

Mennonite Observer

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

★
YOUR CHRISTIAN
FAMILY WEEKLY

April 19, 1957

The Christian Press, Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba

Vol. III, No 16



This large new church building of the Clearbrook, B.C., Mennonite Brethren Church was dedicated on Sunday, April 14. A capacity congregation heard Dr. A. H. Unruh give the dedicatory address. Seating capacity of the new 56 x 116 feet structure is about 1,000, with 23 modern Sunday school rooms ready for service. Membership of the church is 440.

vation was showed to him he found it too simple, but he is reading the Bible. Let us pray for him and others like him.

Moslem Work Difficult

Working among the Moslems is difficult, but God's Word can pierce even those darkened hearts. Mrs. Gripp has had the opportunity to enter several of the Moslem compounds to tell those in them about Jesus, who died for all. You cannot enter the compound unless the woman invites you, but once you are in, all of them become interested.

(Continued on page 10-4)

Mennonite Wins Top Festival Singing Award

Winnipeg, Man. — David Falk, a 24-year-old second-year law student at the University of Manitoba, singing with "never a harsh note", was awarded the Rose Bowl, top singing award of the Manitoba musical festival, held from April 1 to 13. In doing so he ended a 10-year reign of female voices and won out over eight other competitors, including his wife, Viola.



The pre-competition favorite because of his fine singing in the previous classes, Mr. Falk was the first to sing at the final. In his comments the adjudicator said, "I said to myself then, 'It will take a good

(Continued on page 4-1)

Western Manitoba Holds S.S. Convention

By Jake Loewen

Justice, Man. — Thirty-six Sunday school teachers representing the five M. B. churches of western Manitoba district and the Brandon Gospel Light Mission, plus many others interested in Sunday school work, met at Justice on April 6 for a one-day Sunday School Convention.

Rev. J. J. Loewen opened the convention by addressing a brief word of welcome to the assembly. Mr. Wm. Martens of Lena, Manitoba (the district S.S. leader), acted as chairman.

Relevant topics discussed by the guest speakers, Rev. B. B. Fast and Mr. Victor Toews were: "The Preparation of the S.S. Lesson"; "The Sunday School Teacher"; "How Can We Carry Missionary Interest into the S.S.?" and "Follow-up Work With New Converts in the S.S."

Special numbers in song were rendered by two trios, one from Boissevain and one from Alexander, a mixed quartet from Lena, and a male quartet from Justice. The afternoon session included a report by each of the S.S. superintendents and a report by Lawrence Warkentin on the mission Sunday school in Brandon.

A delicious meal was served by the ladies of the Justice district

during the noon recess.

Rev. Fast, who remained at Justice through Sunday, observed various S.S. classes in session and delivered a sermon during the morning church services. In the afternoon he concluded his work with an address on the subject, "The S.S. as the Most Important Branch of Our Church".

Varied Responsibilities on Mission Field

By Mrs. M. Wall

Dalmeny, Sask. — How would your children like to go out and catch their supper tonight? The native children in French West Africa are only too happy if they can bring home a few mice for supper. One little boy was bitten by a snake while trying to get a mouse and as a result was taken to the mission station. There a little missionary girl told him about Jesus.

Those attending the mid-week prayer-meeting at the M. B. church here heard this and many other illustrations when they had the privilege of having Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gripp, missionaries to French West Africa, with them on April 3. Mrs.

Gripp was the guest at the Junior Ladies' Aid on the ninth as well.

The Gripps were stationed in Bamako, French West Africa. With a population of 18,700,000, there are four people to every square mile in that country, compared to Canada's four square miles to every person. Bamako itself has paved roads and electricity. The French have done much for the natives. For instance, an 1800-bed hospital has been built in which the natives receive free medical care.

Only Missionaries to 5,000 French People

Mr. and Mrs. Gripp are the only missionaries to 5,000 French people living there. They also work among the Bambara tribe, who are mostly demon worshippers, although Mohammedanism is sweeping the land. Besides this, the Gripps were in charge of the guest home and as a result entertained many missionaries. One memorable day they had 19 unexpected guests for dinner and 18 others for supper.

The French people are tiring of Catholicism and often ask, "Why are you so different?" Mr. Gripp told us how he had been able to contact a French official by visiting his wife in the hospital. The man came to him later, telling him that he wanted real peace and joy in his heart. When the way of sal-

EDITORIAL

He Rose To Dwell In Us

During the Easter season the thoughts of men everywhere are turned to the cross of Christ and to the empty tomb. In spite of centuries of human history, these remain the focal point, in fulfillment of Christ's prophecy, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

If we, however, are satisfied with only the historical development of the story, it will have little meaning for us. We may let the drama of the crucifixion unfold upon the screen of our mind, we may carry crosses to remind us of His death, we may even participate in the communion service, but if we have never experienced the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus Christ, the events transpiring at Golgatha will have no spiritual significance for us. Again we may mentally accompany the women to the tomb and stand in inner amazement at the empty sepulchre; yes, we may even enter the tomb and prove to ourselves that Christ is indeed risen, but if we do not experience that mysterious union with Christ that is possible as a result of the resurrection, our life will not benefit from it.

In that masterly apologetic of the resurrection of Christ, I Corinthians 15, the Apostle Paul is not satisfied with merely establishing the fact that Christ rose from the dead and was seen by many after His resurrection. He declares that for the believer the vital truth is that, "even so in Christ shall all be made alive". And only the indwelling Christ, who proved through His resurrection that He was The Life, can make us alive.

When Christ was born at Bethlehem He came to dwell among men. He showed that He was a real person with the common weaknesses of the flesh, though divine because He was God. But when He rose from the dead, He came again to dwell in men. He still comes to dwell in those who open their life to Him, who in faith accept Him, who "open the door" to Him. The realization of this in everyone was the driving passion of the Apostle Paul. His prayer for the Ephesians was "that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith". To the Colossians he writes that this is the mystery which "God would make known . . . among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

It is thus not only the physical circumstances surrounding the death and resurrection of Christ that should occupy us. We should not be only engrossed in the scene as it unfolded itself just outside of Jerusalem, but we should progress to the realization of it in our lives. We must ask ourselves whether we have come to the point where we can say with the Apostle Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Is Christ in full possession of our life? Does He occupy our thought-life? Does He fill our life and empower our actions? If so, we will one day rise with Him, to be with Him in glory. Then we will reach the final goal God had in view for mankind when he sent Christ to die and raised Him from the dead—even our glorification.

Christ's Mission Proved By Resurrection

What was Christ's resurrection life? It was a testimony to the truths He had taught and the reality of the blessings for which He died. His after-life was the verification of the sacrifice of His death. Everybody who saw Him, living, moving, talking, acting before them knew that He was risen from the dead, and that fact convinced them of the truth of His mission, the power of His Father, and the reality of His sacrifice.

Dear reader, are your conversation and conduct before men a testimony that you have gone through this spiritual resurrection from sin

and selfishness? If so, it will at the same time proclaim the truth of every word He taught, the virtue of every drop of blood He shed, and invite the men around you to come to the same Christ for the acquisition of the same life.

He rose to baptize His disciples with that Spirit of love and power they needed for their conflict, and, through them, the whole world. He is still alive; He has not ceased to pour forth the cleansing stream.

He rose to intercede for us—He went to the Father's right hand to plead for the salvation of the world. He is there today.

DEVOTIONAL

Positively Passive

By W. A. Wiebe *

On reading the account of the Easter story in the four gospels one cannot help but be impressed by the frequency of the transitive verb—the verb that speaks of a doer and a receiver of the action of the verb. There is the action with man the doer and Christ the receiver; there is the action with God the doer and man the receiver; and there is the action with Jesus the doer and man the receiver.

Jesus had said, "I am the Way." Yet now we read of sinful men in their blindness. They took Him and led Him and brought Him to the high priest's house. They led Him to the council. They led Him unto Pilate. They sent Him to Herod. They sent Him back to Pilate. Then the people led Him away to Calvary.

Jesus had said, "I am the Truth." Yet Peter denied Him. The servants of the high priest mocked Him and spoke blasphemously against Him. The priests accused Him. Herod first questioned Him and then arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe and mocked Him. On the cross the rulers derided Him. The soldiers around the cross mocked Him. Even the thief on the cross mocked Him.

Jesus had said, "I am the Life." Yet they smote Him, blindfolded Him, struck Him, spat in His face. They scourged Him, plaited a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They crucified Him. They parted His raiment and left Him, the Truth, exposed to the gaze of all witnesses. They pierced His side. They took the body of Jesus and wound it in linen clothes. They laid Jesus in a sepulchre.

The actions with man the doer and Christ the receiver build up

If you are risen with Him, if you have His life, you are engaged in the same business. Do you stand between the living and the dead?

He rose to lead the world to God. He has had bitter disappointments. Oh, how often I wonder that His patience holds out, and He does not give mankind up in despair! Still, much has been done. Millions of souls, under His leadership, are on their way Home! His whole being is just as much as ever bound up in this great undertaking. He rose to fulfill the very same object for which He died. Is it so with you? What were you made a saint for? To what end were you brought out of the grave-yard of ease, selfishness, self-seeking, but to resurrect others and lead them to God. If you are doing this, then all who know you will say of you, "He, or she, is risen!"

William Booth.

to a climax until they fill the reader with horror and disgust. If these actions were directed against an ordinary mortal they would constitute a shameful incident. But these actions against the holy, sinless Lamb of God show how low, despicable, revolting man can become in his sins. Yet Jesus was not compelled to submit to this. He walked this way of His own free will. He was positively passive.

On the cross the Lord then uttered the words, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." This was now God's action with man the receiver of the action. Because of the finished work of Christ God forgave man.

"Thus it behoved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations." Jesus becomes the doer and man the receiver of the action. Man receives eternal life through Jesus Christ.

"Oh men and women, your deeds of shame,
Your sins without reason, and number, and name,
I bear them all on the cross on high.
Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"

It is a terrible story—it is a wonderful story. Man exhibits his utter sinfulness. God exhibits His righteousness and mercy. Jesus exhibits His love and redemption.

* Teacher at the Mennonite Educational Institute, Clearbrook, B.C.

Mennonite Observer

Our Christian Family Weekly for Mennonites of All Age-groups

LESLIE STOBBE — Editor

The MENNONITE OBSERVER is being published every Friday by The CHRISTIAN PRESS, Ltd. 159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Manitoba, Canada.

