

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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## MDS Contact Men Meet in Winnipeg

**Winnipeg, Man.** — An encouraging number of Manitoba Mennonite Disaster Service contact men and interested persons attended a "school" at the Bethel Mennonite church on April 12. The representation from the various churches of Manitoba showed growing concern and enthusiasm for the project.

The morning session was opened by Wilbert Loewen, chairman of Manitoba MDS. Rev. Groening then led in the devotional, using Titus 2:6-14.

Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M. B. Bible College, delivered the main message, speaking on "Alternative Service During the Last War." As a basis for his talk he read Acts 1:1 and made reference to the injunction, "to do and to teach". Rev. Toews maintained that practical and theoretical Christianity should reinforce each other, only then will the Christian witness become effective. He then elaborated on the organizational aspect of alternative service.

### Alternative Service Witness Effective

Rev. Toews was convinced that the combined efforts of the CO's proved to be an effective witness. He outlined some of the projects which had been undertaken by conscientious objectors, namely, road building, forest ranges, tree planting, etc.

In evaluating the past service, Rev. Toews pointed out three negative aspects.

- There was no difference between the ordinary pacifist and the biblically-grounded CO.

- Too many unregenerated CO's came to the camps and through their worldly living destroyed the Christian testimony.

- No opportunity was given to alleviate human suffering caused by the war.

In closing, Rev. Toews pointed out the positive impression left with government officials by the CO's. However, he warned that church affiliation would mean little in case of another war. Only personal conviction will qualify the CO. With this in mind he pointed toward MDS as a possible future alternative service project.

### MDS Spontaneous Movement

A second speaker was Wilbert Loewen, chairman of Manitoba MDS. He based his address on I John 3:16-18, and in so doing made reference to "love in deed and in truth." Mr. Loewen briefly outlined the beginnings of the MDS movement, which came into existence as a spontaneous movement among laymen of several congregations in Kansas and neighboring areas. He also touched on MCC work and that of other benevolent organizations rendering service in a specific field.

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## Special Services at Port Edward

By Jacob Bergen

**Port Edward, B.C.** — "It was my prayer that Jesus should become more real to me. He has answered that prayer this week."

"It was worth having these meetings for my sake alone."

These were several of the testimonies following a week of services during the Easter holiday week. Brother George Konrad, Bible teacher from the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute, Clearbrook, was the speaker for both afternoon and evening meetings in the Gospel Chapel here.

The Lord was present in our small group of believers as we gathered for deeper life messages from the book of Colossians every afternoon. One thought has been emphasized repeatedly and it is this: Christ, the Head of His body, the church, is the answer to all our problems.

Good Friday featured a joint service of four churches from Prince Rupert and area. It was held here in the chapel. That evening believers gathered to remember the Lord's death by partaking the Lord's supper.

Attendance at the evening gospel services was rather weak. However, the challenge to confess Christ and live Him before men was brought home to us as believers and we are certain there were decisions to serve Christ more faithfully. Continue to pray that the Lord will lead us to individuals and help us to lead them to a knowledge of Christ as Saviour and Lord.



These are two of the provincial groups that attended the Canadian Sunday School Convention at Gem, Alta., April 11 to 13. The top picture is the British Columbia group, representing the majority of the churches in the Fraser Valley, while the bottom picture shows the South Saskatchewan group. Ontario visitors totalled six, Manitoba had eight representatives, and Alberta, the host province, was represented by more than 60. Two British Columbia churches set an example that other churches might well follow at future conventions—they sent a car full of workers, paying for the trip. (Staff Photo)

## To Begin Construction on New Residence Project

**Morden, Man.** — Construction was due to begin this week on a new eight-unit housing development for the aged at the Tabor Home for the Aged here, it was announced at the annual meeting of the Tabor Home for the Aged Society.

Members of the society who had gathered at the Elmwood M. B. church, Winnipeg, on April 19 heard that the new building will be only one-story and contain eight suites for those over 60 and still able to look after themselves. Rent has been set at \$45 a month.

The \$48,000 construction project

is being financed through the National Housing Act, with payments spread over 40 years. The society has also received a grant from the provincial government totalling 20% of the total cost. The new project has been incorporated as Tabor Senior Citizens Home, Ltd., in order to make it eligible for the long-term loan.

At the present time there are 33 in the Tabor Home for the Aged, with a staff of 12 caring for the home's residents, most of whom are invalids. Mr. W. J. Wiebe is the home's superintendent and Miss Anne Regehr is the matron. Chairman of the Tabor Home for the Aged Society is Rev. F. H. Friesen, treasurer is Mr. J. J. Riediger, and Mr. D. J. Reimer is the secretary.

