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

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The Steinbach M. B. Church is extending the front of its church. Costing about \$30,000, the addition will contain Sunday school rooms, a furnace room and washrooms. In this picture Rev. H. A. Regehr, leading minister, is turning the first sod at the ground-breaking ceremony on May 27. At present the church has a membership of close to 300.

Mission Church Accepted

Conference Effects Organizational Changes

Winkler, Man. — By decision of the more than 200 delegates registered at the conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Manitoba, two mission committees were amalgamated, a coordination committee was instituted, a mission church was received into the conference, and responsibility for the examination of prospective ministers and deacons was largely shifted to the Ministers' and Deacons' Conference.

Delegates of the 22 M. B. churches in Manitoba met in the Winkler M. B. church on Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8, for their annual conference. Rev. I. W. Redekopp served as moderator, Rev. F. Friesen, Morden, as assistant moderator, and Rev. D. K. Duerksen as secretary. Rev. Duerksen was assisted by Dr. G. D. Huebert and Mr. H. P. Schroeder.

Merge Two Mission Committees

A proposal to merge the city mission committee and the home missions committee received consider-

able study at last year's conference, in the churches and at this year's sessions before it was passed. Chairman of the new committee is Rev. J. H. Quiring, Winkler. Other members are Rev. J. P. Neufeld, Rev. Wm. Falk, A. F. Peters, D. A. Dyck, Rev. H. A. Regehr, Rev. A. J. Froese, Rev. Jacob Epp, and C. C. DeFehr.

The budget set up by the committee is set at \$33,250.00 and includes appropriations for both city mission work at Brandon and Winnipeg and the mission stations at Carman, Ashern, Horndean, Winnipegosis and Lindal. The Gospel Light Hour radio work is not included in this budget, and will cost close to \$17,000 this year, to be received in donations.

Recommendations of the mission committees accepted by the conference include the transfer of Rev. Joe Wiebe from Ashern to Carman, the appointment of the Ben Doerksens, Coaldale, to Ashern, the Frank Peters, Coaldale, Alta., to Winnipegosis and Rev. Bill Schmidt

to Winnipeg, and the transformation of the Lindal mission into a self-supporting group in cooperation with the committee. The conference regretted to hear that the Harry Loewens are leaving Winnipegosis for further study and that the Peter Penners are leaving Lindal to go to East Chilliwack Bible School to teach.

A proposal to pay DVBS workers for their work if they volunteer to serve longer than a two-week free period was also accepted.

Historic Move

The acceptance of the Gospel Light Mission Church into the conference upon the recommendation (Continued on page 4-3)

Elect Rev. P. R. Toews as Moderator

Clearbrook, B.C. — The Mennonite Brethren Church in British Columbia met at the Clearbrook M. B. church on June 8 for their semi-annual conference.

Rev. A. Konrad, local pastor, welcomed the delegates, read John 1:35-42 and led in prayer. Rev. H. Lenzman, moderator, then took the chair, reading Col. 1:9-15 as the basis for a short challenge.

Conference officers elected were Rev. P. R. Toews, moderator, G. Thielman, assistant moderator, and D. A. Friesen, secretary.

In his report on the city mission work in Vancouver, Mr. D. Vogt, chairman of the committee, stated that it had been a year of rich experiences with the Lord. In all, the Pacific Grace Mission had 27 workers, with 183 pupils. Miss Susie Neufeld has served as liaison between the Sunday school and the homes. Rev. H. Classen, city missionary, challenged the conference with the words of Christ, "Occupy until I come." He reported that the blessings are great and manifold.

There is an open door, but there are many adversaries, reported Rev. P. P. Neufeldt, chairman of the West Coast Children's Mission. He stated that expansion is necessary in Silverdale, Straiton, and Otter Road. Rev. John Reimer, field director announced that 100 daily vacation Bible school workers are needed this summer. Already nine workers are active in kindergarten work. He stated that Kitimat is opening up for daily vacation Bible school work.

Foreign missionaries A. J. Esau and J. J. Dick addressed the conference briefly. Rev. Esau is home to seek medical help for their girl, while the J. J. Dicks have returned home after many years of service in India.

The youth committee chairman, Mr. H. Unger, Clearbrook, announced that a youth camp will be held this year at the Clayburn Camp, near Abbotsford. Dates for the camp are August 23 to 25.

Begin Japan Itinerary After Korea Visit

Tokyo, Japan. — The brethren C. A. DeFehr, J. B. Toews and J. Kliewer arrived safely in Japan on May 31 and continued to Seoul, Korea, the same day, C. A. DeFehr reports. Since the airliner had only 10 of the 65 seats filled, the flight was comfortable.

The stop-over in Tokyo was but a few hours, with the flight to Seoul, Korea, taking another three hours. In Korea the results of the war are still very much in evidence. Thousands of refugees are living in little huts constructed out of old boards or packing cases. In spite of this, there is an open door for the gospel and many Koreans are receiving the gospel gladly.

Tokyo, Japan, is in sharp contrast to Seoul, Korea. It has the appearance of a large European city. In this city the three brethren participated in a morning prayer meeting that is held every week by Protestant missionaries in various parts of the city. After the prayer meeting several missionaries gave testimonies. The brethren had come back to Tokyo from Seoul on June 6.

On June 7 the brethren had supper with two Christian Japanese professors, who gave a word picture of the activity of foreign missionaries in Japan. In all, there are now 1,000 Protestant missionaries in Japan, with 700 on furlough.

EDITORIAL

DEVOTIONAL

How Parents Fail

By B. Charles Hostetter *

The Story of the Prodigal Father

Sunday, June 16, is Father's Day—a day on which we honor our fathers. It is only just that once a year at least they receive the recognition that they deserve.

In Old Testament times the father was the spiritual head of the family. He was the family "priest". To him was committed the responsibility of transmitting the knowledge of God that they had. He also was to instill the children with the fear of the Lord. But today many fathers are either not aware of this responsibility, or they are negligent in it. The following paraphrase of the story of the Prodigal Son portrays one of these "prodigal fathers". We hope the story does not apply to any of our readers, but it still might speak to some. The "Story of the Prodigal Father" is reprinted from *The Christian Leader* of 1955 in its entirety. We quote:

A certain man had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the portion of thy time, thy attention, and companionship, and thy counsel which falleth to me."

And he divided unto him his living in that he paid the boy's bills and sent him to a select preparatory school, and to college, and tried to believe that he was doing his full duty by the boy.

And not many days after, the father gathered all his interests and aspirations and ambitions and took his journey into a far country, into a line of stocks and bonds and securities and other things which do not interest a boy; and there he wasted his precious opportunity of being a chum to his own son.

And when he had spent the very best of his life, and had gained money but had failed to find satisfaction, there arose a mighty famine in his heart; and he began to be in want of sympathy and real companionship.

And he went and joined himself to one of the clubs of that country and they elected him chairman of the house committee and president of the club and sent him to Congress, and he would fain have satisfied himself with the husks that other men did eat, and no man gave unto him any real friendship.

But when he came to himself, he said, "How many men of my acquaintance have boys whom they understand and who understand them, who talk about their boys and associate with their boys and seem perfectly happy in the comradeship of their sons, and I perish here with heart hunger? I will arise and go to my son and will say to him, Son, I have sinned against Heaven, and in thy sight; I am no more worthy to be called thy father; make me as one of thy acquaintances."

And he arose and came to his son, but while he was yet afar off, his son saw him and was moved with astonishment, and instead of running and falling on his neck, he drew back and was ill at ease.

And the father said unto him, "Son, I have sinned against Heaven, and in thy sight! I am no more worthy to be called thy father. Forgive me now and let me be your friend."

But the son said, "Not so, I wish it were possible, but it is too late. There was a time when I wanted to know things, when I wanted companionship and counsel, but you were too busy; I got the information, and I got companionship, but I got the wrong kind; and now, alas, I am wrecked in soul and body, and there is nothing you can do for me. It is too late, too late, too late."

KITCHEN KATHEDRAL

The Law of Kindness

By Dorothy C. Haskin

Grace thought the tray was such a lovely gift. That is, until Ann saw it. Ann could have said, "I'm glad Tom gave you something pretty." But instead she said, "I have one just like it. It didn't cost very much."

The fact that the gift Grace had thought so lovely was inexpensive, spoiled it for her. Ann robbed her friend of pleasure.