Address all correspondence to the above address.

Managing Director — H. F. Klassen
Production Manager — J. K. Neufeld

Subscription rate: \$1.75 a year; in combination with the Mennonitische Rundschau — \$4.50 a year, payable in advance.

Authorized as Second Class Mail, Post Office Department, Ottawa.

The MENNONITE OBSERVER strives to have Christ at the helm, the salvation of man as its goal, and the essential unity of all true Mennonites as its guiding principle.

Gideons Serve at Kronsgart

By Ron Suderman

Kronsgart, Man. — The Gideons of the Morden camp held a service in the Kronsgart M. B. church on Sunday morning, April 7.

The Gideons are well-known as an organization devoted to the distribution of the Holy Scriptures. The Morden Camp consists of businessmen from the towns of Morden, Winkler and Manitou. These men are responsible for an area extending from Plum Coulee to Crystal City.

The chairman of the meeting was Mr. Herman Voth of Manitou. Included on the program were two reports presented by visiting Gideons from Winnipeg, Mr. Jack Swan and Mr. H. W. Moore. Visiting Gideons do not usually accompany local camps, but since the Morden Camp is only two years old, they apparently still receive some aid from the older camps.

Mr. Jack Swan told us how the Gideons were organized in 1899 in Wisconsin. In 1911 the first camp was organized in Canada, in Toronto. There are 121 camps in Canada at the present time. To become a member the Gideons require a testimony and membership in an organized church. Mr. Swan also pointed out rather vividly the contrast between our present mode of travel and the type that was available when the Gideons first organized.

Mr. H. W. Moore discussed the work of the Gideons. They distribute Scriptures in hotels, motels, hospitals, prisons, schools and similar institutions. The Gideons have recently received permission to conduct services in Headingly prison whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month.

The Gideons also have a ladies' auxiliary which distributes Scriptures to student nurses, in Rest Homes, hospitals and other places which are particularly accessible to the ladies.

Mr. Moore closed his report with an account of extension work carried on, that is, work outside Canada. In recent years they have started camps in Japan, Mexico (in Mexico work is confined to rural areas at present) and South Africa. The South African field is the exclusive extension of Canadian Gideons. Here the Canadian Gideons pay for two-thirds of the cost of the Scriptures.

This year's budget for the Canadian Gideons is \$188,000. The offering taken at Kronsgart amounted to \$56.32.

We were all impressed with the importance of yet another branch of the Lord's work and went home sobered and challenged by the work yet to be done.

we could not see outward results as was hoped and prayed for, yet we know that these meetings were not in vain.

Last week marked the beginning of a weekly prayer meeting and Bible study. Thursday evening has been set aside for this blessing. For the beginning the group here is to study the first epistle of John. We are sure that the Lord will meet those who worship Him at these services.

Hobby Clubs Started at Laidlaw

Rosedale, B.C. — The Laidlaw Gospel Chapel is extending its work. A new project has been started by the staff of the chapel, which comes from the East Chilliwack M. B. Church.

Hobby clubs are being conducted for the children between the ages of eight and thirteen. These provide an opportunity for boys and girls to be introduced to spiritual things.

The meetings are held every other Friday, beginning at seven-thirty. In the "story-time" the various teachers take turns telling a story which teaches a relevant and valuable lesson. During the "workshop" the girls have been making flowers and the boys are working

on model airplanes. After this a quiet time is had with God in a devotional study of some spiritual truth.

The boys and girls are enthusiastic about the clubs and enjoy every minute of them. The Christians especially are giving undivided attention to the new venture. The workers' prayer is that God will use the clubs to win boys and girls to his side.

Sardis Student to Germany Next Year

Sardis, B.C. — Bernie Peters, who will receive his B.A. degree this spring from the University of British Columbia, has been awarded a scholarship to study in Germany next year.

Mr. Peters studied at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College last year. He has a good knowledge of German, French and Russian, while he has studied Greek at college one year.

MANY CHOIR DIRECTORS EXPECTED

Winnipeg, Man. — An unexpectedly good enrollment is in sight for the first conference-wide choir directors' course to be offered by the Canadian M. B. Conference music committee.

Applications received to date indicate that there will be more than 40 participants, with the greatest percentage of these coming from British Columbia and Ontario. Thus far no applications have been received from Alberta.

Classes will be held in the M. B. Bible College from April 22 to 26, with meals to be had at the college dining-room. These days of study should not only increase the musical knowledge of the participants, but they should also help to increase the musical repertoire through the discussion of displayed music. An additional blessing will be the exchange of experiences during the times of fellowship, both formal and informal.

Mr. Ben Horch, Corny Balzer, Peter Klassen and others will serve with lectures and lead in discussions. Practical demonstrations will also be given in various fields of music.

General Rally for Good News Clubs

Chilliwack, B.C. — For the past winter Child Evangelism Fellowship has sponsored "Good News" clubs in the Chilliwack area. Several young people from the M. B. churches in this vicinity have been working in these clubs. The Word has been sown and fruit has already been seen. From the nine clubs operating, nine decisions to follow Christ have been reported.

On Friday, April 12, a general rally was held to culminate the season's work. About 90 people, parents and children, attended the function. The program included songs and recitations by the various clubs. One of the Christian girls testified as to what the Good News Clubs had meant to her in the way of spiritual growth. Miss Agatha Martens of Vancouver, county supervisor, and Miss Esther Peters of East Chilliwack, district president, each gave a report on the work. A "Moody" film on Naaman the Leper challenged the boys and girls to go out and tell other children of what Christ had done for them.

Revival Services at Morris

Horndean, Man. — Pastor Abe Quiring of the M. B. mission chapel here has spent much time in his Morris charge. Rev. P. Martens of Steinbach served there recently at revival services.

At the special services Bible story film strips were a special feature for the children, while different groups of young people assisted in the special singing. Several Horndean young people had the privilege of attending the final service on Sunday, March 31.

Graduation time is here again. Quite a number of local people attended the commencement exercises of the Steinbach Bible Institute on April 7. It is a joy to see young people prepare to serve the Lord better. As churches we should pray much for them.

Evangelistic Services at Mission

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. John B. Epp, Ontario home missionary at Coldwater, Ont., served as evangelist at a week of services in the Gospel Light Mission church here. Good attendance marked the services from April 7 to 14.

Members at the mission were active in advertising and gaining the attendance of those not usually seen at the mission. A personal letter also went out to all those on the mailing list. The blessing of the Lord was sought at daily pre-service prayer-meetings in addition to the special intercession of the weeks previous to the campaign. "Martyred Men", a film based on the murder of five pioneer missionaries in Ecuador, and "Workers Together With God", a film portraying laymen evangelism, were shown at the meetings.

Two adults and a young girl accepted Christ as their Saviour and others re-dedicated themselves to God. The Lord has spoken in a very definite way to those regularly attending the church. Rev. John Schmidt is pastor of the Gospel Light Mission Church.

BLESSINGS AT BEECHY FROM S.S. CONVENTION

By J. Schellenberg

Beechy, Sask. — A skeleton staff took over the teaching of the Sunday school in the M. B. church here on March 24. Even in the worship service it was noticeable that certain persons were absent. That night a former pianist was called into action for the songfest.

No, an epidemic had not struck, but the Sunday school convention at Saskatoon had attracted so many people from here. Two carloads of people travelled to Saskatoon to take in the two days of blessings there.

The enthusiasm of the participants at the convention came to the fore at the Sunday evening service one week later, when the general public was given a comprehensive report. The reports were divided among the participants at the convention, so that there were 14 reports in all. Many new ideas and great zeal showed up in the reports. No doubt the Sunday school will profit as a result.

Rev. J. S. Adrian, director of the M. B. Mission of Saskatchewan, conducted meetings in the church here from April 3 to April 7. These services were very well attended by members, adherents and also visitors from other churches. Although

Sponsor Missionary Conference

Steinbach, Man. — The annual missionary conference of the Steinbach Bible Institute was held April 3 to 5 in the institute and in the Emmanuel Mission church respectively. Good interest and informative messages characterized every session.

Speakers at the conference included Rev. Irvin Robertson, graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Goshen College and Grace Theological Seminary, and returned TEAM missionary from India; Rev. Ben Eidse, missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loewen, missionaries on furlough from Brazil.

In his first address Rev. Robertson emphasized the grace of God according to 1 Cor. 1:4-6. This emphasis upon grace pervaded all his messages. He contrasted the tremendous need of India, especially that of the Hindus, with the abounding blessings of Christianity.

India, he pointed out, glories in a strong, perverted philosophical system which compares with Baalism of the Old Testament; India revels in idolatry which in its very essence is selfish, enslaving and impoverishing the national economy. We, on the other hand, he continued, are enriched by Christ in everything.

"For who maketh thee to differ from another and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" Rev. Robertson stressed

one night as he showed pictures depicting the life in India.

He maintained that the greatest challenge for missions was not the dire need of the people, but our riches in Christ.

In his appeals, he stated that we should give, go and pray. He added, we can pray effectively only to the extent we are willing to obey. Yieldedness to Christ, he said, is an absolute basic essential for missions.

People without the Gospel cannot be saved without having been told, declared Rev. Ben Eidse, as he depicted the need of the Belgian Congo.

According to his report the people throng to hear the Gospel message. Upon entering a village, he stated, sometimes all or nearly all would come out to hear. Of late even the older people are turning to Christ. Such response, Rev. Eidse pointed out, constitutes a great challenge to go out to evangelize the Congo.

What we must accomplish, we must accomplish now, warned the newly-returned missionary, in the light of the rising nationalism.

The Henry Loewens reported on the Gospel work among the Indians in Brazil. According to the report, the proclamation of the Gospel was transforming tribes into Christian communities. Indians which before had been steeped in moral and physical degradation, now were changed and went out to testify of the Gospel to other tribes.

solo class, Beethoven sonata. The adjudicator said this performer's playing was "really exciting and he gave a very good performance on a very big scale".

A fine Beethoven style earned Miss Wanda Dick 90 marks for her playing of Beethoven's Opus 37 (first movement) in the concerto for piano and orchestra. Her playing, said the adjudicator, was "deeply musical" and "it is only on small points that I find it just short of really first class."

Tops Folk Song Class

Miss Adeline Willems topped other competitors in the Grade A folk songs class with 83 marks.

