

# Mennonite Observer

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

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Construction of a Christian young people's center (Jugendheim) in Friesland colony, Paraguay, is shown in these pictures. When completed, the building will serve as a center for recreational and social activities to tie in with the youth work in the local church. Leader of this center is Willy Janz, who attended Tabor College and the Mennonite Brethren Bible College. Brother Janz is supported in his work by the North American Mennonite Brethren Board of General Welfare. This Jugendheim is constructed with the assistance of a Sunday school class of the Reedley, California, Mennonite Brethren Church. It is situated on a several-acre plot of ground near the Mennonite Brethren Church and Bible School. Above Friesland young people are shown preparing thatch for the roof.



## Dedicate Addition to Bethesda Home

*Vineland, Ont.* — The new addition to the Bethesda Home here was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, February 5. Committee members and representatives were present from each province.

Guest speaker at the dedicatory service was Rev. David Pankratz of Coaldale, Alta., while the choir of the Kitchener M.B. Church provided the music. Representatives of the six Mennonite Brethren churches in Ontario gave short talks. The dedicatory prayers were spoken by Rev. George Epp,

the house-father, Rev. David Pankratz, Coaldale, Alta., and by Rev. D. D. Derksen, Boissevain, Man. Rev. George Epp, the house-father of the Bethesda Home, and Mr. George Friesen, presented reports on the work, with Mr. Friesen giving the financial report.

The new addition provides a much-needed assembly hall and a women's therapy room. Rooms are still vacant on the second floor, but already various ladies' societies have gathered about \$1,200 toward outfitting the rooms.

## Fire Destroys New Home

*Abbotsford, B.C.* — The foundation and the chimney are all that remain after an early morning fire razed the new \$12,000 home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ratzlaff on Tuesday, February 7. All the occupants escaped.

Going to the basement at 5:00 a.m. to investigate an odor of smoke in the house, Mr. Ratzlaff was met by an explosion that threw him against the wall, severely burning his face and hands. He escaped from the room through a broken window, carried out his invalid father-in-law, and drove the car out of the built-in garage. His wife and the two children at home also escaped. No furniture or any of the family possessions could be saved, except the car.

Two sons, Eric and Harold, were not at home.

Mr. Ratzlaff was taken to the Abbotsford hospital for treatment of his burns and it is expected that he will be there about 10 days.

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The Ratzlaffs moved to Abbotsford, British Columbia, from Linden, Alberta, but a short while ago. They settled on Emerson Rd., near its junction with Huntingdon Rd.

## Week of Special Services at Regina

*Regina, Sask.* — The Mennonite Brethren Church here experienced a week of fellowship and strengthening in the faith when it was served by Rev. J. J. Thiessen, Herbert, in a series of Bible studies from Jan. 29-31, and by Rev. L. Redekopp in four evenings of evangelistic services, held from February 1 to 3.

Rev. Thiessen chose to discuss the epistle of Paul to the Philipians during his meetings. Although the time was limited, necessitating the study of a whole chapter at each service, the church received a rich blessing and new spiritual insight into this portion of God's Word.

On Monday evening, January 30, the church was also privileged to hear a short report by Miss Mary Schultz, R.N., on her work in Durango, Mexico, where she is serving under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. Sister Schultz was in Regina to be with her father, who was critically ill in the General Hospital here. Her home is in the Herbert district of Saskatchewan.

The church is also very thank-

ful for the inspiring messages given by Rev. Lawrence Redekopp during the evangelistic meetings from February 1 to 3.

## Jantzens Return to India

The Aron Jantzen and Lubin W. Jantzen families were scheduled to return to India by air February 16, flying from Los Angeles via New York and Europe. They are serving under the General Conference Mennonite Mission Board.

Missionaries Aron and Lubin Jantzen are sons of Rev. F. F. Jantzen, Paso Robles, California, who has two other sons and one daughter serving in General Conference mission fields: Rev. John Jantzen in the Belgian Congo, Rev. Albert Jantzen, formerly in China, now in Arizona, and Mrs. Earl Roth in the Belgian Congo.

The Aron Jantzens will resume their work at Champa in the Bethesda Home and Hospital. The Lubin Jantzens will be stationed at Jagdeeshpur, where much of their work will be at the Janzen Memorial middle and high school.

# EDITORIAL

## Revival Will Come, If . . .

It has become customary for Mennonite churches to sponsor at least one week of evangelistic services a year. We regard them as part of the routine of church life, something like the weekly choir practice, only not as often. It is not that we really want revival enough to get down on our knees in repentance before God, but we hope that through some unforeseen circumstance revival might come to our church.

For many of us evangelistic meetings are just that—only meetings, as cold and formal as the term itself. In order to appear interested in church work we appear quite punctually, sing the gospel songs, listen to the message and the special music and go home—to bed. We are a bit disappointed when some unsaved member of the family or relative does not decide for Christ—but then, there will be evangelistic meetings next year again.

When some church does experience revival we experience a slight thrill and hope begins to form within our breast. And then someone says, "Yes, I suppose 'the wind bloweth where it listeth' and this year just wasn't our year." We might even be slightly shocked by the complacency revealed in the statement—yet unconsciously adopt the same position and settle back to wait for "next year". It very seldom occurs to us that possibly we could have done something to bring that revival.

God's Word, however, clearly reveals that God will only bless us if we meet His conditions, if we are obedient. In respect to spiritual blessings the statements are clear-cut. "If my people . . . will humble themselves, and pray . . . and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." This is not a mass movement, as we would like to think of revival, this is an individual experience. And when the individual will repent of his coldness, worldliness, pride, boasting, lying, misrepresenting, unforgiving spirit, malice, love of money, exhibitionism, then God will revive the individual—and thus the church, for it is made up of individuals.

After we have ourselves been revived we will not only be going to "meetings". Then we will be out to win souls for Christ, ready to attend the special prayer services, ready to approach unsaved about their lost condition, inviting them to church and confronting them with the necessity of a decision after the message. Then we will also be much in prayer for the evangelist, instead of mutilating his sermons by our criticism and casting doubt on his sincerity by our unchristian comments.

"If we are foolish enough to do it, we may spend the year 1956 vainly begging God to send revival, while we blindly overlook His requirements and continue to break His laws. Or we can begin to obey and learn the blessedness of obedience. The Word of God is before us. We have only to read and do what is written there and revival is assured. It will come as naturally as the harvest comes after the plowing and the planting." (Dr. A. W. Tozer.)

## OUR READERS SAY

To the Editor:

I am thankful that this very new project, which was started by people who saw the need of an English paper published by our own publishers, proves to be so successful. We have been reading it since its beginning and it has proven to be a real blessing.

Just a word of encouragement to the editor and those working with him. I believe it makes our young people feel proud to have a paper which they can call their own.

In the MENNONITE OBSERVER we have articles that

bring forth good Bible truths, presented in accordance with our principles; we have articles on mission work that give our young people a better insight into what is going on in our mission fields. We find educational articles which are of interest to our studying young people. Furthermore, we do not only abide by our own mission or church news, but we read what other organizations are doing. One more thing I would like to commend our editor on: the news is very much up to date.

I trust that the editor will not be hurt if a little criticism is given at times. I disapprove of the wording of some of the captions. One

## Devotional

### The Valley of Decision

By J. H. Goossen\*

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is at hand in the valley of decision" (Joel 3:14).

The valley of decision referred to in the above verse was locally known as the Valley of Kedron. David crossed it in great grief and sorrow as he fled from his son Absalom. Today we generally associate it with Christ as He prayed in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Figuratively speaking, we speak of this valley as representing a place of spiritual crisis.

The valley of decision is a place of sober thought. Every crisis is not only a time of extreme danger, but also a time of great opportunity. A question that all men have to face is: Do I want to live my life in God's way or do I want to live for self and the devil? The choice rests with man, for God created man a free moral being and gave him the prerogative of choice. He may love God or defy Him.

To choose God bestows dignity upon man, for he is created for a high calling and for a glorious destiny. It is also the will of God that man should choose His way. Throughout the Bible the positive call to decision is sounded. It urges man: "Choose life that you may live". To choose otherwise is to miss the purpose of life for which God has created man. It also reveals man's moral depravity. A future world of sorrow awaits him instead of a world of unending joy. Man can, therefore, either make or mar his life as he faces the inescapable challenge: "Choose you this day whom you will serve".

The Bible contains a glowing record of those who, in spite of great difficulties, chose God's way in the valley of decision. In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews we have the honor roll of those who chose wisely. Of the many named we might point out Moses, who chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, esteeming the reproaches of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt". In this he became a notable example for youth. It was Joshua who stated at the close of his life that his decision still remained, "as for me and for my house, we will serve the Lord." There is no remorse here for ever having made such a decision.

that I am thinking of in particular is "Unruh Speaks at East Chilliwick".

I have noticed several such captions. To me this does not seem respectful enough. I believe our older brethren, or pillars in our

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Among the others who could be mentioned are the 7,000 who, during the time of Elijah, defied Ahab and did not bow down to idolatrous worship.

There are many, however, who came into this strait and did not choose well. The rich young ruler who was so near to the kingdom of God decided to remain with the goods of this world instead of choosing to follow Christ and have the nearness of His presence. He was attracted to Christ, but when the test came he could not leave the things that were dear to him. Halfheartedness can only spell rejection, for Christ warns: "You cannot serve God and Mammon." Another fateful decision was made by Judas, who sold his faithful Master for 30 pieces of silver; while Pilate would have the honor and praise of men rather than identify himself with Christ, who is the Truth which he was looking for.

Today as the glorious Gospel message goes forth across the nation and to multitudes in the regions beyond, we ask: "What will the decision be?" Will it be Christ? Or will the tumultuous cry arise, "Away with this man and release unto us Barabbas". The time for decision is short, for the valley of decision is also the valley of verdict, of judgment. The day of the Lord is at hand. A choice must be made. We all *must* choose—we all *do* choose. "Choose life that you may live."

