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"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:2.

YOUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEKLY



The need for teachers and nurses is great in Newfoundland. In the above pictures you see William Regehr teaching a class in one of Twillingate's public schools, and the 100-bed hospital at Twillingate, Newfoundland. The Mennonite Central Committee is planning to establish a Voluntary Service unit here, since these two islands have a population of 6,000 and make "Unit" type of living possible. Those who want to serve the Lord here as a teacher or nurse should write for further information to MCC Office, 10 Union Street East, Waterloo, Ont.

Evangelism and Follow-up in Japan

By David Balzer *

A study of God's program for the church reveals that He desires that there shall be both an extensive outreach to all the peoples of the world, as well as an intensive establishment of believers in the fundamentals and essentials of the faith. Realizing that such is the plan of "the Lord of the Harvest", it became the concern of your "harvesters" in Japan, how they might most effectively carry out their Master's will. They believed themselves led of the Lord to embark upon a more concerted effort in evangelism, and that through the medium of the tent. Thus it has been our privilege to have this year's first campaign conducted in the area to which we moved recently, namely the easterly part of the Osaka Prefecture.

Although we had moved to Nagaoka about two months prior to the campaign and had held some services with the help of one of the Christians of the Tsurugaoka Church, this tent campaign may still be called the real beginning of our work in this area. The Lord provided an open lot very near our house, which proved a real

convenience. Shortly before the opening day the area was blanketed with tracts and announcements by the Christians of our church in Japan. Having witnessed many poorly attended services, it was a real joy to see



David Balzer.

the people come in until the tent was about filled, with a group standing in the entrance. Although we soon found out that it was not necessarily Gospel hunger that brought them here, it is a worthwhile fact that they all heard the preaching of the Word.

Even though the weather was unusually rainy and cool, the Lord gave us an average attendance of

some sixty people, some of them attending almost every night for three weeks. At first tempted with anxiety when the weather was so very adverse, we soon learned to trust the Lord for listeners, and He always brought them in.

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Eye-Witness Reports on Violence in Colombia

In spite of flying stones and rocks, six people accepted Christ at a July 5 meeting on the M.B. mission station in La Cumbre, Colombia, S.A. An eye-witness report states that several nationals were injured in the attack, four youths spent the night in jail because of untrue charges of distributing evangelical literature, and several mission buildings were damaged. Violence broke out again three days later.

Excerpts from a private letter of an eye-witness report other blessings in Colombia, which remind one vividly that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church". The letter states:

"It was my privilege to attend the anniversary celebration in one of the large cities, Cali. The best

speakers available were there and also a Christian band led by a missionary. It was just wonderful to see the large attendance every night, with between 2,000 and 3,000 out the last night and some 280 decisions during the week. We think that this is good for a land like Colombia. We expected to be molested, but were not since this is not mission territory of the Roman Catholic Church.

"On Thursday of last week (July 5, —Ed) we had the band with us at La Cumbre for a day and they gave us two programs. Just before the evening program started four fellows were taken to jail and accused of having distributed literature on the streets. Long ago we have been forbidden to do this and they had not been doing it either. The police had searched them, taken papers from their pockets, and accused them of distribution. They wanted to take some of the band members, but

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VISAS REFUSED TO CANADIANS

Rev. H. M. Epp, Mt. Lehman, B.C., and Rev. D. B. Wiens, Saskatchewan, Sask., and presently serving in Europe, have been refused entry visas by the Soviet government. They were to visit Russia together with Dr. H. S. Bender of the U.S.A. on an exploratory tour under the auspices of the MCC. Dean Harold S. Bender of Goshen College has received his entry visa.

EDITORIAL

Those Years of Indifference

Some churches have already had their "annual" baptismal service, with others no doubt planning one. This event is preceded by one of the most inspiring occasions in the Christian church, the night when the baptismal candidates give their testimony of faith in Christ. Because they reveal God at work through His Holy Spirit, the testimonies help to challenge the church to greater service.

Not so inspiring, however, is a phenomenon revealed at this time that we seem to have accepted as normal. Almost without fail the testimonies reveal a period of indifference, of fruitlessness and of backsliding. Strikingly significant is the fact that often this period follows conversion very closely. The period of time varies, but it is a time of defeated living, of turning from Christ.

Because of its frequency we are not startled when a testimony reveals such a regression in the life of a Christian. True, we would like to see it different, but because most of us experienced it ourselves we tend to ignore this period as insignificant. Yet we must honestly ask ourselves in the light of Holy Scripture: Ought this to be so? If not, why does this indifference set in?

It seems to us that two major reasons for this phenomenon are the lack of sound advice to the new convert and a lack of effective follow-up work.

When someone has confessed his sin and received forgiveness we usually shake hands with him, tell him to praise the Lord—and let him go. We forget, however, that the new convert is only a babe in Christ, that he has taken only the initial step in a life of faith. Does a mother let go of her child as soon as it has taken its first step?

Each new convert should be told in brief the characteristics of the new life. Most of us have perverted notions as to the nature of the new life when we are won for Christ. We tend to build on feelings and emotions. Therefore the new convert must be shown by Scripture that he has entered a life of faith, not feeling, and that in spite of trials and temptations he can trust God.

The knowledge that being a Christian is being a disciple of Christ is essential for the new Christian. He must realize that Christ has first claim on his life, that obedience to the will of God is paramount. Disciplined living and sanctification go hand in hand for all believers.

The personal worker should further inform the new convert that in order to be a disciple in the true sense of the word he needs intimate fellowship with Christ. This means daily, prayerful and meditative reading of His Word and humble, believing prayer.

The necessity of testifying, through life and word, should be impressed on every young Christian. The obvious implications of Romans 10:9 and 10 cannot be side-stepped. This testimony, if it is to be complete, includes baptism and identification with the church.

It is easy to confuse the new convert with a multiplicity of instruction, however. Thus follow-up work is essential. After the personal worker has given the new convert the basic steps in the new life, he should follow this up with regular contacts. At such times he can discuss the problems of the young believer, lead him on in Bible study and other steps of faith, and pray with him. He can also direct him into a field of service, where the young believer can give a testimony, an essential element in growth.

It is our firm conviction that through personal work and persistent follow-up work we can eliminate most of the indifference and back-sliding. Backed by the ministry of the parents and the church, this "big brother" and "big sister" style of personal work can pay rich dividends in fruitful lives.

Devotional

No Healing Without Hurt

When temptation threatened to overwhelm you, have you wondered why God let it come? When you fell into sin, dismally failed your Lord, did you ask, "Why, oh why did this happen to me?" And when you tossed and turned upon a bed of pain, was your heart quietly questioning God's mercy and love?

All of us have had these experiences at one time or another. At the time we seemed to stand alone, forsaken of God and of men. Our minds were whirling with a jumble of thoughts, unable to come to a satisfactory conclusion. The psalmist reached this stage when he saw how the unrighteous prospered and the righteous were oppressed. Oh the bliss of then coming to the assurance that He "doeth all things well".

At times of great suffering and strong temptation it is inspiring to know that there is no healing without hurt; there is not the blessed relief from pain without suffering; there is no great joy without great sorrow; and there is not the peace that accompanies the forgiveness of sin unless sin has first brought unrest. The most intimate fellowship with Christ is possible only when we become Christ-like, and He was "made perfect in suffering".

Has it ever occurred to you that those passages of Scripture that speak most comfortingly, most reassuringly to you have been written by men during or after great sorrow, affliction or sin? Who has not rejoiced with David, the Psalmist, when he writes, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32:1)? And yet preceding this he experienced the most excruciating agonies that a guilty conscience has ever felt. He declares, "For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer", yes, his "bones waxed old" through their "roaring all the day long."

All of us have at one time or another fled to II Cor. 12:9 for comfort: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Yet this promise was given the apostle Paul only after he had asked the Lord three times to remove the "thorn in the flesh" that was giving him much trouble. Paul's thorn in the flesh and the resultant promise of God have been instrumental in comforting and inspiring thousands, yes, millions of Christians.

When suffering seems too great to bear all of us turn to the book of Job for comfort. Why? Did

Job have an easy life, a life that knew no pain? No, but Job's experience gained in losing his possessions and family resulted in that glorious message, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord". And Job's disease, with the attendant acute suffering, finally brought forth the exclamation of triumph, "I know that my Redeemer liveth and that at the latter day he shall stand upon the earth" (Job 19:25). This expression of faith has not only inspired Handel while writing "The Messiah", but it has quickened the faith of many other believers.

It was only after Elijah had lain prostrate in the desert and asked to die that God spoke to him in a still small voice. And it was while Paul was in prison that God came to him by night with the message, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome" (Acts 23:11).

And when we search for a modern counterpart we need not seek long. The blind poetess, Fanny Crosby, is but one example of the blessing that suffering can bring. Who has not been comforted by her song, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus", or "Some Day the Silver Cord Will Break"? In spite of blindness she wrote thousands of poems that have been set to music and comforted and challenged believers everywhere.

Have you been hurt? Then you can know the blessedness of healing.

