery and suffering in the world, declaring that, "Prayer is not enough. We need deeds, not words."

Miss Kathleen Janzen, a CMBC student from Arnaud, Man., accompanied the group and commented on the slides that she had taken while serving in Voluntary Service in California.

Outbreaks of scurvy among the early visitors to Canada were the result of lack of fresh fruit and vegetables in their diet on the long sea voyage. Today, it is known that vitamin C is the vital nutrient that prevents the disease.

# MCC

news & notes

## EUROPEAN PAX UNIT PLANS SECOND TOUR OF HOLY LAND

By Arlo Kasper

With plans for the second Pax study tour of the Holy Land nearing completion, 56 tour members are eagerly anticipating this opportunity to walk where Christ walked, and gain a better understanding of the Scriptures by seeing the land.

The tour will be Feb. 12 or 13 to Feb. 29 in Greece, the Bible lands and Italy.

Tour director H. Mueller, Pax man from Bell, Calif., said 35 Paxers and 11 other I-W men serving in Europe under the Brethren Service Commission will make the trip. Others include several Pax unit matrons and Mennonite Central Committee personnel, a Bethel College exchange student to Germany and one Pax parent.

The 85 men of Pax in Europe have honored Dwight Wiebe, European Pax director the past two years, with a gift paying his tour fare. Paxers are taking their vacations during the season when weather hampers construction, rather than during the summer months. Each is paying his own way.

Heading devotional activities for the group will be Pax pastor J. P. Duerksen of Hesston, Kans., and Jacob K. Klassen of Winkler, Man., director of Berlin MCC. Bible studies for the tour have been outlined in accordance with various points to be visited.

Salonika, Greece, is to be the first stop after leaving Germany by train. Visits to Pax units of Greece will be followed by an air trip to Beirut, Lebanon. The group will spend 11 days in the Bible lands of Syria, Jordan, and Israel.

From Tel Aviv, Israel, they will fly to Rome, the final major stop before returning by train to Germany. Mueller said close contact is being kept with MCC in Jordan concerning the Arab-Israeli condition. No difficulty is expected unless the situation becomes worse, he indicated.

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## MECHANICS NEEDED IN PERU CONSTRUCTION WORK

Three young mechanics are needed in Peru, South America, to work for the LeTourneau Foundation in the Mennonite Central Committee's Pax program for I-W service.

The request came from Roy S. LeTourneau, manager of the Peru road building firm. He wants men who have had experience in either



Part of a semi-completed road in the LeTourneau road-building project in Peru, South America. Seven Pax men are on the project.

diesel, road building or auto mechanics. Peruvians now operate the road machinery while Americans take care of maintenance and mechanical responsibilities.

Interested men may write to the MCC Personnel Office, Akron, Pa. Volunteers should expect to report in Akron around April 1.

There are currently seven young men in this Peru Pax unit.

The project includes the construction of a road for the government in the eastern jungles of Peru. Further plans call for colonization by clearing 400,000 acres of jungle in preparation for agricultural, commercial and industrial use.

Volunteers also are needed by Pax in Germany to build homes for refugee families.

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## PEACE SECTION AND DISASTER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES MEET

The Mennonite Central Committee has called a meeting of Peace Section members and representatives of the Mennonite disaster groups for March 1 and 2 in Chicago, Ill.

On March 1 the Peace Section will lead the discussion on the implications of participation in civil defense for a nonresistant Christian. With the Civil Defense organizations in the U.S. and Canada becoming more active, Mennonites are feeling pressures to join. In some cases Civil Defense officials have invited Mennonite disaster service representatives to sit in on local civil defense planning.

The MCC was asked to call this meeting of Peace Section members, representatives of Mennonite disaster groups and resource personnel to seek a unified approach to this question for nonresistant Christians.

On March second, two representatives of the National Red Cross, Robert Pierpont and Palmer Simpson, will meet with the Mennonite disaster service representatives and Peace Section members. This day will be given to planning coordination between the various disaster units and between Mennonite disaster units and the Red Cross disaster services.

## CHRISTMAS WITH PAX MEN IN GERMANY

Pax men in Europe distributed more than 2000 MCC Christmas bundles as they celebrated Christmas in 1955.