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## "Wort des Lebens" on the Air

Virgil, Ont. — A German radio broadcast, "Wort des Lebens", was broadcast for the first time Sunday, February 12, at 9:05 p.m., over CHVC, Niagara Falls, Ont. It is being sponsored and presented by the M. B. Church at Virgil.

The idea of a German radio broadcast for the many German-speaking people of the Niagara Peninsula and adjacent New York State originated with Herman Kroeker, director of the English broadcast, "Moments of Blessing". He passed the idea on to the church, who found the speakers and arranged for broadcast time.

Mr. Rudy Bartel, teacher at the Eden Christian College, is the director of the broadcast, "Wort des Lebens", and Rev. D. J. Klassen is the speaker. A 20-voice choir led by Mr. Henry Goerzen, a graduate of the M. B. Bible College, is supplying the special music.

The prayers of God's people are solicited for this new endeavor.

## Four-Day Bible Conference at New Hazelton

New Hazelton, B.C. — Rev. Henry Warkentin, field director of the West Coast Children's Mission, made a trip to northern British Columbia before he assumed his teaching responsibilities at the East Chilliwack Bible School. In New Hazelton he conducted a four-day Bible Conference, which proved to be a time of spiritual refreshing for those living in the area.

Speaking twice on Sunday, January 22, he based his morning message on Matthew 2:1-2 and his evening message on Deuteronomy 33:26-29. From Monday to Wednesday he led in a discussion

## OUR READERS SAY

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church, should be given all due respect. The word "Rev." or "Dr." in front of the "Unruh" would make it sound more respectful, and I am sure that it would not take up too much space. Let us respect our seniors, especially if they have at one time or another been our teachers.

May the Lord bless this great work to His glory.

A subscriber,  
I. H. Penner

(Editor's note: Criticism, if made in the spirit of Christ, is always welcome. In this particular instance we were only following the usual newspaper practice (Christian papers too) in the headlines. It was not intended to be disrespectful. In the future we will try to word the headlines so that they will be without offence to anyone.)

of the book of Ruth in a series of evening services. He pointed out that Ruth was an example to us in her unselfish decision, as revealed in chapter one, in her untiring labour, as shown in chapter two, and in her strict obedience, as demonstrated in chapter three.

More and more Christian teachers have been moving into the area about New Hazelton, settling down to teach in mining and logging towns and on the Indian reservations. Nurses are coming to the 50-bed Wrinch Memorial Hospital at Hazelton. They all need a spiritual home—and they find that at the gospel chapel in New Hazelton.

## Through Suffering Into Service

By John Esau

Vauxhall, Alta. — Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Baergen, missionaries from Australia, spoke at three evening services in the M. B. church here, beginning on Feb. 6 and continuing to Feb. 9.

Because the first two services were held in the English language, many of our English friends from the surrounding district also attended the meetings. Our hearts were stirred as Rev. and Mrs. Baergen gave us a report on their experiences as prisoners of the Germans and Japanese during the last war. God was very near to them throughout their ordeal and most certainly spared them for a purpose.

Rev. Baergen, formerly of Chinoook, Alta., left Canada in 1941 for India as a missionary under the World Wide Evangelization Crusade. Since it was wartime, he had to make a rather circuitous trip. Leaving San Francisco by ship he was able to get to Australia without too much trouble. After some time in Australia he, together with fellow missionaries and others, embarked for India on a freighter carrying butter, wool and mutton, commodities that the Germans needed at that time. Among the approximately 70 passengers was also the present Mrs. Baergen, a resident of Australia and going to India under the same mission board as Mr. Baergen.

They had been aboard the slow freighter about three weeks when it was discovered and shelled by a German warship. The ship was soon captured and the crew and passengers taken prisoner. They were frequently transferred from one ship to another out on the high seas, a rather dangerous procedure and full of suspense. After almost two months of this the Germans handed them over to the Japanese, who took them to Japan and interned them. It was three and a half years before they were liberated by the armies of General MacArthur.

During this time their Bibles, which they had been able to re-

trieve, and the presence of the Lord became especially precious to them. They also seized every opportunity for testifying for their Lord and Saviour. Sailors were converted aboard ship and fellow prisoners-of-war in Japan made decisions for Christ. Rev. Baergen even had

the privilege of baptizing four converts in the prisoner-of-war camp.

Physically, the situation grew worse, for they were slowly being starved to death. Had their liberation come a month later they probably would not have survived.

When the war ended they, together with others, were returned to Australia. Later Rev. Baergen and the present Mrs. Baergen married. At the present time they are active in the headquarters of the World Wide Evangelization Crusade at Brisbane, Australia.

On one of the evenings they showed a short film on the wild life of Australia and of their work there, followed by slides on Japan. This part certainly was very informative and educational.

Though Rev. and Mrs. Baergen have been tested and tried by the Lord in a special way, they still feel that they have been greatly enriched by the experience. We likewise have been enriched by their reports. Our faith has been strengthened. May we all learn to suffer persecution willingly for our Lord's sake and to His honor and glory.

## Five Dead in Car-Truck Crash

Five people were killed and two injured when a skidding car crashed into a truck on Thursday, February 9, near St. Anne, Man., which is 28 miles south-east of Winnipeg. The dead and injured were members of two Church of God in Christ Mennonite families on a drive into Winnipeg for a visit.

Dead are: John P. Wiebe, 52, of Steinbach, Man., owner of the Steinbach creamery; Mrs. Helen Wiebe, 44, his wife; Delbert Wiebe, their four-year-old son; George W. Wohlgenuth, 45, owner and driver of the car, who farmed at Greenland, Man.; Leslie Wohlgenuth, his three-year-old son. Injured were: Mrs. George Wohlgenuth, 32, whose condition since regaining consciousness is described as stable with a fractured rib, multiple lacerations and shock; Gerry Wiebe, 12, reported in fair condition with a double fracture of the skull and a fractured left hip. Both are in the St. Boniface hospital.

The Wiebe family had driven to the Wohlgenuth farm and left their car there. Together with the Wohlgenuths they headed for Winnipeg. Driving north on No. 12 highway, they met a Penner's transfer truck of Steinbach, Man., driven by Peter G. Peters. The car went into a skid and the left side collided with the truck. Mr. Peters and Wm. Unruh, his brother-in-law, a passenger in the truck, were unhurt.

Mrs. Wiebe and Mrs. Wohlgenuth are stepsisters. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Penner of Greenland, Man., have been on

an extended trip to California. They heard of the accident in Kansas, while on their way home.

Surviving Mr. and Mrs. Wiebe are their three sons, Gerry, seriously injured in the accident; Robert, 18, and Clifford, 16, who are employed in their father's creamery.

Mr. Wiebe is survived by five brothers, Neal, Bill and Ben, of Steinbach, Joe, an M. B. home missionary at Ashern, Man.; and Frank in B.C.; and five sisters, Mrs. Ben Toews, Mrs. G. D. Penner and Mrs. Peter Guenther, of Steinbach; and Mrs. Dan Bartman and Mrs. Frank Bartman, in Alberta.

Surviving Mrs. Wiebe are her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Penner; her sister, Mrs. Friesen, and four brothers, Andrew and James in Winnipeg, Art in Kansas, and Abe.

Surviving Mr. Wohlgenuth are his wife; one daughter Margaret, 16; his father, C. P. Wohlgenuth, and four brothers, Isaac, Henry and Cornelius, all of the Ste. Anne district, and John of Grand Prairie, Alta.

## ALUMNI SPONSORS LECTURER

North Clearbrook, B.C. — The Alumni Association of the Mennonite Educational Institute is sponsoring a public lecture by Dr. Rose, history lecturer at the University of B.C., on February 25 in the auditorium of the Mennonite Educational Institute.

The topic Dr. Rose will discuss is "Whither Central Europe?"

## HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

### Home Again After Operation

*Plum Coulee, Man.* — Mr. P. M. Hiebert of here, who had an operation in the Winkler Hospital just recently, is back home again to recuperate.

The Winkler Bible School will present a program in the Grossweide M. B. church on Sunday evening, February 19.

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### Edwin Klippenstein New Editor for "Der Leitstern"

*Altona, Man.* — Rev. Edwin Klippenstein, a Rudnerweider minister active among the Indians at Dominion City, Man., has been appointed the editor of "Der Leitstern", Rudnerweider church paper.

The paper was edited by the late C. J. Bergen until his death. Thereafter G. H. Penner carried on for a while, but resigned from the editorial work. Rev. Klippenstein then assumed the responsibility for the paper, which has been published for 13 years.

The three-man committee supervising the publishing includes Bishop W. H. Falk and Rev. P. D. Berg, business manager.

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### Rudnerweider Church Now Totals 1,706 Members

*Altona, Man.* — During 1955 thirty-six persons were baptized and received into the Rudnerweider Church in Manitoba, while an additional 16 transferred their membership to it from other churches. This brings the total membership of the Rudnerweider Church in Manitoba up to 1,706.

Statistics show that the churches in southern Manitoba have a membership of 1,189, while outlying congregations at Austin, Mayfield and other places have 517 altogether.

### Salem Home for the Aged Now Completed

Rev. J. M. Pauls, chairman of the board of directors of the Salem Home for the Aged, at Winkler, Man., has announced that construction of the home has been completed. Rev. Abram Born of Morden, Man., has consented to assume the responsibility of house father. Miss Elizabeth Peters, R.N., is the matron.

Already there is a waiting list of those who want to enter the home, which will begin receiving guests early in March. Printed application forms may be received from Salem Home, Box 1210, Winkler, Man.

The official dedication of the home has been postponed until summer in order to make it possible for all to attend.

All of the staff for the home have as yet not been engaged, but this is being taken care of now.

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### Relief Center at Altona

*Altona, Man.* — Volunteer workers at the new Canadian Mennonite Relief Center at Altona, Man., packed about 1,500 pounds of clothing for overseas relief on January 26.