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Dormitories for CMBC under Consideration

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — If necessary, men's and women's dormitories will be constructed on the Canadian Mennonite Bible College campus before next summer, the Conference of Mennonites decided at its annual sessions here from June 30 to July 4.

The determining factor will be whether the present student homes, now located on Wellington Crescent and Furby St. in Winnipeg, can be sold at a favourable price. Final decision will be made by the board of directors.

The conference also voted to raise an additional \$50,000 for the building fund of the college and to continue the \$1.50 per member contribution to cover the operating expenses of the college.

The board has been increased to 16 members, seven from Manitoba, three from Saskatchewan, and two each from Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario.

Rev. J. J. Thiessen, chairman of the board, announced that a quarter section of land south of Drake, Sask., has been donated to the college by a Kansas couple. It is valued at \$5,000.

MENNOMITE CHURCHES ON NATIONAL BROADCAST

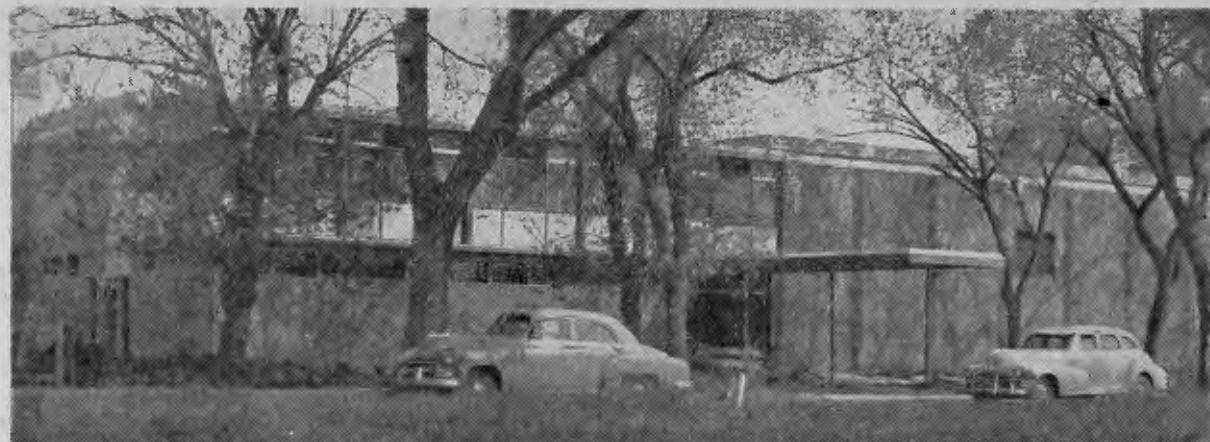
Kitchener, Ont. — The Mennonite Church was given national recognition on the CBC network for the first time when the Sunday, July 15, Church of the Air radio broadcast originated from the Mennonite Brethren church here. Thus far only the large denominations have been allotted free radio time over the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Bishop C. F. Derstine, pastor of the First Mennonite Church, Kitchener, spoke on the 30-minute program. The church choir of the Mennonite Brethren Church sang two songs. The theme for the program was, "Divinely Directed Days".

To Help Mission to Indians

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — Ninety-two delegates attended the afternoon and evening sessions of the Canadian Mennonite Youth Organization at its annual meeting here on July 3. They voted to contribute \$2,000 to the Mennonite Pioneer Mission for its work among the Indians of Northern Manitoba.

Meeting for business and inspiration, the national youth group chose the mission project after completing the two-year project of furnishing the chapel of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College with 100 chairs and an organ. The \$2,000 will be raised on a volun-



This is a view from Kelvin St. of the new M.B. Bible College building. To the right is the auditorium, while to the left of the canopy are the music rooms, lower left, and the offices, upper left. Not visible is the library, directly behind the main floor to the left. Great progress is visible throughout the interior, with the possibility that the building may be completed in a month.

tary basis among the young people of the Conference of Mennonites in Canada.

Reporting on youth work in the provinces were Peter Kehler, A. B. Koop, Peter Sawatsky, Gerhard Ens, and Jake Fransen. Willard Claassen of Newton, Kans., delivered the inspirational address at the evening session.

Re-elected president of the organization was Arthur Wiens of Herschel, Sask., who will serve another three-year term. Other members of the executive are: Anne Giesbrecht, secretary; and Peter Klassen, vice-president.

EVANGELISM AND FOLLOW-UP IN JAPAN

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Thus for twenty-one consecutive days God's righteousness and love were proclaimed. We are happy to report that God blessed His Word to the hearers, so that some souls came to see their own sinfulness and claimed God's provision of grace by faith. However, we found that the individual readily falls in line with the decision of the group. Furthermore, what appears to be a reception of Christ may be no more than a decision to become a Christian. It is perhaps only a gesture of courtesy and acknowledgement for services rendered. But it was a real joy for missionaries and nationals to unite hearts and hands in the proclamation of God's matchless grace to people who sit helpless in a land of eight million gods. Almost every evening a clear, ringing testimony was given by some Christian from the other stations. We listened with deep interest when one evening two new converts told us what God had done for them since they came to believe in Him.

When the evangelistic campaign had ended, the brethren Kitano and Wiens moved on to Ishibashi for a new campaign there, and the responsibility of further teaching the fundamentals of the Word fell upon our shoulders. Though we speak with halting lips, the

Lord gave strength and grace to lead inquirers and believers on to a fuller understanding of God's Word. In this we acknowledge the faithful prayer support which you have offered, so that God was able to supply of His abundance.

The follow-up course was not only a test for us; it also tested the motives and sincerity of many who had often attended the evangelistic services. We found that although many seem to enjoy hearing the Gospel of God's forgiving grace, they fail to yield their hearts when called on to discipleship. For this reason the attendance at the Bible classes fell sharply to about twelve. Although our original plan was to have a three-week follow-up course, we were led to change over to a normal program after two weeks. We have been especially impressed with the faithful attendance of Matsumoto San, a shy, young mother who missed not one Bible lesson I offered. Another lady, Inoue San, had previously believed in one God, but thought that He works through idols and had a superstitious fear of them. When shown that she must remove the idol, she feared that evil might befall the household. However, she obeyed God's Word and removed it. We rejoice to notice that she is showing concern for those yet without Christ. Others had intellectual doubts and gained clarity through the reading of suitable literature.

The Lord is drawing sinners to Himself, and it is our prayer that all those who have followed through to the present time may yield their hearts unreservedly to the Lord and come to acknowledge Him openly in prayer and testimony, based on an absolute break with their sinful past. Do pray that these who now believe may not shrink from the cross which they will have to take up for Jesus' sake. Pray that souls may yield to the continuing constraint of the Lord, for we believe that we have not realized the full fruit of this campaign. We acknowledge that we have not seen great num-

bers break down before the Lord, but we have noticed that in certain individuals God has been working in a very real and personal way, moving them to renounce the sinful past and to sit at Jesus' feet, learning of Him. The distribution of thousands of tracts has made the district Gospel-conscious, and has laid the ground-work for our continued witness.

* The present address of the Balzers is: Rev. David Balzer, 30-2 Yoshimatsu Fuso Shi, Osaka Fu, Japan. The Balzers are serving under the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions.

Farewell Service for Penners

Foam Lake, Sask. — A great many friends gathered in the M. B. church here for the farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Penner. The Penners have been serving here for the last few years.

A program of songs, poem, and solos, both vocal and piano, was presented. Brother Leonard Goosen then spoke of the progress made while the Penners were serving here, of the many souls saved and the spiritual help given to others. He presented the Penners with a 63-piece dinner set and a sum of money as a going-away gift.

The boys and girls of the Children's Hour were also present and in appreciation of all that the Penners have done for them during these enjoyable weekly hours, they too presented them with their gift—a smart-looking floor lamp.

After the service a variety of sandwiches, cakes and cookies was served to all those present.

Rev. and Mrs. Penner are moving to Swift Current, where they will take up the responsibilities of the mission. We feel a great loss with the Penners leaving. However, we shall have the privilege of making the acquaintance of Rev. and Mrs. Kehler of Kelstern, Sask., who will take up the pastorate here shortly.

Harvesting in Progress at Leamington, Ont.

By John Bartel

Leamington, Ont. — Summer is here again and many are on vacation, but not the farmer. Among students the main concern after school closed was, "Did you pass?" There were a variety of answers.

The classrooms are quiet now, but the farms have started to buzz with harvest preparations. The cabbage crop in this district has been harvested, with celery harvesting in progress. Tomatoes and potatoes have started to roll into the produce sheds. Some farmers are preparing to combine their winter wheat and other grains, while corn and soybeans are well on their way to maturity. To sum it up, "The fields are white unto harvest."

During this busy harvest season are we forgetting the harvest of souls? In Essex County daily vacation Bible school work is to be started on July 23 and held until August 3. As of now there are 15 teachers in four schools planned for this district: two schools in Windsor, one north of Leamington in the country, and one in our M.B. church basement.

Are we doing our part in this harvest? Do we pray and support this work, or are we just watching? The field is white unto harvest, but few are the workers. Pray for this work in your community and support it in whatever way you can.

