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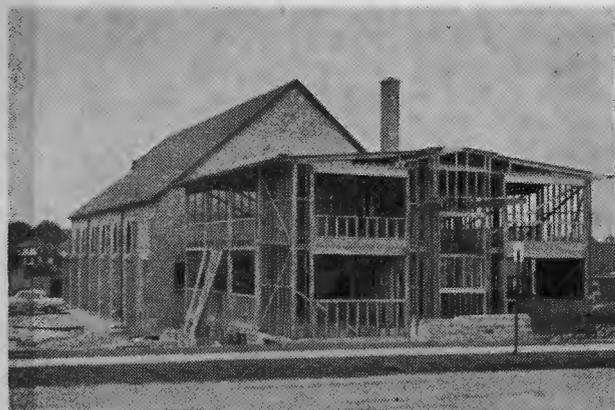
"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." I Cor. 2:2.

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To the left is the new Sunday school addition to the Kitchener, Ont., M. B. church under construction. At the right is a scene from the cornerstone-laying ceremony. Left to right may be seen Rev. I. T. Ewert, assistant pastor; Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor; and Mr. Frank Starra. The cornerstone-laying ceremony took place on June 20. (Photos by C. J. Rempel)

Cornerstone Laid for New Sunday School Building

By C. J. Rempel

Kitchener, Ont. — An impressive ceremony took place Wednesday evening, June 20, when the cornerstone was laid for the new Sunday school building now under construction at the rear of the present Mennonite Brethren church. Rev. Jacob J. Toews, pastor of the church, officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Mr. Frank Starra and Rev. I. T. Ewert.

The new addition, which will be joined to the present church building, is approximately 45 feet by 55 feet. The two-storey building

will cost approximately \$40,000, and will add 12 Sunday school rooms and other facilities, giving to the church much-needed space in their expanding Sunday school program.

In the basement will be located the furnace room, two washrooms, a small auditorium and four classrooms. On the ground floor will be the kitchen and a large auditorium, with the second floor having eight class rooms in addition to a small auditorium.

The building is expected to be completed in the fall of the year.

Disbursements Total \$440,000

Canadian M. B. Conference

By George Konrad

North Clearbrook, B.C. — The 46th Annual Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church convened at North Clearbrook, B.C., on June 30.

Over 300 delegates, representing the Canadian M.B. churches of the five western provinces, gathered to plan the work of the Lord under the jurisdiction of this Conference. According to the repeated expression of those present, the height of Christian fellowship in the Word and in the work of the Lord, was reached. The consensus of feeling is well epitomized

in the phrase of Scripture, "Master, it is good to be here".

A great spirit of interest was also very evident in the local groups, as all devotional meetings were conducted in the presence of capacity audiences. Repeatedly the M.E.I. auditorium, seating over 1,600, was filled to the last seat, necessitating separate and parallel meetings in some other churches.

Under the direction of the moderator, Rev. D. J. Pankratz, Coaldale, Alta., the business sessions took a pleasant course. Rev. Pankratz officially opened the first session and thus the Conference

with the quotation from II Tim. 1:7, "For God has not given us the Spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

A long list of vital and interesting issues, concerning nearly all the

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MENNONITE CONFERENCE IN ONTARIO

By Harold Jantz

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — The Conference of Mennonites in Canada convened at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., on Saturday, June 30. Approximately 300 delegates, representing the 17,000 members in churches located from Ontario to British Columbia, attended the five days of sessions.

The motto of the conference was taken from Leviticus 19:2, "Ye shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy."

Saturday morning the ministers met for a conference. Included in the program was a discourse on, "Das Heiligungsleben des Predigers", delivered by Bishop J. M. Pauls of Winkler; a report from the committee for the revision of the Catechism, and discussions of several other problems.

Saturday evening marked the actual opening session of the conference. Sunday was mission day. Three services, relating to work in

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the home and foreign mission field, were held on the campus of Eden Christian College.

At the afternoon service a special ordination service was held for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neufeld, who are serving with the Mennonite Pioneer Mission in Manitoba.

The Sunday services were well-attended, with six to seven hundred cars parked on the grounds of Eden Christian College and over 2,000 people in attendance. Overflow crowds were placed in the shaded park adjoining the auditorium and heard the services over a public address system. The Sunday evening service was not as well attended because of a severe electrical storm, which did considerable damage in the district.

The moderator of the conference is Rev. J. J. Thiessen of Saskatoon, The assistant moderator is Rev. David Schultz of Altona, Man., while P. R. Harder of Arnaud, Man., is the secretary.

Special visitors to the conference were Ernst Regier, a recent arrival from Paraguay, who conveyed greetings from the churches in South America, and Rev. John J. Thiessen, general secretary of the Board of Missions, who had just returned from a world tour of the Mennonite mission fields.

EDITORIAL

Devotional

"He Shall Be Like a Tree"

By Dave Nickel *

To Increase Missionary Support

Last week's issue of this paper carried reports of Mission Sundays in two centers. In both instances the joint effort of two churches resulted in interesting and challenging missionary programs. Not only was the attendance larger and the sense of strength greater, but these joint Mission Sundays had the added interest of a wider fellowship.

That these occasions were not only the result of a sudden impulse is revealed by the purpose for which they were held. It was felt that a dwindling missionary treasury needed a boost in summer. And during a season when there are many distractions, the cause of missions needed to be placed before the membership of the churches in a special way. The action of these churches is to be commended.

The tradition of mission festivals in connection with our harvest thanksgiving festival is an old one. Much has been accomplished through them. But an annual reminder that world evangelism is the primary mission of the church is not enough. Some churches have seen this and have instituted quarterly mission festivals.

It seems that the visit of a missionary, especially on a week-day, does not bring out a majority of the church members anymore. For a while the novelty of slides and movies used to attract many. Even those do not hold the fascination anymore that they used to. Thus a special effort must be made by the church to get out all the members. And this can be done by well-planned and vital missionary programs.

If such a Sunday is planned well in advance missionaries on furlough will be able to include these Sundays in the schedules of their itinerary. Missionary speakers from home mission fields are also only too glad to present the needs of the field.

If the church is to realize its purpose, that of world-evangelization, then every effort must be made to win the full support of all church members. They must be taught to give and to pray. And young people must be challenged to go.

OUR READERS SAY

We Like it Here!

Dear Editor,

I just read the article "Missionary-Minded Teachers Wanted", by Abe Konrad, in the June 22 issue. Thank you, Abe. I wish more people thought the way you do. Since I am a teacher among Indians, I noticed, however, that a few advantages have not been mentioned.

Firstly, the government allows and encourages us to give religious instruction for one-half hour daily. We are free to choose our own course and material. Just try to imagine what happens to those 95 hours a year if the teacher is not born again. In our village, Kitsegukla (17 miles out of Hazelton), we were asked by the natives to conduct Sunday evening services. That, of course, is not possible in all villages, but you can always have Sunday school.

Some would call this place isolated, but to have just one student ask for the way of salvation readily compensates for that.

Also, beginning with next fall, very few teachers in British Columbia will receive higher wages than those teaching Indians. You do not lose money.

Other conveniences worth men-

tioning are: good roads, only one mile from the train, large, fully furnished house at a very reasonable rent, running water (hot and cold), wonderful weather and ample room and freedom. Some of these conveniences naturally apply only to Kitsegukla.

Do we like it here? All of the seven Christian teachers in Indian schools in this district are returning next fall.

So, Christian teachers, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve"—but let Him decide where.

Yours in Christ,
J. Penner

Skeena Crossing,
British Columbia.

A PRAYER

Dear Lord, for all in pain,
We pray to Thee:
O come and smite again
Thine enemy.

Give to Thy servants skill
To soothe and bless,
And, to the tired and ill,
Give quietness.

And Lord, to those who fear
Come near that even so,
Pain may not cease,
They, too, find PEACE.

—Amy Carmichael.

A teacher who was teaching a religious class in one of our public schools asked the pupils whether they knew any one who was absolutely righteous. None of them did. They were right, because in all of us there dwelleth no good thing. Yet the Bible describes two classes of people; the righteous and the unrighteous. Psalm One very beautifully contrasts the life and service of the two in striking similes. The righteous "... shall be like a tree", stable, fruit-bearing and constantly abiding. The unrighteous "is like the chaff", unstable, no fruit, and the wind blows him hither and yon.

To which of these do you belong? Every one who has taken Jesus Christ as Saviour, is righteous. The Apostle Paul writes: "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (II Cor. 5:21). Psalm One says, the righteous "shall be like a tree". Not just any kind of a tree; but, "He shall be like a tree that is planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper".

Notice that the tree is "planted". This does not happen to every tree, and reveals that the tree was willing to be handled, trusting the master; willing to be rooted out of its original wild state and to be planted in the place of the Master's choice. There to serve, adorn and to bear fruit according to ability. The righteous shall be like that tree, yielded to the will of God, who took him out of the horrible pit and out of the miry clay and set his feet upon a rock and established his goings. Willing to be placed anywhere in God's great missionary program, to show forth the praises of God with the talent that the Almighty has placed within. It may be on the farm, at a job, or in the home church; the place is never to be considered small or insignificant when God does the planting. Nor will the task be too great, when, as the poet states, "But if by a still small voice He calls to paths that I do not know, I'll follow dear Lord with my hand in Thine, I'll go where you want me to go." And should His path be a lonely or hard path, in any place God does the planting, He will supply the rivers of water.

The word "planted" speaks of stability. The roots have been sunk deep into the treasures of God's Word. In experience God has been found true to His promises. Whatever the circumstances, the righteous man, though shak-

en and tried, serves and beautifies the place of God's choosing.

Then, "he shall be like a tree that bringeth forth fruit". The fruit of the Spirit is "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, temperance, meekness" (Gal. 5:22,23). How often fruit is only recognized in terms of tangible increase. There is danger of giving more credit to ability, prestige, education and the like than to the purer qualities for which God looks.