According to Henry Striemer, director of the Altona relief center, about 500 pounds of clothing are needed at the present time to complete a one-ton shipment to the Canadian MCC headquarters at Waterloo, Ontario.

Last year the Altona center packed and shipped a total of 6,691 pounds of clothing for distribution overseas. Three separate shipments were made: March 31, 2348 pounds in 35 cartons; June 21, 2271 pounds in 37 cartons; Nov. 7, 2072 pounds in 25 cartons.

young men and women are needed to help care for the elderly residents of that home.

There will also be openings for teachers in Newfoundland. The scope of this work is practically unlimited because schools are poorly equipped, teaching has been poor, and the religious training of the children has been neglected. Last year our Newfoundland unit operated the first Daily Vacation Bible School ever to be conducted in that part of the country. The children responded well and the

effort was well received in the community. If you are a teacher and are looking for a change and a challenging opportunity for Christian service in your field, you should seriously consider our service unit in Newfoundland as an opening for you.

We also encourage any other young people who feel the call towards sacrificial service to contact the Mennonite Central Committee Office, 10 Union St. East, Waterloo, Ontario, for further information and application forms.

## Sunday School Convention Announced for Dalmeny

*Hepburn, Sask.* — Rev. P. J. Wiebe has announced that a district Sunday School Convention will be held in the Dalmeny Mennonite Brethren church on February 25 and 26, with Rev. Nick Willems, pastor of the Woodrow, Sask., M. B. Church, and Rev. Wesley Klassen, instructor at the Briercrest Bible Institute, Carleton Place, Sask., as the main speakers.

Preliminary plans for the convention were made during a meeting of the M. B. Sunday school superintendents in the area in the Christmas season. They elected a convention committee with Rev. P. J. Wiebe of Hepburn as chairman; Alex Schultz, Waldheim, responsible for finances and special features; Norman Jantzen of Dalmeny responsible for registration and accommodation; Ed Buller and Clifford Nickel of Saskatoon, responsible for publicity.

It is hoped that all of the Sunday school teachers in the area will avail themselves of this opportunity to gain a better perspective for their work and to study more effective ways of teaching. Although this is a venture of the Mennonite Brethren churches, ev-

eryone interested in Sunday school work is welcome.

Guest speakers at the convention will deliver four main addresses. These will stress the importance of the Sunday school in relation to the total program of the church, to youth problems, to modern educational philosophies, and to home life. In addition 16 workshops will give valuable hints and inspiration to teachers attending the convention.

Those who will be helping out in the workshops include Rev. Orlando Wiebe, pastor of the EMB Church at Dalmeny; Rev. P. R. Toews, pastor of the M. B. Church at Hepburn; Rev. G. B. Dyck, pastor of the host church; Rev. J. H. Epp, principal of Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn; Rev. Walter Wiebe, instructor at Bethany Bible Institute and pastor of the Laird M. B. Church; Mrs. H. M. Willems, Brotherfield; and Miss Martha Willems, Saskatoon.

A special feature of the convention will be the banquet on Saturday night, Feb. 24. A display of Sunday school materials and equipment will add to the value of the fellowship and inspiration.

## Twenty-Two Active in Voluntary Service

By H. W. Toews

*Waterloo, Ont. (MCC)* — Twenty-two young people are engaged in the MCC Voluntary Service program in Canada, with nine active in Newfoundland, one serving in an old folks' home, four working with the boys at the Ailsa Craig Boys' Farm, four active at the Gowan's Home for Missionary Children at Collingwood, three working with children at the Willow Hall Orphanage in Waterloo and one serving in the MCC Clothing Center at Kitchener.

All of these young people are serving "In the Name of Christ" in some area of human need. In Newfoundland five teachers are in day schools that have been grossly neglected in the past, two registered nurses are meeting the health needs in this backward area, and a Christian couple hold services and minister to men working in the forests making pulpwood.

There are abundant opportunities for any young people who are Christians and would like to help the Church in fulfilling its mission in some area of religious, social, educational, health, or other human need.

At the present time we are arranging for a new unit at the United Mennonite Home for the Aged in Vineland, Ont., where both

## M.B.C.I. Presents "Die Koenigin Esther"

On three successive evenings parents and friends filled the auditorium of the M. B. Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg to view the presentation of the play, "Die Koenigin Esther", and to listen to the brief musical concert that preceded it.

An estimated number of 1200 attended the program, held on the evenings of February 9, 10 and 11. All went away convinced that even a comparatively small school can put on a creditable program if it is willing to put an effort into it. Both the singing of the small ensemble and the playing of the string ensemble gave evidence of real effort and was a delight to listen to. The gorgeous costuming and the excellent staging was one of the highlights of the play.

The play, "Die Koenigin Esther", was adapted from the Biblical story

by Rev. D. K. Duerksen and its application drew a parallel between the travail of the Mennonites during the centuries and the tribulations the Jews had to endure. The scenes showed King Ahasuerus at his banquet, to which Queen Vashti refused to come, Mordecai's refusal to bow to Haman, Haman's plotting to murder all Jews, Esther's inner conflict before she went before the king, Esther's appearance before the king, Haman's plotting to hang Mordecai, the king's inability to sleep, Haman receiving his orders to honor Mordecai, and Haman's fall while Mordecai is elevated. A narrator bridged the gaps between the scenes.

Taking the role of King Ahasuerus was Dietmer Goertz, Esther was played by Anne Wall, Haman by Bill DeFehr and Mordecai by Leonard Peters.

## Mission Work in Asuncion, Paraguay

By Hans Wiens

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20a).

This command comes from the lips of Christ. The disciples' obedience to it resulted in a tremendous upheaval in the intellectual and spiritual world. Yes, the time came when men said, "These that have turned the world upside down have come hither also." Yet there came a time when but few heeded this call, although they still heard it.

In the 18th century the modern missionary movement began in Europe and in America. One denomination after another was swept along by the missionary fervor generated by men on fire for God. The Mennonites also began to proclaim the Gospel unto the uttermost parts of the world, albeit a little later than most other groups.

This missionary call of Christ was also heard by two Mennonite students at the Bible school in Bragado, Argentina, in 1951. They thrust it aside, but that did not give them peace. Somehow they could not get rid of the responsibility, even though they knew the difficulties.

In January, 1953, at the suggestion of the MCC director in Paraguay, F. J. Wiens, a correspondence was begun with the secretary of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. It was felt that the Mennonites should also do their part in helping to evangelize those still without Christ in Asuncion.

The mission work was begun in January, 1955, with Albert Enns given the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel. The missionary board in Filadelfia supervised the work. On February 10 the brethren A. Enns, Jose Misena and H. Wiens visited the professor of philosophy, Don Reinaldo Decoud Larrosa, the chairman of the Association of Evangelical Churches in Paraguay. He expressed great joy that the Mennonites had finally decided to take this step. He pointed out the great opportunities for mission work in the city of Asuncion and showed the brethren locations where no evangelical mission work was being done. One sector of the city, Hospital de Clinicas, aroused especial interest, partly because it was so heavily populated and partly because there was no Catholic or evangelical church there. However, the sector Las Mercedes was the site of the first active mission work.

Albert Enns began the mission work by distributing tracts and religious literature. He completed this phase of the work by the end

of April and then rented a house on the Avenida Peru. This was dedicated on June 12, 1955, with the ministers J. Harder, J. Franz, K. Voth, Heinz Epp and G. Balzer present.

The first Spanish service in the house was to be held the Sunday following the dedication. Yet no Paraguayan national came out for the service. As a result the services were held in German, but were quickly switched to the Spanish language when a Paraguayan lady appeared on July 3. The preaching has been solely in the Spanish language since August 28, 1955, with Paraguayan nationals present every Sunday but one.

How is mission work done among the Paraguayans? First of all it must be understood that the normal Paraguayan has no respect for the Protestants. Their confidence must be gained before any work can be done. It must also be clearly kept in mind that mission work is not merely a matter of making a Mennonite out of a Catholic, but it consists of bringing him to a knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The first stage is house visitation. The Gospels, in illustrated form, are offered to them. Most

of the people are interested in the pictures of the Holy Land and will listen to an explanation of them. But thereafter the reaction varies. Some state that they are not permitted to receive evangelical literature, others declare that they are convinced Catholics and do not want the literature, some buy the literature, while some only ask questions. The first group is told that every man is free to take and read any literature he pleases, the second group is told that there are no great differences between the Catholic and the Protestant Bibles, and the last two groups are asked if they would not like to receive free literature by mail every month.

On later visits a better contact is made. By then they know what the visitor's position is. Often they have questions which can be answered from God's Word. Various books and biographies are received eagerly.

This personal acquaintance with the worker is often the first motive for them to attend a service. This has been proved true in the different churches in Asuncion and also in our mission work. Therefore an attempt is made to follow the New Testament pattern, where every Christian is a witness for Christ. It was in this way that the Gospel spread to the whole then-known world.

## M. B. Board of General Welfare News

—A letter of greeting to the South American Mennonite Brethren district conference was sent to the chairman, Rev. Kornelius Voth, by the Board of General Welfare. The conference met at Bage, Brazil, January 29 to February 5. The North American Mennonite Brethren Board is assisting the South American brotherhood in its mission and evangelization work through funds appropriated for that purpose.

—A conference of Mennonite Brethren ministers and deacons from Brazil and Uruguay is being planned.

—The Mennonite Brethren group at Blumenau, Brazil, is constructing a new church building, according to R. C. Seibel's report.

—Dedication of the Mennonite Brethren Church building at El Ombu, Uruguay, is scheduled for early in February. Tobias Foth, leader of the congregation, hopes to bring several brethren along with him from the conference for the dedication. The building has been constructed with the assistance of the Board of General Welfare.