All too many times we needlessly hurt one another by a thoughtless word. Ruth's husband earned a small salary, and when a dress was given to her she was delighted. But Marie made a remark to the effect that it was not very becoming. That hurt, especially as Ruth had to wear the dress. She could not buy another. Marie soon forgot what she said, but Ruth remembered

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Several years ago I read an illustration about a real estate salesman who tried to sell a house to a newly married couple. The wife said, "Why buy a home? I was born in a hospital, reared in a boarding school, educated in a college, courted in an automobile, and married in a church, I get my meals at a cafeteria, live in an apartment, spend my mornings playing golf and my afternoons playing bridge; in the evenings we dance or go to the movies; when I am sick I go to the hospital; and when I die I shall be buried from an undertaker's. All we need is a garage with a bedroom."

I realize this is not a normal picture, but for many people it gets too close to describing the way they live. Many children are growing up in homes today that are little more than a boarding house with a lunch counter. Then we wonder why our children get into crime and wickedness. We can expect juvenile delinquency to increase unless we parents make our homes a place of love and security. Yes, we must do more, our homes must be headquarters for spiritual training for our children.

God-Appointed Responsibilities

The Bible commands parents to teach and train their children. We are guilty of sin before God and we rob our children of basic help for time and eternity when we neglect to provide good spiritual homes for them.

Note some of the spiritual responsibilities that God has given to every father and mother. God is talking to parents when He says, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. . . . And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you? Then thou shalt say unto thy son. . . ." (Deut. 6:5-9, 20, 21a).

The Prerequisite to Child Training

Here the Bible tells parents that they should first have God's message in their own hearts and then

teach those spiritual truths to their offspring diligently. The modern tragedy is that many parents don't love and serve God themselves, consequently they can't teach and help their children in spiritual matters.

Again, the Bible tells parents, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). At another place we read, "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

A Spiritual Problem

Parents, whether we, like it or not, and whether we accept it or not, the juvenile delinquency problem is a spiritual one. And it is our responsibility as fathers and mothers to teach and train our children in the things of God, but so many have failed their children in this. Many parents have little or no spiritual concern in their own hearts, so naturally the children get no help for their eternal welfare.

Everywhere these days accusing fingers are being pointed at the parents as the chief cause of juvenile delinquency. There is a growing demand that parents should be held firmly to account for this expanding problem. Our homes have ceased to function in their God-given role of providing love, discipline, and spiritual training.

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To Welcome J. H. Lohrenzes

By Arnold Dyck

Prairie View, Sask. — In this first report on activities at the Bethania M. B. church we greet you with II Corinthians 9:15: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Summer has come once more and with it the busy season, both on the farm and in the church. Although we are few in number, God has blessed us in the past and will do so in the future.

The annual Children's Day will be held on June 16. The teachers and pupils, together with the Sunday school superintendent, have worked hard to prepare for this event.

On June 30 the M. B. Church here is sponsoring a "Mission and Welcome Festival" for Rev. and Mrs. John H. Lohrenz, who have recently returned from the mission field in India. They have been in active service in India for 37 years.

The M. B. Church extends a welcome to all within driving distance to come and share in the Lord's blessing at this occasion. You will, however, have to come early in order to find a seat in the church. Those who will not find room in the church will be able to hear the service in their cars through a loud-speaker system which the local church board will set up outside. Meals will be served.

There will be other special speakers at these services.

Horch Students in Recital at Kildonan

Winnipeg, Man. — A capacity audience enjoyed the recital given Sunday evening, June 2, by the students taking violin lessons with Mr. Emmanuel Horch. Forty students took part in the recital in the North Kildonan M. B. church, 23 of whom came from Winnipeg, 9 from Winkler and 8 from Morden.

The recital was under the direction of Mr. Horch, with the opening and closing remarks by Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor of the church.

Selections played varied in nature and consisted of classical music as well as hymns. The performance showed talent, musicianship and enthusiasm. The soloists were Wanda Konrad, Hanneliesel Unruh, Donald Banman and Dankmar Reichert, Winnipeg; Hazel Enns, Winkler; and Mary Anne Riediger, Peter Loewen and Donald Hamm, Morden. Duets were played by Martha and Wanda Konrad and Gloria Kroecker and Hazel Enns. One of the highlights of the evening was the playing of the concerto for four violins by Tele-

mann, performed by Gloria Kroecker, Martha Konrad, Hazel Enns and Hanneliesel Unruh.

The evening was a marked success and much credit goes to the students as well as to Mr. Horch for a fine performance.

Henry Derksens To Return

Boissevain, Man. — Rev. and Mrs. Henry Derksen, at present active in the Belgian Congo under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, will leave the Congo for their homeland on June 25. They hope to be home in time for the sessions of the Mennonite Brethren Conference of Canada.

Rev. and Mrs. Derksen have three sons, one of whom was born in Belgium and the other two in the Congo. When they come home they will miss Rev. Derksen's mother, who went to be with the Lord in 1956. Rev. Derksen's father is Rev. D. D. Derksen, who has been leading minister in the M. B. Church at Boissevain for many years. Mrs. Derksen's mother, Mrs. A. Ewert, is residing in Winnipeg.

During the next winter, Rev. Derksen hopes to enroll at Tabor College for further studies. He is a graduate of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg.

Mennonite Group Tours South

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — A peaceful solution to the southern racial problem is possible, reports a group of Mennonite men who toured southern United States, "but probably only through the awakened conscience of the South and brought about by themselves."

The six men, who visited both segregation and desegregation leaders in South Carolina, Florida, Georgia and Alabama, agreed that the most effective way for Mennonites to help in this situation is "to strengthen the hands of those now in the South who are endeavoring to give Christian leadership.

The group feels that extending fellowship and giving some practical assistance to southern Christians would be a possible way of showing mutual concern.

The traditional role of the southern Negro is changing, the men believe. Large numbers of Negroes are moving to cities and there is a growing number of capable leaders who are dedicated to the advancement of their people.

The tour group seemed to feel that southern white people are becoming "troubled in conscience, which may account for some of their violent reactions. Sensitive Christians can no longer reconcile their creed with their old 'way of life' and are seeking a change."

Northern intervention is viewed

in the South with a degree of resentment. Thus resolution of the racial problem, the men sense, must be generated within the South.

Members of the tour group were Paul Peachey of Harrisonburg, Va.; Clarence E. Lutz of Mount Joy, Pa.; David Habegger of Allentown, Pa.; Burton E. Yost of Greenville, Pa.; John N. Hostetter of Clarence Center, N.Y. and J. Harold Sherk of Akron, Pa.

Twenty-Three to Tour Europe

Akron, Pa. — Twenty-three persons are participating in the 1957 student tour to Europe sponsored by the Council of Mennonite and Affiliated Colleges.

Director of the tour is Ronald

von Riesen, president of Freeman (S.D.) Junior College.

The group left New York city Saturday, June 8, and expects to dock in ten days at Southampton, England, where they will get their initial look at Europe.

During the course of the summer they will also visit the Netherlands, West Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Austria and Italy.

They will also participate in the international and interfaith work-camps sponsored by Mennonite Voluntary Service. Mennonite missions and Mennonite Central Committee projects will be visited.

Canadian members of the tour are: Ernie Enns of Vancouver, B.C., and Betty Loewen of Vancouver, B.C., Briercrest Bible Institute.

Korea is Shockingly Needy

By Anna Klassen

(Anna Klassen, a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church, is a former district nurse for the Winnipeg Health Department, Manitoba. Here are her initial impressions as a Mennonite Central Committee nurse in Korea.)

After brief stays with MCC workers in Pusan and Taegu, Korea, I boarded the train, "Special City of Seoul", as it is often called, bound for Seoul.

Seoul is about 200 miles from Taegu and it takes about eight hours by train. We passed through many villages and small towns. The mountains were very bare and bleak with patches of snow. There were several apple orchards.

Houses in the villages are constructed of mud and straw with a rice-straw roof. They look so drab without the colorful paint which is customary at home. Windows are holes in the wall and not framed. Every house has a fence or a wall built around their small yard made of old rusty metal or twigs.

Burdens

On the narrow streets I saw women carrying heavy loads on their heads and a small child on their backs. Men also carried bulky heavy burdens on a frame on their backs. Some were on a hillside gathering twigs or pulling dry grass, probably to use as fuel.

Wherever there were huts there were children. They were coming or going to school with their leather satchels strapped to their backs.

I noticed grave expressions on the older people and even children did not appear to be as carefree as American and Canadian children. I am sure they experience many hardships before they are very old.

MCC workers welcomed me at the station in Seoul and soon we were gathered around the table

at the Christian Children's Fund house enjoying a delicious hot supper. Although we had never met before, we had a fine time of fellowship as we were on common ground "in the name of Christ".

When I began work at the Seoul City Hospital it was quite a shock to me that such distressing conditions still exist in the hospitals of other nations. Would you believe a hospital caring for approximately 100 children could operate without running water in most wards?