It is interesting to notice that the tree, "shall bring forth his fruit in his season". Never too late, always on time; never will the fruit be uncertain. Supposing our Canadian fruit trees failed to recognize their appointed season of fruitbearing; possibly neglected or hoped to delay until some later day—and then found the cold of winter upon them. How long would the farmer suffer these trees to hinder the land? And yet those who claim the righteousness of Jesus Christ would often be guilty of this very thing. But the tree planted by the rivers of water knows his season. Continually he draws from the Fountain and every ounce of food is used to feed the swelling buds so they can unfold and bear fruit. He knows his season is short; soon the night cometh, soon the cold hand of winter will

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Mennonites as its guiding principle.

TWELVE BAPTIZED AT KITCHENER

Kitchener, Ont. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here held an impressive baptismal service and elected new candidates for deacons on Sunday, June 24.

During the morning service the pastor of the church, Rev. Jacob J. Toews gave a preparatory message to the important events to follow that day. In the afternoon Rev. I. T. Ewert spoke on the importance of the service done by deacons, whereupon the congregation nominated six candidates, from which three are to be elected to serve as assistants to the present active deacons. The results of these nominations are to be announced later.

During the evening service Rev. Abe Goerz gave a baptismal address. Thereupon Rev. J. J. Toews baptized the twelve candidates, who were later accepted into the fellowship of the church.

The day was climaxed when the members partook of Holy Communion under the direction of the pastor.

Arrives to Take Over New Pastorate

By G. Konrad

Vancouver, B.C. — The news of the arrival in Vancouver of Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Toews and family from Hepburn, Sask., was received with much joy and thankfulness on the part of the Frasersview M. B. Church. An official welcome was extended to them and the responsibility of the pastorate conferred upon Rev. Toews at a special evening service on June 24, 1956.

Mr. J. Neufeld, the present assistant leader, opened the meeting with the reading of Acts 10:33. He stressed the phrase, "thou hast well done that thou art come." In a short message based on Acts 16:6-11, Mr. D. Vogt, present leader of the church, outlined the way in which God had guided and directed in making it possible for the Toews to come. He then officially welcomed Rev. Toews and conferred the responsibility of the church leadership upon him.

"The spiritual welfare and prosperity of the Frasersview M. B. Church will be determined by the place which is occupied by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by the presence of the Spirit of God, and by the position held by the Lord," declared Mr. John Wall in his message.

Rev. Toews was given the opportunity to introduce Mrs. Toews and their four children, Victor, Ruthie, Elfrieda and Peter. He also quoted Acts 18:10, "For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have



The pastor and the baptismal candidates at the Kitchener, Ont., M. B. Church. Front row, left to right, Rudy Dyck, Eleonore Dyck, Leona Penner, Rainer Wohlgenuth and Peter Klassen. Second row, left to right, Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor, David Matthies, Billy Dyck, Horst Wohlgenuth, Ernst Kaethler, Ronald Matthies and John Dick. (Photo by C. J. Rempel)

much people in this city," to indicate an attitude of fear in the face of a formidable foe, Satan, but also assurance and confidence in the face of a strong friend, the Lord.

Songs and music for the evening were provided by the Frasersview choir, the Crusader Quartet, and Victor Vogt, who played a violin solo.

After the service the whole congregation participated in a fellowship meal.

During the last few years Rev. Toews has served as pastor of the Hepburn M. B. Church, as well as teacher at the Hepburn Bible School. Previously he has taught at the Coaldale Bible School.

Present Drama "Thou That Judgest"

By Vernon Ratzlaff

New Westminster, B.C. — Sunday night, June 24, saw the presentation of a drama, "Thou That Judgest", in the Strawberry Hill M. B. church by members of the McCallum Road M. B. Church, Abbotsford, B.C. The drama was written by Mr. Hugo Jantz, former teacher of the East Chilliwack Bible School, who is now in language study preparing to help in the preparation of German broadcasts over Radio Station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador.

Bill Jones, a recent convert and new member of the church, comes to Pastor Thompson to confess a lapse into former sin. Pastor Thompson, over-joyed at the contrite heart of the brother, relates the incident at the next meeting of the church elders. To everyone's surprise and dismay, Elder Watson self-righteously condemns Mr. Jones, demands his excommunication, accuses the pastor of laxity, and assures them that his following in the church will help enforce his "high moral standards".

The Joneses, unsuspecting of Elder Watson's feelings, come to

his house for spiritual comfort and assistance after Mrs. Jones has been slighted and insulted by some of the Ladies' Aid members. To their discomfiture, Elder Jones self-righteously denounces them and accuses Bill of shamming repentance. It is then that Pastor Thompson enters and quietly tells Elder Jones that his wayward son has been wounded in an accident and is lying on his death-bed. It is the death of his son and the realization of how damaging the revelation to the community of his son's manner of life and death can be to his reputation that tempt the Elder to commit suicide. However, he faces his problem and realizes that he is as guilty as the Joneses, for he finds a verse that makes him shudder: "Who art thou that judgest?" The final scene shows the reconciliation of the Elder with the Joneses whom he has so unjustly judged.

The dramatic play, presented simply and reverently, and accompanied by the presence of the Holy Spirit, spoke to many hearts.

Provincial M. B. Conference at Gem

By N. Dueck

Gem, Alta. — Despite a much-welcomed rain, the delegates from the various churches of the provincial M. B. Conference met for their annual sessions in the M. B. church here from June 17 on. They represented about 1,600 members.

The leading minister of the local church, Rev. P. P. Doerksen, welcomed the delegates, referring to the motto placed above the pulpit, "Seid fleissig zu halten die Einigkeit im Geist" (Eph. 4:3).

Rev. H. H. Janzen, president of the M. B. Bible College, Wintipeg, delivered the inspirational messages on the theme, "The Church of Jesus Christ on Earth".

At the business sessions the various projects and mission activities

were discussed and new appointments made. The report from the treasurer revealed that over \$73,000 had been given by the churches for various purposes through the treasurer.

Much has been done, with God's help and blessing, but more, much more, must be done. May God find us willing and faithful in fulfilling the duties entrusted to us.

Male Nurse Wins Top Nursing Honors

By Harold Jantz

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — Alvin Voth, 29, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., has led the girls for three successive years at their almost exclusive profession, nursing.

Mr. Voth has been a student at the Ontario Hospital Training School for Nurses at Whitby, Ont., specializing in psychiatric nursing.

Although men are the exception in the nursing profession, Mr. Voth



Alvin Voth

said that there is a definite call for male nurses. However, he said that, "Only the knowledge that God was near helped me stick it out."

He graduated with distinction at the graduation exercises held at the Ontario Hospital recently. In addition to being valedictorian, he received awards for the highest standing, third year, highest standing in psychiatric nursing, in pediatric nursing and in surgical nursing.

A member of the Virgil M. B. Church, Alvin Voth plans taking a university post-graduate course in public health. Prior to coming to Whitby he did social welfare work for five years in Germany and the United States. One sister, Herta, a registered nurse, is a missionary under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in Columbia, South America.

A traveller crossed a frozen stream in trembling fear one day. Later a teamster drove across and whistled all the way. Great faith and little faith were granted safe convoy; but one had pangs of needless fear, the other all the joy.

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Church Bids Farewell to Missionaries

Abbotsford, B.C. — The Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren Church conducted a farewell service for the Elmer Warkentins, missionaries to Borneo, on Sunday, June 24. They have been home on furlough during the past year.

Rev. and Mrs. Warkentin are eagerly looking forward to being with the Dyacks in Borneo once more.

Piano Recital at Hepburn

Hepburn, Sask. — The summer recital by the piano students of Miss Marjorie Wiens was held on Friday, June 22. A large audience of parents and friends turned out to hear the pupils perform.

A special feature of the recital were several performances by piano trios, where three players, consisting of pupils from the lower grades to the advanced classes, played at one piano. Miss Voleda Harder, who is studying piano under Lyell Gustin, performed a waltz by Debussy. Mr. Dennis Strauss, who has been studying with Sylvia Stuart, was guest vocalist.

Students performing were: Sandra Regehr, Evangeline Willms, Sharon Lepp, Donna and Gerald Attwater, Gerald Strauss, Glen Harder, Sandra Gossen, Edith Wilms, Bernice Adrian, Margaret Siemens, Janice and Carol Epp, Ethel Doerksen, Reginald and Patsy Van Nes, Josie Schmidt, Carolyn Adrian, Myrna Brucks, Caroline Wiebe, Lois, Carol and Marina Penner, Neoma Hinz, Myrl Neufeld, and Geraldine and Diana Wiens.

Miss Marjorie Wiens ended the recital by playing Mendelssohn's "Rondo Capriccioso".

Mueller Sisters Sponsor Recital

Abbotsford, B. C. — Misses Rita and Olga Mueller recently presented their students in a piano and vocal recital in the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute auditorium.

In order to make the music more meaningful, the teachers had divided the recital into twelve classes, before each of which they made comments on the composers, the style of writing and the form of composition.

Piano students taking part were the beginners Esther Reimer, Judy Wallace, Evelyn Wedel, Reuben Wiens, Elsie Siemens. Others playing were Howard Loewen, Loretta Martens, Lorie Janzen, Carol Klassen, Annie Stobbe, Charlotte Toews, Esther Regier, Betty Stobbe, David Krueger, Dorothy Ewert, Joicy Warkentine, Walter Toews, Walter Wiens, Leona Reimer, Judy

Krivoshein, Doris Mueller, Karen Wiebe, Maggie Mueller, Rosaline Martens, Nettie Isaak, Edith Ratzlaff, Eva Mueller, Lina Isaak, Lois Warkentine and Katie Mueller.

Vocal solos were sung by Linda Siemens and Katie Mueller.