Ask Me

An exchange tells of a salesman who was demonstrating a bacon cutter to a grocer. To all his questions as to whether the machine, a good investment, would increase the sales of bacon, the grocer answered in the affirmative. "Then why don't you buy one?" asked the salesman. And the grocer answered, "Why don't you ask me?"

A businessman once told Billy Graham that a man had been in his employ for thirty years, and he had never said one thing to this man about his becoming a Christian. Graham urged him to speak to this man the very next morning. The businessman promised he would. He found it very difficult to break the silence of thirty years. But finally he said: "I want to talk to you about your soul! I want you to give yourself to Jesus Christ, and live for Him!" His employee, after a moment's silence, said with tears, "For years I have wanted you to talk to me about my soul. I will ask Jesus to come into my life, and I will go with you to church Sunday and publicly confess my faith in Him."

Are there many sales that are not

made because no one tries to sell? Are there many souls outside of Christ because no one has asked them to come in? Are we mistaken in our hesitancy to give the Christian invitation? We think people will resent it, when more likely they will appreciate it. No doubt there are many non-Christians who cannot understand why we are so slow to speak in behalf of the Saviour whom we claim to believe in so devoutly, whom we profess to follow so faithfully. A fisherman who never casts a net or throws in a line will never catch a fish.

When did you last invite someone to Christ? Is it because you had no opportunities? Shall someone whose life touched yours have to say, "No one ever asked me to be a Christian?" Has the habit of silence about your religion so sealed your lips that you simply cannot find words to say? Has Satan given you such a fear as to stifle the witness of your tongue? Does day follow day, opportunity follow opportunity, occasion follow occasion, and still you have not said the word of invitation and encouragement which someone has the right to expect from you? Have you neighbors who actually wonder whether they would be welcome at your church? Do perhaps even members of your family wonder why you do not show more concern for their spiritual welfare?

You wonder why so many people live without Christ in their lives. Perhaps they wonder why no one asks them to admit Him. You think, "Why don't you?" Many of them are silently entreating, "Ask me."

—Editor Paul Erb, in *Gospel Herald* (June 19, 1956)

ALSO LARGE DVBS WORK AT SWIFT CURRENT

In last week's issue we carried an article on "Mission Progressing at Swift Current", in which the work there was described. Later information indicates that they have been active there six years already, instead of the three and a half years stated in the article, while the services, Sunday school and daily vacation Bible schools are held in the South Side Mission Chapel.

The Lawrence Redekopps have been working in Swift Current under the M.B. Mission of Saskatchewan and will continue to do so in Saskatoon, Sask.

An important phase of the work in Swift Current not mentioned in the article through oversight on our part is the daily vacation Bible school, which had an enrollment of well over 150 last year. While active in the religious education program of the Ministerial Association in the public schools, Mr. Redekopp did not teach in several schools, but several classes in one school.

A clarification is also in order in respect to the youth meetings. Mr. Redekopp leads the main part of the service and may give a message or utilize film strips, etc., while the program committee of the young people prepare special items, such as songs, recitations, Bible quizzes, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Redekopp have three children, Calvin, Wayne and Barbara.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR AT BROOK LANE

(MCC Release) Dennis D. Miller of Mankota, Minn., is the new administrator of Brook Lane Farm at Hagerstown, Md., one of three mental hospitals operated by Mennonite Central Committee.

He succeeds Arthur Laemmlen of Reedley, Calif.

Miller has been in charge of the student teacher placement bureau at Mankato Teachers College. Prior to that he was in high school administrative work.

He received a BA degree from Goshen College and MA degree from Kent (Ohio) State University. He served in Civilian Public Service at Farnhurst (Del.) State Hospital.

EYE-WITNESS REPORTS VIOLENCE IN COLOMBIA

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since they were not sure of them the band remained complete.

"The boys stayed in jail all night and were released the next morning, but they missed their plane to the Choco. They had come from there for these services.

"Since our opponents had been unable to get any of the band members, they disturbed the meeting by throwing stones and good-sized rocks. They kept it up for two hours, from 7:15 to 9:15. At first they threw only smaller stones, but soon they became larger, so that the window glass flew almost to the front of the chapel. We had to crouch behind benches and dodge the stones. But amidst the flying stones six people gave their heart to the Lord."

An estimate of the damage includes 26 broken window panes, broken glasses, and minor injuries. One young man had a deep gash on his forehead. The letter states: "The building is a mess, but we gathered in it on Sunday amidst stones, bloodstains and broken glass, since no investigation had been made yet."

The letter further describes the night of July 8. The missionaries heard that one of the houses was to be dynamited. The men watched the school building, which was believed to be the target. Since the foe could do nothing there they came to the home of the Ernest Friesens, poured gas around the house and lit it. The

Friesens escaped through the back door with their two little boys and ran over the fences to the brick missionaries' children school. The letter reports:

"The Lord put out the fire. None of us lifted a finger because there was no chance. Yet the fire was out in a very short while and only the three outside walls are scorched, signs that there actually were flames all the way up to the ceiling.

"It was a hectic night. Our neighbor lady ran out to call for help when she saw the house on fire and they stoned her. She was a terrible sight when we found her the next morning. Her head had several severe cuts and her eyes were swollen shut. She was vomiting blood and is in hospital now."

It has been learned that the men were sent by the Roman Catholic priest and numbered about a dozen. The U.S. and Canadian ambassadors have been notified, as well as the governors in Bogota. The army was sent up for protection the night of July 9.

The inner fortitude of the missionaries is exemplified in the closing comment to the letter: "May the Lord be your portion every day as he is ours. He gives inner peace at times like these even if the flesh sometimes trembles."

The challenge to us is to pray as never before for the missionaries, the national Christians and the work.

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL

Rev. H. H. Janzen, who recently resigned as president of the M.B. Bible College, is recovering satisfactorily in the Concordia Hospital, Winnipeg, after a gall bladder operation. He expects to be released toward the end of this week.

FEAR CONFUSION AMONG NATIVES

In New Guinea, some government officials are reported to be fearful that natives may become completely confused because "too many missionaries of different denominations" are attempting to convert them. Dr. Charles Shearer Robinson, chairman of the Anglican Board of Missions, told a Sydney, Australia, congregation that the situation in northern New Guinea is "pretty terrible so far as a religious viewpoint is concerned". He said that Paul Hasluck, cabinet minister of territories, reported that Presbyterian, Methodist, Pentecostal and other Protestant missionaries "are campaigning to win over ignorant natives" to their respective beliefs and are causing "utter confusion in the minds of natives who cannot comprehend the situation." (ERA)

MCC IN AUSTRIA

By Robert Schrag

Mennonite Central Committee is completing ten years of relief services in Austria.

This easternmost unit of European MCC relief work began in 1946. A main outlet for MCC relief supplies during early post-war years, the historic city on the Danube is today a strategic point for reaching Austria's needy eastern provinces. Until last year Vienna was in the Russian zone of occupation.

Slow to recover from World War II, this east-central European country, like Berlin, still has dramatic relief needs. Unlike most present MCC aid to West Germany and France, usually supplied through charitable institutions, MCC in Austria still regularly gives relief food and clothing by means of large distributions. Although showing a marked decrease since the peak distribution period of 1946-49, MCC relief supplies to Austria last year totaled 118 tons, valued at over \$100,000.

Help Extended

Continuing poverty in parts of Austria is actually one of the by-products of post-war East-West tension. After the war, Austria, its eastern boundaries cutting a blunt wedge into the Soviet satellite block, became a major recipient of refugees from communist-controlled countries. In addition to the resulting refugee problem, the country's location made it somewhat isolated from Western Europe and therefore unable to share to a great extent in the continent's return to more prosperous times.

In 1945 Austria's refugees numbered about one million. Since then, mainly through help from the United Nations, many have been repatriated, some 150,000 aided to emigrate and another 100,000 naturalized as Austrian citizens.

But today there are still 160,000 refugees on the UN register. The majority are ethnic German expellees who, for fear of reprisal, cannot go back to the communist-dominated land of their birth. As in Germany, living conditions for Austria's refugees are usually subnormal. Many have lived in crowded camps for more than ten years.

But refugees are not Austria's only unfortunates. The scores of impoverished persons also include many native Austrians who often lost as much as the refugees, yet have received little outside aid.

These two needy groups—refugees and poor Austrians—are the principal concerns of the Mennonite Central Committee Austrian material aid program, administered by Irene Bishop of Perkasie,

Pa., and Clarence Sakimura of Grantham, Pa.

Complex Task

Director of the Austrian work, Miss Bishop, a veteran MCC worker, states very simply that the relief program's aim is "to help wherever there is need". Distributing relief supplies to several thousand persons is a complex procedure.

Long before actual distribution can begin, they must determine the exact extent and nature of needs in a given area. This "pinpointing" is accomplished either by direct MCC investigation or

previously went to that section, the evacuation of foreign troops was the go-ahead sign for increased relief activity in eastern regions. Irene Bishop said, "Any province formerly under Russian occupation is usually a needy area."