How would you like to earn a living washing clothes by hand seven days a week for 80 to 100 children and 25 nurses—and receive very small wages?

Warmth Welcomed

An average of 150 children a month are put out on the street in Seoul where they are picked up by police and taken to overcrowded orphanages or taken to the City Hospital. It is no wonder we had 17 deaths in one month from disease, exposure and malnutrition!

April brought many changes in the outdoor world. The grass is green and many beautiful flowers and cherry blossoms brighten the area. The warm sun pours its rays through the windows and it is a pleasure to see the children enjoy the warmth after such a hard, cold and long winter.

The hospital work is very challenging and I am enjoying the work very much in spite of many hardships. We do not expect to solve our problems quickly and we need much patience.

I am glad for my coworker, Katherine Friesen (Marquette, Man.), as it would be so difficult to work alone. A German proverb says, "Sharing sorrows divides them in half and sharing joys multiplies them."

Evangelistic Meetings at Port Edward

Port Edward, B.C. — Rev. Jacob Epp, principal of the Bethany Bible Institute at Hepburn, Sask., served as speaker during the week of evangelistic meetings held in the chapel here from May 5 to 12.

Evangelistic meetings are something entirely new in a community where church-going is far from fashionable. As a result the attendance was disappointing. However, God's Word was spoken to believers as well as unbelievers. The fellowship in the Gospel with Christians from churches in Prince Rupert was heartening. The Lord showed his own people what they were lacking and awakened desires to serve the Lord better. God's Word will accomplish its purpose if His people are faithful in sowing.

Continue to pray for the work here. Takashi Niwa, student at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, will serve the Japanese community here this summer. He comes from Japan, where he taught in a mission high school. A special effort will be made by Mr. Niwa to reach the Japanese children. He left Winnipeg on June 10. His service will be sponsored by the Canada Inland Mission.

Year Closes With Graduation

The last week of May was a very busy one for the East Chilliwack Bible School. But in spite of the many activities God's blessing was ever near. Exams began on Monday morning and continued until Thursday.

On Tuesday, Mr. Nick Willms, pastor of Woodrow M. B. Church in Saskatchewan, was the guest speaker during the chapel period. He challenged the student body to "earnestly contend for the faith". His basic text was Jude 3.

The first class honoured the graduating second class with a special "farewell" banquet on Wednesday night. Games, singing, quizzes, and relays were heartily enjoyed. Mr. H. Kasdorf gave a brief devotional talk and led the prayer meeting.

Challenge of Children's Work

Friday morning, the last day of school, Mr. John Reimer, field director of the West Coast Children's Mission, spoke to the school about mission work. Using Jonah as an example he stated that we should be willing to go and do exactly what God would have us do. Mr. Reimer also explained about missionary opportunities with the WCCM for the summer months. He said there were openings for workers in DVBS, Kindergarten, and

children's camps (Three students from the school are presently teaching kindergarten: Mary Janzen, Wilma Wiebe and Ruby Klaassen).

Closing Conference

The closing conference began on Friday night with "Christian Warfare" as the theme. The guest speaker was Rev. A. H. Wieler, principal of M. B. Bible Institute at Clearbrook. The girl's quartet opened Friday's meeting with several numbers in song. Two student testimonies were given. Rev. Wieler spoke on the basis of our warfare as found in Hebrews 12:1-3.

Saturday night's session was introduced with songs by the school male quartet. The message was taken from Hebrews 12:12-15 and the dangers of the warfare were particularly emphasized.

"The Chastenings of the Lord" was the discussion topic in the last conference session on Sunday morning. Hebrews 12:4-12 was the text. The Bible school choir served throughout the meetings and the songs were truly inspiring.

Graduation

The graduation exercises on Sunday afternoon in the East Chilliwack M. B. church were a fitting climax to the week's events. Dave Kroeker in his valedictory address expressed gratitude to parents, teachers and friends for the way they had supported the school with funds and prayer. The "farewell" was given by Marlene Penner. The girl's quartet sang "My Jesus as Thou Wilt", as Class One's final message to the grads. The principal, J. H. Friesen, gave out the diplomas. Rev. Wieler sent the graduates forth with the message of II Kings 18:1-8.

The last good-byes were said at a formal outdoor tea which was held after the ceremony in honour of the grads. Rev. Thielmann and H. Kasdorf also bid the school farewell. They are both leaving to pursue other fields of service. God's richest blessings were wished upon those leaving and upon those staying to carry on the work.

Piano Recital at Morden

Morden, Man. — Piano students of Mrs. Frank Friesen presented a recital in the Morden Collegiate auditorium on Tuesday evening, June 4, to mark the completion of a year of study.

A total of 41 pupils participated in the 45 items on the program, which was well received by the large audience. The varied program included selections by many of the best-known classical composers—Bach, Beethoven, Schubert, Haydn, Chopin, Mozart—as well as some of the more recent composers.

Following the program, refreshments were served to all present.

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of the city mission committee and the provincial committee of reference and counsel, was a historic step, since this is the first mission church to gain entrance into the conference.

A proposal to build a \$21,500 mission church in Brandon was accepted in principle, subject to the approval of the local churches. After the approval of the churches has been registered, construction is to begin on a 30'x60' building.

Coordination Committee Approved
A coordination committee consisting of the chairmen of all conference committees and the local church leaders was approved. This committee is to meet at the request of the conference moderator to plan the calendar of district and provincial events (such as youth retreats) and to consider the work done in various areas.

A formula for the examination and ordination of candidates for the ministry and diaconate was accepted after lengthy discussion last year, in the churches, and at this year's conference. It stipulates the calling of ministers and deacons by the church and the examination of these candidates as to doctrine, character and talent by the local church, the surrounding churches, the committee of ministers and deacons, and the conference of ministers and deacons. Final approval will be given by the provincial conference upon the recommendation of the conference of ministers and deacons. Unsuccessful ministerial candidates called by the church may still be licensed to perform a minister's functions if the local church wishes it.

Youth Leader Resigns

Rev. A. J. Froese, Boissevain, resigned as provincial youth leader after six years of service in that position. Increased responsibilities in his home church, where he is leading minister, and in the district prompted his resignation. The conference elected Mr. Leslie Stobbe as his successor.

Since last year's budget of \$1800 was more than met, the provincial youth budget was set at \$2,000. Of this, \$500 has been designated for the Gospel Light Hour radio programs, \$200 for the fare home for Erich and Gerhard Giesbrecht, students at the M. B. Bible College from Paraguay (who will return in 1958), and \$1300 for work among youth in South America and for needy South American Mennonite students. In addition about \$1,000 is to be received for the Canadian youth budget.

Youth leaders will meet at the Winkler Bible Camp on August 5 for their annual meeting. A youth rally has been tentatively sched-

uled for October 26 and 27 in Winnipeg.

Three to Be Ordained

The conference accepted the recommendation of the provincial committee of reference and counsel that the applications for ordination be approved.

Application had been made for the approval of the ordination of Isaak Braun as deacon for the Niverville M. B. Church, the ordination of Jacob Janzen as deacon for the Lena M. B. Church, and the ordination as minister of Peter W. Martens by the Steinbach M. B. Church. Mr. Martens is presently serving as colporteur and evangelist for the Manitoba M. B. Conference.

The conference approved a one-year \$2,000 loan to Tabor Home to help them get a start on a proposed six-unit housing development for the aged near Winnipeg.

Missionaries Report

Home missionaries reported on the work at their stations on Friday night.

Those reporting were: Lawrence Warkentin, Brandon; Harry Loewen, Winnipegosis; Rev. John Schmidt, Winnipeg; Rev. Joe Wiebe, Ashern; Peter Martens, colportage work and Carman; Peter Penner, Lindal; Abe Quiring, Horndean and Morris; and John Boldt, daily vacation Bible school.

Rev. J. A. Toews Next Moderator

Rev. J. A. Toews was chosen by the conference to serve as the next moderator. Assistant moderator is Rev. I. W. Redekopp, while D. K. Duerksen was re-elected secretary and J. J. Riediger, treasurer.

A budget of \$70,116, exclusive of foreign mission and relief giving, the radio work, and the Canadian Conference membership fee, was approved by the delegates.

Major Portion of Fund Raised

Abbotsford, B.C. — Donations and pledges totalling \$3,000 have already been received in a campaign to raise \$4,000 by November for the purchase of a missionary vehicle for the Henry Krahn in India.

A mission dinner on Saturday night, June 1, the first of its kind in the community, started the campaign at the South Abbotsford M. B. church.