Engagement Announced

Chilliwack, B.C. — Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Penner of Rosedale, British Columbia, announce the engagement of their oldest daughter Lois, to Mr. Ike Voth. Mr. Voth is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Voth, of East Chilliwack, B.C. The couple plan to be married in the latter part of August.

East Chilliwack Sunday School Picnic

Chilliwack, B.C. — The Sunday school of the East Chilliwack M. B. Church had their annual picnic on Sunday, June 24. Young and old gathered outdoors in a secluded spot near the Vedder River to enjoy the cool freshness of the bright summer day.

In the devotional period the Sunday school choir sang a few gospel choruses and Mr. J. Friesen, the local Bible school teacher, gave a short sermonette directed especially towards the youngsters. Then the group scattered to participate in a varied sports programme. The games ranged all the way from Ring-around-a-rosy for the smallest tots, to volleyball and softball for the young people. Afterwards everyone ate heartily of the ample lunch which had been prepared by the ladies. The picnickers went home tired, but satisfied, after a happy day in God's great outdoors.

RECEIVE VISIT FROM VAUXHALL

By A. Quiring

Namaka, Alta. — A group from Vauxhall, consisting of a male quartet, Rev. F. Friesen and Rev. A. Friesen, visited us on Sunday, June 25. Also present at our Sunday services was Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor of the North Kildonan M. B. Church, Winnipeg.

At the morning service Rev. F. Friesen based his message on John 1:35-42, pointing out that we as Christians should take the Apostle Peter as an example. Rev. Falk dealt with the subject of obedience to God, taking Hebrews 11:8 as his text.

At the afternoon service Rev. A. Friesen spoke on the subject, "Christ's Gift to Us". Rev. F. Friesen then brought another message based on Hebrews 2:1-2,

stressing that the Word of God should be well-established in our hearts and minds. In this way it will guide us in the right paths.

The quartet sang at both services. The Lord richly blessed the day.

Young People Active at Vineland

By Martha Janzen

Vineland, Ont. — The young people of the M. B. Church of Vineland, Ont., find many and varied fields of activity. Thirteen of them are planning to go out teaching in DVBS during July and August.

On Sunday evening, June 24, the theme for the program presented by the young people was "Prayer". The following four sermonettes were given during the course of the evening: Thanksgiving, by Miss Anne Wiebe; Prayer of Repentance (Bussgebet), by Gerhard Wall; Intercessory Prayer, by Ed Wiebe; and Worship, by Edmund Janzen. During the last year it has become a practice for the Junior Choir to supply the music at these programs. Victor Koop, successor to Ernie Reimer, now directs the Junior Choir. Ernie Reimer is in charge of the church choir.

Tuesday evening, June 26, found a large attendance at Young People's. Brother Gerhard Wall, as chairman for the evening, opened the meeting with the reading of Phil. 4:4-12 and prayer. A letter received from missionaries H. Derksen of Africa was then read by Vern Koop. Henry Penner led the prayer meeting, and a ladies' trio presented two numbers in song. The remainder of the evening was spent in quizzes. They seem to be quite popular in our Ontario M. B. churches at this time.

We have been told an interesting event at our annual Young People's Conference this summer will be the quizz at which one representative from each of our six churches will take part. That should prove interesting, but our aim shall remain the gaining of more Scriptural knowledge. Our group is divided into four teams, the captains of which are: Miss Anne Wiebe, Miss Katie Duerksen, Rudy Isaac, and Edmund Janzen.

Herbert Church Says Farewell to Brauns

By D. Klippenstein

Herbert, Sask. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here was the scene of a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. C. Braun on Monday, June 18. The local pastor, Rev. R. Janzen, led the meeting and thanked Rev. Braun for his assistance as co-worker.

John J. Neufeld read the opening Scripture and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Christian Endeavor to Rev. Braun for his service. The Junior Ladies' Aid, of which Mrs. Braun has been a member, sang a song. Thereupon Mr. C. Peters thanked Rev. Braun for his interest and help in the Young People's Group. Mr. J. M. Neufeld spoke on behalf of the Church Council. He stated that the church hoped to have the Brauns back again after they have completed their studies. They were then presented with a gift of money.

Rev. Braun stated that this church had always meant much to him, for he grew up in this community, attended the Herbert Bible School, started their ministry here



Rev. and Mrs. Corny Braun and daughter. The Brauns are leaving Herbert to continue their studies.

and were also ordained here. He said that they had enjoyed their work and that they had enjoyed many times of fellowship here. He stated that they were leaving shortly for London, Ont., where Rev. Braun will attend the University Summer School. He plans entering Waterloo College for the winter term.

After the service, lunch was served in the church basement.

Rev. Braun, a graduate of the M.B. Bible College at Winnipeg, has been the principal of the Herbert Bible School and leader of the local church for the past five years. During this time he was also the director of the Bible School radio broadcast. We wish the Brauns God's richest blessings in their studies.

NEW AKRON WORKERS

Merrill Raber of Goshen, Ind., is the new administrative assistant in the Akron personnel office. He will succeed Roger Haines of Elkhart, Ind. Raber is a 1956 graduate of Goshen College and is affiliated with Goshen College Mennonite Church.

Ray Kauffman of Lebanon, Ore., is replacing Virgil Vogt as I-W administrator. He visited a number of I-W units on his trip from Oregon to Akron. He is a graduate of Hesston and Goshen colleges and the past year was on the staff of Hesston College.

A Year in God's Forgotten Wonderland



The picture at the extreme left shows some of the pupils at the school in National Mills, Man., where Jack Neufeld taught last winter. The center scene shows part of an Indian dwelling with the children posing. On the right is the school building, which didn't get completely on the picture.

By Jack Neufeld

National Mills, Man. — As the forestry gas car rattled along the uneven track I was unaware of my entrance into a new world. I had indeed noticed that the landscape was different; mile after mile of giant spruce and rigid tamarack, with dense undergrowth for background, seemed to menace the narrow railway. Yet the real spirit of the forest had not settled over me.

It was not until the ranger had left that I felt the change. Walking all alone down a wide trail towards the school, the words of my inspector came back to me: "The far north is romantic, the south has its social attractions, but in between is the forgotten wonderland of God." And that is how it appeared to me. Untouched by man, unbending in its ways, the rugged north had maintained its wild spirit and now transmitted a wonderful message direct from its creator.

First Impressions

I couldn't stay inside long, so after unpacking and washing up I went exploring. Down a winding lane, flanked by a new division of the uniformed spruce battalion, I walked expectantly. Suddenly around the bend I saw the dwellings of three Indian families; two tents and a log house. The women were preparing supper outside while the men were lying near the fire, talking.

As I drew near no one glanced up. The only sign that I had been noticed was the silence of the men. I felt rather ill at ease, but stated my purpose and announced the commencement of another school year. They said little. Later I learned that silence was part of their unobtrusive nature.

Making my way through a forest of ferns I came to the lumber mill and the white people. Though they were less reserved, they gave the impression of being in harmony with their peaceful environment, patient and undisturbed by the cares of the outside world.

After lunch I went back to the teacherage to spend a quiet evening by the radio—but it was not to be. A huge half-breed and his

wife entered. "Big John" informed me that he was the truant officer, a member of the school board, and chief bouncer at any festivities. We spent a very interesting evening together.

That whole day seemed like the promising dawn before the sunrise. A dawn to a year exceeding every other in fulness and blessing. And now that my time is up I would like to look back and share a few memories. School days are over; only memories remain.

Around the Campfire

Most dear to me will be the memory of my pupils: Indians, whites and half-breeds. They were a wild bunch, so full of vitality and fun. But sitting in the quiet night, sometimes around a fire, their spirits became submissive to the greater Spirit. Together we went back, as so many generations before us have done, to the Old Testament times. In wonder we read of God's great creation; with sadness we came to an understanding of man's fall. The children were always entranced by the Bible stories. And in time we tried to understand and appropriate for ourselves the tremendous plan of salvation. It was easy to tell about God under huge boughs untarnished by the hand of man. The old trees seemed to crowd the brink of silence—to become a part of our meeting.

Together we fought to free the bonds of ignorance and prayed for a real desire to know God and ourselves. And looking back I will always thrill to the memory of the change. Though there was much heart-ache and failure, I know that in some God-willed way my pupils did change this year. By the grace of God the seed has been sown. In I Corinthians 3:16 we read, "I have planted, Apollos has watered, but God gave the increase." Please help me to pray for an Apollos for next year.

The native people of National Mills are exceptionally diverse. This diversity makes them so interesting. I used to visit an old chief just to hear his stories, or "experiences", as he calls them. His friends like to re-tell this one:

"When I was in the town of Alberta, way over in B.C. (pointing east meanwhile) we was flyin' along, you know, when the carburettor in one of the motors got plugged. We was losin' altitude fast and the speed-thermometer was just spinnin' 'round. So the pilot he ties a rope 'round my belt and I climbed out on the wing—sorta windy though—and fixed that thar carburettor just in time. . ." He could go on indefinitely.

Natives Are Hospitable

But they are hospitable and friendly as well as humorous. In fall when I was getting orientated and feeling rather home-sick, they seemed to understand. Sometimes they would ask me down for supper. Although the main course was meat, there was no lack of variety. Jumper, moose, bear, partridge and even beaver were my lot during the year. For a bachelor who doesn't understand cooking this was very welcome.

Then in the twilight we would sit around and talk. It was strange how so often we came around to spiritual topics. The people here are free and open, but very illiterate and not in the least aware of it. Sometimes they would listen and I would tell them about Christ, but usually they love the sound of their own voice. Catholicism and superstition seem to have influenced their thinking so much that they are confused when they hear the truth. The only outside source of spiritual aid is the annual or bi-annual visit of Kirk Bork—the Shantyman. What a challenge and duty this leaves for a Christian teacher to be a daily witness and light to these people who still walk in such intense darkness.