## EDITORIAL

### Should I Attend Conventions and Conferences?

"Every church should send their pastor to at least two or three conventions or conferences every year," someone once wrote in an article on the church's responsibility to its pastor. After personally attending two Sunday school conventions during the last two months we would broaden that statement to include all Sunday school workers, youth workers, and music directors.

People who never or seldom attend conventions or conferences might not agree. They tend to look at the time and expense involved and cannot see how attendance at such events can possibly be worthwhile—especially since there usually are no tangible benefits. But in Christian service it is often the intangible benefits that are of the greatest value. Even if only one idea or new method is gained it can revolutionize the ministry of a person.

Think for a moment what it can mean to the service of a Sunday school teacher when he puts into practice the advice received at a convention workshop: "Let prayer time equal preparation time in your teaching." All at once he has become conscious of the fact that he is not only to prepare a lesson mechanically and present it in his own strength—he has done that and found little joy in it and few results. He now sees that this is the Lord's work—and the Lord Jesus Christ is more interested in the winning and nurture of children than even the teacher. Christ also has "all power" and the teacher can tap this inexhaustible source of power through prayer. Instead of trying to teach in his own strength he now lets God work through him. Who knows, the new approach to teaching may result in a Moody, a Finney, a Hudson Taylor or a William Carey coming out of that class. And all because the teacher gained the principle of matching prayer with preparation at a Sunday school convention.

Other benefits that teachers gain at such conventions include a new vision of the possibilities in outreach, new methods of presenting a familiar truth, and a greater understanding for the needs of a particular age group that he is instructing. The fellowship with other Sunday school workers provides a healthy and extremely worthwhile exchange of ideas and also brings the realization that he is not alone in this work. Discouraged teachers gain new courage and enthusiasm at such times.

Or imagine a youth leader attending a youth workers' conference and becoming aware of the truth that one key to success in youth work is youth participation. He had always been under the impression that "special music" and "special speakers" would make a program successful and attract the young people. Now a talk with an experienced and successful youth leader opened his eyes to the value of getting young people outside of the committee to do the work—and having them present the program. Suddenly he realizes that the more young people participate in any one program, the more will come to that service—friends, brothers and sisters will come along to see what the one participating has to offer.

On the other hand, a youth worker may gain a totally new concept of youth work at such a convention. His aim may have been to keep young people away from the "world" and to have them attend the "meetings". And then a speaker at a youth workers' conference threw out the challenge to win young people for discipleship, to nurture young people in the Christian faith until they grew to maturity in Christ. This makes the youth worker aware of the eternal issues at stake in youth work—his is part of the great mission of the church: to win people for Christ and to build them up in the most holy faith until they reach Christian maturity as sanctified and witnessing disciples.

Such a concept of youth work calls for a thoroughly planned youth program encompassing not only the church youth but also the unchurched young people in the community. It calls for dedication to the work, for a vital public ministry and a personal soul-winning effort. Thus one new idea can revolutionize youth work.

So when next you have an opportunity to attend a convention or conference take off the time to go with a heart open to a blessing from the Lord. You'll never know what a convention can do for you until you attend one.

## DEVOTIONAL

### The Temptation of Futility

By H. R. Baerg \*

"I was crushed with sorrow at every turn—fightings without and fears within. But God who comforts the down-hearted, comforted me by the coming of Titus" (II Cor. 7:5,6).

One of the major inner problems of people today is the feeling of futility, boredom and general despair. Beneath all the surface disturbances we find the deep-seated problem of feeling of loss of support, sense of meaninglessness and purposelessness of life. People have lost interest in life and have replaced it with a "what's the use" attitude.

In this time of prosperity and conveniences and general opportunity for activities one would least expect it; still this terrible state of affairs exists. There is a void, a vacancy, a hollowness in life. What is the reason for this vicious cycle of emptiness where, in the words of Walt Lippman, "Whirl is king"?

Possibly many reasons can be given; the temptation comes from within and from without, as the Apostle Paul mentions. There is the matter of the complexity of life. Since we do not know how to cope with this quick-paced and dangerous life, we surrender. In the face of the complexities, men feel their creatureliness, finiteness, and deficiencies.

A second cause for the feeling of futility is entertaining a philosophy of pessimism and fatalism. Many people constantly nurture this kind of feeling: "Some day I will fall victim to Saul." They do not feel good unless they feel bad. The whole outlook of such people is one of surrender to inertia, incapacities, and death. These people cannot accept themselves with their limitations. The result is continual hopelessness, fear, anxiety, and despair.