The Bielefeld unit reports that in early December they began visiting the homes of their community to find the neediest children. They gave a ticket to each family with eligible children and invited them to the distributions. At each distribution the Paxers showed a film on Christmas, sang and presented the story of Christ's coming to earth.

They also distributed a few bundles in the homes; here they sang carols and read the Christmas story.

On Christmas eve and Christmas day the German families invited the Pax men into their homes for dinner.

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## CHAPEL SPEAKER REPORTS VISIT TO JORDAN

Bro. Henry N. Hostetter, secretary of the Brethren in Christ Mission Board, spoke to the MCC headquarters group in chapel Feb. 1. While touring Brethren in Christ missions in December, he also visited the MCC unit in Jordan. He left Jordan the morning of Dec. 17—just a few hours before the riots in Jericho.

Bro. Hostetter stressed the spiritual need he found in Africa and the Middle East. But the work is hard, and the tensions call for courageous Christian workers.

## Weddings

### DYCK—GIESBRECHT

Miss Sara Giesbrecht, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Dueck, North Kildonan, Man., and the late Mr. Dueck, and Jacob I. Dyck, son of Mr. Isaak I. Dyck and the late Mrs. Dyck, North Kildonan, were married on February 4 in the North Kildonan M. B. church. Rev Wm. Falk, pastor of the church, officiated.

This was the second marriage for the groom.

## Deaths

### MRS. ANNA HIEBERT

Mrs. Anna Hiebert passed away on January 23, 1956, in the Rosthern Invalid Home at Rosthern, Sask. Death was caused by pneumonia. The funeral service was held in the Mennonite Brethren church at Hepburn, Sask., on January 29.

Mrs. Hiebert had one of her legs amputated in August of 1953, making it necessary for her to move to the Invalid Home at Rosthern with her husband. Prior to this they resided at Hepburn.

The Hieberts celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1955.

Mrs. Hiebert is survived by her husband, seven children, one brother and one sister.

## Aids for Meditation

### Woodhue Mottoes

These are inspirational texts in white on a walnut background, with floral design to enhance the appearance. The backs have both hangers and easels, thus they may be placed on the desk or hung on a wall.

\$1.00 Size 3 3/4" x 7 1/2"

Text on this rectangular motto is: "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

\$1.95 Size 5 1/2" x 12"

Texts available are: "As for me and for my house, we will serve the Lord"; "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house"; "Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee."

\$2.95 Size 7" x 15"

Texts in this selection are: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee. . ."; "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be. . ."; "Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass".

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### Birdie Plaques 85¢

These are 5" x 5" and finished in natural wood colour. There is a bird in full natural color and about half natural size on each plaque. Gold foil gift boxes.

The texts: "The Lord will help me"; "I will trust and not be afraid"; "His eye seeth every precious thing"; "He that keepeth thee will not slumber".

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### Inexpensive Wall Mottoes

85¢ Size 9 1/2" x 14 1/2"

Made of heavy cardboard, with white surface. The Scripture verse is in blue colour, while a full-colour flower adorns the motto. A fine gift in Sunday school or other classes.

90¢ Size 14 1/2" x 19 1/2"

A large motto in the same type of material as the one above. It has a beautiful floral design in rich colour, with a fine Scripture verse. Choice of: "God is our refuge and strength" or "The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him".

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## COLLEGES

### CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

A Choir School under the direction of Dr. Hohman of Bethel College has been held from January 25-31. Visiting conductors as well as students interested in choir work attended the classes. Instruction was given in Sight-singing and Ear-training, Conducting and Harmonic Analysis. In the evenings Dr. Hohman worked with a special choir, which was made up of some of our students as well as students from the Normal School and members of the church choirs.

On Sunday evening, January 29, this choir brought a program in the Bethel Mission Church. They sang five numbers, one of them being one of Dr. Hohman's compositions, "Jesus Stretched Forth His Hand" based on Matth. 14. Dr. Hohman also delivered a message on church music, explaining what constitutes a good hymn.