Though there seems to be no difference between the intellect of the native and white children, the adults show a wide range of difference. It seems that the white man continues to grow in his mind for a longer time than the Indian. Environmental aids to growth seem to succumb to stronger hereditary forces at work.

Meeting God Personally

In the bunk-house at the mill we had some wonderful Bible dis-

cussions. Though not exactly following the pattern of our "Bibel- und Gebetstunden", they were times of very personal heart-searching for all of us. The oft-repeated question was "Well, what IS a Christian?" We would study the Bible to find the true characteristics.

One white man who had never owned a Bible before, now reads it faithfully every night together with his wife. He is trying to find out for himself which is the right way. If God lays it upon your heart, please pray for "Mike".

Finally, I praise God that He took me aside for a purpose. Not only has the peacefulness and slower tempo of life helped me physiologically, but I have really come to know God better. It is quite a different thing to worship God together with others from being all alone with God day after day. He revealed Himself to me in a new way. Hitherto I had believed the Bible in a general way. Now everything has become real and personal. I have had more battles than ever before, but also more and different victories. God has shown me the beam in my own eye, whereas until now I know I have often passed judgment on my brother's mote. I am truly thankful, and in a new way tremendously relieved, that He has led me into the "desert" to help me. I pray for grace to be still while he works at removing the beam.

God is so good to have quiet places where He can meet the needs of the individual. Out here the mountains seem to echo the thought, "In quietness and confidence shall be thy strength." My prayer is that I may humbly serve Him wherever He may lead me.

All around us the world echoes the words of our Master when he said that the fields are ripe and white unto harvest. To Christian teachers God has given especially sharpened sickles to harvest this crop. May He grant that in the final day we may not be found wanting, but rather come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

MISSION VISITS ABBOTSFORD CHURCH

Abbotsford, B.C. — The McConnell Creek Mission visited the M. B. Church here on Sunday night, June 24. Mr. Nick Dyck, who is the home missionary there, gave a brief message on missions. The members of the mission provided the music.

McCormell Creek is located several miles northeast of Mission City, B.C. The mission was begun as a Sunday school and has grown to a full-time mission station, with a fair-sized chapel accommodating the Sunday school and worshippers on Sunday. A young people's choir was organized several years ago.

THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

As I am writing to you I am trying to imagine how happy you must all be that school is over and that you have two months of holiday. What are you going to do with all that time? How many of you are going to go to Camp or to Daily Vacation Bible School? Some of you will just be staying at home, helping your parents and enjoying yourself.

Do you like playing games? Here's one that is lots of fun; try it some time. It is called "Car Trouble". You arrange the chairs in a circle, with one chair left empty. The "It" marches around inside the circle calling out "troubles". Each player is given the name of some part of a car. When his part is called out as being in trouble, he falls into the line behind the leader. After several parts are in line, the leader adds "and the car turned over". Then those in line run for their seats and the one left without a seat is "It".

Remember also, boys and girls, that the summer holidays are not a holiday from telling others about Jesus. Sometimes it is hard to be a good Christian when we are at home, but Jesus will help us if we ask Him. Aunt Selma

Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(27th Installment)

AN UNUSUAL BAPTISM

When the ceremony that had made Menno a member of the church was completed, the congregation burst into joyful singing. When the resounding choral singing had ended and everyone expected the Bishop to pronounce the benediction, an unusual thing happened. A young woman by the name of Gertrude, daughter of Herman Hoyer and his wife, Anna, of Witmarsum, stepped forward until she stood almost side by side with Menno. She implored the congregation to baptize her also and to receive her into the membership of the church, for the Lord had cleansed her heart from sin and had given her the Holy Spirit.

The Baptismal-Minded of those days were very strict and received members into their fold only after a lengthy probation period. Gertrude, however, had lived with the Groningen Fellowship for some time already and had proved that she had a solid faith and a good Christian conduct in every respect. The period of probation (trial) could therefore be eliminated. Her confession before the whole assembly was not only satisfactory, but touching as well and a murmur of approval could be heard throughout the audience. Gertrude was about 30 years of age and a former nun who had run away from her monastery after she had been converted through the ministry of one of the traveling missionaries of the fellowship of the Cross. She had attended the secret meetings of the latter,

as many nuns and monks of that time did.

The Catholic authorities were always seeking such runaway nuns and monks to bring them back, and to punish them for their disobedience. But the congregation of Groningen had hidden Gertrude in its midst, and consequently knew her well. Obbe Philipps marveled at what was happening. This was not according to his conception of the ordinances after which members should be received into the church. But Gertrude's confession was so simple, and her longing to be baptized so genuine, that he burst into the words of the apostle Peter, "Can any man forbid water that this child of God should not be baptized, which has received the Holy Ghost as well as we?"

The congregation gave its consent and after a short prayer Gertrude, too, was baptized and received into the membership of the church.

As a new member Menno had watched all this silently. He was not in favour of rash statements and actions, but this had been something out of the ordinary.

From that time on Menno knew who was to be his wife and to share happiness and woe with him.

(To be continued)

Answer to: "Bible Fruit and Flowers" (June 22 issue)

1. flags; 2. apples; 3. fig; 4. grapes; 5. pomegranates; 6. lilies; 7. rose; 8. olive; 9. almonds.



This picture shows two little boys, Henry and David Janzen of Grimsby, Ont., enjoying a rest while on a trip with their father and mother. This is just past Montreal, overlooking the St. Lawrence River. Don't you wish you were there? They were on a trip to visit their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Janzen, near Port William, Nova Scotia.

"THOSE NAUGHTY FINGERS"

Dorothy Day was a dear little girl about five years old, the daughter of a Christian father. One of the delights of the day to the father and daughter was the little prayer tie at its close, and the confidential chat after, before Dorothy pillowed her curly head and went to sleep.

One evening, after the prayer time, Dorothy held up her little hand and said:

"This finger and this thumb have been very naughty today, father."

"Why, what have they done?" inquired Mr. Day.

"Can you guess?" said the child, thinking that her wise father knew everything about her day's doings. But though he thought of many of little Dorothy's childish doings, he failed to tell the exact thing to which she alluded.

"They took some raisins out of the cupboard," she confessed and, after a pause, she added, "and put them into my mouth."

Hiding an amused smile at the sincerity and simplicity of his darling, Mr. Day inquired:

"Did anybody tell those naughty fingers to do so?"

"I did not hear anybody tell them," replied the child simply.

"What part of my little girl caused those naughty fingers to take the raisins?" again asked the father, in hopes of teaching his little daughter a profitable lesson. "Was it her curly hair, her head, or her heart?"

"Her heart," quickly replied Dorothy, realizing that it was something within her which caused the fingers to act. Then, in simple language her father set before her the Scripture,

"Out of the heart are the issues of life." (Prov. 4:23) God who knows "the secrets of the heart" (Js. 44:21), has declared,

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Jer. 17:9.

Like a faithful father, he explained to her that as the source or spring of *herself* was wicked, therefore she was a sinner, and included in the great "all" when God says,

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23. Then taking a piece of black cloth, he wound it around the naughty finger and thumb to indicate their black character. Mr. Day put the matter in such an interesting and simple way, that the child nestled closer to him, and looked inquiringly into his face.

"But what made Dorothy know that those fingers were naughty, and what led her to think of confessing to father?"

Dorothy could not answer this question, so her father went on to tell her that it was her conscience that told her her act was sinful, and that it was her conscience that brought before her, when speaking to God in prayer, that her *sin* and His *holiness* could not dwell together.

Thus sweetly, Mr. Day was able to set before his darling child, her need of knowing her sins forgiven, for if conscience led Dorothy to confess to father at the close of day, what about the time when "every one of us shall give account of himself to God?" (Rom. 14:12)

Surely the desire must be implanted in each heart,—the desire to have "sins forgiven", and any boy or girl may rejoice in this *now*, for God's Word says,

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

If *you*, my reader, have not already done so, why not take Him now as your own Saviour?

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9.

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THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

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"Woman, I saw death, certain death, before me and who would not be afraid? But tell me now, why did you care to free me? I have done you no favor."

"But, white man, did not the Jesus tell Mastaki to love her brothers and sisters, and to help them?" The squaw seemed puzzled at the incomprehension of the hunter.

At the name of Jesus, the "Man in Bearskin" started. Jesus, a name that he had heard pronounced but seldom except from the lips of fellow-Hollanders, seemed a strange sound in the mouth of an Indian squaw. He had heard of the English missionary, Reverend Smith, but it had not struck him that the good man's work was anything but a formal, ineffective attempt to do a Christian duty. He had not thought that Jesus could mean anything to an Indian, or that the power of His gospel could affect the conduct of a squaw.

"So you are a Christian?" he asked in surprise.

"It is so, paleface! Once I bowed down to the gods of my fathers, but a white man came among us. He told me that the waters were no gods, that the Great Hare and the sun were made by a greater God. He said that the Great Father sent out His Son, not to fight upon the warpath, or to slay the buck and the wildcat, but to be a shepherd to feed the sheep. He said we were the sheep and that by the Shepherd were we fed. When we love the Shepherd, then shall we be loved by Him. He said that we should love also the other sheep, and that all Christians are sheep. Why then should not Mastaki love the white man, since he is a Christian? Why should not Mastaki steal away from the wigwam of Oshtobi, who is a wolf, to cut the bonds of the captive? Does not Mastaki do only what the Great Father has told her to do?"

The man was struck dumb by the words of the woman. To think that a squalid, wild squaw should have been so greatly influenced by the teachings of Christ that she should feel kindly toward all Christians, that she should have imperiled her life to do him—a thief, a blasphemer, an act of kindness. The flush of deep shame spread over his face, and the man hung his head.

"The white man must have been greatly wronged," continued the woman. "Did Oshtobi steal his children, or did he shame his wife?"