A third source is self-centeredness and unbelief. Man is all wrapped up in himself and he is overwhelmed with the smallness of the package. At the core of his expectation from life is the attitude that life owes him something. If there is no outlet the intake is eventually blocked, communication ceases, and the result is a feeling of uselessness and purposelessness. The purpose of man's life is outside of himself, it is in God. Unbelief narrows the circle around us to the point that all else is excluded.

The question arises: How can we be rescued from this state of affairs? A human cannot live in a state of emptiness for long; this is stagnation and death. We feel that we must move toward something.

The surest way to get rid of resentments and various emotional difficulties is to become absorbed in a great enterprise. God wants man creative and useful and not con-

stantly indulging in self-pity and in constant search for self-gratification. Many people would shock themselves out of boredom if they would suddenly become engaged in the promotion of a great enterprise—something outside of themselves.

Through genuine fellowship one can also know the joy of emotional and spiritual health. Fellowship helps us to recognize and appreciate the worth of others and will help us to throw our roots down deeper than in the topsoil of self. If we identify ourselves with others in fellowship, we will begin to overlook our inner problems and we will gain release from our own struggles. Vitality comes from group living—from fellowship. Paul was refreshed by the coming of Titus.

Courage and vitality come to us from communion with God. Satan seeks to isolate us from this source of our strength. Apart from God is only chaos, purposelessness and futility. Not the gold standard but the God standard will give value and worth to our lives. Paul found that God had to be the main spring of his life to give it proper direction and purpose.

Wholesomeness, friendliness, and happiness can be yours if you live your life the God-ordained way. To attempt to live otherwise will result in disorders. Carefully analyse your life and seek to understand yourself and your problems. Then choose the pattern for your life from the Word of God: "For me to live is Christ." Then purposeful, abundant life will be yours.

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## Conduct Religious Census in Elmwood

**Winnipeg, Man.** — Approximately 90 members of the Elmwood M. B. Church and M. B. Bible College students contacted more than 2,000 homes in the Elmwood district during a religious census on the afternoon of Sunday, April 20.

The missions committee of the young people initiated the project, which had a threefold purpose. The first objective was to find the new unchurched German immigrants who could be invited to the church's evangelistic services April 27 to May 2. Long range objectives were to gather a list of the children who could be contacted for DVBS in summer and to find the children not attending Sunday school, with a view to starting a mission Sunday school in fall.

Preparatory work included signing up all those willing to take part in the religious census, grouping them into small units to cover all streets from Midwinter to Harbison, and from the river in the west to Roch St. in the east, and mimeographing religious census cards. The committee also made a real effort to acquaint as many as possible with the project.

Those willing to go out gathered in the church's lower auditorium on Sunday afternoon at 1:30. Rev. H. R. Baerg explained the purpose and the procedure and answered questions from the floor. After Rev.

Redekopp led in prayer, mission committee chairman, Max Woerlen, read out the group leaders, and the members of the groups. These took their material and went out to go from house to house on their assigned street.

Those taking part included young people from the church, college students, and a few of the older church members interested in seeing, "Who is my neighbour?"

This project is part of an extensive effort by the young people's mission committee to awaken the consciousness of believers to their responsibility to their neighbour. One way in which the committee has visualized the Christian's responsibility to his neighbour has been through the making of an enlarged city map and locating each family unit or single member of the Elmwood M. B. Church on this map by a flag. Now being undertaken is the fixing of each member at his place of work by a flag, to show how widespread the church's witness could be if everyone witnessed to his "neighbour".

Other phases of this project were a mission program by the committee on the Christian Endeavor evening, messages by the ministers on the Christian's responsibility to those about him, and a film, "Silent Witness", shown at a fireside Sunday night.

## Ship Seed Oats to Aid Ontario Settlers

**Altona, Man.** — A special project of the Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee, a relief organization in Manitoba, is providing new Mennonite settlers in Matheson, Ont., with seed oats.

Co-operating with the Mennonite Central Committee, the CMRC is sending 1,800 bushels of certified, registered and commercial seed oats to the new Old Colony Mennonite settlement at Matheson, in northern Ontario. The oats was loaded here last week and arrived in Ontario this week.

Distribution of the grain at Matheson will be supervised by the MCC Waterloo office. Jacob Rempel, a minister of the Old Colony church in Manitoba and an officer of the CMRC will assist in the distribution.

The Old Colony Mennonites at Matheson have come from Mexico recently. Approximately 28 families have moved in and bought farms from former French homesteaders in a five-mile radius of the town. Many of the families live in crowded conditions.

Two smaller groups are located at New Liskeard and Thornlos. If there is any surplus of seed grain left over at Matheson it will be shipped to New Liskeard.

The groups are also in need of assistance in the form of food and

clothing. The settlers have received some aid from the Anglican church and from neighbours, in addition to the assistance provided by the MCC.