In two former Russian-zone provinces, Burgenland and Styria, MCC relief reached about 2,900 refugees and poor Austrians through a series of distributions in late 1955 and early 1956. Personnel of the provincial welfare departments handled the supplies.

Relief workers Bishop and Sakimura made inspection visits to principal distributions like the one at Neusiedl am See, a small east Austrian town. Here, 15 miles from the Hungarian border, the close proximity of the "iron curtain"

where they have lived as refugees since 1945. They were now existing on a government stipend of 400 shillings (about \$16) a month.

The Neusiedl am See distribution, lasting over a week, served nearly 500 persons. It was one of seven district distributions held in the Burgenland province. All told, about 2,100 impoverished people, including some recent escapees from Hungary, received MCC supplies through the welfare department.

In an earlier series of distributions in the province of Styria, nearly 800 persons were contacted and aided through the local authorities. To prepare for future distribution MCC is in contact with government welfare offices in the needy provinces of Lower Austria and Upper Austria, where 30 refugee camps are concentrated.

Varied Program

Venerable and tradition-bound Vienna, world renowned for music and the arts, today also has several points of Mennonite interest. For not only is this city of 1½ million population the center for relief work in Austria, it is the location of a Pax unit and a Mennonite congregation as well. In this three-phase program, MCC works closely with the Austrian Protestants, the (American) Church of the Brethren and Swiss Mennonites.

The relief phase is administrated from an apartment where the workers have office and living quarters. From a two-room material aid center provided by the Austrian Protestant Relief Agency, regular food and clothing distributions are made to needy Viennese. Periodically supplied to a regular list of 170 persons are large food parcels usually containing flour, canned beef, cheese, butter and dried milk. The Protestant agency also uses MCC supplies for some of their distributions.

Warehouse facilities are large rooms of the unfinished Karls School, also made available by Protestant Relief. This large war-damaged Protestant school, the only one of its kind in this predominantly Roman Catholic country, is being rebuilt by Mennonite and Church of the Brethren I-W men in a jointly administered Pax unit.

Church Formed

The Mennonite congregation in Vienna is a significant result of Mennonite Central Committee's ten-year service in Austria. Although the country has only a handful of Mennonites and less than 20 live in the Vienna area, nearly 100 persons often attend the twice-monthly church services held in the YMCA. These people came into contact with the church through MCC's relief work.

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Volksdeutsche refugee children receive MCC material aid near Vienna, Austria. They are considered the poorest national Austrian people. Photo by Siegfried Leckebusch, Austrian missionary.

through information supplied by government welfare agencies, church groups and other contacts. After needs have been ascertained and compared with the type and quantity of relief goods available, only then are supplies ordered out from the Vienna warehouse.

This relief food and clothing reaches poverty-stricken persons in three main ways. 1. For distributions in out-lying districts MCC normally channels aid through the welfare and refugee departments of the Austrian provinces whose personnel then dispense the supplies. 2. In Vienna, MCC holds regularly-scheduled distributions at its material aid center. 3. Bulk supplies go to charitable institutions for redistribution.

Aid Given

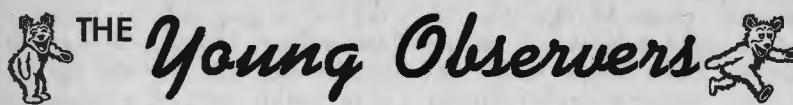
The eastern provinces, less than a year ago the "Russian Zone of Austria", are areas where MCC has recently concentrated its relief efforts. Although limited help

tain" was evident, since about half the recipients were ethnic German expellees from Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

By two's and three's they were admitted to the supply room. Each displayed his invitation, showing that he was an authorized recipient. Three Austrian welfare workers distributed the MCC supplies from the large stock of neatly-sorted clothing, canned food and boxes of soap.

Tragic Stories

Many were aged persons — their deeply lined faces, gnarled hands, and shabby clothing reflecting the last decade of poverty and insecurity. Their stories were tragically similar. Typical was the account given by a 72-year-old woman. Born in Hungary and speaking very broken German, she and her enfeebled husband were nevertheless of German parentage and therefore expelled from Hungary to Austria,


THE Young Observers
Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Esther had the idea that no strange food could be good. "It isn't good. Mother doesn't cook that way," she would say without even tasting the new dish. Once, while visiting her Aunt Beth, she refused to taste maple syrup. Her aunt knew that she would enjoy it if she would only taste it; so she insisted that Esther try a little.

"Oh, it's so good," Esther said. For the rest of the visit she asked for maple syrup at every meal.

A great many people have the same idea about the Lord. They cannot believe that trusting God is the way to be happy. David, like Aunt Beth, knew that when men become acquainted with God, they find happiness. Turn to Psalm 34:8 to see what he says to those who have not yet tried the Lord's way.

Aunt Selma

Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

**MENNO IS ORDAINED
BISHOP**

(29th Installment)

In the year 1537 seven or eight persons of the Fellowship visited Menno and implored him to take upon himself the duties of a Bishop. This would be to gather the dispersed and to unite them into a strong church which would be able to withstand the temptations from within and the persecutions from without.

Menno was afraid to take this responsibility upon himself and asked that adequate time for reflection and prayer be allowed him before he gave an answer. The men were impatient and came again and again to see him, until finally Menno yielded to their demand and submitted himself to be ordained as a Bishop. At that time Obbe was still in office and he officiated at Menno's ordination, giving him his blessings for the hard task that now lay before the former priest.

Obbe Philipps retired from his office and the church in 1560. Some scholars maintain that he rejoined the Catholic Church, but this cannot be proven. It is more likely that he just went into seclusion and solitude until God called him to his reward. Some claim his final years mellowed him considerably and that he became serene and friendly, exerting a good influence on all who still came in touch with him. He lived at that time in Rostock on the Baltic.

Menno, however, grieved over Obbe's change of heart, since his influence on the church was nothing from then on.

Menno left the "Quiet Place" soon after his ordination as a Bishop and moved to East Friesland, from where he visited the

surrounding districts, conducting secret meetings, baptizing new converts, administering the Lord's Supper and preaching and teaching the Word of God to the best of his ability.

Menno's wife and children lived with him at Oldersum near Emden. Gertrude cared for the family while Menno was on his many perilous journeys. She worried until he returned safely home again.

(To be continued)

The Drowning Boy

I am quite sure that little boys and girls like to read about animals, such as dogs and horses. Dogs are special favorites with children, because they are so friendly and so fond of those they know. You never yet saw a dog unkind to his master's child, did you? If anybody wanted to hurt the child, he would fight for him if he were ever so little; so then it is no wonder that children are fond of dogs, for really they deserve it.

Now, I am going to tell you about a dog who did a very kind thing, not to his master's child, but to an entire stranger whom he had never seen before.

A gentleman was amusing himself with his retriever by throwing a stick into the water for the dog to fetch. While he was doing this, a little boy was playing on the steps of the bridge, and somehow managed to slip, and tumble into the river. It was twelve feet deep where the poor boy fell in, and he was unable to swim. Nobody saw him, and no help was near, but just at that moment this gentleman threw his stick into the water again, and the dog plunged after it.



Enjoying the sun, the sand and the water.

Neither the dog nor his master had seen the poor boy tumble, but as the dog was going after the stick he happened to catch sight of the boy struggling for life in the deep river, and without a moment's hesitation, quite of his own accord, he left the stick and hurried to rescue the drowning child. He struck out with all his might, panting and striving to reach the boy in time before he should sink for the last time. Just as the poor child came up once more, he seized him by the collar of his jacket, and keeping his head above water, swam away with him to the steps, where he dragged and pulled and hauled until he got him ashore in safety.

Now, what do you think of that? Was he not a good creature? No one told him to save the boy, nor did the boy ask him to do so; it was all done of his own good will, just because he loved little children, I suppose, and for no other reason.

The boy was not much hurt, and soon got up and hurried home to change his wet clothes. I do not know whether he thanked the kind, good dog or not; I dare say he never stopped to think of that, but just got home as quickly as he could.

Ah! that reminds me of some little boys and girls who never stop to think about One who did more to save them than this good dog did for the boy—One who came from heaven itself, plunged into untold sorrows and sufferings down here, and then went to the cross, and there died—yes, died, to save both old and young, by bearing on His own blessed head the judgment due to them as sinners!

Of course you know whom I mean. Who is it of whom believers say, by faith, "He loved me and gave Himself for me?" Who is it, "who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree"; who came to "put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself", and then rose again and "sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high"? It was God's eternal Son, the blessed Jesus.

Do you know Him? Do you love Him? I hope you do. If you do not love Him, I am sure it is because you do not know Him, for none can know, without loving One so precious. But if you have indeed believed in the Lord Jesus Christ unto everlasting life, then you can say,

"We love Him because He first loved us."

None ever asked Him to come and save us. "The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world," and He "loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father."