The program that followed the dinner included a message by Rev. P. R. Toews, Vancouver, and a missionary film entitled "Higher Calling". The plan to be followed in raising the money was also introduced. Cash donations, pledges and monthly donations are being solicited. In addition the South Abbotsford young people have undertaken to raise \$500 for this project by pledging one day's wages this summer.

From Guatemala to Hear Graham

By George Burnham, News Editor
Christianity Today Magazine

NEW YORK CITY. — Little stories of a big crusade at Madison Square Garden:

The small man sat off to the side of the platform and listened to the message given by Billy Graham. He was 95 years old, and blind.

In order to hear the evangelist, he had traveled with a companion from Guatemala to New York City. The trip wasn't easy on his body or his purse. He lived on a pension of \$125 a month.

Staring straight ahead, he paid rapt attention to the words coming from the platform. When the invitation was given for people to make their decision for Christ, the man nudged his companion and said he wanted to go. It was a difficult walk down the twisting steps but he finally got there.

His clothing set him apart from the others. He wore the attire of a clergyman.

The Ven. Archdeacon Edward J. Cooper, retired Episcopal Minister who served one church in Central America for 35 years, said there was no question in his mind as to whether he was a Christian.

"I wanted to go forward," he said, "because more than anything else I want God's perfect will in my life. I didn't want pride or anything else to come before the will of God."

Asked if he had ever seen Graham, Mr. Cooper replied, "No, I never met him before my sight went away four years ago, but I believe that he is fair and handsome and has the love of God in his face."

Night after night, he sat in his seat at the Garden and prayed as he listened to the shuffling feet of people walking forward in search of Christ. The light was gone from his eyes, but it shone in his face as he thanked God for the privilege of hearing the sound.

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One of the most controversial movies of the last decade was "Baby Doll". Many cities of the nation banned the film, because of its lustful theme.

A lady who played a key role in the production of the picture was sitting in Madison Square Garden on Sunday night. Her marriage was about to go on the rocks.

Tears filled her eyes when Graham offered Christ as the solution to any problem. She walked slowly to the platform and stood there with bowed head.

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A young actor became interested in the meetings at the Garden and didn't miss a night. He was offered a role in a Hollywood film, but decided to turn it down because it would take him away from

the strong pull of the meetings.

Today he is more convinced than ever that the decision was right and is making plans to enter the ministry.

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Ten thousand letters in one day buried the Billy Graham Office in New York after America's first nationwide telecast of a religious service.

Here is a sampling of the letters:

From Delaware. — I know if I had been at Madison Square Garden. I would have accepted Christ in person. Here at home I did just the same, and I feel like a great load has been taken off me.

Chicago. — Your sermon convinced me that now is the time of decision. I shall profess my faith in Jesus Christ tonight at our church meeting.

Pennsylvania. — I am a girl of 19, and tonight as I watched I gave my life to Jesus.

New York City. — I have drifted away from God and as a result have lost my home and family. I am 68 and may not have much more time, but I hope that God in some way will give me the strength to see the light.

Chicago. — I felt just as all of them (inquirers) did, even though I was sitting here in my living room — so repentant for all I've done.

A letter was too slow for a repentant minister one thousand miles away. He telephoned, "Please accept my eternal thanks for the decisions made in my living room tonight."

An Air Force Colonel, who went to Madison Square Garden, wrote:

"Back before the war, when I was a Cavalry Reserve Officer, I competed each year in the International Military Jumping events at the National Horse Show in the Garden. I won a number of blue ribbons, but the "Big One" always escaped me.

"The other night, I was once again in the Garden, in uniform, when we (wife) decided to answer your invitation. I led her down the back stairs the way I used to go to get my horse. Together, we came up the ramp from the stables and through the ingate. The Garden looked the same, it even smelled the same, but the feeling was indescribable. Once again, I even felt my little jumper, Captain Kidd, long deceased, nuzzling my shoulder as he used to do.

"Finally, we were standing under the lights in the vast arena and I was again standing at attention, not for the National Anthem, but for the music of "Just As I Am". Billy, I won that ribbon and it was a more important one than I ever thought it would be."

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Things, sayings and comments

that stick to the memory during Billy Graham's crusade at Madison Square Garden:

Testimony of apartment house dweller: "Before the crusade began I didn't know but one neighbor in our large building. Even though self-conscious about it, I went to each apartment and invit-

ed people to the meetings. Already three whole families have come to Christ. Our building isn't the same."

Remarks from the young. — When a little boy asked his sister why Grandma was reading the Bible he was told, "She's cramming for her finals."

Visit to a Hutterite Colony

By Abe Dyck Jr.

Newton Siding, Man. — Rain fell on Sunday morning, June 2, so we were unable to hold services in the M. B. church here due to the muddy roads. We decided to visit one of the Hutterite colonies in our district and attend their Sunday morning service. The colony is located on a good gravel road.

The service had started at 9:30 a.m., so we were a bit late. The colony school serves as their meeting place, with the children sitting in the school desks and the older members sitting on the benches at the rear of the building. The preachers, elders and "bosses" sat at the front of the school, facing the audience.

A hymn was sung to start the service. Their singing is much slower than the usual gospel and hymn singing. The preacher leads out by first singing the words and the congregation follows him. Since their songs have many verses they sang the first part of the song at the beginning of the service and concluded it at the end of the service on this particular Sunday.

Long Songs

We were particularly impressed by the orderliness of the service. The children sat very still and were seemingly attentive. The women folk and girls all wore black dresses with white polka dots, kerchiefs of the same material, and big green aprons. Their dresses are floor length. The men and boys were dressed in black suits with different coloured shirts and no ties. Every man was wearing a beard, except the unmarried ones. They are allowed to shave until they marry. The school was very neat and clean, as were their houses.

Sermons Read

After the singing, the preacher read a sermon from a book of sermons, accumulated during the years from their important leaders. In the sermon were praise to God for his mercy and goodness, thanks for the spiritual and material blessings, warnings to their people to avoid sin and worldliness, and admonitions to live according to the Scriptures. The name of Jesus Christ, however, was conspicuous by its absence. The redeeming blood and Christ's death on the

cross were not mentioned. These people actually have no idea what it means to be born again. Their way of living is their "ticket to heaven".

After the first reading there was prayer. The whole congregation knelt down directly in front of the benches and remained kneeling for approximately 10 to 15 minutes, while the preacher spoke the prayer. Praise and thanks were given to God for everything that He has provided, including a country in which they are free to worship according to their beliefs. Supplication was made for their young people, especially that God might protect them from worldly influences.

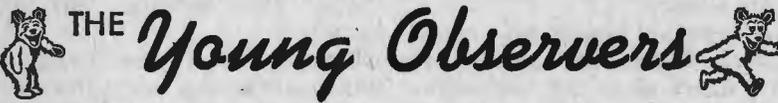
After the prayer another sermon was read, which contained many Scripture references. Each phrase of the text that was read was explained and applied to their daily life.

To close the sermon, the remaining verses of the song were sung. Then everyone filed out of the building, the men and boys first, followed by the girls and the women.

A Friendly People

Hutterites are a friendly people and very hospitable. They never fail to extend an invitation to stay for dinner. They do not do any mission work, but do help their own colonies when one suffers hardship. They farm on a large scale, with each colony having approximately 3,000 to 4,000 acres of land, tens of thousands of chickens, turkeys and other livestock. No cars are purchased, only trucks and panel trucks. They are a very industrious people, which has led to much trouble in this area, since they were buying up so much land that churches and schools were being forced to close. In the municipality of Cartier, Hutterites own over half the land. They have, however, now made a voluntary agreement with the government to restrict their colonies to two in a municipality, at least ten miles apart and not more than 5,100 acres of land in each.

The Hutterites cling tenaciously to their customs and religion. The true spiritual life which once led their founder to form Christian colonies that had everything in common, has become only form and tradition today.



THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

"This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine" is a song you have often sung, but is what this song states true of you? Are you letting your light shine? You do not have to grow up first to let your light shine. You can let it shine even though you are still small.

In the Bible there is a story of a little girl not much older than most of you who let her light shine. This little girl had been taken from her home by the enemies of her people and had been placed as a slave in a home in a country many miles away. Although she must often have been sad to be so far away from home, she did her best for her master and mistress.

Who was this little girl? We do not know her name, but we know the name of her master, Naaman. He was a great general in the army of the Assyrians. The girl came to love these people and when Naaman became ill it made her very sad. Naaman's illness was very serious, for it was leprosy. When the people in the house of Naaman found out about it they were very sad, and the girl wondered how she could help them.

She knew God could make Naaman well. In her country there was a prophet of God who had made many people well. She went to her mistress and told her about her wonderful God and how He would be able to make Naaman well. Because of what the girl said, Naaman finally went to Israel and was healed through the advice of Elisha to dip seven times in the Jordan.