The spiritual ministry to these people is also lacking because they have no ministers with them.

## Seminary President Speaks at Strawberry Hill

By Jake Unger

**North Surrey, B.C.** — The Lord has graciously carried us through the first quarter of 1958. Indeed, we owe much to our Saviour when we think back to the time when He gave His life for us.

We were reminded of this during a week of services recently, when Rev. B. J. Braun, president of the M. B. Biblical Seminary and Pacific Bible Institute, spoke to us.

The drama, "The Rapture of the Saints", was presented in the Strawberry Hill M. B. church on March 23 by the East Chilliwack M. B. Church young people. Attendance was good.

The Ladies' Aid of the Strawberry Hill M. B. Church served a supper on March 28, also presenting a short program and showing a film.

We had the privilege of having the M. B. Bible College A Cappella Choir in our midst on April 4. Rev. Frank C. Peters, instructor, deliver-



The first-fruits of the work among the Chulupies is seen above. Twenty-one Chulupie believers followed the Lord in baptism on March 9. Twelve years ago missionary work was begun among the Chulupies.

## First Chulupie Indians Baptized

**Filadelfia, Fernheim, Paraguay** — The first Chulupie Indians here in the Paraguayan Chaco have been baptized and received into Church fellowship.

This baptism of 21 Chulupie men was an event of Sunday, March 9. Approximately 2,500 persons assembled for the service. About 1,500 of them were Lengua and Chulupie Indians and the rest of them Mennonite colonists.

Gospel work among the Chulupies was begun about 12 years ago. Not until about a year and a half ago, however, were there definite responses.

Work among the Chulupies developed out of the missionary program to the Chaco Indians which had its beginning among the Lenguas in the 1930's. The first baptism of Lengua

Indian believers was held in 1946. Today the Lengua Church numbers more than 200 believers.

The most recent Lengua baptism was held on Sunday, March 23. A group of 41 converts was baptized.

These baptisms vividly testify to the power of Christ to change the lives of men from darkness to light. The Chulupie baptism was conducted on a site where several years ago the Indians had their drinking and dancing parties.

The mission work among the Chaco Indians is administered by the North American Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions. The missionary staff consists principally of workers from the churches in Paraguay. The only North American missionaries at present are Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Franz of Coaldale, Alberta.

ed the message. It was refreshing to hear these talented singers praise the Lord in song.

## Singing Class Presents Program

**Rosenort, Man.** — An appreciative audience heard a local singing class augmented by several visitors and directed by Peter Klassen, instructor at the M. B. Bible College, give a varied program of spring songs and religious music in the Greenbank school on April 19.

Mr. Klassen has come out to the school once weekly during the past winter to give singing instruction to local young people. From the repertoire built up during these classes he selected a variety of music for a program.

Joining the singing group for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Janzen, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stobbe, Mrs. Peter Klassen, and Miss Adeline Willems of Winnipeg, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pauls of Morden.

Some of the spring songs were:

"Lerchengesang", "O Welt du bist so schoen", and "Wer pflanzte die Blumen?" The religious songs included "Break Forth Into Joy", "Seek Ye the Lord" with John Pauls as soloist, "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing", and "Heilig, heilig, heilig ist der Herr."

A local baritone, Alvin Brandt, sang a solo, "An die Musik". The visiting ladies sang "Hebe deine Augen auf" and were joined by the men for "All in the April Evening".

The final section of the program was the singing of the last half of "Christ and His Soldiers". Soloists were Mrs. Stobbe, soprano, Miss Willems, alto, Helmut Janzen, baritone, and John Pauls, tenor. Mrs. Pauls was pianist. Peter Klassen directed the choir.

A shady business never yields a sunny life.

Faith ends where worry begins, and worry ends where faith begins.

Does your faith move mountains or do mountains move your faith?

## Winnipeg Convention Program Announced

Winnipeg, Man. — Sunday school workers of Manitoba's northern district M. B. churches will gather in the South End M. B. church, Winnipeg, on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, for a Sunday School Convention.

Rev. F. C. Peters, instructor at the M. B. Bible College, will serve as the main speaker, Mr. D. E. Redekop, chairman, has announced. He will deliver three addresses. Saturday night and Sunday night he will speak on "The Sunday School's Responsibility Towards the Spiritual Nourishment of the Pupil." Sunday afternoon he will speak on "The Spiritual Qualifications of a Sunday School Teacher." The Saturday service begins at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday's sessions are at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.

A feature at the Saturday night session is a series of four workshops. Rev. H. Regehr will lead a workshop on methods of participation in adult Sunday school classes; Rev. H. R. Baerg will lead a workshop on teaching discipleship in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior departments; Miss Nettie Kroeker will lead a workshop on "Laying the Foundations for a Spiritual Giant" in the Nursery to Primary departments, and Leslie Stobbe will discuss "Building Adequate Sunday School and Church Libraries" in the fourth workshop.