You see it was all love that did it, and God is love. We were perishing, but Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Bible Stories
Naaman the Leper

This is the first of three beautifully coloured picture books, with Cliff Barrows, children's story-teller in the Billy Graham team, telling the story of General Naaman, the Syrian general who had leprosy and was healed by dipping in Jordan seven times. An excellent application of the story is made, calling for a decision for Christ 15¢

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Daniel in the Lion's Den

The upright character of Daniel is vividly portrayed, the vicious scheming of godless men is shown powerless because of God's intervention, and the glorious reward of those who remain true to God is shown. Again a very practical application is made. 15¢

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David and Goliath

In this story, as told by Cliff Barrows, the indomitable courage of David is clearly portrayed. His faith in God is lifted up as exemplary—and he does kill the giant. Various situations in life where Christian faith and courage is tested are shown. The victory of faith is complete. 15¢

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THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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(Conclusion)

In the afternoon, Dirk Kolf, the "Man in Bearskin," attended church for the first time in many years. It is said that the stolid congregation could not suppress a whistle of consternation, but the devout attitude of the man assured everyone of his sincerity and perfect right to share in the simple worship of the God whom he had claimed for his own.

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Dirk Kolf lived with his brother after the reconciliation. Wolf, who had been forgotten for a time in the excitement of the revelation, was brought to live with his master in the home of Gerrit.

The renewed and now happy hunter felt that the only way in which he could repay his brother for keeping him in his household was to furnish the table with meat. It became his custom during the few hours in which he did not work about the village to take his dog, and, in company with Jacob, track down the wary deer and the fleet rabbit.

Upon one such occasion the little party came upon a flock of wild doves flying swiftly overhead. The boy had recently acquired a new shotgun, and asked his uncle if he might try it upon the doves. It was the work of an instant to train the gun and to discharge the shower of leaden pellets into the group of flying birds.

The result was gratifying. A dozen birds fluttered hesitantly and fell to the ground. Jacob, elated at his success, gathered in the game with alacrity. He discovered that one of the birds had fallen into an old, snarled oak, and had been caught in its branches. One bird in twelve seemed but a small loss, yet the boy wanted full measure of his reward. He began to climb the tree.

He was surprised to notice a peculiar hole in the side of the trunk. It was an abnormality of some sort, and formed a perfectly hidden recess in the tree. His curiosity was further aroused by a furry object which seemed to have been thrust within the hole. Cautiously Jacob inserted his hand and drew out a singular-looking bundle wrapped in the fur of a small animal.

"Uncle Dirk!" he shouted, unaware of the nature of his discovery, "Uncle Dirk! Look what I've found," and he threw the bundle at the feet of the man on the ground.

The cry of his uncle was so pen-

etrating that Jacob released his hold and fell to the ground.

"The money! The money! Thank God! I have found it!" The man seized the parcel eagerly and opened it. Within was a neat bundle of bank-notes kept from harm by the protection of the skin.

The joy of the hunters was unbounded. They danced and leaped and pounded each other almost into tears. The dove in the tree was forgotten, and when Jacob arrived at home he found that he had lost several more on the way.

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The recovery of the money was a great boon to the struggling family of settlers. They were able to buy for themselves a fine tract of good farmland, to build themselves a larger home, to hire the necessary men for farm labor, and to lay the foundations of a normal and steadily increasing prosperity. Dirk remained with the family and hired himself out to his brother.

The hardships which had in-

fluenced Mrs. Kolf to long for the Netherlands were removed, and with them vanished her desire to abandon the colony. The advantages of the new country became more apparent, the realization of their dreams became assured, and the little family of Hollanders found themselves successfully established in the new world.

From them and their associates came forth the thriving city of Holland; and through their perseverance and trust in God was made possible the substantial and loyal community in the Black Lake region of Michigan.

Although Dirk abandoned his disguise for the regular attire of the staid Dutch farmer, he was known as "The Man in Bearskin" until his death, and even to this day the small enclosure in the forest, which has become part of a well-worked farm, is pointed out as the original abode of the mysterious stranger who roamed the country in the garb of a bearskin.

— The End —

Next week we begin the new serial, "The School of God". When Ruth's dream of becoming a missionary was shattered by her father's letter to come home and forget her "foolish idea", she entered upon the "school of God". It was a difficult school, but full of invaluable lessons.

Onward to Nova Scotia

(Conclusion)

How strange it seemed to be travelling on a Sunday morning. "I should be in church," thought I, "with my Sunday school class." All along the way we had been very much interested in the churches. The Quebec countryside had amazed us; each town, even the smallest village boasted a beautiful church. A spire and cross on each informed us of the dominant religion of that province. In the Maritimes we saw many plain white frame churches, and also more pretentious ones of stone or brick. The Baptists, Congregationalists and Anglicans are in the majority there.

It was 12:30 noon when we arrived in Truro, N.S. We could not find Port Williams (near which town my brother lives) on the map, but we believed it to be about five or six miles from Truro. Already we comforted ourselves with the prospect of setting our feet on firm ground, of relaxing in a soft easy chair. Travelling does tire one. We enquired at a service station and were informed that Port Williams was more than a hundred miles away! Our road, the No. 2 highway, which we had been using all along, led down in a south-west direction to Halifax, then up, north-west to Kentville,

Port Williams and Canning. We were rather discouraged to think of driving such a long distance, and were looking for a shorter route. Someone informed us of a short cut from Shubenacadie

of them were fitted with propellers, and when the wind rushed through, the ornaments were set in motion. There was a milk maid furiously at work with her cow; tiny white staves of wood shooting up and down gave the impression of milk. Another girl was standing at a churn, and judging by the rate at which she was working, she should have had butter in two minutes. There were horses prancing, men chopping wood, others sawing logs, all at such a terrific pace, because of the wind, that we all shouted with laughter.

We drove through the Rawdon Hills on a wide gravel road. I suppose the scenery was beautiful, but since the road wasn't I cannot recollect. What a relief to drive on paved roads again! We were nearing our destination, another twenty miles, ten, five. We crossed several bridges over low-tide rivers. Arriving at Port Williams, we drove on to near Canning—and there we were.

Canning has an old history. Many years ago it was called Apple Landing, and European ocean liners would dock there and load up the apples. On some of the tidal rivers the large ships come inland with the tide; when the tide goes out they stand there high and dry waiting for the sea to come to their rescue.

One morning we drove around the countryside. We drove up a high ridge to Look-Out, from where we had a good view of Minas Basin and part of Annapolis Valley. Look Out is 665 ft. above sea level. In recent years the nature of industry in the Annapolis Valley has undergone a slight change. Many apple trees have been pulled



The St. John River in New Brunswick

through the Rawdon Hills to Windsor, thereby saving about 40 miles.

At one time we thought we had missed the short cut and stopped at a farm house to enquire. These people were in the lawn ornament trade. Colorful wooden ornaments were on display in one long row from one side of the lawn to the other. They were mounted on a wooden platform so the wind could have access to them. All

out because there was no market, in fact, after the Second World War the government paid \$4.00 for each uprooted tree. Now we see dairy, poultry and vegetable farms. The soil is very fertile. This is especially the case at Grand Pre. I am told Grand Pre is French, meaning 'fertile meadows'. The Acadians were very adept at reclaiming the marshlands from the sea. Dyke land is fertile soil.

ONWARD TO NOVA SCOTIA

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One evening we visited Evangeline's land. Near Wolfville is Evangeline Park where her monument is erected, and also a marble bust of Longfellow, the poet who immortalized her. On the same grounds stands a church which was built about 1639. The story of Evangeline goes back to the year 1755, when the expulsion of the Acadians took place. The French, whose descendants they are, had settled in that territory in the early 1600's. Even today at Port Royal the oldest habitation in Canada is on display. When the English grew in numbers and in power in the early Nova Scotia days, the Acadians became detestable to them, especially for political reasons.

In the fall of 1755, while a bountiful harvest was being gathered in, Governor Lawrence gave orders for all Acadian men to report to the fort or to the local church, whatever was more appropriate. The men were made prisoners, placed on ships, and carried several hundred miles down the New England coast. Care was taken not to disrupt too many families, but separations did occur. Some escaped into the forests, or made their way with much weariness to Quebec or other places. To prevent the Acadians from repossessing their homes everything was razed and plundered. The Acadian lands were filled up with settlers from New England—settlers who knew nothing of the difficult art of dyke-building. All this happened 200 years ago last year, and to commemorate this historic event, several thousand Acadians took part in memorial services at Port Royal last fall.

Just as we were going to step into the car after our rendezvous with the past, my brother said to me, "Look, there is Evangeline." I shrugged it off as a joke, but he insisted. He pointed to a small frame building across the road. We went to investigate, and sure enough, we saw Evangeline, dressed in a long blue dress, braids falling to her waist, standing beside her spinning wheel. Gabriel was also there. In the summer tourist season these figures are placed outside, on either side of the door. The building and furnishings are exactly patterned to the life of the Acadians of several hundred years ago. A look at Evangeline Beach (the tide was out) ended our sight-seeing trip for the day.

The next day we left early for Halifax, a distance of about seventy miles. We were four adults and had all five children with us. For a while we drove along the wharf, from where we had a close

look at the Atlantic Ocean. Then we drove up to Citadel Hill. When we alighted the guard eyed my nieces and nephews and said, "It certainly is 'Children's Day' today."