Even among strange people this girl had let her light shine. If she had been quiet Naaman would never have become well, nor would he have found out about the all-powerful God, Jehovah. Yes, through the testimony of a girl, Naaman came to know the true God.

What are you doing with your light? Is it shining to help others? Are others getting to know God because of your light? God uses little lights as well as big lights.

Aunt Selma

Kathleen's Story

"Yes, this is Kathleen. What is it that you want me to tell? When is it to be? Will I be the only one? Yes. I'll be glad to do that." Kathleen hung up the telephone receiver and clapped her hands. She was so excited.

"Mother! Mother! That was Sister Martha, and she wants me to have part on the program for Missionary Sunday to tell how I earned my savings for my missionary box. I'll have a lot to tell them, won't I?"

"Better not get too excited Kathleen," reminded Mother, "but keep yourself calm. What are you going to tell them, and where will you begin?"

"The first thing I'll say is that you gave me the beans and got the soil ready to plant. Then my work began, first planting, then weeding and hoeing."

"Aren't you going to tell about the first ones peeping through the ground?"

"Oh, yes, but first I must tell them how happy I was to be able to help our missionaries in this way."

"This is one way that we can be

missionaries here at home, Kathleen," suggested mother.

Kathleen smiled, "I never will forget the morning I ran out to the garden and saw the first sign of sprouting beans. I was so happy that I ran into the house straight to my room to thank God, but I was so happy that I just could not talk for a little while," recalled Kathleen.

"God knew what was in your heart, Kathleen, and I'm sure He understood even though you didn't say one word. And I know it pleased Him to know you were so thankful. It made your Mother happy, too, when you told her about it," smiled Mother.

"But there were several times that I was not so happy; one was the time the chickens scratched out about half of a row; the other time was when Brownie insisted on burying a bone among my beans. I didn't forget how you tried to tell me that that's always Satan's way of trying to destroy God's work and that I must not become discouraged but plant more beans, for there was still plenty of time for them to grow."

"Yes, I remember how distressing those happenings were to you, but do you still remember how quickly they grew, the replanted ones, so that you scarcely could tell the difference?" Mother reminded.

"In all these things, Mother, you taught me to trust God and you told me that if His children are really willing helpers, He will undertake because it is to help some of His dear people who are giving all their time to His work. He sure did give me ever so many beans."

"Kathleen, I'm so pleased that you didn't forget the lessons I tried so hard to teach you during this summer about God while those beans were growing," rejoiced Mother.

"I couldn't forget them, Mother, because God had such a big part in them. I even noticed that He always gave enough rain and sunshine so that at no time at all did they have too much of either."

"Fortunately you have some other things to tell about your savings," suggested Mother.

"What do you mean, Mother?"

"Surely you haven't forgotten Grandma Koons' sprained arm! You were her raspberry picker."

"Oh," laughed Kathleen, "how could I forget about Grandma's raspberries? That's when I really learned to tithe."

"What makes you laugh?" questioned Mother.

"Grandma was so funny. In her queer little way she said to me one day after she paid me. 'Now this is your money; you did the work and it's all for you; you are not to give any of it to anyone.' I told her I wouldn't give any of it to anyone except God, and she looked so shocked and surprised."

And Mother was surprised too, for she had never heard that part of the berry-picking experience.

"You answered her very well," replied Mother.

"I never will forget about the last day I was there. She asked me, 'How much do you intend to give to God?'"

"What did you tell her that time?"

"I told her that you taught me how to tithe; that meant giving God one tenth of it. Then Grandma Koons wondered if that would be the way I would do with the beans. I told her they all belonged to God. You know how shrewd she is. When I told her that she asked, 'What will you get out of it?'"

"How did you answer her question, Kathleen?"

"I told her I got fun out of watching them grow; a little backache pulling weeds, tired from hoeing, joy in thanking God for them, happiness in knowing I was helping our missionaries."

Mother had to smile, "How wisely you answered her. That was

very well put. You surely will have a number of interesting things to tell."

And Kathleen did have an interesting story to tell on Missionary Sunday. As she told it, the boys and girls listened very carefully, drinking in every word lest they might miss something. No one told so fascinating a story as Kathleen. Possibly it was because she took God into her plans and continually thanked and praised Him for His faithfulness in her undertakings. They caught her enthusiastic spirit and determined in another year to do as Kathleen had done so that their missionary savings might have a greater increase. Kathleen could scarcely wait until the next spring when she could start putting her earnings and savings in her missionary box. In this way Kathleen and her Sunday school friends did much to help spread the Good News to those living in sin and darkness.

Bible Flowers

Fill the following blanks with the names of flowers or plants in the Bible:

1. "And, behold, the rod of Aaron . . . was budded, and brought forth _____, and bloomed

_____, and yielded almonds" (Num. 17:8).

2. "And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the _____ of the field" (Matt. 6:28).

3. "And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the _____" (Isa. 35:1).

4. "The _____ appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come" (Song of Solomon 2:12).

5. "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the _____" (Song of Solomon 2:15).

6. "Instead of the thorn shall come up the _____ tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the _____ tree" (Isa. 55:13).

7. "Thy plants are an orchard of _____" (Song of Solomon 4:13).

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Klippenstein of Main Centre, Sask., a girl, Mona Hope, on May 21, 1957.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heidebrecht, Winnipeg, Man., a daughter, Marlies Grace, on May 21, 1957.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. John B. Epp, Coldwater, Ont., a daughter, Wendy Loretta, on May 26.

FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(14th Installment)

A few days later Liesbeth was told that Groszwater Vogt had died suddenly. She was overcome with sadness and mixed feelings. She did not know whether she was sad because she feared that her misdeed might have hastened his death, because he had been so nice to her or because she would not be able to repay him the remaining nine rubles and seventy-five kopecks which he had had to pay to get her out of her predicament. However, she decided that the biggest reason for her sadness probably was the fact that she had just lost the only grandparent whom she ever had known. He had been so much fun. Without knowing it, he had helped her to become more educated. He never had been a Mennonite, but inwardly he had been a Christian. In her opinion that was the thing that really counted.

CHAPTER VI THE FOXHUNT

Two weeks after her broadening trip to Tokmak, Liesbeth had another highly educational experience—a foxhunt. For several weeks, during David's free time, he had made preparations for the foxhunt and had invited Liesbeth and Franz. David talked to boys in the village who had been on such a hunt and also asked a Russian servant across the street what he knew about the red fox that was raiding chicken coops. Only a few days before it had destroyed Vater's setting hen in the shed and upset the eggs and the nest.

All seemed to agree that the red fox of the southern Ukraine was the most cunning animal they ever had encountered. Some villagers had tried on numerous occasions to trap the nocturnal henhouse raider, but he had outfoxed them and their dogs every time. A few villagers said the fox was not such a bad fellow after all. They felt that he was useful. Although occasionally he stole a few not-too-well-protected chickens or ducks, a small pig or calf, the red fox was probably destroying thousands of harmful mice, grasshoppers, ground squirrels and other pests. Also he ate wormy plums and apples off the ground.

David showed Liesbeth a colored picture of a red fox, in the Russian reader. In the picture the animal looked like an oversized cat with an unusually bushy, long, flat

tail, a longer than usual, curved neck and a narrow, pointed snout. Liesbeth liked the rusty color of the back of the fox in contrast to the black shoes and ears, light belly and white tip of the tail. "The fox is not very big," David pointed out. "It says here in the reader that it weighs less than thirteen pounds. Such a small creature should not give us much trouble," he reasoned. "However, there will be two of them," he added, "foxes go by twos. Besides, they may have up to nine little foxes."

"Why do you want to go on the foxhunt?" Liesbeth asked.

"I want to destroy the animal that ate our setting hen and upset its nest."

"What about the little foxes? Can we keep them as pets? Can they be trained?"

"I hope so. I have never heard of anyone training foxes, but we can try it. I'll have to make a home for them."

The next morning the children gathered old boards, nails and hinges, and David made a strong cage that was big enough for a dozen cubs. When Vater saw what they were doing, he just scratched his head and walked on. Then he hesitated for a moment, looked back once more and, deep in thought, resumed walking.

David watched him. "I wonder what he is thinking about," David said.

"Maybe he doesn't approve of our using those boards," Liesbeth suspected.

"Oh, he doesn't care about that, but I wonder if he approves of our unusual pets," David said. Then he reminded Liesbeth of his collection of birds' eggs and what had happened to it.

"Did you ask Vater about them?" Liesbeth asked.

"No; I suspected that he was the one who had destroyed them. I was afraid to discuss it with him."