Sunday afternoon Rev. I. W. Redekopp will give a report and review of the new Sunday school material. There will also be a question period.

Rev. B. B. Fast will give a report on the Canadian Sunday School Convention at Gem, Alta., at the Sunday night session.

Anyone now serving in the Sunday school—or interested in this field of service—is welcome at these sessions.

## Missionary to Jews Visits Horndean

Horndean, Man. — Rev. and Mrs. Harry Flumbaum of Winnipeg visited the Horndean Mission Chapel on Sunday night, April 20. The need for Jewish evangelism was presented to a full church.

Rev. Flumbaum explained the purpose of the mission to the Jews, relating several experiences in which he had contacted Jews and presented the Messiah to them. After a brief message from God's Word, based on Romans 10, the film "What Mean Ye By This Service?" was shown.

The film contained the story of a Jewish family making preparations and keeping the Passover. In the impressive presentation of this story, the prophecies of the Old Testament

and their fulfillment in Jesus in the New Testament was clearly seen.

During the brief intermission an offering was received for the support of the mission to the Jews in Winnipeg.

## Second Coming of Christ Topic at Lindbrook

Linkbrook, Alta. — Rev. J. F. Redekop of Clearbrook, B.C., served the Lindbrook M. B. Church on April 14 to 16 with a series of inspiring messages on the Lord's return.

During these days of fellowship Rev. Redekop pointed out that all the signs of Christ's second coming are fulfilled and we should constantly watch for His coming. Rev. Redekop also spoke of the seven years of tribulation during which the Anti-Christ will reign, describing those who would meet Christ in the air and those who would remain to suffer God's wrath.

After the heart-stirring messages everyone resolved to live more consistent lives and to testify more for the Lord.

## Mennonites Receive Scholarships

Winnipeg, Man. — Three Manitoba Mennonites have received scholarships for further study from the Canadian Council, it has been announced.

Among those included in the list of scholarship winners announced by the Hon. Brooke Claxton, chairman of the council, are Victor J. Peters, Winnipeg, R. H. Vogt, Winnipeg, and E. E. Reimer, Pine Falls, Man. All three are teachers.

Victor Peters expects to go to Europe for several years to study there.

## Present Youth Work In Kelowna

Kelowna, B.C. — Recently the youth committee of the B.C. Mennonite Brethren churches sent a group of young people to the M. B. church here, since the church here is too distant to participate in inter-church youth activities in the Fraser Valley.

Visiting the M. B. Church here were Rev. John Reimer, field director of the West Coast Children's Mission, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Block, and a ladies' quartet, members of the Ambassadors for Christ of Vancouver.

Jake Block reported on the activities of the young people in British Columbia, while Rev. John Reimer delivered the messages and reported on the work of the West Coast Children's Mission. A silent film supplemented the report. The ladies' quartet provided the music.

## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

### German Material Printed

Several pieces of Christian literature in the German language are being printed for use in our work in Europe. The first is "Ye Must Be Born Again" by Dr. DeHaan. Two thousand copies are being printed. This printing is financed by a sister in California.

### Visits Bible School

Brother D. A. Wirsche and family went to Mexico during the Easter holidays. Brother Wirsche, who is the head of the Bible school at Nuevo Ideal, went to make the necessary arrangements for the teaching staff, curriculum, and other pertinent matters relating to the Bible school program for next year. Another Mexico worker also making further preparation for the work is Sister Maria Schulz. At present she is taking additional training in the Palmore Sanatorium in Chihuahua.

### To Assist in Ruhr

Brother H. H. Janzen has been invited to assist in an evangelistic campaign to be conducted by the Janz Brothers in Essen in the German Ruhr from June 12 to July 10. Brother Janzen has been asked to be present for the last 10 days of the meetings to conduct instructional meetings for the converts, believers and Christian workers. The continued intercessory prayers of God's people are solicited in behalf of Brother Janzen's ministry.

### Maternity Building Dedicated

The new maternity building at Kipungu, Belgian Congo, was dedicated to the Lord's service on February 7. Among those present were two visiting brethren from Saskatchewan, Rev. George B. Dyck of Dalmeny and Dr. A. A. Dick of Saskatoon, who presented brief messages during the dedication service. Also present were Dr. Ernest W. Schmidt of Kajiji and the Congo field builder, Brother Art Wiebe. Following the dedicatory prayer by Brother Ted Martens, Brother Wiebe handed the keys to Brother Schmidt, who opened the doors of the maternity building.