We found the museums (city and provincial) very interesting. Prominent were the model warships, the guns and swords, paintings and other things having to do with combat; apparently the history of Halifax is a colorful one. We read the record of the terrible 1917 explosion, when an abandoned ship loaded with 4,000 tons of TNT explosives crashed into the harbour and caused awful destruction in the city. The death toll reached 2,000, injured 5,000. From the Citadel we had an excellent view of the whole city, the new

this strange phenomenon of nature, however, and were interested to know that at low tide the Saint John River falls six feet in rushing to the Bay of Fundy; at high tide the Bay of Fundy rises 28 feet, thereby pushing the Saint John River back uphill, causing rapids. From there we drove rapidly to the United States border and crossed at Calais that afternoon. We were favourably impressed; the roads were better, even the foliage on the trees was farther advanced.

The next day, Friday, we travelled through very lovely country and made good time on the toll roads. We came through such cities as Augusta, Maine, and Concord, N.H., where the temperature must have been about 90.



The Ontario cousins meet the Nova Scotia cousins.. The two boys, Henry and David, are the sons of the Walter Janzens, while the girls, Carol, Madeline and Helen, are the daughters of the Siegfried Janzens, who live at Canning, Nova Scotia. See accompanying travelogue. (Photos by Martha Janzen)

bridge connecting Halifax with Dartmouth, and the harbour.

The next morning, Thursday, we arose quite early; our day of departure had come. We said good-bye all around, cried a bit and waved frantically. When will we see them again? After a while our thoughts turned homeward—ah, the thought of home is so sweet.

We saw familiar landmarks for the greater part of the day, especially until our entry into New Brunswick, for we took the same road back until Sussex, N.B. Then we changed our route, for we had decided to go through the U.S. on our return trip. We will never forget it. Our next city of importance was Saint John, N.B. Since we had read a number of signs announcing the Reversing Falls Rapids, we kept looking for them but missed them in the end. We did read an explanation of

We had some respite from the heat when we came into the mountains. Up, up, up we went; the winding road leading us nearly to the summit, then would come the descent. We enjoyed this drive immensely. Suddenly, in the midst of the mountains we came upon a fair-sized city. It was in a place where we had least expected one. Keene boasts beautiful, sturdy New England homes, a broad main street, even bus service. This city seemed like an oasis in the wilderness.

We travelled on into the mountains again—the Vermont Hills. That Friday evening we travelled through the cities Troy and Albany and stopped near Schenectady for the night. On every hand we were reminded of the fact that we were now in the United States. The huge buildings, the good roads, even the billboards testified to that.

Saturday morning we began the last lap of our homeward journey. We took the New York Thruway from Schenectady to Buffalo, a distance of about 270 miles. At 12:30 we turned off for the Niagara Falls exit and were once again on familiar ground.

Once again on Canadian soil, I studied the scenery with a critical eye, comparing Ontario with the other provinces and with the U.S., but came to the conclusion that we have as much to offer as anybody. I took my last picture of the trip—the Niagara Falls. Then it was only a matter of an hour or so, and we were nearing the place we call 'home'. "Look, Davie," I said, "where are we?" His face brightened visibly, his happy eyes danced for joy as he detected his house just ahead. Ah, we were home at last! Our hearts lifted in grateful thanks to God for His protection and guidance on the way, and for this place to come home to.

MCC IN AUSTRIA

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The minister is Ernst Wyss, a Swiss Mennonite who came with his family to Vienna in September 1955. Supported by Swiss Mennonites and MCC, Pastor Wyss has charge of the active church program which includes regular worship, children's services, Bible studies and a ladies' sewing group.

In Austria, as in other European countries, a large part of the relief supplies are shipped in bulk form to welfare and church institutions for use in their projects. Some bulk supplies go to refugee camps via state refugee departments. Several mission groups receive MCC relief goods to be given to the needy contacted while spreading the Gospel.

Relief to Yugoslavia

Even as the Cold War has to a great degree created the needs which MCC serves in Austria, the future course of the East-West conflict will play a major role in the future of relief work in that region. For if tensions ease and the formidable barbed-wire barriers are removed, the Vienna unit's strategic location—a scant 50 miles from both Hungary and Czechoslovakia—could be the base for beginning material aid operations in Eastern Europe.

But until that happens, there is still much to do in Austria and a strong possibility of starting relief aid across the border in northwest Yugoslavia, a country under a communist regime. Returning from a trip to investigate needs and contact local authorities, Irene Bishop recently reported good progress in this effort to bring help "In the name of Christ" to another country.

Establish Central Treasury After Reorganisation

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — The Canadian Conference of Mennonites reorganized its various committees, amalgamating several for more efficient operation at its annual conference here, held from June 30 to July 4. A central treasury will be established for all boards, with the office located at Winnipeg.

One hundred and ninety-two delegates, representing 17,000 members, attended the conference, which heard reports from its various committees and several provincial organizations.

Central in the new organization of the conference will be four boards, covering the work of missions, Christian service, education and publication, and finances, which will meet annually between conference sessions to carry on the work of the conference. All of the boards, with the exception of the five-member Board of Trustees, will have twelve members.

The youth committee announced that after August, Larry Kehler, presently assistant editor of the *Canadian Mennonite*, will be editor of the *Jugendbote*, which is a section in the German conference weekly, *Der Bote*. Mr. Kehler will attend the Canadian Mennonite Bible College next winter.

The report on the high schools operated within the conference revealed that a total of 384 students had attended the three schools during the last year. The Mennonite Collegiate Institute at Grentna led the way with 179 students, followed by Rosthern Junior College with 123 students and the

DEDICATE CHAPEL AT GARTENTAL, URUGUAY

Gartental Colony, Uruguay — Mennonite Brethren here dedicated a chapel on June 10 as their first house of worship in this colony where they settled with other Mennonites in 1951.

For these pioneers, this chapel means much toward the life and work of the Church in their midst particularly for the young people. Heretofore the group has met in the homes of members for worship services, Bible studies and prayer meetings. There were tears of gratitude during the dedication service, C. C. Peters of Yarrow, B.C., wrote.

Remodeling of a residence into a chapel was possible with the assistance of brethren in North America and of members of the Bage Mennonite Brethren Church in Brazil. Directing the remodeling was Gerhard Klassen who presented the key at the dedication service to Cornelius Funk, pastor of the Gartental Mennonite Brethren.



Here are some of the 364 delegates and a portion of the visitors at the 46th annual conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Canada. The business sessions were held in the auditorium of the Mennonite Educational Institute, North Clearbrook, B.C., where this picture has been taken. The conference met from June 30 to July 5, 1956.

On the picture at left, below, are Rev. D. J. Pankratz, Coaldale, Alta., re-elected conference moderator of the Canadian M.B. Church, and Rev. J. A. Toews, assistant moderator of the conference and president-elect of the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg. On the picture at lower right are several of the conference visitors. Left to right they are Dr. Lando Hiebert, professor at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kans., Orlando Harms, editor of *The Christian Leader* and the *Zionsbote*, organs of the General Conference of the M.B. Church in North America, and Rev. Henry Epp, pastor of the M.B. Church at Blaine, Washington.

high school at Wheatley, Ont., with 82 students.

Mission giving this last year totaled \$96,000, the majority of which went to foreign missions. In addition, home mission work is done on 33 stations in Canada, most of which were started locally, but are gradually being taken over by the Canadian conference. Over \$30,000 was given for home mission work in addition to above.

Re-elected moderator for the 15th time was Rev. J. J. Thiessen, Saskatoon, Sask. Also re-elected were Bishop David Schulz, assistant moderator, and Rev. P. R. Harder, secretary.

ren group.

Practically all of the chapel's 90 seats were occupied and some folks sat outside the door on benches. Brother Peters, Mennonite Brethren Board of General Welfare worker, delivered the sermon. The prayer of dedication was spoken by Brethren Peters and Tobias Foth, pastor of the El Ombu Mennonite Brethren Church.

Rudolf Hein, elder of the Gartental Mennonite Church, presented greetings. Greetings were also extended from the Mennonite Brethren groups in Montevideo and Colonia, Uruguay, and Bage, Brazil.

Consumption Increased

Last October liquor rationing was ended in Sweden. Since that time the consumption of hard liquor has jumped 35 per cent and arrests for drunkenness in public are up 50 per cent. Both figures are climbing, according to a dispatch to the *New York Times*. The worst record is shown by youths from 18 to 25 years of age.



THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Tighten Stand on Divorce

The Southern Presbyterian Church has tightened its stand on marriage and divorce by deleting from its Confession of Faith two paragraphs that permit exceptions to the ban on marriage after divorce. These exceptions have allowed marriage of the innocent party after divorce granted on the grounds of adultery and willful desertion. Approval of the deletion by the denomination recognizes that marriage is indissoluble except by death. However, the church has also approved the proposal that local churches "appoint committees to examine those members who seek to enter marriage in which either party has previously been divorced. In conference with the minister the committee will determine in each case the eligibility of the member for the new marriage."