Mr. Rudy Wiebe, a "good fervent, sincere singer with a fine lyric baritone voice", won the grade B sacred solo class for any voice, coming out on top of 38 singers with



Mrs. Viola Falk

a mark of 84. In the grade B tenor solo class Rudy Wiebe was second with a mark of 81. He teamed with Rudy Baerg, who was second in the baritone solo, grade A, to sing as a duet "Now We Are Ambassadors"; "But Paul and Barnabas Spake Freely"; and "For So Hath the Lord". They were awarded 84 marks and referred to as "a very well modulated pair with splendid words and very well blended voices."

Albert Siemens won the boys solo 12 years of age and over with 81 marks for his singing of the compulsory piece and 80 for his own choice. Helmut Rischer, with 80 marks, won the junior baritone solo. Erna DeFehr won the girls 12 years of age and over.

Misses Twice by Two Marks

John Pauls gained the finals twice but lost out both times by two marks. In the oratorio sacred solo class, grade A, he received 85 in the preliminaries and 88 in the finals for his selection, "Und Gott schuf den Menschen," from Haydn's "Creation". In the tenor solo class, grade A, he received 84 and 85 in the finals to come second to Mr. Jeffrey.

In the baritone solo class, Grade

B, Abe Peters was given 81 marks and first place. He and Rudy Wiebe qualified to enter Tudor Bowl competition, which was won by an 18-year-old mezzo-soprano.

The choir of the First Mennonite Church was second in the church choirs' class with a mark of 174 for two songs. The Menno Choir received a mark of 169 for their two selections in the folk song choir class to place second.

Joint Fellowship Program

Rosedale, B.C. — The three ladies' sewing circles of the East Chilliwack M. B. church have completed their work for this winter. To mark the close of the season the ladies and their husbands met in the church on April 11 for a final program.

Several poems and songs were enjoyed. There was also a brief, inspiring message by Rev. P. S. Thiessen, a local minister. The groups then partook of the lunch which had been prepared by the ladies.

The various articles which have been made by the clubs during the winter will be sold at a meeting which will take place in the near future. The money will be donated to the M. B. mission board.

MENNONITES ATTEND SHANTYMAN ANNUAL MEETING

Steinbach, Man. — The annual meeting of the Shantyman's Christian Association of Manitoba was held in Elim Chapel, Winnipeg, on Saturday evening, April 13.

The meeting started at 6:15 p.m., with a banquet in the basement of the church. After this, time was spent in listening to several guest speakers.

Among the missionaries present were Mr. Curt Bork, The Pas, Man., Mr. Armand Gaudreau, Steinbach, and Mr. Len Dueck, also presently of Steinbach.

The field of labour, the gathering was told, was the lumber camp, the fishing camp, the out-of-the-way places and the Indian villages of our land. These were people who might have no other chance to hear the Gospel message.

Mr. Bork told of some 3900 souls that had come under his ministry since the beginning of the year. Mr. Gaudreau, whose field of labour lay in Ontario, accompanied by another man, had visited some 150 camps.

The reception, it was reported, is good in most camps. Many gospel portions and New Testaments are distributed every winter. Although you would not believe it, many tears are shed as the Word of Life is presented.

As the last feature of the evening a film depicting the life of the Shantyman was shown.

A fair representation of visitors from Steinbach was present for this annual event.

Choir Performs Oratorio

Abbotsford, B.C. — The annual concert of the Bethel Choir was presented at the Abbotsford Junior High School auditorium on Saturday, April 13. The choir, directed by Menno Neufeld, sang, "The Creation", by Haydn.

Soloists for the performance were Hilda Wiebe and Holda Reimer, soprano; Peter Koslowsky, tenor; and Kenneth Smith, baritone. The choir was accompanied by the Valley String Orchestra and pianist Rita Mueller.

MORE ABOUT

Mennonite Wins Top Festival Singing Award

(Continued from page 1-4)

one to beat him.' I have sung that piece myself many times and he never put his foot into it. He avoided all the pitfalls and never breathed at the wrong time."

The son of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Falk, North Kildonan, Mr. Falk sings in the North Kildonan M. B. Church choir and in the Sunday Chorale, directed by Mr. Filmer Hubble. He was elected president of next year's Association of Men-

nonite University Students.

Mr. Falk qualified for the Rose Bowl competition by winning the final in the Bach sacred solo, male voices, Grade A, with a mark of 93, and by winning the bass solo, grade A class, with a mark of 85 (as sole entry). His wife Viola qualified for the Rose Bowl competition by winning the Bach sacred solo class for female voices, grade A. The adjudicator was very enthusiastic about Mrs. Falk's "very fine contralto voice".

Elmwood Children's Choir Wins Twice

The children's choir of the Elmwood M. B. Church, directed by Mrs. Albert Litz, won the Sunday School choir hymn-singing competition over three other entries with a mark of 90 and won over the Eaton's Good Deed Choir in the Children's Choir Folk Songs' class with a mark of 86. They were also asked to sing at the final festival concert on Monday night, April 15.

Miss Wanda Konrad won the junior violin solo competition with a mark of 84. Another instrumental winner was Glenn Loewen, Steinbach, who was awarded a mark of 90 for Beethoven's Opus 57 (first movement) in the senior pianoforte

DISPENSING THE THERAPY OF CHRIST

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Friday evening. Tomorrow Chaplain Glenn Martin hopes to enjoy relaxation and fun with the family.

Fried chicken for Friday night dinner will ease his mind from thoughts of polio patients in iron lungs, cancer patients eking a few last days of existence, the aged, the lonely, the fearful, the confused, the mentally-ill and other patients with whom he spends an ordinary day as chaplain of Colorado Medical Center.

Dinner was ready and the family was seated, ready for evening devotions. The ringing telephone interrupted. "This is Colorado General Hospital. Mrs. X wants to speak to Chaplain Martin."

Between sobs a woman told the chaplain about her husband just out of surgery that revealed a case of hopeless lung cancer. Only a few days remained for him, at best. Could he be baptized?

Mrs. X said, "I love him, Chaplain, and I want him to become a Christian before he dies. I'm afraid he won't accept. Can you help?"

God Loves

Later they talked about confession, salvation, faith and baptism. They prayed and went to the husband's bedside. Mr. X greeted his wife with a smile and kiss. She wept and introduced the chaplain, reminding Mr. X of his earlier promise to be baptized when he recovered.

Mr. X wept. The chaplain stroked his forehead and said, "Mr. X, Jesus loves you and is holding open the way for you."

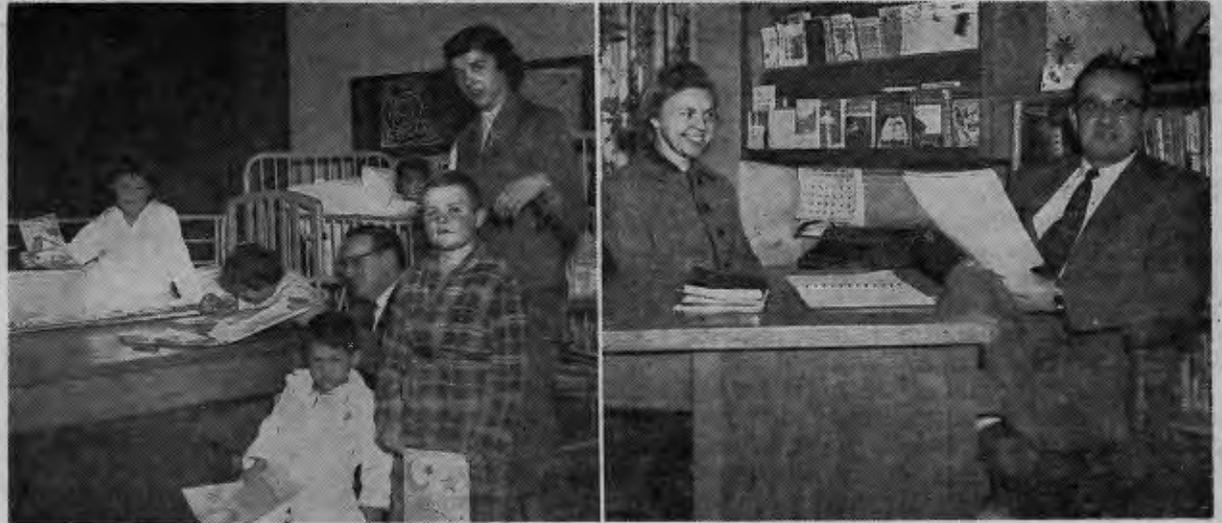
He turned toward his wife and then toward the chaplain and said, "Pastor, I want baptism. I guess I've always wanted it. I believe in Jesus."

A simple service followed. In a few days the man died.

Supreme Opportunity

Chaplain Glenn Martin began service in Denver more than three years ago after a pastorate at Lima, Ohio, and chaplaincy service at La Junta, Colorado. He is supported jointly by I-W men in Denver, First Mennonite Church of Denver and the voluntary service section of Mennonite Central Committee. His official appointment is by the Denver Council of Churches. Chaplain Martin is accredited with the American Protestant Hospital Association.

The Medical Center in Denver, serving between 4000-5000 patients, is part of the University of Colorado which has its main campus in Boulder. The Medical Center is located on a 32-acre campus and has four major facilities—School of Medicine, School of Nursing, the



Chaplain Glenn Martin and secretary Naomi Schellenberg form a cheerful accent to the chaplain's office, seen at right. Letters of counsel and other business are as much a part of the chaplaincy as personal counseling. At left Voluntary Service worker Nettie Wiens of Clearbrook, British Columbia, and Chaplain Glenn Martin read Bible stories to patients in the children's ward. This is a regular Sunday morning ministry.

275-bed Colorado General Hospital and the 90-census Colorado Psychopathic Hospital—with a student enrollment of 1000 persons.

Ask the Chaplain

The chaplain's ministry generally is in four categories: 1) patients, 2) patient's family, 3) hospital personnel and 4) the public.

A 70-year old court reporter just returned from surgery—the type surgeons sweat over and sew up again without success or hope. She asked for the chaplain.

Chaplain Martin stood at her bedside. She smiled bravely and whispered, "I have cancer. They think I do not know it. It will not be long. I want you to say a little prayer for me. And please, Chaplain, help my family, will you?"

The chaplain said, "You are accustomed to handling facts, aren't you? I will let your physician tell you the facts about your surgery and together we will search for the facts that Jesus gave." He read Psalm 23 and asked, "What are the facts for you from this?"