### To Return to Japan

Brother and Sister Harry Friesen and family, on furlough since last summer, are making preparations for returning to Japan this summer. Plans are for them to leave Hillsboro the latter part of May and sail from the West Coast early in June.

### Boys' Dormitory Authorized

Sister Lillian Schafer is also preparing to return to her field of missionary service in Colombia. She is returning, the Lord willing, at the end of May following a period of furlough which began late last October. At LaCumbre she will resume principalship of the school for national children. Construction of a new boys' dormitory for this school has been authorized. Plans are that

the building be completed for use when school begins this fall.

### Return on Furlough

Brother and Sister Ted Fast and family and Sister Regina Suderman left our India field for Bombay on March 29. From there they were to fly to Europe and board a ship for America. These missionaries are coming on furlough after their first term of service in India. Prayer is needed for new workers for the India field. This being the hot season, a good number of our India missionaries have gone to the hills for a brief vacation and period of spiritual refreshing.

### Ministry to Chinese

Brother Lim Khi Thin writes that on the Chinese New Year's holiday he made special visitations to the homes of the many Chinese living on the island of Java and preached the Gospel to them.

### Nurse Hospitalized

Sister Olga Pries Dueck, Curitiba, Brazil, has been hospitalized. Since she is the only nurse at the mission, her absence will be greatly felt.

### Repair Work Completed

Sister Roland Wiens reports that repair work on the recently-purchased boarding house at Kobe, Japan, has been completed. This house serves as home to the children of our missionaries who attend school nearby. "Our hearts are filled with gratitude to all who have made it possible for our mission to obtain this home so near the school," she writes. Living in the Kobe area, the Roland Wienses contact many missionaries of various denominations and societies. Since the Japanese language school is in Kobe, many missionaries spend several years in study there before taking up work in various parts of Japan. Brother and Sister Wiens also indicate they continue to experience God's blessings in their regular ministry to four different groups scattered in three areas.

### Increase In Patients

At Kajiji, Belgian Congo, the next several months will see an increase in the number of patients served at the dispensary. Our missionaries request prayer that grace and wisdom may be their portion so that both bodies and souls may be healed.

## To Extend Boys' Dormitory

Hepburn, Sask. — The major building project this summer at the Bethany Bible Institute here will be the construction of a 40-foot extension to the north end of the boys' dormitory.

The extension to the dormitory will provide a teacher's suite and a dorm bathroom on the main floor and six rooms and a bathroom on the second floor.

# Conductors Gather to Prepare for Better Service

By Peter Penner

For the second time in the history of music-making in the M.B. Church of Canada, choir conductors from Ontario to B.C. converged on the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg, for a course designed by the Music Committee of the Canadian M.B. Conference to help conductors develop skills and improve their talents.

Thirty-eight conductors registered for the three-day course, April 9 to 11, which featured Ben and Esther Horch, CFAM, Altona, and Peter Klassen, M.B. Bible College as lecturers; while Victor Martens, M.B. Bible College voice instructor and Cornelius Balzer, North Kildonan, gave instruction in choral conducting and repertoire, respectively.

## Gesangbuch "Unique Phenomenon"

Although the practical workshops were most helpful, the more philosophical discussions were no less interesting and enlightening. One of the high points of the convention came when Ben Horch, music director of CFAM and a member of the Canadian M.B. Conference hymnbook committee, outlined the historical background of the M. B. *Gesangbuch* and emphasized the uniqueness of our denominational heritage in hymns. He said the *Gesangbuch* was the result of a unique phenomenon, to use his term, "genuine folk-metamorphosis" in music. The American gospel songs, introduced into the M.B. churches of Russia, underwent significant changes by their use there and were brought back to Canada by the immigrants after World War I as "Kernlieder".

The hymnbook committee is now working on an English translation of the *Gesangbuch* for the Canadian M.B. churches in order to preserve in the English language the "new song" created by this metamorphosis. An English translation will serve to continue to unite the brethren in all provinces and should serve to bring about a sharing of our distinctive musical heritage with the American brethren in the future.

## Evangelism With Music

In the same lecture he again underscored the opportunity and challenge that is ours to reach the intellectual and nominal Christian with the Gospel through serious music of our own making based on our own heritage. Gospel songs with mediocre music will never reach them.