What has Oshtobi done that the white man should try to kill him?"

Without answering her question the man asked one himself. "Is Oshtobi your husband?"

"No. Oshtobi is my husband's brother."

"And is he too a Christian?"

"The water has been sprinkled upon his forehead, and he has said, 'I believe in Jesus,' but in his heart he loves not the Saviour. Oshtobi is a wolf. What did he do that you are angry with him?"

"I do not know whether Oshtobi has done me hurt or not, but I believe he has."

"It is strange that the Christian white man should try to harm him who has done him no ill."

"I am not certain, woman, whether I should tell you what the trouble is." He hesitated to tell his secret to a strange squaw, yet he felt that he could trust the squaw, and perhaps she might help him in some way.

"Do you know," he asked, "whether Oshtobi has much money?"

"Oshtobi and the dog depend upon others for food and shelter. He had some shining gold pieces, but they are gone."

"Where did he get them?"

"He said the heart of a white man was softened when Oshtobi saved his life."

"What did he do with the money?" asked the hunter, feeling that he had a clue.

"He went to the white trader and drank firewater. His legs were trembling like the stricken deer, and he talked strangely like the screaming loon."

"How long ago did this all happen?"

"It was in the time of the blossoming maple, in the spring of last year. Oshtobi left us when the North called. We thought the long sleep had overtaken him, for we saw nothing of him for many moons. But he finally came back."

"How did he carry the money?"

"A little bag wrapped in paper was his purse."

"A bag! In paper! Are you sure? A little bag in paper! It sounds only too true. Oshtobi did not get the money from the white man. He stole it from me."

"But where did he steal it? Where does the paleface live?"

In a few words the hunter explained the whole matter—how he had buried a sack of money to keep it safely, how it had disappeared from the spot in which he thought it had been placed, how he had searched about hoping to come upon it, how the beggar had

accidentally dropped the tell-tale paper, how he had pursued and tracked the Indian for many miles and many days without coming upon him, how finally he had hit upon the sugar camp and recognized the goal of his quest, and how at the moment of victory the prize of his labors had been made unattainable.

"But," interposed the woman, "Oshtobi did not have many gold pieces."

"No, the larger part of the money was in banknotes. They were wrapped in skin. Perhaps he did not recognize them as being valuable, and threw them away. If he did, I am lost, for I'll never be able to recover and restore the money."

"But why does the paleface bewail the loss of his money? Does he make it his god? Mastaki has no money. She has only the flesh of the deer, and the fur of the mink and the fox. But she is happy, for she has Jesus for a God. Does the paleface need more than Mastaki?"

The man could not answer for his sense of shame. Yet he felt constrained to voice the promptings of his innermost heart.

"Woman, you seem to expect from me the qualities of a good Christian. Your faith is so pure and simple that you can see no guile in the white man because he has the same color as the missionary. You must know that I was a wolf like Oshtobi, a thief and a robber."

The squaw was taken aback by the confession of the white man. "Does the white man not know that Jesus has died for the thief and the robber? Does he not know that the Christ will forgive the wicked man? Why does not the white man pray? Then he will be happy. Then he will find his money. Then will he forget his grief."

"Daughter of the missionary, you are right. I know it deep down in my heart, but I can't seem to accept it and live it. I want the faith."

Then the squaw did the unexpected. "I will pray for you." She dropped upon her knees and simply said, "O Jesus, lover of the sinner, of the white man and the red man, hear the prayer of Mastaki, the sorrowing one, of Mastaki who loves Thee and believes in Thee. Help the paleface, Jesus, to love Thee. Help him to live like Thee. Help him to find his money. Let him see that the words of Mastaki are Thy words; that Thou art good like the warming sun and the falling rain. Jesus, touch the heart of the paleface and let in the colors of the rainbow."

The prayer was the truthful address of a child to a father. The deepest sincerity was in her words, her pleasant voice was made beau-

tiful by the earnestness of her plea. When her prayer had been said, she arose and would have addressed the man. But the man was himself upon his knees, and he was praying. The example of the Indian woman had been too much for him. Her tender faith, her unshaken trust had put him to shame and had brought him to a deep realization of his need.

His prayer was warm and fervent. "Jesus, my God, my Saviour! I must, I will submit to Thee. O God! Take my sinful heart, cleanse it in the blood of Thy Son. Renew my spirit, help me to serve Thee! I will repent and I will restore. I will follow after Thee!"

The squaw understood the import of his prayer. She looked with pleased expression upon the kneeling form of the man. When he arose, she spoke to him. "It is good that the white man has found Jesus."

The night was far spent, and the squaw signified her intention of leaving. She had been thoughtful enough to bring with her a portion of Indian corn-bread and a piece of smoked venison. These she gave to the man with kindly words for his welfare.

It was useless for the man to express his gratitude. "It was for Jesus' sake" was all she said in answer to him as she slipped back into the night.

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It was Sunday morning in the little Dutch settlement. A bright, peaceful calm lay over the colony as if to symbolize the peace of God which was to those who worshipped Him. The work of the week, the plowing, the woodcutting, the home-building had been suspended completely and an atmosphere of absolute withdrawal from industry and toil pervaded the village. There was a hush over the land—a hush as if to reverence the presence of God.

It was the day of rest and worship for the Hollanders, and all the inhabitants were preparing to attend the services in the little church in the cedar swamp. No one thought of absenting himself except for a reason little short of mortal illness. It was the day upon which the children received an additional application of soap, upon which the clothing received a scrupulous brushing, and the shoes an exceptional cleaning. It was the day upon which the good Dominie Van Raalte addressed the people, admonishing them, pointing them to the life of the Saviour, pure, simple, upright.

In the home of Gerrit Kolf the Sabbath preparations were in full swing. The little Grietje was busy with her mother in clearing away the remains of breakfast; Gerrit sat upon a crude seat reading silently in the Bible.

(To be continued)

FRANK PETERS SPEAKS AT PEACE CONFERENCE

By C. J. Rempel

Kitchener, Ont. — The annual Peace Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Young People of Ontario was held at the Eden Christian College on Sunday, June 3. The large auditorium was well-filled for the morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

Guest speaker for the day was Rev. Frank C. Peters, immediate past president of Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. His messages were entitled: "Love, the Foremost Commandment"; "What Do Mennonites Believe?"; and "Can a Thinking Man Be a Conscientious Objector?" Other speakers on the program were Rev. Isaac T. Ewert of Kitchener, who led in the morning devotional and prayer period, and C. J. Rempel, who spoke on "Civilian Defense and Disaster Services".

Various young people took part by leading in devotional sessions and special music. The Virgil senior church choir and the Kitchener male chorus made valuable contributions to the Conference.

The Conference was under the sponsorship and planning of the Peace Committee of the Ontario Mennonite Brethren Conference, which is comprised of Rev. Isaac Tiessen, Leamington; Rev. David Neumann, Virgil, Rev. I. T. Ewert, Kitchener; and Mr. C. J. Rempel, Kitchener.

Spiritual Awakening Near Fort Macleod

By Anne Boldt

Fort Macleod, Alta. — A spiritual awakening has been in progress among the Hutterites of Standoff Colony since February, when the Holy Spirit began a mighty work in the hearts of young people here.

My father, Peter Boldt, has been teaching at this particular colony for 27 years. During these many seemingly fruitless years he has tried to plant the Word of God in the hearts of the school children by means of reading and explaining simple Bible stories to them every morning. Thus a certain longing was awakened in the hearts of these young people. They had a desire for something better than was being offered them by the elders.

Hutterites believe that until you are baptized, which is between the ages of 19 and 25, you are counted as one of the children that Jesus "suffered to come unto Him", that is, you are innocent and thus not responsible for yourself. After baptism, you become a "Gemeinschaft", which to them represents the key to heaven. This teaching offered the young people no true



This is the Peace Committee of the Ontario Mennonite Brethren Conference with the guest speaker, Rev. F. C. Peters, during the Peace Conference. Left to right, Rev. I. T. Ewert, Rev. Isaac Tiessen, Rev. F. C. Peters, Rev. David Neumann and Mr. C. J. Rempel.

peace and satisfaction, for they felt their guilt and realized their need of a Saviour. For some time we had felt this spiritual hunger manifesting itself among the young people.

Only One Christian

Until February there was only one saved Hutterite girl on the colony. She was Sarah Tschetter, 17 years old, to whom the Lord meant everything. She was truly a witness unto Him. But above all, she prayed continually that God might save her people. I believe that it was an answer to her fervent prayers, among many others that were sent to God's throne, that this spiritual awakening took place among the young people early this year.

Rev. A. P. Regier, principal of the Bible school at Coaldale, followed God's call to spread the Gospel to these seeking young people. The meeting was held in the school and had to be conducted in strict secrecy to avoid interference from the parents, who would have rebelled at such a plan. God was in our midst the entire evening. Even when their own minister walked in on the meeting he couldn't say anything. He simply looked around and left—something entirely foreign to him.

Ten Accepted Christ

After the film, "The Man Who Forgot God", had been shown, Rev. Regier spoke on Acts 16: 30-31: "What must I do to be saved? . . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house." When the invitation was given eight young people responded. Tears of sorrow and sincere repentance, but also of deep joy and gratitude, were shed. All accepted Christ as Saviour—plus two who came to Him that night at home.

The Lord used the testimony of these young people in a wonderful

way. When my father's birthday was celebrated in school some weeks later, about 12 youngsters came under conviction and accepted Christ. May His Name be glorified!

Although these young people have had to face many trials and hardships, God has continued to lead them closer to Himself. I wish you could join one of the fellowship gatherings we hold, so that you could praise God with us. At one time a conference was called, with nineteen members in attendance. It was called especially to decide how to cope with these "headstrong" converts who had taken on "the Mennonite faith", as they called it. Three of the girls were called to face these leaders. Through it all these girls triumphed over the false and true accusations. I believe the ministers will never be able to quite forget what these girls told them, for He that is in these girls is mighty.