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All Profits to Mission Work

Stanley Tam, owner of States Smelting and Refining Co., Lima, Ohio, currently doing a \$200,000-a-year business, says he will turn all of its future profits over to missionary work. He has put himself on salary so that the company's

entire profits can be devoted to helping meet "the great world need for Christian guidance". Mr. Tam, a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, says that in 1940 he "made God my senior Partner" and since that time he has been giving 51 per cent of the profits of his business to evangelical work. His firm's business "took a pronounced upturn" after he made that covenant with God. Now, he reports, God has spoken to him again and asked for all of the profits. "God speaks through your conscience," he explained. "You know the feeling—at times there are things you feel you have to do because they are right. That's the way God spoke to me."

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New Headquarters in Canada

A one-million-dollar national headquarters building for Canada was opened by Jehovah's Witnesses in North York, a Toronto suburb. The building, which occupies two acres, contains a printing plant, a Bible story depot, and a sect administrative headquarters. A three-story wing provides living quarters for the forty-odd "ministers" who administer the affairs of the group in Canada.

Obituaries

MRS. J. H. DOERKSEN

(As read at funeral service.)

Our loving wife and mother, Elizabeth Nickel Doerksen, left us suddenly, slipping quietly from our midst into her heavenly home, on June 28, 1956, at 10:40 p.m.

She was born on August 22, 1894, in Alexandria, Russia, and immigrated to Canada with her parents in 1904, settling in Main Centre, Sask. At the age of 12 she responded to the Saviour's love and gave her heart to Him. She was baptized in Main Centre on August 16, 1908, and from then on gladly served the Lord in the Mennonite Brethren Church.

On July 8, 1917, she joined heart and hand with me, her husband, Jacob H. Doerksen. God gave us 10 children, of which two preceded her in death in infancy. He allowed us to bring up eight for Him, two sons and six daughters. For nearly 39 years we have trod the path of life together. Her fervent, loving prayers have not only been an inspiration, but also a constant source of strength and power.

Her willing faithfulness, love and prayer during my recent illness brought new life and courage again. We were looking forward eagerly to September, when for the first time the whole family was to be together. This was not to be, for on the evening of June 28, while enjoying a cup of tea in our home, with friends, she passed away. The call came so suddenly, yet she lived so close to her Saviour that her going seemed like Enoch's. Suddenly she was not, for God took her.

Her favorite verse was Luke 19: 10, and in our family manual she wrote:

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She continued, "The Lord has been good to us. We had our ups and downs, but we praise Him, for He has promised that all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8: 28).

In this confidence we look forward to meeting our loving, prayerful mother up yonder. Our prayer is that we may always be worthy of her precious love and prayers, and that her prayer life and burden for those outside of Christ may be ours.

We shall miss her so, but we thank God that her home-going, though sudden, was glorious and free from pain and suffering.

We would like to thank all the relatives and friends for all their loving sympathy, kindness and the many prayers.

(Those surviving were listed last week. —Ed.)

"The Lord hath given and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

The bereaved family

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ABRAHAM WIEBE

Abraham Wiebe, a resident of the Abbotsford, B.C., district for the past 11 years, passed away Saturday, July 7, in the MSA General Hospital. He was 88 years old.

Funeral services were held on July 12 at the Matsqui Mennonite Brethren church, with Mr. J. J. Klassen officiating, assisted by Rev. A. Rempel.

Mr. Wiebe was born on June 30, 1868, in South Russia. He was a retired farmer.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Henry Wiebe of Aldergrove; two daughters, Mrs. J. Penner of Holmfield, Manitoba; and Miss Anna Wiebe, at home; 19 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

before going to Nepal he will help in a flood area of northern India where the Brethren in Christ mission is located. He also spent some time helping the Benedictines in Calcutta.

ON THE BERLIN SCENE

Mennonite refugee families from Berlin's East Zone apparently appreciate the services of Menno-Heim and the West Berlin Mennonite Church. This was indicated by a refugee who before coming to Menno-Heim had spent much time in camps where living conditions were poor.

German Mennonite leaders Adolf Schnebele and Richard Hertzler ministered at the Berlin unit last month and discussed possibilities for providing a full-time pastor at the Berlin church.

J. K. Klassen reports he visited the registration center to observe screening procedures for refugees who arrive in West Berlin from the East Zone.

AGRICULTURIST TO PARAGUAY

Henry and Joanne Laemmlen of Reedley, Calif., have gone to Philadelphia, Paraguay, to begin service under the Mennonite Aid Section as director of the agricultural experiment farm. They succeed the Robert Unruhs.

Henry is a graduate of the University of California and studied the past two quarters at Mennonite Biblical Seminary at Chicago. He was a farmer at Kings View Homes for two years. He is a member of First Mennonite Church at Reedley and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Laemmlen.

Joanne spent a year and a half in voluntary service at Kings View Homes. She is a member of First Missionary Church at Dodge City, Kans., and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Unruh.

SUMMER SERVICE NUMBERS 360

Approximately 360 young people this summer are participating in summer service projects in the United States, Canada and Europe.

There are 85 workers in the U.S. serving in health, recreational and Christian educational positions. Canadian units have 70 persons; 27 persons including those in the workcamp have signed for the educational tour of Mexico in August; and 190 persons are in international workcamps in Europe under Mennonite Voluntary Service.

Members of the MVS camps represent the U.S., Holland, England, Germany, Canada, Sweden, Greece, Egypt, Switzerland, Norway, Austria, Lebanon, Iraq, Spain, Yugoslavia, France, Portugal, Turkey and Ireland.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE CLASS

Eleven persons have completed orientation school for Voluntary Service and are taking up their work in various units. They are:

Mildred Brandt of Reedley, Calif., and Mabel Ruth Campbell of Iowa City, Ia., counselors at Willow Hall Orphanage at Waterloo, Ont.

Ila Eichelberger of Shickley, Nebr., psychiatric aide at Prairie View Hospital; Glen and Luetta Harder of Mountain Lake, Minn., teachers at Wild Cove, Newfoundland; Warren D. Kauffman of West Liberty, Ohio, psychiatric aide at Brook Lane Farm and later to Ypsilanti (Mich.) State Hospital.

Naomi Schellenberg of North Newton, Kans., secretary and receptionist for Chaplain Glenn Martin at the University of Colorado Medical Center at Denver.

Frederick and Harold Stoltzfus of Elverson, Pa., counselors and maintenance workers at Boys Village, Smithville, Ohio; Sara Ann Hess of Lititz, Pa., secretary in Voluntary Service Section at Akron; Uriel Yoder Kanagy of Hartville, Ohio, truck driver for the Relief Section at Akron.

NEW WORKERS IN MENTAL HOSPITALS

Moody Bryles of Pine Bluff, Ark., has been added to the professional staff at Prairie View Hospital at Newton, Kans., as full-time social worker. He is a graduate of Maryville (Tenn.) College and the University of Missouri.

Twelve persons completed a three-weeks training course at Kings View Homes prior to entering service in the three MCC mental hospitals. They are:

Brook Lane Farm: Martha Bender of Kalona, Ia.; Fayette Weaver of Culliver, Mich.; Luke and Alma Martin of New Holland, Pa.

Kings View Homes: Olga Voth of Aldergrove, B.C.; Jean Bender of Wellesley, Ont.; Margaret Williams of Bowness, Alta.; and Florence Roes of Millbank, Ont.

Prairie View Hospital: Anna Marie Zimmerly of Sterling, Ohio; Darrel Saltzman of Shickley, Nebr.; Edwin and Rosanna Ranck of Lancaster, Pa.

NEW AKRON WORKERS

Ralph Hunsberger of Chalfont, Pa., is the new production assistant succeeding Donald Foth who has become the accountant in the business office. He is a 1956 graduate of Goshen College and a member of Blooming Glen Mennonite Church. He is the son of Mrs. Rachel Hunsberger.

Freida Hartzler of Goshen, Ind., is a new secretary. She is a 1956 graduate of Hesston College. She is a member of Yellow Creek Mennonite Church and the daughter of the Roy Hartzlers.



WORKER ON LOAN IN NEPAL

Rudy Friesen plans to begin construction work in Nepal, a republic north of India in the Himalaya Mountains. He will help in the construction of two hospitals and the remodeling of an old palace for hospital use.

His transfer to Nepal came at the invitation of United Mission to Nepal. He has served in flood rehabilitation in the Punjab, and

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

AFRICA

— A conference of African Christians in the Panzi territory in the Belgian Congo began June 3, according to a report by Elsie Guenther of Reedley, California. This was the conference of the dry season. "Many had come so that our old church (the new one isn't finished) was much too small. The Lord blessed His Word and gave grace for all the decisions that were made. It is a joy to see our African brothers and sisters in Christ go forward in the Lord's work. On Wednesday of that week around a hundred were baptized in a stream near the station. Again as many and more were accepted for baptism but these will wait to be baptized in their own regions."

— A new chapel at Gungu in the Belgian Congo was dedicated June 3. The work at Gungu is under the general direction of Missionary Frank Buschman of Ulysses, Kansas, who together with Missionary John B. Kliewer of Bakersfield, California, spoke the dedicatory prayers. The chapel was constructed under the supervision of missionary builder Arthur Wiebe of Garden City, Kansas.