On Friday he outlined for the conductors CFAM's policy of programming, in order to gain their moral support for good music through the mass medium of radio. He proved statistically that good music, as programmed by CFAM, the first Mennonite radio station in



These are some of the participants at the choir conductors' course offered at the M. B. Bible College by the Canadian M. B. Conference music committee. In the first row, from left, are: Rev. P. Dick, music director at Eden Christian College; Ed Biffart, Woodrow, Sask.; Wm. Wiebe, MEI principal, Clearbrook, B.C.; J. D. Duerksen, St. Catharines, Ont.; W. Neufeld, Saskatoon; P. Martens, Coaldale; H. P. Neufeldt, music director at the M. B. Bible Institute, Clearbrook, B.C.; Rev. C. D. Toews, music director at the MEI, Clearbrook; C. Balzer, Winnipeg; Victor Martens and Peter Klassen, music instructors at M. B. Bible College; Mrs. Ben Horch, CFAM Altona, and Miss Kornelson, Coaldale.

In the second row are: E. Klassen, Yarrow, B.C.; Rev. J. Klassen, Manitou, Man.; H. J. Wiebe, Chilliwack, B.C.; A. Duerksen, St. Catharines; H. P. Schroeder, Elm Creek, Man.; V. Neufeld, CMBC, Winnipeg; H.

Janzen, Winnipeg; D. Duerksen, Winnipeg; J. Martens, Steinbach; A. Olfert, Clearbrook, B.C.; and Henry Voth, music director at M. B. Bible College.

From left in the third row: J. Thiessen, music director at MBCI, Winnipeg; A. Loewen, Steinbach; R. Boschman, music director at Sharon Mennonite Collegiate, Yarrow, B.C.; A. Konrad, Coaldale; J. Isaak, Springstein, Man.; P. Siebert, Coaldale; A. Andres, St. Catharines; D. Thiessen, St. Catharines; and J. Siebert, Coaldale.

In the fourth row are: H. Konrad, Winkler, Man.; J. Neufeld, Lena, Man.; J. Pauls, St. Catharines; J. Olfert, Clearbrook, B.C.; J. Voth, Coaldale; P. Loewen, Thornhill, Man.; J. Wittenberg, Abbotsford, B.C.; and H. Reimer, Steinbach. Not on the picture are H. J. Dyck, AMHS principal, Coaldale, and Rev. P. Penner, East Chilliwack Bible School teacher.

Canada, can bring back radio listening. In all the provinces, except Manitoba, radio sales in 1957 went down from seven to twenty-eight percent; whereas in Manitoba, since CFAM went in the air in March, 1957, they have gone up twenty-two percent.

(Mrs.) Esther Horch, in two lectures, gave a historical survey of the great hymn writers and their hymns as they are found in the *Mennonite Hymnary*, a truly representative hymnbook. She briefly discussed the merits of the hymns of Greek, Latin, German, English and American origin.

## Increase Repertoire

A very valuable contribution was made by Cornelius Balzer, Manitoba representative in the conference music committee and conductor of both a church and a radio choir, in an item called "repertoire". Directing a small choir made up of singers of sight-reading ability, he performed a large selection of songs suitable for use in worship services and at special occasions. All the numbers performed, and many more, were on display and could be purchased for use in the home churches. Some of the composers recommended were W. H. Anderson, J. S. Bach, Caleb Simper and Naegeli, to mention only a few. The standard set was this: The music must be utterly sincere, not too sentimental musically and textually, and must serve only to transport and beautify the text.

Peter Klassen, instructor in music at the M.B. Bible College, gave three lectures on the history of the Baroque period, that period in the history of music which in-

cludes the great composers from Heinrich Schuetz to Handel and Bach. Baroque music refers to music which has a lot of ornamentation, yet the compositions of Schuetz and Bach are the very kind of solid, serious church music which we need to learn to appreciate and use today. It was pointed out and demonstrated, too, that their music is up-to-date. Besides, it has the German text. Peter Klassen intimated that such music should be considered for use today as a standard of excellence and as a medium of discrimination for conductors and choir members.

Of the greatest benefit in a practical way were the five choral workshops conducted by Victor Martens, who studied conducting under Kurt Thomas for two years at the Nordwestdeutsche Musikakademie, Detmold, Germany. He demonstrated breathing and relaxing exercises as well as the conducting forms now in vogue in Germany. Although these were new to many and may therefore be a trifle frustrating to some of the experienced conductors, they were recognized by all as very meaningful, precise, as well as graceful. Through practical exercises and constructive criticism, Victor Martens taught us how to attempt to master the conducting of more demanding scores. He spent much time on the cue and off-beat, as well as on the signalling and singing of entries.

One thing became clear after the total impact of these workshops and demonstrations had impressed itself on our minds: Poor choirs are the fault of unskilled and poorly-prepared conductors.

## Panel Discussions

Two panels had been organized to discuss the topics: "Ministry through Music" and "What Place has Professionalism in Christian Music?". The first, chaired by Peter Klassen, included Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the South End M.B. Church; Rev. A. A. Kroeker, a leader in Christian education; John Wittenberg, Abbotsford high school teacher, and Rev. Peter Dick, instructor at Eden Christian College. These brethren represented the viewpoints of the pastor, the Sunday School, the conductors and the youth worker as to music as a service unto God.