Changed Atmosphere

School now has an entirely changed atmosphere. Even the youngsters have a bold testimony for those about them, both on the playground and inside. These little ones hold their own prayer-meetings and how I wish you could be present at one of these gatherings. When they sing "Father in Heaven we thank Thee", I am sure that God receives all the honor and glory. They love their Lord Jesus and trust Him as only children can.

But as yet there are many more who need the Lord. These are making life hard for the converts. Please pray for their parents, the unsaved boys and their minister. Pray also for the mother of Sarah Tschetter, who is fiercely antagonistic and resists the Christian efforts of her five saved daughters. Pray that the Bible might receive the supreme place in their homes and

thus replace their forefather's books, on which they base their salvation. Pray also that this awakening may spread to other colonies.

These colonies are one of the mission fields of our province that we will be held responsible for. These people are spiritually blind and need the Gospel. Pray for the open-air meeting that we are planning to hold soon. Pray for those of us who labour among them, that we might do it to His glory alone.

On behalf of these converts and my parents, I thank you for your interest and prayers. We covet your prayers for the future. Praise God also with us for the great things that He has done among us. "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifices of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."

I-W Man Drowns in Africa

Belgian Congo, Africa (MCC) — Larry K. Kaufman, 21 of Windom, Kans., was drowned Wednesday, June 20, in the Belgian Congo of Africa, where he was in I-W service with the Congo Inland Mission, according to a report by the mission.

He had intended to return to this field as a missionary following I-W service and further education, it was learned from earlier correspondence. No details of the drowning were immediately available.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Kaufman, a Windom, Kans., farmer. He was a 1949 graduate of Windom High School and attended Bethel College at Newton from 1953-55, majoring in biology.

Larry had served nearly 15 months of his 24-months term and was a maintenance worker together with Fremont Regier of Whitewater, Kans. His work included the construction of buildings at Mutena station besides youth activities.

Born at McPherson, he was a member of First Mennonite Church there, where he had been active in youth work.

Loyal Schmidt of Abbotsford, B.C., is the third Voluntary Service worker serving in the Congo Inland Mission field.

When a person's clothing catches fire, he may become panicky and try to rush into the out-of-doors. If necessary, he should be tripped and made to lie on the ground face down, so that flames cannot burn his eyes or respiratory organs, and a rug, blanket or other heavy fabric should be rolled around him to smother the flames.

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Church 'Losing Ground' Says U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia

Back in the U.S. to report to President Eisenhower, Dr. Joseph Simonson, Ambassador to Ethiopia, is telling public audiences that "the Church is losing ground in some areas of life because too many Christians separate their religion from their daily living."

Dr. Simonson, a Lutheran pastor before accepting the diplomatic post in Ethiopia, spoke at a dinner connected with an open house for the new two-and-a-half-million-dollar Lutheran Brotherhood building in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He said the three principal areas in which the Christian influence is declining are labor, education, and the "intellectual class".

"To a large extent, labor is a lost province of the Christian Church," he said. "The Church has become an upper-class institution."

"The Roman Catholic Church, to her credit, has stayed in the forefront in this field, but there is a desperate need to recapture the vast numbers of laboring persons who make their union meetings almost a substitute for church. It is a sorry spectacle when unions hold meetings in buildings called labor 'temples', often even on Sunday mornings."

The Ambassador said Christian influence has "declined also in both public and private schools. Many of our colleges were established by church bodies," he said, "but today they too often substitute the stadium and the basketball court for the chapel as their central focus."

"The public schools no longer use readers with a Christian emphasis. Something is lost from education when concern for Christian principles goes out." (ERA)

Paper Published in Portugal

In Portugal, missionary Manuel S. Matthews has published the first issue of *Espada Senhor*, the Portuguese edition of *The Sword of the Lord*, edited by Evangelist John R. Rice of Wheaton, Illinois. Copies of *Espada Senhor*—filled with selections from the American periodical—are also distributed in Brazil, where Portuguese is the official language. The new paper is a monthly; *The Sword of the Lord* is currently publishing in excess of 125,000 copies weekly.

(ERA) ***

Scarcity of Roman Catholic Priests

In Spain, the scarcity of Roman Catholic priests was explained thusly by a Catholic writer: "It seems that celibacy causes 30 per cent of seminarians to withdraw

who had entered the seminary at the age of 12, when a child is uncertain of his own mind. Another 30 per cent withdraw before taking orders, frightened by the prospect of a very restricted economic life." (ERA)

CANADASCOPE

Commons Speaker Resigns

Speaker Rene Beaudoin, speaker in the House of Commons at Ottawa, submitted his resignation on Monday, July 2, "to gain my full freedom of speech." He was the 23rd speaker since confederation and had only recently weathered an Opposition motion to censure him for his actions during the pipe-line debate. He will continue to sit as a private member in the Commons.

Violent Storm Rips Roof off Mennonite Church

A fierce wind and electrical storm crippled southern Ontario on July 1. It disrupted communications, blew down trees and telephone poles and interrupted travel.

The city of Brantford was blacked out for two hours. Two-thirds of Guelph was without electricity for more than three hours. In the Kitchener area the roof of the Shantz Mennonite Church was ripped off and tombstones in an adjacent cemetery overturned. At Sutton a 70-foot-tall elm tree, torn up by its roots by vicious winds, crashed down on a passing car and crushed seven persons to death.

Wheat Sales to Iron Curtain Countries

The chairman of the Canadian wheat board, George McIvor, estimated on Tuesday that Canada will sell about 40,000,000 bushels of wheat to Iron Curtain countries in the current crop year which ends July 31.

Large Baptism at North Clearbrook

North Clearbrook, B.C. — The abiding results of the extended evangelistic campaign in the MEI auditorium were seen at the M. B. Church here on Sunday, June 24, when 26 believers accepted baptism and were received into the church.

Sponsored by the Mennonite Educational Institute as part of its Spiritual Life Emphasis Week, the evangelistic services in early March had seen an attendance of about 1500 almost every evening for the

two-week campaign, with over 400 signing decision cards. The immediate impact upon the churches in the area showed the effectiveness of the awakening, but now the more permanent fruit is becoming evident.

All of the 26 candidates for baptism testified that they had either been revived or led to Christ during the evangelistic services, at which Rev. Henry Unrau, B.C. superintendent of the Canadian

Sunday School Mission, spoke. Almost all of them were students at the MEI last year and all were between the ages of 14 and 19.

Rev. Abe Friesen delivered the address at the baptismal service in the afternoon, while Rev. A. H. Konrad, leading minister of the church, performed the baptism. The newly-baptized believers were received into the church on Sunday night, after which the church partook of the Lord's Supper.

Over 100 at Youth Retreat

Arnes, Man. — Over 100 attended the annual Youth Retreat at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp here. A varied program of inspirational and recreational features filled the days from June 29 to July 2 with fellowship and wholesome fun.

General theme of the Youth Retreat was "Christian Maturity", with Rev. John Schmidt, director of the Gospel Light Hour and city missionary in Winnipeg, and Rev. David Ewert, registrar and instructor at the M.B. Bible College, delivering the messages. Mr. Peter Dyck of Newton Siding was camp director.

Hindrances and dangers in progress to Christian maturity occupied Rev. Ewert in his message on Friday night. Already then there were indications that the camp would draw a large number of young people. More continued to arrive on Saturday and Sunday.

"Too many are satisfied with the mere maintenance of their holy disposition, received at conversion. We need to be concerned with the growth of it," Rev. Schmidt declared on Saturday morning, speaking on "Sanctification in Relation to Christian Maturity." "There is a danger that we stop at justification," he maintained.

"The Christian fisherman is just as happy out on the seas as the missionary fishing for souls," Rev. Schmidt asserted on Saturday night in speaking on "How Can I Know the Will of God". "But this is true only if he knows that he is in the will of God."

"A Challenge to Pursue Christian Maturity", constituted the theme for Rev. Ewert's address Sunday morning. We must flee the things of the world, pursue maturity, fight the good fight of faith, and keep the commandment.

Sunday night Rev. Schmidt dealt with "Christ-likeness in Motive, Principles, and Purpose". Speaking on John 4:4; 9:4; and 10:16, he maintained that we must have the impelling love-motive that Christ had. Then we must have the underlying principle of work in view of the need in the world. Finally, as Christ, we must be possessed by the supreme purpose of glorifying God by winning

others to Christ.

In his final message Rev. Ewert briefly outlined Christian liberty, using Gal. 5:13-25 as his text.

Other features at camp were a variety program on Sunday in which each cabin presented one item, a wiener roast and testimony-meeting on Saturday night, a panel discussion on Sunday in which the counsellors took part, a film every evening and an informal talk on witnessing by Randy Klassen on Monday morning. Music was supplied by a ladies' trio, two male quartets, several solos, and some instrumental music.

Recreational features included softball, volleyball, football, swimming and boating. Beautiful weather on Saturday and Monday added to the enjoyment. But the cold nights had some people shivering.

All those who attended this camp, located about 80 miles northwest of Winnipeg, agreed that it had been worthwhile. For those who were receptive God had a vital message.

ORDINATION AT FOAM LAKE

By Leonard Goossen

Foam Lake, Sask. — Many friends gathered in the church here on Sunday, June 17, for the ordination of Brother and Sister Alvin Penner. Brother Penner has been student pastor here for the past three years.

Rev. Jacob Epp, principal of the Bethany Bible Institute, and Rev. Jacob Adrian, director of the M. B. Mission of Saskatchewan, were special speakers at the services.

At the morning worship service the regular order of service was followed, with both Rev. Epp and Rev. Adrian speaking. The afternoon service was the solemn occasion during which the ordination service took place. Rev. Adrian gave the charge to Brother Penner and Rev. Epp then presented the charge to the church. The ordination ceremony followed.