She smiled again and replied, "He will be with me. When I cannot hold your hand any longer here, I will just slip my hand into His over there."

Therapy seen from the perspective of a chaplain takes on eternal significance. When the power of God is at work, healing becomes deeper than physical.

Understanding Needed

"My growing conviction is that my role," Chaplain Martin comments, "is to bring God's Spirit to the sufferers through acceptance, forgiveness and understanding with a creative concern to help the patient find himself and his own resources for life within the grace of God's redemptive love."

He had occasion to minister to

a midget woman who for 33 years had a multitude of bone fractures due to a brittle bone condition. She never walked, yet she taught herself the art of a professional manicurist and had positions in leading shops in Denver and Colorado Springs.

However, she became a drug addict. She was in psychopathic hospitals on three occasions following attempts to take her own life. After the third discharge she entered Colorado General Hospital for surgery. A nurse suggested she speak to the chaplain.

'Devil's Partner'

He listened to her story and recommended she use the talking Bible and hymns to occupy her mind when she had a drug craving. Some time later she wrote:

"I had the nurse call the chaplain. He was kind and understanding and I felt he was a friend. I called him almost every day. He had nothing in me to work with but the devil's partner, but the chaplain didn't give up. His very earnest prayers and patience rewarded us both.

"He taught me day by day how to work with God instead of against God and I began to live one day at a time. Medical science will never give me legs but God has helped me use the legs I have."

She now walks with crutches and has entered a Christian school to study for service among alcoholics and drug addicts.

Chaplain Martin is assisted by an office secretary and children's chaplain, MCC volunteer Naomi Schellenberg of Hillsboro, Kansas (other voluntary service workers also have served in this position), and apprentice Bill Bob Anderson of Denver.

Together they provide literature, distribute Sunday morning bulletins (with some practical assistance

from Denver I-W's and VSers) and plan Bible classes. They conduct Sunday morning worship services in the Psychopathic Hospital.

A patients' library was started. They co-ordinate the work of volunteer groups from Denver churches. The chaplain holds seminars with medical student groups and speaks to many church, civic and professional groups.

Working with patients' families is a big job too. This includes counsel with the family, checking with attending physicians, home pastors, morticians or even planning and conducting funerals.

Members of the MCC voluntary service unit in Denver serving in the hospital have opportunity to refer patients' needs to the chaplain. If patients have post-hospital needs (work on the house, counseling, cleaning or any other) the chaplain may inform the voluntary service unit who in turn serve the patients. A chaplaincy internship in connection with the Denver unit is also possible.

Opportunity for Outreach

Fifteen million persons will enter hospitals this year. Half of them will not have a church affiliation. So the institutional chaplaincy seeks to bring Christ to these people.

Both Hospital and Church increasingly are recognizing the importance of this type of ministry. Today this work is considered the fastest-growing and most wide-open of the specialized Christian ministries.

Opportunities are limitless for trained chaplains to help meet desperate human need. The spirit and love of Christ can change the lives of seemingly hopeless cases.

Chaplain Glenn Martin and Denver workers at Colorado Medical Center are dispensing the therapy of Christ.

THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

The coming Sunday is Easter. I think Easter is the happiest day of the year. It is on this day that Jesus Christ arose after being in the grave for three days. Friday was the saddest day because on that day Jesus was nailed to the cross by wicked people. We did not have to be sad long because on the third day He arose as He said.

Easter does not mean the happiest day for all people. For some people Easter only means a new hat or a new suit. For some boys and girls it only means a lot of chocolate Easter eggs and rabbits. Others go to church for only this one Sunday in the year. Many boys and girls don't even know the real meaning of Easter.

Boys and girls, to those of us who are Christians what does Easter mean? Are we thinking only of our new clothes and the gifts we received, or are we thinking of the risen Saviour? Because Jesus arose we will one day rise also and live with Him in heaven. Isn't that a wonderful thought for Easter? That is why Easter day should be the happiest of the year.

God bless you this Easter day and make it the happiest day of the year for you.

Aunt Selma.

Resurrection Life Demonstrated!

"For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: if we suffer, we shall also reign with him. . ." (II Timothy 2:11-12).

Disobeyed in public by his own slave!

The Governor of Algiers stared in disbelief and anger at the calm, fearless Arab boy standing before him. The cruel Moorish officer had known many strange things to happen in the war-torn old city of Algiers in North Africa. But betrayed by his own household—he had never expected that. It was too much!

As the Governor looked down at the young slave and at the mass of spectators crowded into the huge room, he searched his brain for something to say. He must get the better of this clever young Christian, or lose face before the people.

"Geronimo," the officer called, shaking with anger, "do not be a fool! Forget this Jesus Christ." The Governor's voice became a plea. "Turn from Him and I will give you freedom for ever."

Surely the young Geronimo would not give up his freedom for mere religious faith! People in the crowd began to talk excitedly. Those closest leaned forward to hear his reply.

Geronimo smiled. "I am sorry, sir," he answered calmly. "Whether free or not, I cannot deny my Lord."

The Governor sat speechless. Could he believe his ears? Did nothing move this stubborn slave from his faith? The angry Moorish officer had first threatened Geroni-

mo and then tortured him. Geronimo had stood firm. Changing his plans, the Governor had tried to bribe the boy. Now he had even offered the slave his freedom. But Geronimo still preferred Christ to any of these. Where did such courage come from, the Governor wondered. Even he had to respect such faith.

Fear swept through the hearts of the people as Geronimo rejected the Governor's offer. What would be his fate now? They knew only too well what the godless Governor had already done in an attempt to make the boy renounce his faith. They watched in silent wonder as the two faced each other.

Slowly an evil smile spread across the Governor's face as a wicked plot formed in his brain. Angered beyond reason by the boy's fearless manner, he had thought of one final way to make him change.

"All right, Geronimo," the Governor said slowly. "If you will not deny your Christ, then die for Christ. One last choice. Curse Christ and forsake this Christianity once and for all, or I shall order you to be buried alive in fresh cement, and your body put into the wall of the new army barracks."

The crowd gasped in horror. Buried alive! What a terrible death—even for a rebel! They knew the Governor's threat was real. Geronimo would not be the first to die by the hand of the murderous officer. Geronimo's friends looked at him as they waited for him to speak. One word would save his life. But would he say it?



The story of Easter as told in the Bible should be of greater interest to us than Easter eggs and rabbits. For the Bible tells us that Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose again to plead for us in heaven. This Easter read Matthew 26 to 28.

Having given his verdict, the Governor also waited for the boy to answer. Determined to keep his word, he secretly hoped Geronimo would renounce his faith. If he killed Geronimo, he would lose his most valuable slave and one of the few he could trust. Strong, intelligent, hardworking, and honest, Geronimo had been one of his best workers. At any price, slaves like him were few indeed.

But Geronimo had not always been a slave. Born in the coastal city of Algiers in North Africa about 1550, he had grown up like any other Arab boy. His parents were very religious people, but they had never heard of Jesus Christ. Nor had Geronimo until he was about eight years of age. Then his whole life was suddenly changed.

Years before, Spain had driven Moor invaders from Africa out of their country and into North Africa again. Now in their own land, the troublesome Moors settled along the Mediterranean Sea coast. Taking to robbery and slave-trading, the Moors soon became the terror of the seas.

One day soldiers from the Spanish garrison at distant Oran entered Algeria on an expedition against the hated Moors and took away many captives, Arab and Moor alike. Among the prisoners was eight-year-old Geronimo.

While a captive in Oran, Geroni-

mo came under the influence of Christian leaders, who baptized him as a believer, although he did not really know at the time what it meant to believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Watching and waiting for the chance, Geronimo finally escaped to his parents' home in Algiers. There he soon dropped the outward Christian ways he had adopted and took up again the religious practices of his parents.

But Geronimo soon found he had no peace of heart in returning to the old ways. The Christian teachings he had learned were deep in his young mind. He could not forget them. The desire to learn more grew within him. Finally, Geronimo left his parents' home and went back to the Spanish garrison at Oran to learn more of the gospel. And there he became a true follower of Jesus Christ.

Shortly after this Geronimo and some friends were out at sea working on a boat, when a shipload of the feared Moor robbers chased them. Captured again, Geronimo was taken back to Algiers, where he was sold as a slave in the market place of his own hometown.

Geronimo's strong appearance caught the eye of the slave buyer of the Governor of Algiers. The buyer decided to get Geronimo for his wicked master—at any price.

(To be concluded)

FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

Copyright 1956 by Elizabeth Schroeter. Used by special permission of the author and Exposition Press Inc., New York. All rights reserved.

(6th Installment)

It was a simple hall of worship. Its atmosphere was that of serenity, peace and sincere friendliness. The worshipers were of all ages, well-mannered and reverent. They were people whose history and faith were bathed in sweat and blood. Their countenances reflected a childlike faith in God and in the Bible, a copy of which each held and on which they based their lives.

The women's benches faced the men's. The men faced the minister and the choir. There seemed to be no logic to such a seating arrangement, but Liesbeth saw an advantage in it; during dull moments, if there ever were such, the women could amuse themselves with the men's profiles and pious behavior. Liesbeth had done that a few times. Even without boring sermons, she usually could tell whose mustache turned up, whose beard was resting on the vest buttons, who was asleep, who was wearing a stiff collar and who was singing in a high tenor. She could tell at a glance whether Franz and David were behaving themselves. They always were. With the exception of the ministers' speaking and the singing, a pin could be heard to drop anywhere in the hall. The Mennonite children of the Ukraine, early in their lives, acquired a mature mode of conduct.

That Sunday, Liesbeth was especially attentive. She was listening carefully. After the opening hymn, the whole congregation knelt on the floor for prayer. Many adults participated. Mutter was one of the women who prayed. She cried throughout the prayer. Although Mutter was, in Liesbeth's eyes, a perfect Christian, she had many sins to confess publicly before God and many burdens to place upon Him. Those who prayed, also those who did not, had a deep faith in the promises of the Scriptures and in a beneficent heavenly Father who watched over them and satisfied all their needs.

When the prayer was ended, Uncle Regehr, the minister, read the text. All older men in Margenau were called uncle, and the older women aunt, by the children and young people. For village neighbors, titles like mister and mistress were far too formal. Those expressions were only used for strangers, government officials and teachers.