—Montevideo Bible School in Uruguay concluded its current session with a program on December 30 instead of in January, as originally planned. Since it was harvest time, many of the students were needed for field work. Following the school term, C. C. Peters went to Sao Paulo and Curi-

tiba, Brazil, to visit Mennonite Brethren groups. In Sao Paulo he spent several days conducting Bible readings and doing personal work. Brother Peters reports that the Mennonite Brethren fellowship in Sao Paulo is in need of a minister. G. H. Sukkau, the other Montevideo Bible School instructor, accompanied by several students, served the Mennonite Brethren groups at Libertad, Gartental and El Ombu.

—Brother and Sister Tobias Foth are grateful to the Lord for Sister Foth's recovery from recent surgery, which has been successful.

## EVANGELIST FROM LEBANON IN ONTARIO

Kitchener, Ont. — Rev. Samuel Doctorian, well-known evangelist from Beirut, Lebanon, concluded a five-day series of services at the Bethany United Missionary Church in Kitchener, Ont., on January 29.

Rev. Doctorian has conducted evangelistic campaigns in most of the Middle East countries and is often referred to as "The Billy Graham of the Near East".

During his days in Kitchener, the visiting evangelist met with many Armenians, preaching the Gospel to them. He also spoke to college and high school groups.

—Brother Sukkau reports that the Mennonite Brethren groups at Gartental, Uruguay, actively participated in prayer services the first week in January, even though they were in the midst of their sugar-beet harvest. Brother Sukkau visited the Gartental church over a week-end in January. On Sunday the house of worship was filled to capacity. Communion was observed after the morning worship service.

—The El Ombu congregation was visited that Sunday evening by Brother Sukkau and a group of about 20 persons from Gartental. The evening worship service was an encouragement to the Gartental fellowship.

—Heinrich Ediger has been unanimously elected leader of the Gnadental Mennonite Brethren Church in Neuland colony, Paraguay.

—M. A. Kroeker, secretary of the Board of General Welfare, has moved from Marion, South Dakota, to Hillsboro, Kansas. His Hillsboro address is 506 South Main. As a member of the Board's executive committee, Brother Kroeker will be devoting some time to the work of the Board, which has its office at 315 South Lincoln.

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# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

One of my favorite stories is about a boy named Teddy. He is very much like you. Although he tried to be good, he often lost his battles against his bad self. But Teddy had a good friend in the minister. He gave Teddy a banner that helped him win the victory.

The next time your minister visits you in Sunday school or shakes your hand after church, remember, he is your friend too. He has this same banner and you can have it too. This banner is LOVE.

This week was Valentine's Day. I am sure you sent all your friends messages of love. But remember, just as all the warmth our earth can give, comes originally from the sun, so does all the love which we can give or receive come from God. God is LOVE.

Here is a puzzle for you: Place thirteen matches on the table, arranged as below to form four squares. The problem now is to remove one match and change the position of three others so as to spell a word meaning charity.



Send me a diagram of your solution and I will send you a cloth bookmark with a Bible verse on it. Aunt Selma

## IN A MINUTE

May was a cheerful, helpful little girl. But May had one bad habit. If her father would say, "May, dear, bring me my slippers", she would say, "In a minute, father." If her teacher asked her to hand in her work, May said, "In a minute." Whenever anyone asked her to do something, she would always say, "In a minute." She never did at once what she was told to do.

One morning May's bird was flying about the room. Someone went out and left the door open. Her mother said, "May, shut the door, my dear."

"Yes, mother, in a minute," said May.

But the cat did not wait. In she came, and with one jump had the bird in her mouth. Away ran May after the cat. Very shortly she came back crying, with the dead bird in her hand.

It was a hard lesson for May, but it was one she did not forget. Putting something off for one minute may be too late.

The Bible tells us a story of a little boy called Samuel, who didn't wait even half a minute when he was called.

When Samuel was just a little boy his mother brought him to the temple to live there with the priest Eli. So he grew up in the temple and learned to know about God and His word. God was well pleased with Samuel.

One night when Samuel was sleeping he heard a voice calling, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Thinking Eli was calling, he

jumped up, ran to him and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"No," said Eli, "I did not call you. Go back to bed."

Samuel went back to sleep and again he heard a voice call, "Samuel, Samuel!" He jumped up and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, you called me."

"No," said Eli, "I did not call you, go back to sleep."

So the little boy Samuel went to sleep. In a little while he again heard a voice say, "Samuel, Samuel!" For the third time Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, you called me." Then Eli knew the Lord God was calling Samuel, and he said to him, "Go and lie down, and if you hear the voice calling you again, say, 'Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.'"

Samuel lay down and for the fourth time the Lord came and stood and said, "Samuel, Samuel." Then Samuel answered, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." God was able to speak to Samuel and he became a great and wise man because he was obedient to God's voice.

When God speaks to you and says, "My son, give me thine heart," will you also be obedient and say, "Yes, Lord, I will give you my heart right now?"

## A Free Little Girl

Ever since Ruth's sister Anna had worn a white dress covered with stars and a crown on her head and been called "The Goddess of Liberty", Ruth had known the word "Liberty". She was glad to find it in her verse.

"It is about free people," she said.

"That is what 'liberty' means. I know the whole verse. 'Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.'"

"You aren't free," said her brother Dick.

"Why, yes, I am!" said Ruth.

"No, you aren't; you can't do what you like. If you wanted to go down to Aunt Kate's you would have to ask mother, and if she said 'No', you couldn't stir one step."

Ruth thought about this for a few minutes, then ran to her mother. "Mother," she said, "I am Jesus' little girl, why didn't He make me free?"

"He did dear," she said.

"Why, mother! How? I can't do what I want to. I can't go even to Aunt Kate's without asking you."

"That is not the kind of freedom that the verse means, little girl. If we belong to Jesus we are not slaves to Satan; if we do not wish

to do wrong he cannot make us. Jesus has made us free from his power."

"But you are freer than I am, Mother. You could go to Aunt Kate's if you wanted to without asking anybody."

"No," said her mother, "I am free in the same way that you are. I do what my conscience tells me I ought, and so do you if you please Jesus. While people are young He gives them fathers and mothers to help them, but when they grow old enough to judge for themselves they can go on without that help. Do you understand? Suppose, after being told that you were not to go to Aunt Kate's, you should slip out and run over there? That would show that you were Satan's child and were obeying him. But suppose, instead, you should say to yourself: 'I could go to Aunt Kate's, but I will not; I am free and I choose to do right.' That would be the liberty that Jesus

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## Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(8th Installment)

### A REFUGE AT LAST

Mouffet and his family went northward and were kindly received by the Nagels at the foot of Saentis Mountain. They arrived at the Nagel place poor and destitute; but under the tender care of their hosts they recovered soon and were again able to support themselves.

Every evening father Mouffet gathered his family about himself in the candle-light of the hall of his house, took his good old Bible out of the family chest and read the Word of God, searching an answer to the question which was on their minds. Why had God allowed all this to happen to them? Had they not honestly tried to build His kingdom?

There was no doubt that God could have helped them and given them victory over their enemies. Since He had not done so, it was evident that He had His reasons for it. What were they?

One dark night old Mouffet sat again pondering the question, with the open Bible before him. There seemed to be no answer to his unending "why's". His wife came in, put her arm around his broad shoulders and said, "Pierre, whereby did the Lord overcome your heart when you were converted to Him? Was it by fire and sword?"

"What foolish talk!" Mouffet rejoined. "It was His mercy and unspeakable love that conquered my arrogant, evil heart."

"And did not God instruct us to be His witnesses?" asked Madeleine.

"And did we not bear witness for Him?" asked Mouffet in return.

"Do you think one can witness for the love of God by powder and lead?" insisted Madeleine.

Father Mouffet was dumb-founded and looked up at his wife in amazement. This thought never occurred to him, and he did not know what to say.

"Jesus testified to the Father's love for lost humanity by dying on the cross," continued Madeleine. "Maybe the Lord chose to give us the cross that we might witness of His love under it, and not by persecuting and killing our enemies as they persecute and kill us."

A sparkle came into the old man's eyes. His wife had found the answer to his questions, and it was now that the Lion of the Savoy Mountains really turned into a lamb. A deep unshakeable peace entered his mind and filled his heart.

We believe with Mouffet that God loved us when we still were His enemies and we too must love our adversaries, overcoming their evil by love and goodness instead of by fire and sword.

(To be continued)

### BIBLE QUIZ

The Bible is compared with many things. Here is a list of objects the Bible is likened to. Unscramble the words.

1. gthli (Psalm 119:105)
2. Rmriro (James 1:23)
3. artwe (Ephesians 5:26)
4. klim (I. Corinthians 3:2)
5. erdab (Luke 4:4)
6. noyhe (Psalm 19:10)
7. rife (Jeremiah 23:29)
8. dese (Luke 8:11)
9. mrhema (Jeremiah 23:29)
10. wsirod (Ephesians 6:17)

## THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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(2nd Installment)

The first settlers were aware of the fact that many would follow them to their little village, and in order to make their reception as welcome and comfortable as possible, they resolved to build a shelter upon the shores of Lake Michigan at the mouth of Black Lake, at which point steamers would land future colonists coming by boat from Buffalo or Detroit. Accordingly, a group of men, equipped with a few tools and a handful of nails, built from driftwood the rude shack wherein Gerrit Kolf and his friends now slept.

Gerrit found himself reviewing in his mind the notions of America which he had entertained upon his departure from the old country. Letters from a friend who had gone before pictured the country in rosy hues, told of the rich soil, the religious freedom, the abundance of food, the endless opportunities. Now he thought of what had actually taken place, of the terrible voyage in steerage, of the steady diet of bread, pork, and coffee, of the mistreatment accorded them by the canal boat crew during the long trip to Buffalo, of the barren beach of the great lake upon which they lay, of the brooding forest behind them with which they would have to struggle for food and shelter.