"I don't think he likes our interfering with the processes of nature," Liesbeth commented. "Everytime our cat has kittens, and we appropriate them and try to make them cozy, the pets disappear, and the vanishing act always happens at night. Kittens certainly are not unusual pets." She was smiling at the prospect of getting a real, live pet before the day was over.

The next moment her face became sad, and it seemed as if she

might begin to cry. She was thinking of her favorite pet, a little black and white and yellow chick. Two years before, when the big yellowish-red hen had finished hatching her eggs, David and Liesbeth had each picked one of the little chicks as their own. She had let David pick his first. Then she had chosen what she thought was the most exquisite chick in the world. She called her Rose. Several times a day she fed her bread crumbs, then gently dipped her beak into water. Often she sat near the coop that was the temporary home of the hen and her brood and watched their prancing and pecking. One day Liesbeth's affection for the winged Rose caused her to pick her up, caress her and kiss her. To Liesbeth's horror she discovered that she had accidentally broken Rose's neck. The chick was dead!

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MORE ABOUT

How Parents Fail

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Someone said recently that, "One way to cure juvenile delinquency is to take parents off the streets at night." And that statement is more true than humorous. One night a week at home would be a high average for many a parent these days. In this age of baby sitters many parents have forsaken their family responsibilities. Our clubs, social engagements, and sporting events have taken priority over our parental duties. As Dr. Robert G. Lee has aptly said, "Our homes are a place where we stay while the automobile is being repaired and when the movie houses are not open."

It is certainly a proved fact that "children have their roots in their parents." Therefore when parents are unchristian or absent too much from their homes, they contribute to the delinquency of their children. When we fail to provide the proper discipline, fellowship, and spiritual training for our children, we have deprived them of their best defence against becoming delinquents. It is in these areas that many parents have betrayed their children and have robbed them of protection from the wicked world and from God's judgment against sin.

The Root of the Matter

The great tragedy is that many parents are not working at the root of the problem. I must say it again, juvenile delinquency is first and foremost a spiritual problem. We can provide better schools, more recreational facilities, and give our children higher standards of living, but we are not getting at the root of the problem. We can also make more laws, provide more policemen and build more jails and houses of

correction, but we are still not dealing with the problem at its source. Many of our juvenile delinquents are not living in squalor. They come from our better homes. Police Chief William H. Park of Los Angeles says, "It is the over-privileged child who is causing the most trouble today. He has been given so much in the way of material things that he is going haywire looking for new satisfactions."

Our children need help from God. They don't have the credentials in themselves to overcome the devil and his temptations. They are victims of a depraved nature and an evil world, and unless we help our children spiritually, we are not providing them with permanent help.

High Living Standards

Education and high standards of living have not solved our juvenile delinquency and crime problems. Our standards of living are probably the highest in world history and our schools and recreational centers have never been better, but each year we break new records in crime. We also know that many of our crimes are being committed by clever and educated people. Some of those who head crime syndicates in our world are educated geniuses and they are people with high standards of living materially.

What more proof do we need? We cannot solve our juvenile delinquency problem without God and His laws. It's the age-old problem, self-sufficient man thinks he can run his own program and he doesn't want God meddling in. When will we learn? When will we humble ourselves and take God's remedy? We have abundant evidence and proof that the Bible works, but we are too proud to repent of our sins and ask God for His mercy and help. We have been going our own way, but not without suffering the consequences. Our sinful sowing has brought us misery and trouble unending.

Parents, Think Seriously!

May I appeal to you as fathers and mothers to get right with God today. Not only is the destiny of your own soul at stake but also the eternal welfare of your children and future descendants. Dad and Mother, repent of your sins and turn to Christ for salvation. Then teach your children diligently the things of the Lord. To do this will be the greatest defense possible, against your children becoming delinquents. Also you will be sowing seeds that will bring you happiness now and glad memories in your old age.

The salary and expenses of a village literacy worker for one year, according to the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, is only \$570.



The Mennonite Central Committee was recently recognized as an approved medical service agency in Vietnam. In the top picture Delbert Wiens of Reedley, Calif., MCC director in Vietnam, talks with children to whom food and clothing will be given. In the bottom picture worshippers visit after a worship service in the Evangelical Church of Vietnam with MCC director Delbert Wiens. MCC completed its first year of medical and relief services in Vietnam this spring. (MCC Photos)



MCC
news & notes

Food Distributed in Taiwan

Milk and limited amounts of food and clothing are being distributed by MCC to needy persons in Taiwan (Formosa) as a supplement to the major services of the hospital and mission, now administered by General Conference Mennonites.

Netherlands Youth Fellowship

Four Paxmen from Germany units were guests of the Dutch Mennonite Youth Fellowship at a mission conference at Elspeet, Netherlands. Missionary work in Indonesia and New Guinea was reviewed by the 75 youth who attended.

Training for Service in Peru

Three Paxmen are training at the LeTourneau plant at Longview, Tex., before joining three other Paxmen now helping construct a road in the interior jungle of Peru

where an agricultural colonization project is being formed.

They are **Walter Fast**, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fast of St. Catharines, Ont., member of the Mennonite Brethren Church; **Harry Moyer 3rd**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moyer Jr. of Perkasio, Pa., member of Calvary Mennonite Church; and **Robert Swartz**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Swartz of Sebewaing, Mich., member of Pigeon River Conservative Mennonite Church.

R. G. LeTourneau was the speaker in a consecration service for the men at Monterey Mennonite Church, Leola, Pa.

Personnel Changes

Marian Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miller of Westover, Md., joined the kitchen staff at Brook Lane Farm, Hagerstown, Md. She is a member of Holly Grove Mennonite Church and attended Eastern Mennonite College.

Lydia Bontrager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob E. Bontrager of Constantine, Mich., has returned to the clothing depot for her third season to help with processing Christmas bundles. The bundles, which are to be in one of the three clothing depots by July 1, will be sorted and bailed for shipment overseas this fall in time for distribution at Christmas

Bertha Hartman, daughter of Jacob C. Hartman of Delphos, Ohio, has taken up bookkeeping duties in the MCC business office. She attended Eastern Mennonite College.

Arvilla Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Landis Weaver of Akron, Pa., is a new secretary in the MCC personnel office. She was graduated from Goshen College this spring.

Helen Buller (Reedley Calif.) will serve as secretary to Orrie O. Miller this summer during the absence of **Rhoda Cripe** (Delavan, Ill.) who is on a student tour in Europe.

Summer Services in Canada

Most of the ten Canadian summer service projects are underway. Director for Canadian units is **Harvey Toews** (Waterloo, Ont.), assisted by **Hedwig Sawadsky** (Vineland, Ont.).

Units include Clearwater Lake Sanatorium at The Pas, Man.; School for Mental Defectives at Portage la Prairie, Man.; Manitoba Hospital at Brandon; Municipal Hospitals at Winnipeg; Manitoba Sanatorium at Ninette; Ontario Hospital at London; Bethesda Home at Vineland; Ontario Hebrew Mission at Kearney; Ailsa Craig Boys Farm, Ont.; and a students-in-industry program at Toronto.

MORE ABOUT

The Law of Kindness

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it every time she wore the dress to church.

The woman who is thoughtless enough to make unkind remarks builds a wall between herself and her friends, gradually losing them. This is because, as said Pythagoras, five centuries before Christ, "A wound from the tongue is worse than a wound from a sword; for the latter affects only the body, the former the spirit."

We are inclined to excuse ourselves by saying that it is more natural for some to be kind than for others, but actually, kindness is governed by a law. When the Bible speaks of the worthy woman, it says, "In her tongue is the law of kindness" (Proverbs 31:26).

We have to train ourselves to obey a law. Obedience does not come naturally. Remember when you learned to drive, how carefully you memorized the traffic laws, how ardently you practiced them, and how slowly you drove until you knew them.

Some drivers never do take the time to learn to obey the traffic laws. They are forever causing trouble on the road. Others train themselves, and it is a pleasure to ride with them. The same is true of the law of kindness. You can ignore it and go recklessly down the road

of life, or you can train yourself to be kind.

"I wonder how Vera got her kind disposition," said Eva. "She never seems to say anything that hurts anyone."

"I think she does it by watching," explained Mabel. "She told me that she once had a terrible habit of saying sharp things, thinking they sounded clever. One day she hurt someone deeply, and decided she must overcome her bad habit.

"After that, every night when she prayed, she asked the Lord to remind her of the unkind things she had said, and confessed them. Gradually, she said unkind things less and less, until now she has a reputation of being kind."