"I have set before thee an open door," Uncle Regehr read in High German. Although Low German was the language of the home and street, High German, or the literary German, was used in the church and schools. Uncle Regehr's topic was pleasing to Liesbeth. It was God's message to her, she reasoned, for, she told herself, all ministers were God's anointed servants. They were inspired by God to speak what He wanted them to tell His people. Liesbeth liked the text so well that she went ahead and figured out a sermon for it. From then on she did not listen to Uncle Regehr. She liked him and loved to hear him preach, but that morning her mind was too occupied with the text. She had an idea, in fact she had two ideas and they would take care of most of her difficulties. She had it all figured out. She would not even have to listen to the rest of the sermon. That very afternoon, she might be able to do something about her conflicts. How wonderful it was to be able to go to church on Sundays and get help so quickly! The door was open, no one could shut it. God did not want her to be encircled with foolish customs. He was in favor of educated, broad-minded Mennonites. So far as she was concerned, she was ready to go home right then and apply what she had learned.

The sermon was ended. The minister's exhortations were always brief and to the point. Liesbeth sang wholeheartedly and loudly, "Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves. We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves!" She was not going to set herself apart like the other Mennonites; she was going to "bring in the sheaves," and she would have lots of fun doing it.

As the congregation was leaving the hall, one of the women placed her hand on Liesbeth's head and patted it. She liked the women and all the people in the church, but she was getting too big for such babyish manifestations.

Sara Regehr, the minister's daughter, greeted Liesbeth in the church yard with the customary "Good day" and asked, "Are you going to be in Sunday school this afternoon?"

"Yes," Liesbeth said smilingly. "Today I have a surprise for you."

"You always have. Did you memorize a whole chapter this time?"

"No, just wait until Sunday school starts."

Both girls laughed. They always tried to outdo each other by memorizing the longest verse they could find.

Vater, David, Liesbeth and Franz kept their Sunday clothing on when they reached home. They were going to Sunday school right after dinner. Anna and Mutter changed dresses, aprons and shoes, replacing them with others less new.

The Sunday dinner spread a spicy fragrance over the kitchen. Vater sat at the head and Mutter at the foot of the table. The boys were on Vater's right and the girls on his left. No one touched anything on the table until after all had risen and Vater had said grace. His was not a memorized prayer. It came from the heart and each time differed somewhat from the preceding one. If anyone started to sit down before Vater had finished saying grace, he made his displeasure known in no uncertain terms. However, the atmosphere of the meal was one of enjoyment, plenty and security.

The dinner consisted of potatoes baked on coals while everybody was in church; new-baked, home-butchered and home-cured ham; new radishes; boiled beet greens; home-made dark rye bread with butter and honey. For dessert there was plum mousse. This was a tasty, cold, soup-like, tannish pudding made of prunes, raisins, a stick of cinnamon, sugar, molasses, staranice, water, vinegar, flour and cream. As a rule, there was little talking during the meal. Vater believed that he and the others should eat and get to the business of the day as soon as possible. That day there was good reason to hurry with the dinner. The morning service had closed around twelve, and Sunday school would begin at one-thirty. Vater was the teacher of the one and only village Sunday school class that met on Sunday afternoons during May, June, July and August.

Liesbeth ate her dinner in a hurry. She wanted to go to Sunday school as soon as possible, get it over with and do what she had planned in church. Furthermore, she was anxious to acquire more ideas.

As a part of the lesson, the various pupils recited Scripture verses which they had memorized during the week. That afternoon Liesbeth was not thinking about competing against Sara. She said, "I have set before thee an open door and no one can shut it." Calmly she sat down as soon as she had finished reciting her verse.

Vater smiled. Then he commented, "That was the text for the morning sermon; can anyone tell us what it means?" Liesbeth raised her hand and jumped to her feet to give her explanation, but she sat down just as quickly when she re-

membered that she had not listened and did not actually know what answer her father expected.

Helena, who lived across the street from Liesbeth, explained that God opened doors for His workers and that all Christians should constantly try to find open doors for helping people in need.

Liesbeth listened to Helena's answer; it was in perfect agreement with her own.

As Liesbeth and Helena walked home that afternoon, Helena did most of the talking. Liesbeth always found other people far more interesting than she was, and she was glad to listen to someone as versed and broad as Helena. When they reached her gate, Liesbeth stopped and asked, "Did Uncle Regehr really say what you told Vater in Sunday school?"

"Yes," said Helena, "don't you remember it?"

"I guess I wasn't listening too hard," Liesbeth said, and walked over to her side of the street.

When she reached home, she changed her dress, apron and shoes and went out to satisfy those who had been calling for her to come out and play baseball. Sunday afternoons and holidays were the only times when the children were permitted to play baseball at home. David was in the field, which was the biggest part of the front yard and driveway. Anna was throwing the black rubber ball up a foot or two with her left hand and hitting it with a short flat board in her right hand. It was a low ball. She ran toward a line on which David was standing. As soon as her feet had touched the line, she immediately turned around and ran back toward the home base, which likewise was a line. If she could return without being hit by David, she would make a point and be entitled to be up again as soon as the other players had had their turns. However, as David threw the ball at Anna, it grazed her left arm and she was out. She became the new fielder, and David took her place on the home line to await his turn.

At that moment they could hear singing on the street. It was the usual plaintive chant of the Russian servants. Always it was in a minor key and could be heard every Sunday afternoon as they walked in the middle of the street and then halted on the cattle road for a Sunday rest. Liesbeth was up, but when she heard the music, she dropped her bat and said, "I am quitting." Immediately she headed for the cattle road.

"Oh, don't go," the others pleaded with her. "Those are only Russian servants; you can see and hear them every Sunday."

Liesbeth insisted that she was interested in the singing and would play again the next time.

(To be continued)

Twenty-Five Years Since Festival Started

By Frank Brown

Winkler, Man. — The history of the Southern Manitoba Musical Festival goes back to the fall of 1932, when it was a "Music Night" in the series of Education Week programs arranged and organized by the Winkler Teachers' Local. These programs were held in October, and because there was no suitable auditorium in town, the teachers rented the old M. B. church.

After the Education Week programs had been organized by the Winkler Teachers' Local in 1930 through the efforts of the president, Mr. John Wolkof, more and more emphasis was placed on music and singing, with the result that speakers who were specialists in these fields appeared on the programs. As the late Dr. K. H. Neufeld had met many outstanding musicians in Winnipeg, he was able to assist the Teachers' Committee in obtaining speakers for the musical programs.

Speaker From Winnipeg

The speaker for the Music Night on October 19, 1933, was Prof. Bernard Naylor, conductor of the Winnipeg Male Voice Choir and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. He also gave criticisms and suggestions, but no marks were assigned to the instrumental and vocal soloists, duets, quartets, and church choirs participating in the program.

The efforts of a committee elected by the Winkler Teachers' Local resulted in the first competitive festival on Friday, October 19, 1934, with Mr. Roberto Wood and Mr. Bernard Naylor as adjudicators. There were a total of 28 entries, with competitors coming from eight neighbouring towns and villages.

Because of difficulties in procuring a suitable auditorium, a musical committee appointed in 1935 was unable to make specific local arrangements. However, through the relentless efforts of the late Dr. K. H. Neufeld, a Musical Competition Festival was held at Morden on May 21 and 22, 1936. The following year the festival was again held at Morden.

Dr. K. H. Neufeld Convener

By the spring of 1935, Inspector G. G. Neufeld had organized a Rural Schools Dramatic and Musical Festival, with the competitions held at the fair building at Altona for a number of years. After several years of financial difficulties, the Rural Schools Festival amalgamated with the Southern Manitoba Musical Competition Festival, which had been organized in 1936 with the late Dr. K. H. Neufeld as convener.

From 1938 to 1943, the festival was under the control and management of the Winkler Male Voice Choir, with Mr. K. H. Neufeld as

conductor. In 1944, it was reorganized under the name of "The Southern Manitoba Musical Festival Society", with Mr. J. J. Elias as first president. Following the reorganization, the competitions were at first held in the Bergthaler and Mennonite Brethren churches in Winkler. However, the members of the Society soon felt that there would be greater participation if the annual spring competitive sessions were conducted in three centres, namely, Altona, Morden and Winkler. Since each of these towns has recently built a new school auditorium, this has effectively solved the problem of accommodation. Consequently, the festival has become financially successful.

Third Largest in Manitoba

The number of entries to the music and speech arts competitions has steadily increased at the festivals. Growth in this area was phenomenal during the last decade. By 1956 the number of entries had increased to 830, with approximately 1,800 boys and girls participating. Hence, it now ranks as the third largest festival in the province.

This year the Southern Manitoba Musical Festival Society is paying tribute to all music lovers in the surrounding communities who have given unstintingly of their time and effort in organizing and sponsoring the society, which has for its aim "the improvement and development of musical and literary expression in this area." Mr. J. P. Redekop, Winkler, has been the president since 1953. However, not only the executive, adjudicators, teachers and pupils, but also the parents and friends who came to listen, have contributed to the growth of the Festival from its infancy to manhood in 25 years.

This year's musical festival will be held from April 25 to May 10. "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation" (Psalm 65:1).

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— Bage Mennonite Brethren Church, in Brazil had the joy of baptizing several Brazilians on February 10. These new believers included a young man and four ladies. There are many opportunities to present the Gospel in that area of Brazil, according to Brother Peter Klassen. The dominant religious body evidences little concern for the spiritual welfare of persons in the isolated areas. Two brethren from Bage—V. Arndt and Heinrich Friesen—go into the surrounding area every Sunday to present the Gospel. — At Saltobach, Brazil, there is a developing Mennonite Brethren

congregation of about 20 members. Franz Heinrichs, a brother from the Curitiba Church, has been ministering there. Though handicapped by blindness, he has a fruitful ministry. He is able to preach in both German and Portuguese and is musically talented, which facilitates his Gospel ministry.

— Brother Henry C. Born (Chilliwick, B.C.), Board worker in Volendam colony, Paraguay, reports the Lord blessed his extended evangelistic ministry in Brazil and Uruguay from January 14 to February 25. His ministry took him to the following Mennonite Brethren churches in Brazil: Clevelandia, Blumenau, Bouqueirao, Guarituba, Villa Guaira and Bage, and to these Mennonite Brethren groups in Uruguay: Montevideo, Gartental, El Ombu, Colonia and Buschental. His ministry turned out to be more for the spiritual upbuilding of the believers than direct evangelism. Persons accepted Christ as personal

Saviour; others entered into new relationships with the Lord as they repented or reclaimed God's salvation. In addition to the planned services, Brother Born served at weddings, Sunday school meetings, radio programs and youth meetings. His ministry was sponsored by the South American Mennonite Brethren Conference. Brother Born returned in time for the beginning of the new term of the Volendam Zentralschule, scheduled to begin March 11.