His fair picture of the village of Holland with board houses, paved streets, stores, lights, easy conveniences, had been shattered by the tale of the man in charge of the building, whose duty it was to direct newcomers to the "stad". Gerrit learned from him that there were no houses, but only log huts, built without windows, without floors, and incapable of keeping out the cold of winter. He learned that there were no roads, no stores, no lights, that the food was scarce and hard to obtain. When he thought of these things and called to mind the frailties of his wife and four children, he felt his resolution weaken, and a pang of regret for having left the Netherlands came upon him.

But Kolf was a God-fearing man. He had entered upon his great adventure because the government of his homeland refused him liberty of conscience and freedom of worship. He had entrusted himself to the care of his Heavenly Father, and now, fully aware of the nature of his situation, he communed with God, restored his drooping strength from the fountain of Everlasting Power, and was surcharged with a determination to persevere. The thought of a Guardian whose will was omnipot-

ent and favorable toward him comforted him, and he found himself so quieted as to seek sleep.

Scarcely had he closed his eyes when he heard an unusual sound near the hut. Instantly he was fully alert. But the heavy breathing of the sleepers, the restless grunts of those who were unaccustomed to a bed of sand so hindered his hearing that he was unable to catch a repetition of the sound. Very cautiously he arose, and stationed himself at the wall nearest which he had first heard the sound. His straining ears caught the crunching noise of a footfall on the sand. Another followed, and another. Something was approaching the building. From the deliberateness of the approach, it was evident that the intruder sought to avoid discovery.

"Has the thief come back?" thought Gerrit. "Would he dare to return to the beach after having been chased away once? Poor as we are, we seem to be haunted by misfortune. The little we have some one is trying to take from us.

But the footsteps had ceased. The thief had stopped to listen. Was he alarmed? Had he detected any commotion in the cabin? Gerrit was at a loss what to do. So insistent a thief should be caught and punished. But he doubted his ability to catch him alone. To wake his friends would be to warn the intruder and make easy his escape. Perhaps it were best to make more certain of the character of the stranger and the nature of his errand. Perhaps, after all, it was not a man, but some roaming animal attracted to the encampment by the scent of food.

Even as he considered these things, Gerrit heard a new sound outside. It was the sound of something heavy being dragged toward the hut. "The thief is at our baggage," thought Gerrit in consternation. "He's dragging away one of our chests to open it at his leisure in the woods. I'll waken Hendrik and we'll catch the robber in the very act." Before he had concluded this thought the noise of the dragging ceased, and the sound of the receding footsteps suggested the hasty departure of the unbidden guest.

Gerrit was too alarmed to be inactive any longer. He knew not whether any of their belongings were departing with the visitor, but he wished to make sure of it immediately. He stumbled his way to the opening of the shelter and stepped outside. The moon had risen since his retirement and the beach was lighted

with a pale silver. A quick survey of the ghost-like line of trees along the shore revealed a rapidly departing figure, but the glimpse was too fleeting for Gerrit to distinguish between man and beast.

"It's the same fellow who was here before," thought Kolf, for he thought he had seen the bearskin hood and cape. "What does he want around here, anyway. If he has come to steal, why should he leave so quickly when there is nothing to alarm him?"

Kolf's curiosity was not easily satisfied. He went around to the side of the building where he had heard the queer dragging sound. Unfortunately, the shadow of the building was cast upon this side and it was difficult clearly to see objects near the shack. Yet Gerrit was certain that a dark, shapeless thing lay upon the sand close to the shelter. It seemed large and terrible in the obscurity of its hiding place, and Kolf's heart was filled with fear lest he be encountered by an unfriendly bear or wolf. For a full moment he stood intently scrutinizing the mysterious object before him.

Its inaction reassured him. No wild beast would have lain so still for so long a time unless it were asleep. Again, he was certain that the object had been dragged there, and even from his incomplete acquaintance with nature lore, he knew full well that no beast permits itself to be dragged about while he is able to prevent it. Fortified by these assurances, he neared the object until he was but a foot or two from it.

In his temerity he kicked it. It was soft and fleshy, but absolutely indifferent to maltreatment. He dared not reach down with his hand to feel of it, but with a piece of driftwood he began to prod it. He observed a thin leg protruding from the heap. Summoning up his courage he grasped the extremity, and pulled the object into the light of the moon.

He was disappointed at the results. He fully expected a man or wild beast to spring from under the covering of animal hide and engage in combat with him. As it was, the mass of darkness moved into the light with great equanimity and took the form of a slain buck. Gerrit knew from the antlers that it was a deer.

"So!" sighed Kolf, greatly relieved. "A deer! Who could have surmised it? I've heard that venison is good to eat, and we'll make good use of this fellow. But how did it get here, and why was it brought?"

As if to find an answer to his queries, he cast down his eyes upon the dead form before him. There, fastened to the antlers of the buck, was a piece of paper. Eagerly he seized upon it, hoping to find in it an explanation of all the preceding unusual occurrences. As he looked he noticed that something was writ-

ten upon it, but the light of the moon was insufficient to make it legible.

Hurrying to the heap of ashes where had burned the supper fire of the previous evening, he poked at the embers until they glowed. A few sticks of wood were soon ablaze. By the light of the flames he saw to his amazement that the script was clear and bold like that of a man accustomed to writing much.

Wonderful to behold! The message was written in his own native language! A missive written in Dutch, delivered on the horns of a slain buck by an unidentified nocturnal messenger on the barren shore of Lake Michigan! Kolf was aflame with excitement. With trembling voice he read aloud the contents of the message:

*This deer is a gift to Gerrit Kolf, his wife, and four children. He called me a thief. It is true, I am a thief, but I steal from no one. This is in payment for my cloak. Gerrit Kolf will hear more of me.* The Man in Bearskin.

He read and reread the brief note. Astonishment was painted in every line of his face. When he had practically learned the message by repeated perusals, he sat staring into the flickering blaze and wondered. A hundred questions leaped to his mind, questions to which he could find no answer. Who could have written the missive? Someone, surely, who knew the Holland language. How did the writer know Gerrit's name? And how could he have known Kolf had a wife and four children? He had been called a thief, but he seemed to take no offence. In fact, he called himself a thief! And Kolf was to hear more of him! Was this a foreboding of good, or of evil? The presentation of the buck seemed indicative of a friendly spirit, but why should the gift have been made to him, Gerrit, personally? Why should the donor feel obliged to Gerrit? Why had he signed himself as "The Man in Bearskin"?

For a long while Kolf was puzzled and he made no move to return to sleep. It was some time before he noticed that the fire had gone out, and that he was sitting alone upon the chilling sand of the shore. He arose and entered the shelter. But sleep was impossible to him after so strange an event. He lay in restless semi-consciousness, starting up from wild dreams, shrinking at the sound of a creaking limb or the groan of a sleeper.

(To be continued)

People give me credit for genius, but all the genius I have lies just in this—when I have a subject in hand, I study it day and night—the effort I make, people call genius, but it is only the fruit of labor and thought.

—Alexander Hamilton.



These are typical Ethiopian women as seen by Frank Klassen on his travels. Mr. Klassen is principal of a boys' school at Jimma, Ethiopia. He writes that they expect to leave in July. See article below for more news.

## Touring in Ethiopia

(Excerpts from Frank H. Klassen's private letter. Written on January 31, 1956, at Jimma, Ethiopia.)

For the first week after the Christmas holidays, by the Julian calendar in your January, we had a couple from Ambo, where we taught two years ago, stay with us with their four children, ages 5 months to 4 years.

... We had a rather busy and interesting holiday. The first week we spent entertaining a trio of single missionary ladies. We went "a-hippoing", that is, we gave the girls a good sight of three large hippos not far from Jimma. I had been asked to go along with one of the Sudan Interior Mission missionaries on a trip to southern Ethiopia during the second week. I was to take pictures for him during his deputation work. I accepted with eagerness and we had a wonderful time. Patricia and Kathy did not come along, but I did take them to Ambo to stay with our friends for a week.

I had a confidential offer from a group who plan to start a large coffee plantation down there. They wanted me to take a position in their proposed company. It sounded very lucrative but not very challenging, and after my visit (one of the reasons for going on this trip) it seemed like a big gamble to hope that there would be opportunities for Christian witnessing. (I had thought of some Christian work in connection with community education.) I received this offer several months ago and have thought about it quite seriously, but I believe the Lord would rather have me continue my education now and teach.

We left on the trip on a Tuesday morning. The wonderful thing about this country is that even though there are very few places where you can find a hotel, mission stations dot the country. One always finds a royal welcome there.

The first evening we stayed at a

place called Shoshamane, where the SIM has a large Leper Hospital. It is about the only place in Ethiopia where any decent care is given to the poor people afflicted with this malady. The doctor in charge is a Canadian who in former years did much to start the educational system of this country on its way. The patients live in separate houses and many of them leave with clean bodies and, more important, with regenerated lives.

An off-shoot of the Rift Valley pushes its way close to the colony, forming one of the most fertile valleys in Ethiopia. Hot springs and lumber mills dot the landscape. Water is available during the whole year due to extensive irrigation systems, and coffee, the main agricultural product, blooms as nowhere else. We spent a very pleasant afternoon in Wondo Valley, climbing mountains, bathing in hot springs and taking pictures.

The next day we set out for Wondo Village, 100 kilometers south, and from there went on to Deela, another hour's drive toward the Kenya border. From here on there are as many roads as there are people who use them—which are not very many. Spent my time watching the SIM doctor performing an operation on a tumour and took some pictures of the process.

The next day we started off into the interior on mules. By late afternoon we had reached an area where no white man had ever been before. The area, however, is one of the strongholds of the evangelical indigenous church.