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Weddings

Toews—Martens

Gertrude Martens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Martens, Abbotsford, B.C., and Leonard Toews, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Toews,

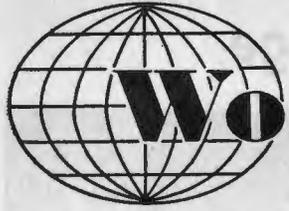


Aldergrove, B.C., were married on Sunday, May 26, in the East Aldergrove Mennonite Brethren church. Rev. Herman Voth officiated.

Goertz—Baerg

Janice Elizabeth Baerg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Baerg of North Surrey, B.C., and John Paul Goertz, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Goertz of New Westminster, B.C., were married on May 24 in the Strawberry Hill M. B. church. Rev. Henry Nikkel officiated.

Out of town guests included: the brides' grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hinz, and the bride's cousin, Miss Rosella Hinz, both from Laird, Sask.; the groom's sisters Miss Anne Goertz and Miss Helen Goertz from Caronport, Sask.



Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Six Iron Curtain Clergymen Tour U.S.A.

Six refugee clergymen and a seminarian from Iron Curtain countries arrived in New York for a tour of the United States, under sponsorship of the American Council of Christian Churches. The purpose of the tour, the Council said, is "to present to the American people the true picture of what Communism has done to religion, and to strengthen the Christian forces within this country in the opposition to Communism."

The Council said it was sponsoring the tour to counteract a visit to this country last June of a team of clergymen from Russia. The Soviet churchmen spent 12 days in the U.S. last year as guests of the National Council of Churches, and told the American people that there is religious freedom behind the Iron Curtain; but the refugee clergymen deny this. The men now touring the U.S. came from Estonia, Latvia, Poland, and the Ukraine, where they saw many suffer for their religious faith.

Connecticut Court Rules Prenuptial Pact Invalid

Agreements before marriage by which a non-Roman Catholic partner agrees to raise children as Roman Catholics cannot be legally enforced in Connecticut, Superior Court Judge Charles H. House

ruled early in May.

The jurist's decision came in a case between Edward J. McLaughlin, a Roman Catholic, and his wife, a Methodist. Before marriage in a Roman Catholic rectory in 1942 Mrs. McLaughlin signed an agreement that all children resulting from the union would be baptized and educated in the Roman Catholic Church, that she would not obstruct her husband in the exercise of his faith and that the marriage would be solemnized only by a Roman Catholic ceremony. Three children were born to the couple.

Last year, McLaughlin asked a separation and Mrs. McLaughlin a divorce. Neither was granted. McLaughlin then sought custody of the children and a judicial decree that they be raised as Roman Catholics.

In his decision, Judge House refused both petitions and ordered the father to pay \$75 weekly to support his children. "The law is absolutely impartial in matters of religion. A court will not take a child's religious education into its own hands short of circumstances amounting to unfitness of the custodian," he said. He based his ruling on a provision in the state constitution which says, "No person shall by law be compelled to join or support, nor to be classed with or associated to, any congregation, church or religious association."

ating of moisture from the vast expanse of water that girdles this globe, producing clouds, which descending in refreshing showers, renew the fertility of the soil. Thus does a loving Providence plan for man's blessing and support.

In striking contrast to this, let man get into his possession ever so little of this power, and the immediate result is a consuming fear filling the hearts of millions. Let another great world war break out, there would immediately be one wild mad rush to hide in the dens and rocks of the earth. The realization of the awful results of atomic energy completely staggers humanity. Surely the discovery of atomic power constitutes one of the gravest signs of the last days, telling us that the coming of the Lord is drawing very near.

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Tributary Dams Won't Curb Red River

A water conservation scheme would not effectively control floods in the Red River Valley, Jack Griffith, a drainage expert told the Royal Commission on Flood Cost-Benefit. He stated that about 80 per cent of the watershed contributing to the flow of the Red River is in the United States, and only 20% in Canada. Of this only about 25 per cent could be controlled by tributary dams.

Nuclear Power in Ten Years

Canada expects nuclear power to be cheaper than coal power in ten years, it reported in a UN questionnaire on electric power needs up to 1975 and prospects for meeting such needs in part by using nuclear reactors to run steam generating plants.

Canada said that by about 1965 it expects to produce nuclear power for 6 mills a kilowatt hour, against the present cost of 7.4 mills for power from conventional sources.

Liberals Defeated in Federal Election

Nine members of the cabinet and many veteran Liberal members of the House of Commons at Ottawa tasted defeat at the hands of the Canadian electorate in the June 10 federal elections. The Progressive Conservatives emerged as the strongest party in the elections, which gave no one party a clear majority.

Liberal party standings were whittled down to 103, Progressive Conservatives climbed to 110, the CCF party wrested a few seats from

other parties to emerge with 25, and the Social Credit party gained four to win 19 seats in the House of Commons.

The Progressive Conservative party's surprising showing was on a national scale, and showed the tremendous protest of the Canadian people against a government that had ruled for 21 years. It is now expected that John Diefenbaker, Progressive Conservative party leader, will attempt to form a minority government.

Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary

Commencement Exercises

Degrees were conferred on six M. B. Biblical Seminary graduates in a formal commencement service on May 29 in the Fresno Mennonite Brethren Church. At the same time nine Pacific Bible Institute graduates received their degrees. Two received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree; four were granted the Master of Arts in Missions degree. Dr. Arthur Whiting of Biola and Talbot Theological Seminary brought an inspiring address based on Eph. 1:11. A good attendance bore witness to the interest in the work of the Seminary. In the Baccalaureate service on the Sunday previous, President Braun challenged the graduates with the thought of the all-sufficient grace of God. These formal exercises brought to an end the work of another school year.

President Braun to Europe

President Braun will leave for Europe in August to attend the World Conference. Following the Conference, he will travel with a team visiting churches and relief centres in Europe.

Election of Student Executive

John Klassen, a second year Bachelor of Divinity student, has been elected President of the Seminary Student Association for the next year. Mr. Klassen was graduated from the University of British Columbia with Bachelor of Arts, and after having attended the Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, for one year, he transferred to Fresno.

Executive vice-president is Nick Rempel, Abbotsford, B.C. Mr. Rempel is also a student in the Bachelor of Divinity course. Dave Block (A.B. Pacific Institute) was elected secretary-treasurer. Richard Gerbrandt, Tabor graduate and missions student, was elected editor of next year's annual.

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God's Word
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The Atom and the Advent

By James H. Hunter, Noted Author
Editor and Commentator

One of our readers has sent us the following statement which we know many of our friends will read with interest.

A French scientist, Pierre Bercheldt, made a very remarkable statement in 1860. He may have had but little knowledge of the Word of God, but he had some sense of the evil that lies in the heart of mankind. This is what he said:

"I believe that inside of one hundred years of physical and chemical science, man will know what the atom is. It is my considered belief that when science has reached that stage, God will come down to earth with His bunch of big keys and will say to humanity, 'It is closing time!'"

Almost a hundred years have passed since those words were uttered, and the first half of the French scientist's belief has dramatically come true. The atom has been discovered. With that has come the knowledge of immeasurable power, but how will man use this power?

Man has learned that the universe is run by atomic energy. It is calculated that 250,000,000 tons of matter are broken up into atomic energy every minute since the day of creation. When we recollect that the heat of the sun must travel about 90,000,000 miles to reach this planet, we realize, though feebly, very feebly, what atomic energy is in the hands of God.

And what does God do with this inconceivable power? Only that which is beneficent, the ripening of the world's harvest, the evapor-

Twenty-One Graduate at M. B. Bible College



Henry Esau, Th.B.
Chillwack, B.C.



Arthur Bartsch, B.A., Th.B.
Yarrow, B.C.



David Bergen, Th.B.
Glenbush, Sask.



Frank Peters, Th.B.
Coaldale, Alta.



Elsie Kroeker, R.N., B.R.E.
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.



Zelda Marie Ratzlaff, R.N., B.R.E.
Linden, Alta.



Agnes Martens, B.R.E.
Sperling, Man.



Mary Neufeld, B.R.E.
Matsqui, B.C.

Winnipeg, Man. — Twenty-one degrees and diplomas were awarded by Rev. J. A. Toews, president, at the eleventh annual commencement exercises of the M. B. Bible College. A capacity crowd attended the ceremonies in the Elmwood M. B. church on Sunday night, June 9.

Seven students gained the Bachelor of Theology degree, eight the Bachelor of Religious Education degree, three the General Bible Course diploma, and three the Sacred Music Course diploma.

Contribution Not Economic

"If the world expects you to make a great economic contribution in life, it will be disappointed," Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M. B. Church, told the graduates in the commencement address. With Peter and John, they would often have to say, "Silver and gold have I none." And yet, "Of what value is a salary of \$6,000 a year if we do not meet the need of the world?"