Dr. Hohman has been bringing the Chapel messages during his stay here. He sought to lead us to see the wonders of the great Creator in life all about us and to appreciate the great events of history which have shaped our thinking. \* \* \*

### MENNONITE BRETHREN BIBLE COLLEGE

#### Bible and Missionary Conference

The annual Bible and Missionary Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College will be held from February 23 to 26 in the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren church in Winnipeg. Rev. Herman Lenzmann, pastor of the M. B. Church at Yarrow, B. C., and a member of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, will be the main speaker. Other speakers will include Rev. J. A. Froese, city missionary in Calgary, Rev. P. W. Martens, former missionary at Winnipegosis, Man., and now colporteur, Rev. J. Schmidt, city missionary in Winnipeg, Rev. Elmer Warkentin, missionary to Borneo, and Captain C. F. Stabbert of the Marine Medical Mission.

The services will begin at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, with only one service at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and in the evening at 7:00 will be the last meetings. A welcome is extended to all who wish to share the blessings of the Lord at this Bible and Missionary Conference.

#### Chapel Speakers

Rev. Henry Krahn of Abbotsford, B.C., challenged us with "The Divine Compulsion of Jesus" on January 30. The Krahns are enroute to the M.B. mission field in India.

On Tuesday, January 31, Rev. Erickson, who has done extensive evangelistic work in North America and Europe, spoke to us. He portrayed how Jesus dealt with sinners, how He dealt with His own people, and how He dealt with hypocrites. He based his challenging message on John 4.

Rev. Ben Sawatsky, a minister of the Rudnerweider Church, presented a challenging report on February 1 on his tour of the West Indies in early 1955.

On Student Night, Feb. 3, Rev. Shunk and family of the Winnipeg Bible Institute and one of the students visited the M.B.B.C. Rev. Shunk delivered a message on "The High Cost of Christian Living", declaring that since it cost Christ so much to save us we should be willing to give up all for Him.

Helmut Klassen.

## HIGH SCHOOLS

### MENNONITE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE NORTH CLEARBROOK, B.C.

#### Visiting Speakers

Rev. Abe Toews, missionary to French Equatorial Africa, spoke in the senior high morning devotion period on January 30. He used Romans 15 as the basis for his message, also giving a short report on his mission work. Later in the morning he and his wife served the whole school during the activity period, which is usually devoted to club activities.

First Mrs. Toews translated and read a letter to us from a native Christian in Africa. Rev. Toews has translated numerous gospel songs into the native language, one of which he and Mrs. Toews then sang. Thereupon Rev. Toews showed a film which he had taken in Africa. It portrayed the life of the African natives and showed the great need for missionary workers.

On Friday, February 3, Rev. Peter Tschetter, Kansas, U.S.A., spoke at the senior high morning devotion period, portraying the possibilities of a person who dedicated his life to God.

#### "Bible Emphasis Week" Scheduled

The week from March 5 to 9 has been designated as "Bible Emphasis Week". Christians in and out of school have long been praying for it. It is designed to strengthen the believers and to win the unsaved to Christ. Rev. Henry Unrau, B.C. superintendent of the Canadian Sunday School Mission, will be the guest speaker. He will speak every morning in the senior high school and remain there during the rest of the morning for consultation. In the afternoon he will speak in the junior high school and remain there for consultation.

Rev. Unrau has had much experience in working with young people. If we will back him up with our prayers the Lord will be able to do mighty things.

Elmer Stobbe

### Biblical Discipline in Schools

As teachers we are hearing constantly that we are being unchristian in our discipline. This is especially true in our Mennonite schools, due no doubt to our Biblical position on non-resistance and love. We hear such questions as these. How can a Christian teacher spank a child? How can a teacher be called Christian who sharply rebukes students? Is it right to punish students who are Christians and past the age of accountability? Should teachers not speak softly, smilingly and try to lead children by example especially since children object to discipline? Is fear in the students a legitimate motivation to good behaviour? To answer these questions we will go to the Scriptures themselves, but in so doing we must watch one thing very closely. We must apply only verses that deal with the problem. Passages on non-resistance speak of our obligations as Christians to our society both Christian and non-Christian. Passages on discipline deal with an adult's relationship to children entrusted to his or her care. With this difference clearly in mind we can see that there is no conflict between Biblical non-resistance and the Biblical application of the rod of correction.