— Volendam Zentralschule, in which Brother Born is one of the teachers, began its 1957 term with an enrollment of 36 pupils in four classes and five extra students in the second-year teacher training course. Full-time teachers are G. Penner, principal; Miss Tamata Sommer and Brother Born. Part-time instructors are Mrs. L. Dyck, Bruno Epp and W. Dyck. The latter three also assist in the General Conference Bible School.

Missionary Dies While on Furlough

By D. K. Schellenberg

Steinbach, Man. — A crowd of about 1000 were present at the Evangelical Mennonite church here on Monday, April 8, to pay their last respects to Mrs. Henry Loewen. She had passed away on April 4.

A little over five years ago the Loewens set their eyes on Brazil. Together with their one child they set sail for the land of their adoption. For the latter part of their term they were located in the jungles of western Brazil, where they took up a work that was only a few years old, in a place where the gospel had been unknown a few years previously.

The hardships suffered were many, but the Lord did a wonderful work of grace among those Indians. When the Loewens left last fall there were some fifty churches on the Issana River. Where before there had been drinking and carousing, there was now hymn singing and church conferences. Where before they had had a reputation for evil and wickedness, their faith was now spoken of a thousand miles away.

As their work had been strenuous and their furlough would be due, they came home for a well-earned rest in the latter part of 1956. They lived in Steinbach during the winter. Brother Loewen took part in various speaking engagements.

Death came suddenly on Thursday, April 4, for Mrs. Loewen. Both Mr. and Mrs. Loewen were on the program as speakers at the Annual Spring Conference of the Steinbach Bible Institute. While attending the afternoon session on Thursday Mrs. Loewen suddenly collapsed. Life was gone before she could be taken to the hospital. Death has been attributed to a blood clot.

Funeral messages were preached by Rev. B. D. Reimer, Rev. Archie Penner, and Rev. Kenneth Johnston. Rev. Johnston was a representative of the New Tribes Mission. Singing were the Steinbach Bible Institute choir and the choir of the Evangelical Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Loewen leaves to mourn her early departure a deeply-grieved husband and four children. She had reached the age of twenty-nine years. The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

Titus and Philemon

By D. Edmond Hiebert, 126 pp.

This pocket commentary on Titus and Philemon by Professor D. Edmond Hiebert of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, is one of a series published by the Moody Press for the Moody Colportage Library.

Based upon a study of the Greek text, the exposition is both plain and practical. It can be read with profit by anyone desiring to study these two letters more closely. The book contains introduction, outline, outlined interpretation and bibliography for both Titus and Philemon. Within the reach of everyone's pocketbook, it will give you valuable hints for your Christian life and conduct.

Price: 35 cents

THE CHRISTIAN PRESS Ltd.,
159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.



Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Graham Faces New York With Fear and Trembling

Billy Graham's biggest operation, his New York City Evangelistic Crusade, is scheduled to begin May 15. But in the midst of the extensive preparation, Graham says: "We face the city in fear and trembling. Never before have we faced such overwhelming obstacles and at the same time had greater opportunities for Christian witness." The Graham crusade is headquartered near Times Square in an eight-room office suite. A staff of 15 is on hand laying the groundwork, which has been going on for the past year.

The crusade is scheduled for Madison Square Garden, which seats 20,000. It's supposed to last eight weeks, but it may run longer.

To serve at crusade rallies, 500 ushers, a choir of 3,000 and 3,000 counselors are being recruited from the New York Churches. The counselors are a trademark of the Graham system. Each person selected must take a nine-weeks training course.

All-Africa Sunday School Curriculum Conference

A program for more Christian education in Africa has grown out of the "All-Africa" Sunday School Curriculum Conference held in Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia. Africans, Europeans, and Americans, representing 15 different African countries and over 100 church groups, met for three weeks to consider the urgency of a Sunday school scheme to meet the spiritual needs of the African people.

Mr. Ngola of Kenya was made

chairman of an editorial board to prepare proper literature and organize lessons. It is planned that the Christian teaching shall be in relation to the problems of African life. The main purpose of the lessons is to present the message of the gospel.

Sunday School Teacher for 65 Years

Richard W. Moll, upon the completion of 65 years of teaching in the Sunday school of Trinity Evangelical church, Frackville, Pennsylvania, was honored with the presentation of a painting representing the head of Christ the Master. The reproduction was given to Mr. Moll recently by Sunday school superintendent, Irvin Snyder. In addition to teaching, Mr. Moll was class leader for 52 years.

To Enter Eritrea.

In Ethiopia, the board of foreign missions of the Baptist General Conference, of America will begin missionary work among the Mohammedans in Eritrea—with government blessing! When BGC's foreign secretary Jorn Wilcox arrived in Ethiopia last December his first stop was Asmara, where he was met by missionary Jim Luckman. They conversed with cordial Eritrean officials. Later in Addis Ababa they met with the Viceroy, who approved the entrance permit for missionaries Russell Johnson and wife. "Then His Excellency encouraged us to come quickly that we might help stem the Islamic advance," reports Luckman. The Johnsons hope to enter Eritrea this summer after completing the season's work with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

war, there has been much in the way of change . . . one would not care to call it "advancement"! . . . with newer and deadlier weapons, methods, and results; yet the old call for blood . . . blood . . . blood . . . continues to cry out. Newer methods, but the same blood!

One of the oldest books in the world carries a line of vital dispatch: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood" (Leviticus 17:11) and no progress can push away the pronouncement, "for it is the life of all flesh" (v. 14). Lifting that to the highest level, one is reminded of the Great War against sin and unrighteousness, and the bedrock basic of, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth . . . from all sin" (I John 1:7).

There is but one place for modern man with all his modern miseries to head for: "the place . . . called Calvary" (Luke 23:33), and they who go there shall come back in triumph. The Unchanging One (Hebrews 13:8) alone has the sufficient portion and one comes with increasing understanding to link the more closely with Himself alone for meeting the issues.

(Copr. ERA, 1957)

CANADASCOPE

Fire Destroys B.C. Government House

Fire destroyed British Columbia's rambling, 15-room Government House on April 15. Hon. Frank Ross, lieutenant-governor, Mrs. Ross, and the vice-regal household fled into the early morning darkness and escaped injury.

Built in 1898, the dignified-looking house was a landmark and one of the centres of Victoria's social life. Valued at \$400,000, it contained precious, irreplaceable antiques and paintings worth many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Fire was believed to have started in a coal bin and firemen fought in vain to quench the fire.

Bus Fares Increase in Winnipeg

Winnipeg residents did not take kindly to the increase in bus fares that was effective on Monday, April 15. About 10% less riders are expected by the Greater Winnipeg Transit Commission as a result of the increase. Tickets now are seven for a dollar and 15 cents individually, instead of two for twenty-five cents. A week's pass, needing a ten-cent fare on each trip, is now 45 cents, instead of 25.

Canadian Member of Truce Team Dead

Albert Edward Lucien Cannon, 39, member of an international truce team in Saigon, South Viet Nam, was found dead in his bed on April 12. He had been struck sev-

eral blows in the chest with a sharp weapon.

Mr. Cannon, a native of Quebec City, was in charge of the Saigon office of the Viet Nam truce commission.

Margarine Output Tops Butter

Production of margarine exceeded the production of butter in Canada during the three month period January to March this year, for what is believed to be the first time in the history of this country. The total production of margarine from January to March amounted to 35,365,000 pounds, as compared with 29,051,000 pounds of butter in the same three months.

Hospital Insurance Approved

On April 10 the House of Commons gave third and final reading to the proposed national hospital insurance plan. Cheers echoed through the Chamber as the House voted formally 165 to 0 for the scheme, which does not become operative until accepted by six provinces representing at least half the Canadian population. So far, five have accepted.

Canadians on Truce Commission "Humiliated"

Communist troops in northern Laos have resorted to physical humiliation and intimidation of Canadians serving on the Indochina truce supervisory commission. The monthly bulletin of the external affairs department says there have been several recent instances of such Communist action.

MAIN CENTRE SCHOOL CHOIR WINS

Main Centre, Sask. — Top honors were awarded to the Girls' Chorus of the Main Centre High School at the Swift Current musical festival, April 4 to 6.

Directed by Miss Linda Falk, the chorus entered in the class for Collegiate Girls' Choruses, winning with marks of 88 and 89 for their two songs. They received the IODE Cup, awarded to the town school obtaining the highest marks, on the closing night of the festival, which was broadcast over radio station CKSW, Swift Current.

Mr. Kenneth Fast, also a student at the Main Centre High School, won a \$25 scholarship for his performance in the senior violin class. Of noteworthy mention were the fine performances of Miss Verna Cornelson and Miss Joyce Redekop, who entered in the piano classes.

Mr. R. J. Staples, director of music and news reporter for CBC Saskatchewan, visited the school on April 11 to record the singing of the Girls' Chorus. It will be broadcast on the CBC network some time in May.

God's Word IN MAN'S WORLD



The Blood Shed on Calvary

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

It has recently been revealed that the Swiss Army is engaging in a large project of blood storage against the day of possible war. Two underground laboratories have been designed for the task of processing, storing and distributing of blood.

The first of these, constructed under 100 feet of rock, shielded against the effect of nuclear blasts, and located in the Bernese Oberland, is already in the stage of producing plasma. The other, situated

ed in a small village in the Uri mountain canton, is expected to be placed into operation later this year.

Blood. — There is an "old-fashioned" air to the word, but which modernity cannot dismiss. Blood is still needed, still irreplaceable; a fact to be seriously considered, forming a message by itself. We are witnessing a vaunted "modern" approach to all manner of systems and programs in this day. But somewhere along the line, there comes a reminder to drive back to timeless basics. In this matter of

Weddings

Petker—Warkentin

Mary Warkentin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Warkentin of Tofield, Alta., and Corney Petker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Petker of Coaldale, Alta., were married in the M. B. church at Lindbrook, Alta., on March 31. Rev. P. J. Warkentin, father of the bride, officiated, while Rev. A. Konrad, teacher at the Coaldale Bible School, delivered a message in English.

Mr. and Mrs. Petker are residing on a farm at Coaldale, Alta.