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AUSTRIA

— Maria Foth of Winnipeg, serving in Linz, Austria, experienced the Lord's protection in an accident May 17 when her bicycle hit an automobile. Had it not been for God's hand, she related, the accident might have been fatal. She was confined to her bedroom for 10 days as a result of the mishap.

— Summer Bible schools in the vicinity of Linz, Austria, are planned by Maria Foth. Known as "Kinder-Ferien-Kurse", these schools use material with the theme, "The Bible, God's Word". Sister Foth wrote that in three camps where permission was asked to conduct schools, officials gladly welcomed the Bible instruction.

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COLOMBIA

Brother and Sister Daniel A. Wirsche and family of Hepburn, Saskatchewan, arrived in Hillsboro June 29. The Wirsches are now on furlough following their second term of service on our Colombia field.

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MEXICO

— Mary Esther Martens of Fairview, Oklahoma, who teaches the school for missionary children at Nuevo Ideal, Durango, Mexico, is attending Emporia, Kansas State Teachers' College this summer to finish requirements for a valid teacher's certificate. The school covers the first eight grades

of the elementary curriculum according to the Kansas system and is open to children of missionaries as well as children from the nearby colony villages. The work of the school is done in the English language, but the children also learn Spanish. Most children who come from the colonies are expected to receive their instruction in the German language, although the younger generation is beginning to acquire a fairly good knowledge of the Spanish language also.

— D. J. Gerbrandt wrote that Mennonite Brethren workers at Nuevo Ideal, Mexico, were planning to begin summer Bible school work on July 2. Schools are planned for Nuevo Ideal and four ranches in the vicinity.

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OKLAHOMA

At Lawton View Mission in Oklahoma the congregation in planning for the future has taken a step in faith and purchased two additional lots adjacent to the present mission property to allow additional room for church expansion and parking of cars. It is commendable that the Lawton View congregation is taking a constantly greater responsibility and interest in the program at that place. Because of new housing projects in that area there seem to be new and additional opportunities for the Lord's work to progress.

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PARAGUAY

A farewell service for the Victor D. Toews family of Vancouver, British Columbia, was planned by the Filadelfia School Committee for the evening of July 3. Brother and Sister Toews, who have served for four years in Paraguay, have requested a release from the Board of Foreign Missions to accept work in the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Brother Toews is to serve on the staff beginning with the fall term this year.

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ARRIVE IN HOLLAND

Leslie Ortmans, of Marion, South Dakota; J. W. Vogts of Corn, Oklahoma, and Vernon Vogts of Paxton, Nebraska, arrived safely at Rotterdam, Holland, on July 4.

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TABOR COLLEGE

Hillsboro Woman Appointed Dean of Women at Tabor

The appointment of Mrs. A. R. Ebel, Hillsboro, Kansas, as Dean of Women was announced on July 3, 1956, by Dr. Leonard J. Franz, President of Tabor College. This appointment will become ef-

fective at the beginning of the new school term in September. Mrs. Ebel attended a Seminar for Deans of Women of Christian Colleges and Institutes sponsored by Moody's Bible Institute. This workshop took place in Chicago from June 18 to 22.

An office for the Dean of Women is being planned in California Hall, one of the largest girls' dormitories at Tabor. A special phase of work will be with the girls living in college dormitories and in private homes in Hillsboro. Mrs. Ebel is a former college student of Tabor and graduated from the Tabor Academy. She has served as Primary Department Superintendent for the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Sunday school since 1949. Prof. and Mrs. Ebel have two married daughters and a son, John, who will be a senior at Tabor next year.

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Violence at M.B. Mission, Colombia

Hillsboro, Kans. — A cable received here at the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions office Tuesday morning, July 10, reported violence at its LaCumbre station in Colombia on the nights of July 5 and 8.

The cable sent by Missionary Ernest H. Friesen of Fresno, Calif., read as follows: "LaCumbre station experienced Acts 8:1 Thursday and Sunday nights. Only nationals were injured. Several buildings were damaged. Friesen residence by fire. Pray with us for the national believers."

It had been several years since the Mennonite Brethren work at LaCumbre had been molested. LaCumbre is in the Colombian province of Valle and lies to the southern end of the Mennonite Brethren field in that country.

At LaCumbre are two Mennonite Brethren centers—one a school for missionary children and the other for work among Colombian nationals. The latter includes a school with dormitory facilities, a church and residence for missionaries and the national pastor of the church.

Missionaries currently stationed at LaCumbre include, in addition to the Friesens, Miss Martha Kroeker of Marion, S.D.; Miss Kathryn Lentzner of Lustre, Mont.; Rev. and Mrs. Wilmer Quiring of Dalmeny, Sask.; and Miss Lillian Schafer of McClusky, N.D. Also at LaCumbre for a brief "climate change" are Miss Doris Harder of Mountain Lake, Minn., and Rev. and Mrs. David Wirsche of Blaine, Wash.

Meanwhile, in the Choco, a Colombian province to the north of Valle, there are continued obstacles to the presentation of the Gospel by Mennonite Brethren missionaries.

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The Friesland Bible School students and teachers.

Graduation in Friesland, Paraguay

Friesland Bible School, one of the five short-term Bible schools in South America operated with the assistance of the Board of General Welfare, concluded its work this year with a program on May 27. A large congregation attended the program in the Friesland Mennonite Brethren Church which had been carefully prepared under the direction of Willy Janz, school principal.

The Lord's blessing and presence were evident in the work of the school, Peter Klassen, one of the teachers, reported. This year the school met in a new building. There were 25 students in three classes.

"Extracurricular" activities of the school included a trip to Volendam colony. There the group presented in three different places a play about Zachaeus. A visit was also made to the settlement of the Society of Brothers (Hutterites) at nearby Primavera.

SUMMER SERVICE RETREAT PLANNED

Waterloo, Ont. (MCC Release) — The MCC office is planning a Summer Service Retreat at Clear Lake, Manitoba, on August 1. The Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Ninette service units, with a total of 42 members, will participate.

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Meals for the unit members are provided and it is requested that those who wish to attend this retreat bring their own lunch and supper.

Mr. Harvey Toews, associate director, Mennonite Central Committee, Waterloo, Ontario, Mr. Frank Epp, editor, *The Canadian Mennonite*, and Mr. George Peters, former relief worker in Jordan, have been invited to bring the messages of the day. The purpose of this retreat is to acquaint our young people with the efforts of the MCC in the area of summer service, voluntary service and Christian relief service in its various phases, and to inspire toward more consecrated service in God's kingdom.

The program for the day is as follows:

MORNING: Chapel Service,
10:00—11:45

1. Devotions — Portage Unit
2. Keynote Address — Mr. Harvey Toews, "Ministering to the World's Need"
3. Discussion
4. Special Number — Ninette Unit
5. Address — Mr. George Peters, "MCC Relief in the Middle East"
6. Congregational Hymn
7. Address — Mr. Frank Epp, "Inter-Mennonite Co-operation"
8. Announcements
9. Closing Prayer — Ninette

AFTERNOON: Recreation, fellowship, informal discussions.

SUPPER: 4:45—5:30

EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE
5:30—7:00

1. Devotions — Brandon Unit
2. Address — Mr. Harvey Toews, "New Horizons"
3. Discussion
4. Slides — MCC in Newfoundland, Ontario. (Ailsa Craig Boys Farm)
5. Devotional — Mr. Frank Epp, Testimonies from Unit members

GOLDEN WEDDING FOR J. F. DOERKSENS

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Doerksen of North Clearbrook, B.C., marked their golden wedding anniversary with a service in the Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren church on Wednesday, July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Doerksen were married on May 28, 1906, in Blumenfeld, Russia. Observance of the anniversary was delayed to enable members of the immediate family to gather from all parts of

western Canada. The couple migrated to Canada in 1926, settling first at Herbert, Sask. They resided there until 1946, when they moved to their present home.

Rev. A. Konrad, pastor of the church, Rev. F. Wiens and John Doerksen, a grandson of the couple, spoke at the anniversary celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Doerksen's oldest son, Frank, gave a brief review of his parent's life.

The elderly couple, of whom Mr. Doerksen was born on April 13, 1874, and Mrs. Doerksen on August 17, 1884, have vivid memories of the revolution in Russia following World War I. Mr. Doerksen once was brought before a firing squad for execution, but was saved by the pleading of his family.

Program also included a musical selection by sons and daughters; a piano solo by the couple's eight-year-old granddaughter, Shirley Zacharias; a song by the 17 grandchildren, and recitations by Mrs. M. Zacharias and Larry Doerksen.

SCHELLENBERG—WALL

Tina Wall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wall, Plum Coulee, Manitoba, and Abe Schellenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Schellenberg, Kane, Manitoba, were married July 8 in the Kronsgart M.B. church. Rev. A. A. Hyde officiated.

On the Horizon

August 6 — The Manitoba Youth Workers' Convention of the Mennonite Brethren Church will be held on Monday, August 6. The morning meeting begins at 10:30 a.m., Daylight Saving Time, the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m., and the evening meeting at 5:30 p.m. The location will be announced later.

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