Southern Ethiopia was one of the first places to be reached by organized mission societies before the Italians got here. By the time the Italians arrived the Christian Church here numbered about 35 believers, snatched by the preaching of the Gospel from the strong devil worship still practised here. With the advent of the Italians the door to Ethiopia closed. This small band of Christians took upon them-

selves the task of bringing the Gospel to their tribesmen, despite persecution. God's blessing rested upon them and when the missionaries returned six years later on the heels of the departing Italians they found a task force of 35,000 Christians! Christians who, though they needed some guidance, were able to stand on their own feet, who carried out disciplinary actions within their own ranks and who, despite torture and death (even today) are proving to be a tremendous witness to their fellow tribesmen.

The native grapevine had preceded us by several hours and when we reached the apex of a large circular journey, the people were gathered at the church, waiting to welcome us with food and drink. The language is Sidomo, very rhythmical and full of sudden glottal stops, which would take years to learn, I am sure. I had learned the greetings beforehand and that helped. (More later.)

### Resettling the Lengua Indians

By G. B. Giesbrecht \*

*Fernheim, Paraguay.* — During the twenty years of our missionary activity we have come to realize that we do not only need to bring the Indians the Gospel, but we must also help them on the cultural, socio-economic level. As Mennonites we have deprived them of their means of livelihood. Their little garden patches and their hunting grounds are gone.

Not only are their very means of existence gone, but they have lost a great deal culturally. There are very few today who can still spin, weave or make pottery. They have abandoned these crafts too soon, through our influence. No doubt the fact that the Indians are in the minority and that they are wholly dependent upon the white man has also contributed to this. Yet, although his standard of living is low, he is satisfied.

The Indians are captivated by

the culture of the white man and have unconsciously adopted his ways. Now his ideals are: highly polished shoes instead of sandals; white, pressed pants instead of a deerskin; a modern hair-cut instead of shoulder-length hair tied together with cactus twine; a high-powered rifle instead of bow and arrows; bread, rice and honey instead of pods, berries, cactus roots, grasshoppers, lizards, etc. But since his perspective is limited he does not see that much labour is involved in gaining these products of civilization.

We have cast about for some way in which we can help the born-again, pious Lengua, who is very conscious of where he was before his conversion and what his position now is. His heart-attitude is right, as revealed in his testimonies and prayers, but a bridge must be thrown up between his old way of life and the new way of life.

As an experiment we selected several heads of families from a larger Indian group and tried to discover their attitude toward a settlement plan. Twenty-two of them were enthusiastic about the idea and willing to try it. Twelve acres were apportioned to each of them on a site close to the mission station. Enthusiastically they went to work to clear the land and fence it. They then hitched up their small and rather weak horses and plowed the land, finally seeding it. It is only three months yet, but there are unexpectedly good prospects for this year's crop in this new village near the mission station.

All of the fathers, except one, are members of our Lengua church and are served by us. But they also have two native evangelists and one man who has helped us in the school for six years already.

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### A FREE LITTLE GIRL

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Christ gives. It is the same with me. I would like a visit with Aunt Kate, but I know I have work at home that ought to be done; so, because I am free and choose to do right, I stay and do it."

It was an hour afterwards, and Ruth was taking care of her baby sister on the porch. There was a rose in her garden that she wanted to pick, but the ground was damp. Ruth had thick shoes on and knew that she might go, but she looked at baby's slippers and shook her head.

"I'll not go a step," she said. "Baby would be sure to trot after me and get her feet wet."

This is the way in which Ruth showed that she was not a slave to Satan, but was "standing fast" in the liberty that Jesus Christ gives.

—Author Unknown.

## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### Graham to Change Technique for New York Crusade

Evangelist Billy Graham, prior to leaving for his crusade in India, revealed that he will concentrate on New York City next year and that he will employ a new technique in an effort to reach as many New Yorkers as possible.

Graham announced that he has accepted an invitation from the Protestant Council of the City of New York to conduct a six-to-eight-week evangelistic campaign there in the late spring or summer of 1957. He said he would not attempt to do all the preaching himself. He wants to bring six or seven clergymen from various parts of the world, including at least one or two from Africa, in order to reach the "diversity of national groups living in New York as in a miniature United Nations".

(ERA) \* \* \*

### German Pastors Fighting Mounting Traffic Tolls

In West Germany churchmen are showing a keen sense of responsibility for the increasing number of automobile accidents. In 1954 nearly a million people were involved in 500,000 accidents, in which 300,000 were injured and 12,000 killed.

Part of the problem is that only 5 per cent of the roads are first class (mainly the superhighways—Autobahnen). There are five million motor vehicles—three times as many per mile of highway as in the United States. There are immense numbers of traffic signs—enough to confuse even experienced drivers—but too few at such danger spots as railroad crossings. Automobile traffic in the cities is made difficult because of the large number of streetcars.

The highway problem was prominently discussed at a public meeting at the Evangelical Academy in Westphalia recently. A pastor stated, "Even the traffic is not outside of God's concern. Nobody has a right to do as he pleases with his own or his neighbor's life. Christ's authority is valid even in our traffic situation. God's commandment is still, 'You shall not kill.'"

Bishop Otto Dibelius<sup>e</sup> preached on the text, "You shall not kill", recently, relating it to the traffic problem. German churchmen have agreed to take up this topic in their sermons and in instruction of confirmands. (ERA)

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### Bible Lover's League Active in Foreign Lands

The "Read the Bible for a Bible" plan offered by Bible Lovers League of Dallas, Texas, is finding wider acceptance on foreign fields, according to a report recently released by Mrs. M. A.

Lechner, secretary of the League's Bible Room. The outreach last year included readers in 25 foreign countries using 11 languages. Offering a free Bible to anyone anywhere who will earn it by reading the four gospels, the remainder of the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs in seven installments, the League enrolled readers from 40 states in the U.S. More than 56 thousand Bibles were shipped from headquarters in 1955, supplemented by additional Scriptures purchased on the field where more economical.

## CANADASCOPE

### City Agrees to Low-Rental House Plan

Winnipeg's city council endorsed a Greater Winnipeg Welfare council plan to set up a private experimental low-rental housing project in Elmwood. They agreed to grant, for \$1, a triangular piece of land on which 30 units would be built at a cost of \$255,000.

Under the scheme, a private non-profit corporation would be set up and 10 per cent of the capital would be contributed by private citizens. The rest would be provided by the Central Mortgage and Housing corporation under the National Housing Act.

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### General Motor's Strike Ends

The longest strike in the history of North America's automotive industry, the General Motor's strike in Ontario, ended on Monday, Feb. 13. The 17,500 strikers, members of the United Auto Workers, gained a contract running to August 1, 1958.

Under the new contract, upon which agreement was reached after about 6 months of negotiations, gives the workers a wage increase of 18 cents spread over the next two years, plus other benefits.

The company has estimated that the workers have lost a total of \$26,613,753 in wages. The union has paid out more than \$4,000,000 in strike relief funds.

## The World Today

### West to Build Dam for Egypt

Egypt and the World Bank agreed last week on the terms of a \$200,000,000 loan to start building a modern world-wonder dam on the Nile at Aswan. The dam will be 17 times the size of the Cheops pyramid, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

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### Death Toll Rising in Europe

The death toll in western Europe as a result of the century's worst

The largest foreign depot operating in cooperation with the League is in Korea, where Bob Rice and the Christian Revival Fellowship have enrolled more than 40,000 readers. In that land the demand has been so great that members of the Korean churches are excluded from participation to make room for the growing number of unbelievers and young unbaptized converts who are thus introduced to a systematic reading of the Bible. (The Korean program takes the reader through the four gospels and Acts before presenting him a New Testament. The whole Bible is not offered there at the present time.) (ERA)

cold wave is 500 and still rising, with no relief in sight from the heavy snows and the bitter cold. The cold wave reached right down to the Mediterranean, bringing untold hardships to residents of southern areas unprepared for bitter weather.

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### Mob Violence Ousts Negro Student

Mobs of students and outsiders forced the University of Alabama to exclude Miss Authurine Lucy, a Negro student, from classes. She was the first Negro student to enter the university after the Supreme Court desegregation order. She has filed action in the courts which, if successful, would force the university to reinstate her.

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### United Kingdom Wants to Lift Embargo

Britain is prepared to act on her own to relax embargoes with Communist China, a Reuters dispatch states. The British point of view is that it is highly unrealistic to continue to ban the export to China of goods which the West permits to go to Russia and European Communist states.

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### Cyprus Violence Continues

The nationalists in Cyprus have been terrorizing the island for some time, shooting British soldiers and rioting in an attempt to gain union with Greece for the island. Students are in the forefront of the movement, while a band of 150 extremists have pledged to gain their ends or die.

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### More Russian Influence in Africa

Indications are that Soviet Russia is increasing her influence in Africa. In Libya, along the northern roof of Africa, Russia's first ambassador is establishing a full-scale diplomatic mission with 18 aides. In the Sudan, the government is weighing a Soviet offer to establish full diplomatic, trade and economic relations. In the West African republic of Liberia, a Sov-

iet goodwill delegation has offered to establish diplomatic relations. The Russians also offered engineering and financial help for the construction of a big Hydro-electric project on the St. Paul River. The Russians already have major diplomatic missions in Cairo.

## CHANGES IN THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

The anticipated increase in milk production in 1956 will not add to any surplus manufactured products if handled properly. This statement was made at the annual meeting of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, by D. B. Goodwillie of the Canada Department of Agriculture.

The population in Canada has been increasing by some three or four hundred thousand people annually which means the upward trend in fluid milk consumption should be continued. If economic conditions are as good as expected in 1956, approximately three quarters of the 400 million pound increase in total milk production should be absorbed in the fluid milk branch.

There is a possibility that other products such as dry skimmed milk and evaporated milk may affect fluid milk sales this year, although as yet figures do not indicate it. Individual markets may be affected more than others. Currently a good deal of research is being carried on in the development of an instantly dissolving dry whole milk. The dairy industry may be hearing more about this at a later date. There will be an instant dissolving chocolate milk product on the Canadian market this year which could affect the chocolate sales of fluid dairies. These developments in general could have a considerable effect on fluid milk sales in the future.