Should a child be spanked? Read Prov. 22:15, "Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him." Prov. 23:13-14, "Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. If you beat him with the rod you will save his life from Sheol." Note this last point and consider it well. A good spanking has saved many children from the terrible destruction of hell. Woe to the parent or teacher who is guilty of neglecting the rod of discipline.

Is it proper for a Christian teacher to speak sharply to a student? Read Prov. 29:15. "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother." The Bible teaches more methods of discipline than the rod. Some students need the rod, others need reproof, still others need both. Reproof means, "to rebuke with sharpness and often with abruptness." This dictionary definition is in agreement with the

Hebrew word used here "towkac-hath" which means "sharp chastisement by words." Such Biblical reproof is neglected by modern teachers. As a result our reform schools are full of young people who could have been saved if the teachers had been more firm in their speech.

How then may we expect the child to accept the use of the rod and reproof? That depends to a large degree on the parents. Do the parents accept this Biblical position? If not you cannot expect the child to. Such parents need to ponder the following verse. Prov. 12:1, "Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid." If the parent will grasp this Biblical truth and teach it to the child then we can expect the child to receive correction in the right spirit.

Some no doubt still feel that to reprove a child or to whip a child is not consistent with love. Read Prov. 13:24, "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him." We are in need of more diligence, in this matter for that proves our love. Also we read in Rev. 3:19, "Those whom I love, I reprove and chasten so be zealous and repent." It is true that discipline must be motivated by love but it is also true that if there is no discipline then according to God's Word there is no love.

So far I have been quoting mainly from Proverbs which contains the wisdom of the wisest man that ever lived, King Solomon. I would also like to point out several striking passages from the New Testament that have a bearing on our problem. I Tim. 5:20, "As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear." Fear is a legitimate motive to good behavior. Titus 1:12-13. "One of themselves a prophet of their own said, Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons. This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith."

From the above passages of Scripture it is clear that Biblical discipline is not a contradiction of non-resistance but rather it is the solemn obligation of a Christian teacher to apply both the rod and reproof. If the teacher fails to discipline the child then the teacher is failing to act as a Christian.

R. C. L. Mitten, Principal,  
Belleville Mennonite School.

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### THE MENNONITE DEVOTIONAL HOUR

A program presented by various Manitoba Mennonite groups and broadcast over radio station CKY (630), Winnipeg, at 7:00 to 7:15 a.m. every Sunday.

## The Winkler Bible School

1956 is proving to be a year of rich blessing for students of the Winkler Bible School. We experience this particularly when opportunities for service arise. Many kind invitations are being extended and we are doing our best to fulfil these engagements as the Lord directs.

A group of about 25 students visited the Kronsgart Church on January 8. Rev. H. H. Redekop presented the message, "Die Übergabe an den Herrn" (2 Cor. 8:5), and two students reported on the "poor-visitations" at Christmas.

On January 15 the entire student body presented a musical program in the neighboring Rudnerweider Church. Here too we felt that the Lord was using the message in word and song to honor His name. Rev. B. B. Boldt gave the message.

The afternoon of January 18 proved to be an exhausting, yet rewarding experience for the student choir and director, Mr. John

Boldt. Ten songs were put on tape by Mr. Dave Redekop of Winnipeg; this meant a prolonged period of intense concentration and vocal work.

The Horndean Mission was visited on the morning of January 22. A program of music was given by the choir and Rev. Redekop spoke on "The Giving of Self" Matt. 17:22. On the same evening the male chorus provided the music for the English service in the Winkler M. B. Church. Quartets and trios continue to serve behind the scenes in the hospital and Old Folks Home at Morden besides accepting special invitations.

Mr. John Boldt's voice students presented a recital of sacred music in the Chapel on January 30. The audience felt that each selection had been carefully and prayerfully chosen, and prepared.

Another student project that is rapidly developing is the year book. It is our desire that even this publication might be a means of promoting the Bible School.

Miss Linda Banman, who is soon returning to her field of missionary service in Brazil, spoke to the student body in the morning Chapel on February 1. Again we were challenged to pray for our representatives of the Gospel in the distant lands.