Obituaries

Mr. Gerhard S. Derksen

Mr. Gerhard S. Derksen, founder and president of Derksen Printers Ltd., at Steinbach, Man., died unexpectedly at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 12. He was 69 years of age.



Born in southern Russia on September 2, 1887, Mr. Derksen was a school teacher by profession. Upon his arrival in Canada in 1923 he settled on a farm in Saskatchewan, moving to Steinbach in the fall of 1932 to become editor of the "Steinbach Post". In 1936 he purchased the business to found Derksen Printers, Ltd.

Always keenly interested in community affairs and particularly in education, he served on the Steinbach school board for 12 years and acted as chairman of the board for six years.

Mr. Derksen was a member of the Steinbach Mennonite Church. He was also a member of the Winnipeg Club of Printing House Craftsmen and a charter member of the Provincial Urban School Trustees' Association.

On July 16, 1911, he married Miss Maria Unger. Five children, all living, were born of this marriage.

Surviving his departure are his

wife and sons, Bruno, Eugene, and George, and his daughters Anne and Irene, as well as 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Steinbach Mennonite church on Tuesday, April 16.



Graber Returns to Paraguay

C. L. Graber (Goshen, Ind.) returned to Paraguay for several months where he will assist in the economic development phase of the long-range planning of the Chaco colonies.

His responsibilities will include liaisonship between colonies and the Paraguayan government in attempting to secure long-term credit for the colonies.

In addition he will help with development of the trans-Chaco roadway which is beginning to span the 250 miles from Asuncion to Philadelphia in the Chaco.

The colonies of the Chaco are in a semi-isolated region of interior Paraguay and without adequate access to markets. It is hoped agriculture and small industry suited to the area will be developed and enlarged to raise the economy of the colonists. This also will strengthen the Church.

An MCC worker many years, Graber is beginning his second period of service in Paraguay. He was director of the MCC South American program from 1954-6. He spent the past several months in the United States in deputational work.

Jordan a Dry Country

"Impressive to me in Jordan was the dry and parched condition of the country," says MCC worker John Horst (Los Angeles).

Horst completed a period of service in the office and storeroom of the International Christian Committee at Jerusalem, an agency through which MCC and other organizations coordinate relief work in the Mideast.

"Here and there are bright green spots, but hills generally are a deep brown. The shortage of rain during the preceding winter months had hastened the arrival of the long annual dry period.

"In a country like Jordan whose chief sources of income are tourist trade and agriculture, a shortage of rain can be disastrous," he explained.

Horst said many villages depend entirely on cisterns for their domestic water supply and now with empty cisterns villagers are forced to carry water for miles on foot

or donkey. Many have reduced their flocks of sheep and goats because of the water and feed shortage, he said.

"All this serves to underline the importance of an adequate water supply in this land and explains the significance of repeated references in the Bible to Israel as a 'thirsty land'.

"It also reminds us of our dependence upon God for our physical needs and of the promise of God that He will supply our needs—not always in the super-abundant way that we desire but in an adequate way."

Many Needs in Korea

"We have requests for assistance from so many people that we cannot begin to fill these needs," reports Donald L. Klippenstein (Newton, Kans.), director of MCC relief operations in Korea.

Korea is in a season of critical food shortage now just before the barley harvest, Klippenstein said. Farms in southern Korea had crop failure a year ago because of damage caused by floods and a typhoon.

So now thousands of families are without an adequate food supply, he explained.

The Taegu relief unit is staffed with five workers. Eight more MCC workers serve in other parts of Korea in medical, educational and relief work.

Canadian to Formosa

Helen Willms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram J. Willms of Coaldale, Alberta, is scheduled to join the medical staff in Taiwan (Formosa), a project started by MCC and now administered by the General Conference Board of Missions.

Miss Willms has been a missionary nurse among northern Manitoba Indians with the Mennonite Pioneer Mission. She received the R.N. degree at Galt School of Nursing at Lethbridge, Alta., and has also studied at the Mennonite Educational Institute at Abbotsford, B.C., and University of Manitoba.

Volunteers at Junior Village

Mr. and Mrs. Dwane A. Klassen of Newton, Kans., are serving at Junior Village in Washington, D.C., as members of the MCC voluntary service unit.

Junior Village is a temporary home for more than 240 dependent and neglected children. The new location, beside the Potomac River, was first used last summer and members of the MCC unit helped move and participated in the dedication ceremony.

A unit of nine Mennonite young people now serve in the Village as counselors' assistants and in other capacities.

The Klassens are members of

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church near Newton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Klassen and she the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon W. Schmidt, all of Newton.

Kings View Homes

Lena Doerksen, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Doerksen of Fowler, Kans., rejoined the kitchen staff of Kings View Homes, Reedley, Calif. She previously served from 1954-6. She is a member of Emmanuel Mennonite Church at Meade, Kans.

Nelson Pauls, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Pauls of Dallas, Ore., is the new gardener at Kings View Homes. He is a member of the Dallas Mennonite Brethren Church.

MORE ABOUT

Varied Responsibilities on Mission Field

(Continued from page 1-4)

One day a woman from a different compound stopped by while Mrs. Gripp was teaching a Bible lesson. She invited her to come into her room and asked her to tell her everything she had told these other ladies. This was the opening into the second compound. When a Christian lady from the one compound moved into another one, she invited the missionaries to continue the Bible study with her, and thus the third compound had been reached.

Take Along Native Evangelist

Whenever they preach to the Moslems the missionaries take a native evangelist along. Before the missionary begins to preach, this evangelist points out the difference between the Moslem religion and the Christian's. The one great difference between the two religions is that Mohammed is dead, while Jesus Christ died for our sins, but rose again to live in glory. As a result the Moslems will listen to the missionary preach.

Thé Mark Gripps are thankful for the opportunity they have of teaching the Bible in the schools. Many of these young people have come to know the Lord. One of the teachers was saved as well. He went to another school and continued to witness there. The result is that a group of 28 Christians has come into being, who built their own church. They have a real missionary spirit and are sending in titles to send out more workers to other unreached villages.

As we listened to the report we realized that "the fields are white unto harvest, but the labourers are few". Let us pray for the Mark Gripps as they are home on furlough that they could receive new physical strength as well as a real spiritual uplift. May we also be faithful in obeying God's Word to us regarding the reaching of lost souls for Christ.

COLLEGES

Goshen College

Speech Contest Winners

Winners of the twenty-second annual freshman men's peace oratorical contest held April 6 were Wallace Shellenberger, Goshen, Ind.; Fred Alderfer, Scottsdale, Pa.; and Estel Nafziger, Hopedale, Ill., who placed first, second and third respectively. Also speaking in the contest were Merle Gisel, Wauseon, Ohio, and Ralph Smucker, Smithville, Ohio.

Toshi Inoue, Tokyo, Japan, and Ursula Schmitt, Nurnberg, Germany, placed first and second respectively in the twenty-second annual women's speech contest held March 22. Other participants in the contest were Patricia Belt, Goshen, Ind.; Bernice Klaassen, Mountain Lake, Minn., and Janice Luckenbill, Elkhart, Ind.

LeRoy Satziol, a Presbyterian minister from Portland, Oregon, who is now devoting his time to the field of art, lectured on campus April 4 and 5. In addition to lectures to the Fine Arts class and the faculty, Setziol presented a public lecture. Zatzol, who has received wide recognition for his woodcarving of religious figures, illustrated the lectures with a number of his own works. Interested in the theoretical problem of the relationship of art to religion, he is currently on a tour of college and university campuses.

Canadian Mennonite Bible College

On Thursday, a small group left our college for Chicago, in order to attend a conference in the seminary pertaining to young people who are interested in Christian service.

The CMBC octet together with Rev. I. I. Friesen, president of the college, returned on April 4 from a two-week tour of churches in British Columbia and Saskatchewan. The group served at 18 different places and report a good reception of their program and an increasing interest in our college in the churches visited.

Rev. C. J. Dyck from Chicago presented an inspiring message in our college chapel on April 8. Rev. Dyck spoke on the problems relating to students and higher education. The subject of his address was "How Can I Know?"

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

Friday, April 5, saw a unique premiere showing of the film "Africa's Call" at MBBC. This first film ever produced by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions without help from other denominations,

was shown at a college Student Night. Providentially, the commentator in the film, Rev. J. B. Toews, arrived at college at the same time and he told us a few things concerning it.

Running about 35 minutes, the film ordinarily would cost about \$6000, but with donated labor and money it cost the Foreign Mission Board nothing at all. Mr. Henry K. Warkentin of Reedley, Calif., both produced it and paid for it. This was the first time it had ever been shown in Canada, and only Tabor College had seen it before.

Rev. Toews told us that all the pictures were taken directly on the field in the Belgian Congo. We saw the various stations and phases of the work being done at each. We saw the desperation in the hunger areas, and we saw the pleading in the eyes of the dark mother who vainly clung to her dying baby. "How long must they wait in hunger—without God?"

Other missionaries have been with us in the past weeks. Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Kasper, due to leave for India in May, said their farewell to us with the words, "The need and the possibility constitutes my responsibility to the world. And my responsibility forces me to make a response. What is my response?"

Mr. Walter Sawatsky, who together with Mrs. Sawatsky is leaving shortly for Africa to take over the missionary children's school work, showed us that though their work will be hard, yet they are doing it with God's strength and not their own. Their great power is prayer—not their own ability. And we all saw the need for our intercession as this our couple goes out.

College life is often very serious. When we face the need of the present age, there are not too many things to be amused with. Only he who knows the seriousness of life knows the seriousness of death. Rudy Wiebe.

BIBLE INSTITUTES

East Chilliwack Bible School

During a brief devotional period on Wednesday, April 10, Mr. Frank Martens of the British and Foreign Bible Society stressed the vital significance of the Bible, as seen in the lives of men like Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Solomon, Isaiah and Jeremiah. God's Word should be treasured in our hearts, be uppermost in our thinking, and produce victory in our personal life, he stated. There must be a daily searching of the Scripture and a never-waning appetite for it. God's Word will always accomplish its purpose.

As a preface to the film, "The Living Word", Mr. Martens drew our attention to the increased demand for the Word today. He illus-

trated the long and exacting task of the translators, who often work 10-14 years on one translation and then find gross errors in interpretation.

Class two, which was studying the origin of the Bible in Doctrine, was privileged to hear Mr. Martens at another hour that morning.