This year Canada will probably produce slightly more creamery butter than in 1955, particularly in Alberta and Quebec where a good part of the milk increase is expected.

Concentrated milk products are assuming an increasingly important place in our dairy industry. Today they are utilizing as much of the milk supply as cheese. Approximately 16 million pounds of dry whole milk went to some 40 world markets in 1955. It was the largest amount Canada has ever exported.

In view of the importance of the dairy industry it is not surprising that those connected with it should feel some concern if there are to be any marked changes. Dairying, including the sale of dairy cattle is the largest single phase of agriculture in Canada. For example, dairying returns about 10 per cent of the total farm revenue to producers in the prairie provinces, and upwards of 50 per cent to those of Ontario and Quebec.



### Members of Teaching Staff at M. E. I.

Front Row: Rev. C. D. Toews, Miss Braun, Mrs. Neustaedter, Mr. I. J. Dyck, principal of the senior high school, Mrs. R. Unger, Miss V. Doerksen, Mr. Wm. Neufeld. — Back Row: Mr. V. Thiessen, Mr. W. A. Wiebe, principal of the junior high school, Mr. J. Unger, Mr. H. Unger, Mr. J. Ratzlaff, Mr. J. Toews, Mr. E. Ratzlaff.

## Founded to Foster Spiritual Life

(This is the first in a series of articles and pictures on the Mennonite Educational Institute at North Clearbrook, B.C. Initiated by a publicity conscious student, the series will be written by various teachers and students and will portray the different aspects of school life in the largest Mennonite high school in Canada. It is our hope that other schools will become more conscious of the value of sound publicity, not only in order to increase the student body, but also to increase the moral and spiritual support among the constituency, which alone can make a Christian school effective. We think this series will also partially answer the oft-repeated question: Why have private Mennonite high schools? —Ed.)

In Genesis 18:19 we read that God says that He will bless the nations through Abraham, for "he will command his children that they shall keep the way of the Lord". Parents in the Abbotsford district felt that they needed help in training their children in "the way of the Lord". As a result they founded a Christian high school in 1944.

The school had an inconspicuous beginning, being started in conjunction with the Bible school in an old building near the South Abbotsford M.B. church. Rev. F. C. Thiessen was principal the first year and he was succeeded by Mr. I. J. Dyck, who is still the principal. Other teachers active in those first years were Rev. H. H. Nikkel and Rev. J. F. Redekop. From a beginning with 43 students the enrollment has spiralled to over 400 at the present time. The Lord has blessed the work and will continue to bless it if the attitude toward God is one of humility and obedience to Him.

Each school day is begun with a period of devotion. A hymn or gospel song is sung and one of the

teachers reads a portion of God's Word, drawing attention to certain spiritual truths. The power of God's Word has not diminished through the years and evidence of its effect can be seen in the lives of many students.

Every school week is brought to a close with a testimony and prayer meeting. Often little difficulties that have arisen through the week are cleared away in a period of confession and requests for forgiveness. Unsaved students are greatly affected by these testimonies and when the Lord becomes their Saviour they too have a testimony, telling us of the effect that these testimony meetings have had upon them. A student in difficulty may solicit prayer or hear how some other student gained the victory over a similar situation.

Professing Christ in the student assembly has been a definite spiritual encouragement and strengthening for many. As long as there is active interest and participation in the Friday testimony meetings the teachers feel that the Lord is blessing the work—and the school justifies its existence.



### NORTHERN INDIA SLOWLY REBUILDING

Rudy Friesen, MCC worker in Northern India, reports that the villagers are slowly rebuilding the mud and thatch homes, which were destroyed in the floods. But bringing the flooded farmlands back to productivity will take more time. The drinking water is still contaminated. Most of the wells are brick-lined, but open on top. During the floods these filled up with dirty water and whatever was in it. Friesen has helped to buy hand

pumps and install tubewells. They completed the first well in late January and are now averaging one well a day.

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### ANTI-TRACHOMA CAMPAIGN STARTS IN JAVA

The MCC medical team in Java recently began an anti-trachoma campaign in the schools of North-central Java. Here as many as 60 per cent of the population suffer from trachoma, a highly infectious eye disease.

Trachoma causes scarring of the eyelids, which in turn leads to irreparable damage to the eye itself and total blindness in many cases. If the disease is treated in its early stages, the patient may be spared from eventual blindness.

The MCC anti-trachoma campaign is administered in cooperation with local school authorities. The medical team visits each school, examines the children and institutes treatment in those found to be infected. Return visits periodically check on the progress of each child and additional treatment is given as necessary.

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### DUTCH FAMILY SEEK MENNONITE SPONSORS

The Gerard Jansens, a Dutch family who were repatriated from Java in 1954, would like to come to the United States as refugees if a Mennonite sponsor can be found. Mr. Jansen has experience as a clerk in a tourist agency, but he is willing to accept another job. For further information on sponsoring this family, write to MCC, Akron, Pa.

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### SUMMER SERVICE FOLDER READY

Opportunities for Summer Service in the MCC program are listed in the new Summer Service folder, "Speak to us of work—." In work with migrants, with crippled, delinquent, or emotionally upset children, with the mentally ill or diseased, with discriminated groups, Mennonite youth can share their energy and Christian heritage with those who need it most.

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### MCC PLANS SUMMER TOUR IN MEXICO

The Summer Service program of MCC is offering its second annual tour and work camp "south of the border". The work group will assist the MCC community service at Cuauhtemoc, Mexico, during July. In early August Willard Smith, professor of social science at Goshen College, Goshen, Ind., will lead a tour of Mexico.

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### PAX IN NORTH AFRICA

Following the catastrophic earthquake of September 1954 in the Orleansville region of Algeria,

North Africa, two MCC workers went to evaluate the need. Although about 1500 people died in this disaster, John Howard Yoder and LaMarr Kopp found that the urgent and immediate need was being met adequately by the Army, Red Cross and other governmental agencies. Previous to the catastrophe Andre Trocme (an evangelical and non-resistant French pastor), John Howard Yoder and David Shank (a missionary to Belgium) had been considering a witness to Moslem countries through a work camp program. Now they continued the investigation. The contacts led to a building project midway between the cities of Alger and Oran.

In May, 1955, a group of men loaned by the European Pax program went to Algeria. Walter Smeltzer, Elkhart, Ind.; Wayne Lapp, Columbia Falls, Mont.; Robert Weaver, Gap, Pa.; and Peter Nussbaumer, a French Mennonite, were in that first group. I was released from my MCC work at Valdoie to assist in getting the work underway. Following my return to France in July, Mark Conrad, Albany, Oreg.; Ben Yoder, Belleville, Pa.; and Carl Smeltzer, Elkhart, Ind., were also sent.

The work was slow in getting underway since we had to organize our tent-camp life and solve problems such as securing drinking water and food, how to get our mail, where to have our laundry washed. Tools were slow in coming so we began improving the driveway; later the boys began gathering stones in the nearby dried-up creek bed for the construction.

Thirty houses of stone are to be constructed. Each house will have four rooms—two bedrooms, a kitchen and a stable. We hope that the natives will also help with the building. The heat in the summer is intense, reaching 120 degrees in the shade. This necessitates a work day beginning at 4 a.m.; the fellows rest from 10 a.m. until 3:30 or 4 p.m. and work again until 6 or 6:30 p.m. Recently the fellows reported getting the first house under construction.

Donald Reist,  
Valdoie, France

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### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

(Excerpts taken from a letter written by Ben Yoder to Pax director Dwight Wiebe shortly after Ben's arrival in North Africa.)

"I have just returned from a visit to the camp, and I will try to give my first impressions.

"On the way to camp you see a lot of curious Arabs with little else to do but sit around town. You also notice a short detour; if you inquire you find that in a recent uprising the former road was blown up by the Arabs.

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## COLLEGES

### CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

Rev. Groening, minister of the Bethel Mission Mennonite Church, visited us in chapel on February 3. He gave a very inspiring message based on II. Cor. 12:6-9. "God's strength made perfect in weakness."

At the Saturday evening prayer meeting, held in the chapel of our former College building, great blessings were also received. Rev. H. Wall spoke on "True Greatness". On February 5th the male octet was asked to sing once more in the evening service at the Sargent Mennonite Church. Besides singing various numbers, several of them, Bill Wiebe and Victor Fast, gave their personal testimonies. Rev. Adrian gave the message on "A New Song".

Student chapel was held this week on Monday, Feb. 6th. Wera Janzen, our student from Brazil, spoke on "John, the Apostle of Love".

The male octet was kept busy once again last week. They were asked to record several programs which are being used by the Manitoba Youth Organization on their programs over Station CKY at 7:00 a.m. every Sunday. Rev. Henry Poettcker was the speaker. The first of these programs was on the air on Feb. 5th.

We are looking forward to a week of rich spiritual blessings as we commence our Bible Week, with Dr. Erland Waltner as main speaker. Margaret Voght.

### MENNONITE BRETHREN BIBLE COLLEGE

On Tuesday morning the joy of home-coming was mixed with a farewell note. Hugo Jantz, a graduate of the College, gave his testimony as to the leading of the Lord in the past few years of service, and reminded us of the white, over-ripe harvest field of the foreign missionary. He, together with his wife and daughter, are on their way to Quito, Ecuador, where they will assist the Nightingales in the radio work at HCJB.

The secretary of the Manitoba branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Rev. Davis, visited us on Wednesday and exhorted us to help spread the gospel by the distribution of Scriptures. He used I. Tim. 1:1-7 as a basis for his message.

The weekly graduate testimony was given this Thursday by Victor Thiessen of Namaka, Alberta. Those who did not know him personally did get to know him better from his testimony and surely wished him God's blessing in his place of future service.

On Friday morning, to the joy of our Japanese students, we were visited by Miss Halcroft, who is a

missionary with the Iydzu Christian Fellowship in Japan. She gave a short report of her work, and on Saturday evening illustrated her talk with coloured slides. Junko Matsuno, one of our Japanese students, also showed a number of her own coloured slides of beautiful Japan.