On February 5 a bus-load of students accompanied by three teachers presented a program at Manitou. Rev. B. B. Boldt gave the message. In the evening the same group went to Morden, where Mr. Goossen brought the message. Plans for future church visitations are Burwalde — Feb. 12; Grossweide — Feb. 19.

As we, the teachers and students, serve in various ways, we solicit your continued support in prayer that the Word of the Lord might go forth unhindered.

—Della Rinas.

## Choir Directors Meet in Yarrow

The choir directors of the Mennonite Brethren churches in British Columbia met in Yarrow, B.C. on February 4 and 5 for their annual meeting. Rev. C. D. Toews, music director at the Mennonite Educational Institute at North Clearbrook and chairman of the choir director's committee, presided at the meetings.

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 4, two lectures were given, the first one by Mrs. Jake Toews, formerly of Winnipeg, on "Voice Production in the Choir", and the second one by Mr. H. P. Neufeldt, director of music at the M.B. Bible Institute, North Clearbrook, B.C., on "Fundamentals in Conducting."

The session on Saturday evening centered on work with the Junior Choirs. The Junior Choir from the So. Abbotsford M.B. Church, under the direction of Mr. J. Ratzlaff, and the Junior Choir from the Matsqui M.B. Church, directed by Mr. Abe Konrad, sang several songs during the evening session. Mr. H. DeFehr of Abbotsford spoke on "Factors that Contribute to the Growth of a Junior Choir."

A business session followed the discussion of the topic, "Duties of a Conductor", by Rev. C. D. Toews on Sunday afternoon. The committee of conductors includes Rev. C. D. Toews, chairman, Mr. Wm. Wiebe, Abbotsford, Mr. George Reimer, Yarrow, Mr. Jake Doerksen, North Clearbrook, and Mr. Bill Peters.

A special program brought the sessions to a close on Sunday evening. The choir of the Fraserview M.B. Church in Vancouver, under Mr. B. Ewert's leadership, and a Ladies' Choir from Greendale M. B. Church, under Mrs. P. Harder's leadership, sang at the service. Rev. H. Epp of Blaine, Washington, delivered a message on the value of a choir for the local church.

## NEW RADIO PROGRAM BY MANITOBA MENNONITES

On January 31st the Radio Program Committee of the Conference of Mennonites in Manitoba met in Altona, Man., and agreed to launch a new 15-minute radio program entitled "The Mennonite Devotional Hour". It will be broadcast over CKY (630 on your dial), Winnipeg, at 7:00 p.m., every Sunday morning. Rev. Henry Funk of Winnipeg has been named the program director.

A special feature of this program is that various groups will participate in the production of it,

thus it will represent a cross-section of the Conference.

The committee is continuing to concentrate its efforts on getting a German radio program on the air, for it is convinced of the definite need for this among our people. To date these attempts have been fruitless.

## On the Horizon

February 9, 10, and 11. — The M.B. Collegiate Institute will present the drama "Die Königin Esther" in the auditorium of the school on Talbot Ave., Winnipeg.

February 10. — The Fairview Mennonite Home at Preston, Ont., will be formally opened for inspection on this date. Dedication services have been postponed until April.

February 12 to 17. — The annual "Bible Emphasis Week" will be held at the Eden Christian College, Ont., at this time. Rev. Hugo Jantz, who will soon be leaving to take up missionary service at Quito, Ecuador, on radio station HCJB, will speak.

February 19-24. — Rev. John A. Harder of Yarrow, B.C., will be serving at a series of services in the M.B. church at Leamington, Ont. The services begin at 8 p.m. every evening.

February 22 — Reynold Siemens, cellist, will appear in recital at the Young United Church, Winnipeg, under the auspices of the Mennonite Symphony Orchestra.

February 24 to 26 — The annual Missionary Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College will be held in the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church in Winnipeg.

February 25. — Eden Christian College, Ont., is planning a musical evening on which a wide variety of instrumental pieces and choir songs will be presented.

February 27 to March 9 — A two-week Ministers' Course will be given at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg. Dr. A. H. Unruh will assist the faculty in its presentation of a thorough course of Bible study, practical theology and church history. Ministers and laymen of all denominations are invited to attend the course.

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