We are living in a world that is full of spiritually needy people, declared Rev. Quiring. As Christian workers we have a treasure en-

trusted to us, a treasure that has eternal value. "Never underestimate what you have: treasures of heaven, a great Gospel," he challenged the graduates. Out of this treasure every believer must give to those in need.

The attitude of the apostles must also characterize His servants, Rev. Quiring emphasized. All Christian workers must be able to say to those whom they are seeking to help, "We are not out to acquire what you have; we want you. We do not want your clothes, your houses, your cars. Nor are we jealous of what you have. We believe your soul has eternal value and are thus seeking you."

This service irrespective of financial returns will only be possible when we know that we have been redeemed by the incorruptible blood of Jesus Christ and thus are not our own, but that we have been bought with a price, Rev. Quiring maintained.

Ben Doerksen Valedictorian

Ben Doerksen delivered the valedictory address. He stressed the objective that the graduates had

in coming to college, stating, "All of us have come with the ultimate objective of getting to know Christ more intimately and to become more like Him in our life." As the purpose of their studies—and their future life—he announced, "Our purpose is revealed in the building of His great kingdom."

The graduates were presented to Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the college, by Rev. David Ewert, registrar. Rev. Ewert introduced each graduate briefly and then assisted Rev. Toews in the awarding of the degrees and diplomas. Of these Rev. Peter Penner had previously received the B.R.E. degree and Rev. John Wall had been given the diploma for the General Bible Course. Both have continued secular studies and now received the Th.B and B.R.E. respectively. Rev. Penner has also written a thesis on M. B. home missions in Canada.

Two Bursaries Awarded

The Alumni Association of the M. B. Bible College awarded two bursaries to students selected by the faculty on the basis of their spiritual qualifications, their need,

and their academic excellence. Mr. George Enns, vice-president of the Alumni Association, awarded this year's \$50 bursaries to George Braun of New Hazelton, B.C., and Harold Jantz, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

It is significant that both bursary winners of 1956, Ben Doerksen and Frank Peters, are entering the home mission work of the Manitoba M. B. Conference this year. Mr. and Mrs. Doerksen will serve at Ashern, Man., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peters will minister to the group at Winnipegosis, Man. Others entering direct service for the Lord are John H. Quiring, who will serve as pastor at Aberdeen, Sask., and Miss Susan Funk, who will work in the office of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, Hillsboro, Kans.

In a message from the college board, Mr. Herman Dick, chairman, announced the resignation of Rev. J. H. Quiring and Rev. H. Regehr from part-time teaching at the college. He read a resolution by the board, in which the college board expressed its thankfulness to the two brethren for their faithful service. Rev. Quiring has served

Several Going Into Mission Work



Ben Doerksen, Th.B.
Coaldale, Alta.



Tena Isaak, R.N., B.R.E.
Abbotsford, B.C.



Susan Funk, B.R.E.
Yarrow, B.C.



Helen Schoenke, B.R.E.
Hespeler, Ont.



John Quiring, Gen. Bible
Winnipeg, Man.



George Penner, B.R.E.
Winnipeg, Man.



George Schroeder, Gen. Bible
Steinbach, Man.



George Reimer, Gen. Bible
Winkler, Man.

as instructor at the college for 12 years, the longest period of any teacher. At present he is pastor of the Winkler M. B. Church, while Rev. Regehr is devoting his full time to teaching at the M. B. Collegiate Institute.

Music at the graduation exercises was provided by the A Cappella Choir of the college. Rev. Victor Toews led in the invocation and Rev. Henry Baerg pronounced the benediction.

Class Program

The graduating class program was given in the chapel of the college. In messages, testimonies and songs the class portrayed their motto, "Walk Worthy of Your Calling".

Mr. Frank Peters spoke on "The Sinner's High Calling", and Mr. David Bergen delivered a short message on "The Saint's Worthy Walk". Testimonies were given by Miss Mary Neufeld, Miss Helen Schoenke and Miss Susan Funk. The whole class served with several songs. In addition the men and the ladies sang as separate groups.

The 1957 graduating class was



Weldon Epp, Sac. Music
Vancouver, B.C.



Mrs. John Pauls, Sac. Music
Winnipeg, Man.



Erna Mueller, Sac. Music
Abbotsford, B.C.

received into the Alumni Association at a banquet in the college library on Sunday afternoon, June 9. Mr. H. Voth, president of the Alumni Association, welcomed them after they had been introduced by Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the college.

Another feature at the banquet was a talk by Rev. J. A. Toews, in which he touched briefly on past

experiences at the college, outlined future plans and made a plea for prayer support. Mr. Herman Dick, chairman of the college board, also spoke briefly, challenging the alumni members to be public relations workers for the college in their home constituency. He included an urgent plea for greater prayer support.

In a brief business meeting, the

Manitoba group sponsoring the banquet elected Mr. J. D. Friesen as president, Mr. George Enns as vice-president, and Mrs. Peter Loewen as social convener. Mrs. Frank Froese was asked to serve again as news reporter and Miss Kay Wiens was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. The Manitoba alumni also decided to continue their visits in the churches in behalf of the college.



The picture at top left shows the local executive of the Brunk tent campaign, which began at Steinbach, Man., on June. In the front row are, from left, Rev. H. G. Rempel, spiritual committee; Rev. B. D. Reimer, chairman; Rev. H. A. Regehr, ministers' representative. Second row: Rev. F. Isaak, exec-sec.; Ed Barkmen, ushers; H. Neufeld, grounds; L. Reimer, publicity. At right Rev. George Brunk, evangelist, applies level to centre pole of tent, seen below at right.



Any one wishing to contact the reception committee should write Mr. John Guenther, Box 321, Herbert, Sask, or Mr. Frank Braun, Herbert, Sask. You may also contact the committee by phoning Herbert, Sask., number 49 or 74:2, or the M. B. conference phone.

On the Horizon

June 28 to July 15. — British Columbia Mennonite youth will have their retreat at Clayburn camp near Abbotsford, B.C.

June 29 to July 3. — The Conference of Mennonites in Canada will meet at Winkler, Man., for its annual sessions.

July 2, 12 and 23. — Opening dates for the three children's camps at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba.

July 3 to 21. — Tent evangelism by Brunk Revivals, Inc., at Winkler, Man.

July 6-10. — The Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church will meet in Herbert, Sask., for its annual sessions.

July 25 to August 11. — Tent meetings by Brunk Revivals, Inc., at Altona, Man.

August 16 to 26. — Mennonite World Conference, Karlsruhe, Germany.

August 18 to September 1. — Evangelistic meetings in a tent by Brunk Revivals, Inc., at Winnipeg.

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

Largest Graduating Class Ever at MEI

Clearbrook, B.C. — A capacity audience witnessed the graduation ceremony in the Mennonite Educational Institute auditorium at Clearbrook on Sunday, June 2, when 56 young people were graduated. It was the largest graduating class in MEI's history.

The valedictorians were Lorina Friesen (German) and Ed Janzen (English), while Winnifred Pauls spoke the farewell from the students. Teacher W. A. Wiebe spoke for the teachers. Rev. Scheffler from the Clearbrook Mennonite Church served as guest speaker. Principal I. J. Dyck presented the diplomas to the graduates.

As a farewell gift from the staff, Rev. Wm. Neufeld presented a large painting to outgoing principal I. J. Dyck. Mr. Dyck resigned as principal at the MEI after serving for 13 years as teacher and principal.

Mr. Wm. Wiebe will serve as principal next year.

Mr. F. F. Klassen, president of the school board, made the closing remarks and also presented a gift to Mr. Dyck from the board.

Bus and Train Schedule at Conference Site

Herbert, Sask. — To help those who will be coming to the conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Canada the reception committee here has announced the arrival times of the bus and train schedules.

Bus Schedule (MST)

Arriving from the east: 2:38 a.m., 11:51 a.m., and 7:25 p.m.
Arriving from the west: 3:35 a.m., 1:31 p.m., and 7:57 p.m.

These bus schedules may be changed by July 1, so bus travellers should enquire as to exact time

Train Schedule (MST)

"Dominion" arrives from east: 9:15 p.m.

"Dominion" arrives from west: 5:56 a.m.

"The Canadian" arrives from east (at Swift Current): 6:10 a.m.

"The Canadian" arrives from west (at Swift Current): 12:00 midnight.

Those who will be travelling on "The Canadian" should notify the reception committee in advance, so that arrangements can be made to meet them at the station at Swift Current.

All delegates who are in a committee will be lodged in the Bible school. Others will be placed in private homes.

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