Mary Janzen.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Eden Christian College

Once again the students of Eden Christian College have transferred their knowledge to paper in the form of examinations. It certainly is somewhat of a relief to swing back into the regular routine of school work after a week of exams March 25-29.

The two annual highlights of the school year, namely, the Choral Concert and the Drama, have been presented. On March 2 the Eden Senior Choir under the able direction of Mr. J. M. Thiessen and with the accompaniment of Joyce Redekop at the piano rendered a Choral Concert with Mr. Peter Koslowsky, the well-known tenor soloist, as guest artist.

March 14 and 15 was the annual drama presentation at Eden. This year we presented *The Carpenter* by Dorothy Clarke Wilson. The story is of a highly successful minister, who resigned his pastorate in a large city church and came to a small town in order to live the way Jesus did among similar types of people. The drama left us with a challenge to live with our fellowmen in such a way as is beneficial to them.

Eden's special choir is planning to visit several Ontario churches to present a program in each. We are looking forward to many blessings as we render these programs and pray they will be a blessing to those who hear them.

Helen Fast.

See Film on Bible Translation

Rosedale, B.C. — The East Chilliwack M. B. church enjoyed a visit with the British and Foreign Bible Society on Tuesday, April 9. Mr. Frank Martens, British Columbia representative of the society, showed a film on the "Word of God".

The film showed how the Bible had been written in ancient times and how the first translations had been made. Then it went on to explain how the society is spreading the gospel by means of the Bible. The present work of translation was also depicted.

The society at present prints the Bible in more than eleven hundred languages. Through the film we realized the importance of the Word of God in reaching unbelievers.

Exciting New Books

Faith With a Pick and Shovel

By Arthur Ballard, 121 pp.

These are "the experiences of an ordinary man in his search for God. The author of this book lost faith, and almost lost hope—an experience that all too many have shared. Yet few can have tackled it as he did; few indeed have gone to the lengths of borrowing a telescope and going out at night on a lonely hill-top to see if he could find among the stars the God he had lost. The story of how the author found God, not so much in the things that God had made, but in the still, small voice that speaks in the secret places of the soul, is the subject of this spiritual autobiography.

Price: 75c

History, Prophecy and God

By Robert Rendall, 126 pp.

Today's history was yesterday's prophecy; tomorrow, today's prophecy will become history. Therefore history and prophecy are but different aspects of the same process, and must share a common origin and end. This book seeks to show that Biblical history and prophecy point to a Divine movement within and behind the flow of human affairs, and have their common origin in the purpose of God as it culminates in Christ.

Price: \$1.90

The Growing Day

By F. F. Bruce, M.A. 192 pp.

This book traces the history of Christianity from 70 A.D. to 313 A.D. It shows that, from the first, Christianity was organized for catastrophe: the blood of the martyrs always proved to be the seed of the Church. In the fiercest of persecutions Christianity proved its capacity not merely for survival, but also for ultimate triumph. And that triumph was effected by spiritual weapons alone.

Price: \$1.25

Light in the West

By F. F. Bruce, M.A., 160 pp.

The first half of this book surveys the fortunes of Christianity in the Roman Empire from the reign of Constantine onwards, with special reference to the period of imperial decline in the west; the second half traces the rise and progress of Christianity in the British Isles from the days of Roman provincial government to the ultimate conversion of the English. The book is written in a delightfully fresh and easy style.

Price: \$1.35

THE CHRISTIAN PRESS Ltd.,
159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.

National Peace Conference Slated

Kitchener, Ont. — Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, have been set aside for a peace conference to which church leaders and peace committee representatives from various Mennonite conferences throughout Canada have been invited. It will meet at Winnipeg, Man.

Basic issues such as Civil Defense, the strengthening of the peace testimony, the exchange of information and concerns of mutual interest will take priority in the discussions.

For several years the need for such a conference has been expressed in both western and eastern Canada. The Conference of Historic Peace Churches of Ontario was asked to take the lead in exploring the need for such a meeting.

Friday's meetings will be held in the Canadian Mennonite Bible College and those of Saturday in the Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

Listeners in More Than 20 Countries

Hillsboro, Kans. — The German department of HCJB missionary radio station, programmed by Mennonite Brethren Church personnel, has received letters from German-speaking listeners in more than 20 different countries.

Recently several Canadian families have written to HCJB saying their relatives in Russia listen to Russian and German programs. HCJB station is in Quito, Ecuador.

The German Gospel programs are produced by workers made available to HCJB by the Mennonite Brethren Church Board of Foreign Missions. Carrying this work at present are Rev. and Mrs. Hugo W. Jantz of Chilliwack, B.C., and Miss

LORNE A. WOLCH

B.Sc., R.O., O.D.

Optometrist and Optician
Eyes Examined

272 Kelvin St., Elmwood
Phone: 50-1177

ORDER FORM for the MENNONITE OBSERVER

Subscription rate: \$1.75 per year.

The Christian Press, Ltd.
159 Kelvin St.,
Winnipeg 5, Manitoba.

Please send me the MENNONITE OBSERVER for year(s).
 New Subscriber Renewal

Enclosed please find \$..... in
(Postal money order or bank cheque, including exchange.)

Name:
(Please print)

Address:
(Sample copies mailed free upon request.)

Sally Schroeder of Steinbach, Man. Other workers are Rev. and Mrs. David Nightingale of Yarrow, B.C., on furlough at present.

In a recent report Rev. Jantz indicated that letter response from Germany seems to be increasing steadily.

Countries from which German-speaking listeners have written include Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, Mexico, Dominican Republic, United States, Canada, Sweden, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, East Germany, Australia and Iraq.

Coaldale Choir to Sing "Messiah"

Coaldale, Alta. — The Oratorio Choir of the Mennonite Brethren Church here will sing "The Messiah" on Sunday and Monday, April 28 and 29.

The performance on Sunday night, April 28, will be at 7:30 in the M. B. church here, while the performance on the following night will be in the Southminster church, Lethbridge, Alta., at 8:00 p.m.

Soloists will be Holda Reimer, Yarrow, B.C., soprano; Viola Falk, contralto, and David Falk, bass, Winnipeg, Man.; John Pauls and Rudy Wiebe, studying at the Manitoba Normal School and the M. B. Bible College respectively, tenors.

Mennonite Teachers Announce Conference

Rosenort, Man. — A conference of Mennonite teachers, trustees and ministers is being planned for Tuesday, April 23, the executive of the Mennonite Teachers' Society of Manitoba has announced. All former Mennonite teachers are also invited.

To begin at 4:15 p.m. in the Elmwood M. B. church, Winnipeg, it will conclude with a fellowship meal. On the program are talks by Dr. K. W. Maurer, University of Manitoba, on "Of What Value is the German Language to Us?", and by Rev. H. Regehr, teacher at

the MBCI, on "The Christian Teacher and the Child's Soul".

Other features are discussions of the talks given, presentation of the proposed curriculum for German and religion in public schools, and special musical items.

Woman Critically Burned in Explosion

Hepburn, Sask. — Mrs. Ed. Stobbe, 35-year-old Hepburn district housewife is reported in critical condition in a Saskatchewan hospital with burns suffered in a gasoline explosion in her home on April 11.

Mrs. Stobbe was cleaning curtains in a tub of gasoline when the explosion occurred. She tried to carry the blazing container from the house, but was not successful. Her three-year-old son Eldon was also burned in the blast, but his injuries are not serious. Mr. Stobbe extinguished the flames before there was much damage to the house.

Mrs. Stobbe's doctor said that every part of the woman's body, except her feet and lower ankles, were severely burned. The latest report quoted her condition as "desperate".

The Stobbes have four children.

College Student Speaks at Springstein

Springstein, Man. — Walter Unger, student at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, paid the M. B. Church here a visit on the weekend of April 14.

His visit to us was a blessing as he led us to the cross of Jesus twice: on Saturday night he spoke at the youth meeting and on Sunday morning he served the M. B. Church with message. He also sang tenor in the choir, which we appreciated very much. With his home in Ontario, he yet felt quite "at home away from home".

The church here appreciated his co-operation and willingness to serve. If all the students at the college are as willing to impart their knowledge to others, or serve in whatever capacity possible, the blessings that will issue from the college will be tremendous.

On the Horizon

April 21 — The Elmwood M. B. Church will have a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. in the church. All are welcome.

April 22. — The East Chilliwack Bible School plans to observe the tenth anniversary of the operation of the Bible school.

April 22 to 26 — A Conductors' Course will be held at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

April 23. — A conference of Mennonite public school, private

high school, Bible school and college teachers, school trustees and ministers will be held at 4:15 p.m. in the Elmwood M. B. church, 155 Kelvin St., Winnipeg.

April 24 and 25. — The annual spring youth meetings of the British Columbia M. B. young people will be held in various Fraser Valley centres. Highlight of the services will be the semi-finals in the contest on the book of Mark.

April 26 to 28. — National Sunday School Convention of the M. B. Church in Canada, to be held at Herbert, Sask. Dr. Paul Lederach of Scottdale, Pennsylvania and Rev. Arthur Flaming of California will be guest speakers.

April 28 and 29 — "The Messiah" will be sung by the Oratorio Choir of the Coaldale M. B. Church in the church on Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. and in the Southminster church, Lethbridge, Alta., on Monday night at 8:00 p.m.

April 28 to May 5. — Rev. H. G. Thielman, city missionary at Calgary and formerly from Kitchener, Ont., will serve at evangelistic meetings in the Calgary M. B. church.

June 7 and 8. — The Mennonite Brethren Church in Manitoba will have its annual conference in the Winkler M. B. church.

July 6-11. — The Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church will meet in Herbert, Sask., for its annual sessions.

October 19. — The General Conference of the M. B. Church in North America will begin its triennial sessions in British Columbia.

Special

One L-P record on sale, with 12 songs by The A Capella Choir of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

1. Von allen Himmeln tönt dir, Herr.
2. O, daß ich tausend Zungen hätte.
3. Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes. — Male quartet.
4. Jesus, Heiland meiner Seele.
5. Bei dir, Jesu, will ich bleiben.
6. Sei getreu bis in den Tod.

1. The Lord's Prayer.
2. The Lord is my Shepherd — Crimond.
3. Bless the Lord, O my soul.
4. Send out Thy light.
5. After. — Male quartet.
6. The Lord bless you and keep you.

Regular price \$4.50

SPECIAL \$2.75

Send orders, while they last, to

Mennonite Brethren Bible College
77 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.

Records will be sent C.O.D. or upon advance payment.