We realized once again the solemnity of such a moment. We wish the Penners the Lord's richest blessings in their service for their master.

Weddings

FRIESEN — NICKEL

Frieda Nickel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nickel, Abbotsford, B.C., and Henry Friesen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Friesen, Abbotsford, were married on June 26 in the Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren church. Rev. H. H. Nikkel officiated.

The groom has been a student at the Moody Bible Institute during the past year.

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SCHMIDT — ENNS

Helen Enns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Enns of Newton Siding, Man., and Rudy Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt of Newton Siding, were married in the M. B. church at Newton Siding on June 23. Rev. J. H. Quiring officiated.

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KORNELSEN — WILLMS

Mary Willms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Willms of East Chilliwack, B.C., and Mervyn Kornelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Kornelson of East Chilliwack, B.C., were married on Sunday,



Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Kornelson

June 17, in the East Chilliwack Mennonite Brethren church. Rev. George Thielman officiated.

The bride is the pianist at the East Chilliwack M. B. church.

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Special guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. Quiring from Dallas, Oregon, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Schmidt from North Bend, B.C.

Obituaries

REV. JACOB N. WITTENBERG

Rev. Jacob N. Wittenberg, 77, recently of Abbotsford, B.C., but formerly of Steinbach, Man., passed away suddenly on June 21 as the result of a heart attack. The funeral services were held in the Abbotsford M. B. church on June 25.

Mr. Wittenberg was born on September 3, 1878, in South Russia. He came to Canada in 1926, living a short time in Ontario before settling at Griswold, Man. After nine years there he moved to Steinbach, Man., with his family, where he has resided during the last 17 years, teaching at the Steinbach Bible Institute. Approximately a month ago he and his wife moved to British Columbia after Rev. Wittenberg retired from teaching. They have been living with their son, John, who teaches in a local high school.

He is survived by his wife, one son, John, one daughter, Helen, and one grandchild.



CANNING IN GREECE

Paxets in Greece are improvising a house to serve as a community cannery at Tsakones, Greece. They expect to use a tin can sealer to preserve foods for home use first, then possibly for commercial purposes.

Gardening is an extensive project currently—potatoes, beans, tomatoes, peas, watermelons and other vegetables. They use a donkey to cultivate and till the garden bed.

Some villagers are beginning to use hybrid seed corn. Another Paxer is experimenting with pigs. He built a model house of poles and weeds. Future plans call for an experiment in raising turkeys and also the establishing of a teen-age club to teach good techniques of agriculture.

KOREAN BABIES

Nurse Katherine Dyck in Pusan, Korea, reports that the hospital there is accepting only babies who are cases of severe malnutrition and those whose mothers have died or deserted the babies. This is due to the large number already receiving care.

Katherine wrote: "One day a mother who had been attending

clinic regularly for the past seven months arrived with another two-weeks old baby. The first one had been left on her doorstep at night seven months ago and now a second one had been left. The mother had no children of her own and said she would like to keep this baby as well."

Katherine added 20 such babies to her roll for care during the past month. She believes they are abandoned because of poverty. "But somehow the mothers seem to know exactly at which doorstep to leave the babies. Invariably these new parents are without children and are thrilled at the prospects of caring for a child and they can usually pay for the milk we give them."

JAPANESE HELPER

One of the most energetic helpers at the relief unit in Tokyo, Japan, is a young man who left a monastery because he "could no longer conscientiously subscribe to some of the doctrines."

He arrived at the MCC center penniless and friendless, finding counsel and rehabilitation with the Norman Wingerts. He was not content to receive this help himself but has unselfishly given time and personal money to provide food for homeless and hungry people in the Ueno area of Tokyo.

URUGUAY NURSES

Nurses Maria Dueck and Gertrud Unruh, both from Paraguay, are caring for physical needs among people in the neighboring nation of Uruguay.

Gertrud wrote of a bus accident involving seven Mennonites to whom she extended care. One woman received a concussion, two had head cuts and three received only slight injuries. Another case was a man with ptomaine poisoning.

Maria wrote of a mother of three children whose husband died a few months ago. The mother left her house one afternoon and entered the woods where she apparently took her own life. Doctors said she drank ant poison.

Maria said, "We of course cannot understand how a mother could leave her children in this manner. But we thank God that He is a Father who will care for these children."

CALIFORNIA MIGRANT UNIT

Paul and Maurine Friesen of Elbing, Kans., are the new directors of the voluntary service unit to migrants at Coalinga, Calif., where they have served nearly a year.

They replace Carl and Marilyn Wolgemuth, who have terminated, but due to their interest in the project, are continuing in the ministry to the migrants there. They are now serving under the Brethren in Christ Church.

The present unit is also composed of Doris Zook, Tina Warrentin and Elson Sommers. In addition to serving as religious leaders, the girls teach migrant women better techniques of house-keeping and the fellows direct recreational activities.

AILSA CRAIG SOCIAL WORKER

Alden Bohn of Pandora, Ohio, is the new social worker at Ailsa Craig Boys Farm in Ontario, succeeding Abe Schmidt, who plans to do graduate study.

Alden's wife, Doris, will teach. He is a graduate of Bluffton College in social science and has studied at Mennonite Biblical Seminary at Chicago the past two years. He will be in 1-W service.

There are presently 20 boys at the farm who are placed there by social welfare agencies when their homes are broken or other problems develop.

HOSPITALS RECEIVE FORD GRANTS

The three MCC mental hospitals have received the first half of their grants from the \$200 million program of Ford Foundation.

Brook Lane Farm at Hagerstown, Md., received \$9,350. Prairie View Hospital at Newton, Kans., received \$7,950. Kings View Homes at Reedley, Calif., received \$8,150.

The decision on how these funds will be used in each hospital is being worked out.

"HE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE"

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be upon him. Every opportunity is grasped to shed forth fragrance and beauty to others.

What good will he do for those who are dead or those who will stand in his place in years to come? His time of opportunity is today. Likewise the season of the righteous to bear fruit is now. God needs children, young folks and older people in whom he can be real, and bring forth fruit today.

The righteous shall also be like a tree, "whose leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper". This speaks of constantly abiding. The Master always plants the tree in a rich place. Thus he is absolutely satisfied with his food. He envies none other, looks for no greater pastures, because his opportunities are tremendous. He is content, for his life, his fruit and his beauty comes from the Fountain of Living Water; to Him be all the praise. Storms may blow, drought may threaten, enemies of all descriptions assail, but there is no withering and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Who is righteous? The righteous shall be like that tree.

Large Crowds Attend Inspirational Services

By George Konrad

North Clearbrook, B.C. — A full program of inspirational services drew capacity crowds at the Canadian M. B. Conference convening here from June 30 to July 5. Thousands of persons availed themselves of the opportunity to hear men of God discuss topics of interest and importance. In order to accommodate the many listeners, services were held both in the Yarrow M. B. church and in the MEI auditorium on Sunday morning and afternoon, and also on Monday and Tuesday evening.

Schools Hold Spotlight

Saturday afternoon the Bible schools and high schools held the spotlight. Rev. A. Wieler, principal of the M. B. Bible Institute here, was chairman at the service.

In a report about the high schools, Mr. I. J. Dyck, principal of the MEI, pointed out the danger of destroying the foundations of a Christian "Weltanschauung" if we should desert our private high schools. His report revealed that there were five high schools operating in Canada under M. B. sponsorship, working with a total of over 900 students.

Rev. Henry Warkentin, former principal of the Yarrow Bible School, pointed out in his report on the Bible schools that only those churches who made much of the Word continued to have spiritual existence. According to his report there are eight Bible schools in Canada, working with 334 students. He deplored the fact that the enrollment in Bible schools has steadily decreased during the past few years.

An authority on education, Rev. B. J. Braun, president of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary at Fresno, Calif., spoke on the topic, "The Impact of Modern Education on Our Churches". He drew the attention of the audience to the total lack of Biblical teaching material in the elementary school curricula, despite the fact that the original purpose of most schools at the time of their founding was to teach children to be able to read the Bible. He also emphasized the danger of materialism as the result of the commercial expansion in our world. His answer to these problems was the foreknowledge of God. "God has provided for great movements, the Protestant Reformation, modern education, modern missions, and Biblical evidences, to offset the influences of the prevailing trends," he concluded.

Dedicatory Service for New Administration Building

The M. B. Bible College presented the program on Saturday evening,

June 30. Rev. H. H. Janzen, the president of the college, indicated that the meeting would be of a special nature. It would center around the dedication of the new college building, now nearing completion.

On the program were two testimonies by graduates of the college. Miss Junko Matsuno from Japan spoke of God's faithfulness in bringing her to the college. Mr. Jake Friesen, Bible school teacher at East Chilliwack, delineated some of the benefits and purposes of the college.

In a message based on Eph. 2:8-10, Rev. I. W. Redekopp pointed out that the college was the work of the Lord, that it was called to do good works, and that it had a definite place in God's plan. Following the message, dedicatory prayers were spoken on behalf of the new building by Dr. A. H. Unruh, Rev. D. J. Pankratz and Rev. H. P. Toews.

The evening was made more enjoyable through the singing of a group of ex-students of the college, directed by John Wall.

Capacity Crowds Sunday

By A. G. Konrad.

The capacity crowd at the MEI auditorium on Sunday morning, July 1, was welcomed by Rev. H. H. Nikkel, pastor of the Abbotsford M.B. Church. The theme for this day was "The Fight of Faith for the Believer", with the morning's emphasis on the home and school.

Rev. J. H. Epp of Hepburn based his message on I Tim. 6:3-10, emphasizing that this fight is a spiritual one, that its methods consist of steps of faith, and that its object is to subdue the enemy of our soul and to establish us in the faith.

Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M.B. Church, continued with this theme, listing some of the required equipment for warring a spiritual battle. He stressed the necessity of clarification of aims, of motives, and the extension of interests, the need for agreement between the life and message of the messenger, unity, courage, worthiness to suffer, and a willingness to divide our possessions with others.

A mass choir, comprising the church choirs of Arnold, Clearbrook, East Aldergrove, Abbotsford, South Abbotsford and Matsqui, sang during the service.

Foreign Mission Work Featured

By Alvin Philippsen

Rev. J. F. Redekop of Abbotsford opened the afternoon service, which was concerned with foreign mission work.

Rev. J. B. Toews, field secretary of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, delivered the first message on "The Fight of Faith in the Preparation of the Mission Worker". He asserted that the mission worker must be a representative of Christ. He contended that we as churches are failing miserably in the area of sacrifice for the Lord's work. Rev. Julius Kasper, missionary home on furlough from India, also delivered a heart-searching message.

The choirs of the two Vancouver M. B. churches served with songs.

Mass Young People's Choir

By George Konrad

A massed choir of approximately 135 voices sat on the stage of the MEI auditorium on Sunday night. Close to 2,000 young people had gathered for the Youth Rally, an annual feature at the Canadian Conference.

The theme for the evening, "Be Thou an Example", was lettered across the back of the stage. Rev. P. R. Toews, chairman of the Youth Committee of the conference, led the meeting, while Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the M.B. Church at Kitchener, Ont., delivered the message.

Guests of honor for the evening were all Bible school students, of which a large number were present. Two of these students testified of the blessings received in attending a Bible school.

The treasurer of the Youth Committee, Rev. A. J. Froese of Boissevain, Man., reviewed the work which the M. B. young people of Canada had done last year. He also mentioned that the next years budget would again be \$4,500.

Mission Worker's Difficulties Outlined

By A. G. Konrad

The afternoon service at the Yarrow M. B. church also centered on foreign missions. Rev. H. Lenzman, the local pastor, was chairman for the service.

Rev. J. A. Toews, later appointed president of the M. B. Bible College, discussed the preparation of the foreign missionary. He emphasized that the worker should be prepared for a teaching ministry, for leadership, for unselfish co-operative work, and for love and loyalty to the home church. The preparation should include a formal education, faithful, co-operative work at home, a time of testing in the homeland, and a call to service from the church. Rev. Toews emphasized that the future of our mission work will depend upon the spiritual standing of the home church.

Rev. A. E. Janzen portrayed the fight of faith of the mission worker in the foreign field. He reviewed experiences of missionaries to illustrate the battles the worker encounters in language study, with physical disabilities, natural limitations, self, spiritual opposition, and church persecutions. A victorious battle will always demand willingness to sacrifice as well as to suffer. Rev. Lenzman closed the afternoon session with an appeal to service.

Special Children's Services

By George Konrad

Special children's services were conducted on Sunday morning and afternoon, July 1, in the North Clearbrook M. B. church. Children of the parents attending the regular conference sessions crowded into the church building to sing, worship and listen. About 500 were present at each service. Rev. A. H. Wieler was chairman of the two services.

In the morning two missionaries related interesting incidents from their experiences out on the field. Miss Frieda Janzen from Ethiopia and Miss Rubena Gunther from Japan kept the children spellbound as they graphically portrayed conditions on the field. For a Bible lesson the children were divided into separate departmental groups.

The main feature of the afternoon service, after a clear-cut message by Rev. A. E. Schmidt from Terrace, B.C., was the film, "Call of the Navajos".

Mr. Ed Haak, Matsqui, and Bill Peters, Arnold, led the children in the singing of well-known songs and choruses.

The children agreed that it was good to have a "conference" of their own.

FAREWELL FOR REV. PAULS AT GLENBUSH

By Alvin Krahn

Glenbush, Sask. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here honored their pastor, Rev. N. H. Pauls, at a special farewell service on June 10. Rev. Pauls has been the spiritual leader of the church since it was founded 29 years ago.

A short word of appreciation and farewell was given by a number of brethren. Rev. Pauls also addressed the church, saying farewell to it. The fine program was interspersed with various musical items.

During the earlier years of his ministry Rev. Pauls also served as choir director. Through his unselfish devotion to God and to his task at Glenbush, he has made himself endeared to the hearts of the Christians and we regret to see Rev. Pauls and his family leave. May the Lord continue to bless him as he takes up residence at Kelowna, B.C.

College Presidency Changes Hands

North Clearbrook, B.C. (Special) — Rev. H. H. Janzen, president of the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg since 1948, has resigned his position to accept an assignment



Rev. H. H. Janzen.

to Germany for an indeterminate period. Rev. J. A. Toews, dean at the college since 1948, has accepted the appointment as president, effective August 31.

The Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church, meeting here for their annual sessions from June 30 to July 5, accepted the resignation of Rev. Janzen and approved the appointment of Rev. Toews as president.

In other action, the conference approved the \$16,200 budget of

the Canada Inland Mission. The committee, with Rev. Jacob Epp of Hepburn as chairman, reported that new chapels had been erected at all three of their mission stations: Port Edward, B.C.; Grand Forks, B.C.; and Blaine Lake, Sask. A new residence has also been constructed at Port Edward, which is located near Prince Rupert, B.C.

The resignation of Rev. Janzen as president came as a surprise to many. In his term of office the college has seen many changes, notably the construction of a new administration building, which will house offices, music rooms, classrooms, a large library and an auditorium. During the last six years Rev. Janzen has made three trips to Europe, ministering there for one year in 1950-51, attending the World Conference in 1952, and serving during the summer of 1955 in a series of services.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— Brother and Sister Hans Kasdorf are scheduled to depart for South America in August, where they will serve in church work and Bible school teaching with the assistance of the Mennonite Brethren Board of General Welfare. Brother Kasdorf returns to Brazil. Sister Kasdorf is from Yarrow, British Columbia, the daughter of Brother and Sister Nikolai Reimer.

The Kasdorfs will settle in Bage, Brazil, where he will assist in the work of the Mennonite Brethren Church and teach in the Bible school. There is a possibility of his also teaching in the Montevideo Bible School in Uruguay.

Brother Kasdorf completed work for the General Bible Course diploma at Mennonite Brethren Bible College in June. Previously he attended Winkler Bible School. Brother Kasdorf was born in Russia and arrived in Brazil in 1930.

He has studied seven years in Canada.

— The elementary Bible course of the Fernheim Bible Institute in Paraguay began its four-month session on June 4. A total of 70 students are enrolled. Four classes are offered. This course is offered alongside the theological course which began in March and in which nine persons are enrolled. Teachers include G. H. Sukkau, principal; Hans Wiens, Jacob Duerksen, Peter Klassen and Gerhard Wall.

CANADIAN M. B. CONFERENCE

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branches of the work of the Conference came up for discussion.

At the Saturday morning session various procedural and organizational matters were clarified, as well as some reports given. In his report on the work of the Christian Press, Ltd., Mr. H. F. Klassen maintained that, "next in importance to the proclamation of the Gospel by preaching, is the printed word."

Monday morning, July 2, work began in earnest. Rev. H. H. Janzen, president of the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, set the tone for the Conference in his message, "The Contentment for the Faith Within Our Churches." On the basis of Jude 3 he pointed out that the faith for which the Christians are contending is the "foundation of the faith", namely, the complete teaching of the Bible.

A highlight of the business session was the challenging presentation of the cause of Foreign Missions by Rev. J. A. Harder, chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions; Rev. A. E. Janzen, secretary; and Rev. J. B. Toews, field secretary. Rev. Janzen's report revealed the astounding fact that of the 1,112,000,000 people in the world who are still unreached by the Gospel, the M.B. Conference of North America is responsible for over 12 million. He evaluated the situation and challenged the conference with the words: "The 20th century with all its discoveries has placed the possibility of reaching all these people into our hands." The proportion to which the work of foreign missions has grown was revealed by the financial report. This showed that for the past fiscal year disbursements amounted to well over \$500,000.

Rev. J. B. Toews, who recently returned from a field trip to some of the mission fields, outlined the crisis of missions. He said, "Instead of considering the expansion of our mission endeavor in order to tell the Gospel of salvation to the many unreached souls, and

make possible the sending forth of more young workers, we notice signs of decreasing interest in missions on the part of many brethren and sisters who at one time dedicated their lives to the Lord. This is taking place under circumstances of increasing ease and luxury. The crisis of home and foreign missions, for the present, revolves around the issues of faithfulness and willingness to sacrifice."

History Book Nearly Ready

A hearty welcome greeted the announcement by the Publications Committee that a special publication was now ready for the bindery. Rev. A. H. Unruh's book, "The History of the Mennonite Brethren Church", prepared especially for the coming centennial (1960) of the Mennonite Brethren Church, was introduced. It is a book of over 800 pages giving a graphic account of the origin and growth of the M.B. Church.

At the recommendation of the Board of Reference and Counsel, a resolution was also passed to organize a special study conference for the future. The purpose of this conference would be to determine and clarify the stand of the M.B. Church on various important issues, such as baptism by the Holy Spirit, eternal security, and others.

Participation \$30 per Member

Of great interest to all was the analytical financial report presented by the conference treasurer, Mr. C. A. DeFehr of Winnipeg. His report revealed that a total of nearly \$440,000 passed through the Canadian Conference treasury during the past fiscal year. According to his analysis, individual participation in conference projects average about \$30 per member. Provincially Alberta had the highest average with \$35 per member, and N. Saskatchewan the lowest with slightly over \$21 per member. This does not include local church appropriations for its own work, nor provincial projects.

The work is progressing satisfactorily. However, with two days left of the conference, a long list of items still to be discussed remains.

On the Horizon

July 3 to August 2—A series of three children's camps for boys and girls 7 to 14 at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man. Rev. A. H. Kroeker is director. For information write D. E. Redekop, 966 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

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