Two of our men, Lawrence Warkentin and Helmut Klassen, now patients in the hospital, are reported to be recovering. Surely, it is an answer to prayer.

On Friday morning, Feb. 10, during a pause between classes, a number of students were observing how a steady column of smoke was rising from our Ebenezer Hall. They wondered if there was a chimney in the building, since it was heated from the main building. They were quite surprised to see a crew of firemen run to the scene. After fumbling a while with the ladder they finally managed to erect it and sent a man up to the roof. Imagine his disappointment on seeing that the smoke was rising out of a chimney connected to the kitchen stove.

The only damage done was that the next class was temporarily interrupted. The instructor drew a lesson from the incident and continued the lesson.

Henry Warkentin

## BIBLE INSTITUTES

### GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE

Leon Detweiler, successful businessman and pastor of Mann's Choice, Pennsylvania, joined the Public Relations staff of the Grace Bible Institute on February 1 to direct the Grace Family Budget Plan campaign.

A rally with the theme, "Forward in Faith", was held on February 15 to initiate the six-month campaign. A goal of \$5,000 per month in faith promises to stabilize the income of our school is the primary objective of the plan. Literature containing details of the plan was available on the night of the rally. A specially prepared graph was also on display to indicate the progress of said plan since it was launched some months ago. Records indicate that nearly 240 faith subscribers are now contributing regularly to the Grace Bible Institute through the Grace Family Budget Plan.

The feature of the evening was the presentation of the "Grace Medley", arranged especially for our Chorale and Brass Sextet by Emil Soderstrom, formerly employed as staff arranger for National Broadcasting Company. Other musical features included the Grace Band, Faculty Four, Grace Notes Trio, and a vocal selection by the soloist of the Grace Notes radio program, Mr. Henry Wiebe.

The second semester registration

brought an all-time-high enrollment of 133 to the evening school. The enrollment, by classes, is as follows: 12—Christian Education of Youth; 14—Pastor's Counseling; 29—Pastor's Wives; 78—Bible Exposition.

## HIGH SCHOOLS

### ALBERTA MENNONITE HIGH SCHOOL

The experiences and achievements in the Alberta Mennonite High School during the first nine years have left permanent impressions upon the minds of students and teachers. This, the tenth year, has proven to be outstanding for the manifestation of the power of the Gospel.

Rev. A. P. Regier conducted evangelistic services from January 18—21. Revival came, bringing such dramatic results that they cannot be attributed to human technique, but only to the working of the Holy Spirit. This revival has left impressions which will never be forgotten.

Prior to the evangelistic services the Christians prayed. As was confessed later, many of us prayed—not knowing what to believe or expect. Doubt seemed prevalent in many hearts. We wanted God to cleanse lives and bring the unsaved to a decision for Christ, but the already occupied minds combined with the physical, faulty, human nature to create an atmosphere which we believed was definitely not a basis for blessings.

God taught us, however, that we are completely dependent upon Him. He creates faith within us, giving us a desire to pray. After God showed the Christians the path to faith, it was good to attend the meetings, knowing that God had already answered—leaving only the visible results to come. The Holy Spirit's definition of prayer, faith and practical Christianity are now deeply imbedded in many a student's heart.

Non-Christians who had consistently rejected life yielded to Christ's call during the services. Christians were edified and cleansed, receiving new power for the future. Personally, I did not sense an extremely emotional atmosphere at any of the services, but the reality of the Spirit's convincing and convicting power was there just the same. As never before, I realized that Christ has brought us salvation and that he has given us a philosophy which carries us through all the circumstances of life, finally bringing us victoriously "Face to face with Christ our Saviour".

This revival has given new impetus to the spiritual life at the school. Truly, it is marvelous beyond human comprehension what the Gospel of Jesus Christ can do. Man's intentions, attitudes, concepts of life, are changed; his am-

bitions and motives are directed into an entirely different channel when Christ steps in. We realize that God has visited us in a special way. We want to invite Him in now for every day, every week, and every year of our whole life. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

Jake E. Dueck.

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

#### Open House

On Wednesday, February 8, the MEI threw its doors wide open for a full day of "Open House". Parents and friends came to see what was being done within the walls of the school. Most of the classes were held as usual, with the teachers instructing their regular subjects. The Physics 101 class put on a special display of the work they had been doing.

During lunch hour the Student's Council sponsored a hot-dog sale. After the lunch the parents were invited into the various prayer groups, where we received a real blessing as we worshipped together with our parents.

After the first period of the afternoon the parents and students assembled in the auditorium for a Literary Program. The theme was, "Canadian Literature". The program consisted of pictures, poems, songs and a story.

"Open House" proved a great success. More parents and friends came out than were anticipated.

#### Visitors

Rev. David Schultz, of Dallas, Oregon, who is conducting evangelistic meetings in various churches in the Fraser Valley, addressed the senior high school during the morning devotion period on Thursday, February 9. He spoke on how to succeed in life, emphasizing that we must fall in love with the Lord Jesus Christ. The following day he addressed the junior high school.

On Friday, Feb. 10, Herb Wiebe, who graduated last year from the MEI, visited the school. He is doing voluntary service for the MCC and will be leaving for Germany in March to serve for two years with a PAX unit.

On Thursday, February 9, the indoor track meet began. The meet will continue every noon hour until all events have been played. The four houses, North, East, West and South are competing in tunnel relays, circle relays, tug-of-war, minute shots, and various other indoor novelty sports.

Elmer Stobbe

Near the shore of the Arctic Ocean, at Aklavik, Northwest Territories, the temperature sometimes rises to 80 degrees in July. Fort Smith, in the Northwest Territories, has recorded a high of 103 degrees.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS**

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"When the hot part of the day comes you might as well sit down in the shade (temperatures there go up to 120°) because no one else does anything at that time. The last three kilometers you walk over a very dusty road, but don't worry, you can wash up in the horse trough. There is always someone at home at the tents. This for two reasons: a sick Arab may come and want a tooth pulled, or a well Arab might like to steal something for his supper. For the evening meal you enjoy cooking that is only possible in a camp of all boys. As the night grows quiet the dogs begin to bark. You sack-in early as there is nothing else to do when it gets dark. You probably enjoy sleeping on the ground; if you don't you can learn to in time.

"In the morning you carry water from the hole about a mile from the camp. The water runs slowly, so it is quite a while before you get back with one barrel. By the time you get the second barrel up

the hill, you think it's really warm. If you are finished in time you can hitch-hike 24 kilometers to buy a few groceries. Since there are eight fellows, you might have quite a few things to carry.

"I wanted to come to Algeria and am most happy to be here. I also want to thank everyone who made it possible for me to be here. Don't think that I am complaining. I am only writing what I am thinking."

**MISSION WEEK AT ELIM BIBLE SCHOOL**

*Altona, Man.* — The Elim Bible School will have its annual Mission Week beginning on February 21 and through to Feb. 24, Rev. A. A. Teichroeb, principal, announces. These services are to stir Christians up to greater efforts for mission work.

Services are open to the public and will be held thrice daily. The morning service begins at 10, the afternoon service at 2 and the evening service at 7:30.



Reynold Siemens, 23-year-old Winkler cellist, will appear in concert on February 22 in the Young United church, Winnipeg.

**On the Horizon**

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. — The "Willige Helfer Verein" of the Elmwood M.B. Church is sponsoring a bazaar and tea at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmwood M.B. church. Included in the program is a short travelogue. Proceeds will be used to support branches of activity in the M.B. Church conference work.

A cordial invitation is extended to all friends.

February 25. — Dr. Rose of the University of B.C. will give a public lecture on "Whither Central Europe" at the M.E.I. auditorium in North Clearbrook, B.C. He is sponsored by the M.E.I. Alumni Association.

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 25 and 26. — The M. B. Churches in the northern district of Saskatchewan are sponsoring a two-day Sunday School Teachers' Conference in the Dalmeny M.B. church. In addition to the main messages there will be 16 workshop sessions.

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.

March 10 and 11. — The Association of Mennonite University Students is sponsoring a two-day "shop-talk" on Voluntary Service in Winnipeg. The Saturday sessions will be in the United College and the Sunday sessions have been tentatively scheduled for the Elmwood M.B. church.

**Youth Workers Meet at Abbotsford**

*Abbotsford, B.C.* — The youth workers of the Mennonite Brethren churches in British Columbia met for afternoon and evening sessions at the South Abbotsford M. B. church on Sunday, February 12. About 100 attended the services.

Two problems confronting youth workers today were discussed during the sessions. Rev. G. Thielman, principal of the East Chilliwack Bible School, spoke on: The Working Together of Young and Old in the Church. He stated that factors which might hinder the working together and the fellowship were an unjustified mutual distrust, educational differences, and language difficulties. He main-

tained that these difficulties may be overcome by maintaining a spiritual attitude toward each other. "Spiritual personalities will always be drawn towards each other," he asserted.

Rev. Lenzman discussed "The Need for a Program of Christian Education in Our Churches and the Youth Worker's Responsibility Towards It". He pointed out that the Bible is the basis in planning the curriculum for such a program. Since the home does not offer adequate religious education because of a general lack of time and because of the greater spiritual dangers to which our young people are exposed, we must of necessity initiate a program of Christian education within our churches. The youth worker is in a unique position to aid in the planning and execution of this program because of his direct contact with the young people.

During the question and discussion period that followed these messages several needs became evident: the need for a full-time youth worker in our Canadian M.B. conference; the need to coordinate the various branches of activity within the local church, possibly under the guidance of a director of religious education and or a board of education; and the need for the youth leader to participate in the work of the Church Board.

Two resolutions adopted by the youth workers were, "that material be made available to aid youth organizations in their work", and "that a committee or person be elected in each church to act as co-ordinator of the various educational aspects in the church".

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