The other topic, more charged with controversy and meriting more discussion than it received, was dealt with by three conductors and a minister under the chairmanship of Bill Wiebe, principal of MEI, Clearbrook. The panelists were Cornelius Balzer, Rev. H. R. Baerg, faculty member of M.B. Bible College, Rudy Boschmann, Sharon Mennonite Collegiate, Yarrow, and Harold Dyck, Alberta Mennonite High School, Coaldale. It was thought that vocalists and instrumentalists called in from the outside to serve at special occasions should certainly be remunerated just as speakers who are invited from the outside. It was stressed, however, that professionalism harbours distinct dangers for spiritual life and lay participation. It was suggested that each local church use and improve its own talent as much as possible, even for special musical projects.

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### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Many fascinating things happen in nature when spring comes. When God created the world He made things orderly and marvelously.

Think of the bear. He's been sleeping all winter. We call it hibernating. In spring he comes out of the cave or wherever he has been sleeping and starts to look for food. All winter he hasn't even bothered with food—God put in him the instinct to eat so much in summer and fall that he didn't need to eat all winter.

Or think of the grass. In most places it just dried up and turned brown. All winter the roots stayed in the ground and saved up food for the spring. Then when the sun started shining warmly again the grass started to grow leaves again, making all the fields look so green.

Maybe you have wondered about the trees, standing so bare in winter without any leaves. In spring the buds suddenly start swelling. They grow fatter and fatter until they burst open and small green leaves start growing. All summer long the leaves act as factories for the tree. Who told the trees to grow leaves in spring? God made it that way.

You will also have noticed that the birds fly south in winter to escape the cold. In spring they come back to sing their beautiful songs. Who told them it was warm in the south? Who helps them find back to their home thousands of miles away when they come back in spring? God put that instinct in them!

Yes, God made all things beautiful and wonderful. Let's think of these things as we watch the green leaves coming out, the flowers blooming, and the birds coming back to build their nest.

Aunt Selma

## The Bridge Across the Gorge

Many years ago some pioneers were fleeing from a band of Indians. They had been caught in a surprise attack by the Indians. Only twelve had escaped alive! Now these were trying to get away. The Indians were trailing them. One of the pioneers, Seth Brown, knew the ways of the Indians. He was good at making trails through the woods.

Four days passed. Now Indians were getting closer to the white men. The men were frightened. They went into the rocky hills. The Indians followed them. Seth Brown said, "We cannot hide our tracks. The Indians can easily see them. If we can keep far enough ahead, we can escape."

On the fifth day, the men came to a deep gorge. It had been made by a stream flowing between two mountain peaks. The gorge was deep. It was about thirty feet deep. The men knew that if they wanted to escape from the Indians, they must cross the gorge.

Seth Brown said, "Let us hunt for a long, strong vine!" The men searched. One came running back, crying out, "I have found one!" It was a vine fifty feet long, and as thick as a man's arm. Quickly the men cut the vine and dragged it to the gorge. They fastened one end securely around a tree trunk. They tied the other end around the waist of Seth Brown.

"Now," cried Seth Brown, "swing me back and forth until I can reach the other side of the gorge." Back and forth, back and forth, they swung, Seth Brown. Finally he caught hold of a large rock on the other side of the gorge. He quickly climbed up and fastened his end of the vine. A great shout went up! Then he went back across the gorge, hand over hand, on the vine. He did this to test the vine to see if it was strong enough. Then, one by one, the men crossed over the gorge on the vine-bridge.

At last, only Seth Brown was left. Instead of crossing over to the other side of the gorge, Seth Brown cried out, "Loosen your end of the vine!" The eleven men obeyed. Then Seth Brown loosened his end of the vine, and threw the vine down into the gorge. "You are safe men," called Seth Brown. "I knew that one of us had to stay here, and loosen this end to save the rest. If we had left the vine fastened here, the Indians could have crossed over the gorge!"

Seth Brown died bravely! He gave his life to save eleven men. Those men never failed to tell about his wonderful act.

We are beside a deep gorge. Sin and eternal death are on one side. Heaven is on the other side. Men have tried to cross this gorge by building bridges of good deeds. All is in vain. There is only one bridge

across this gorge, and that is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He gave His life to make a way for us to escape eternal death and gain eternal life. Jesus is the only Way to Heaven. Will you not trust in Him to save you? The Bible says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

### How the Kitchen-Maid Shone for Jesus

Annie was a kitchen-maid, and one of her duties was to clean the knives. That is not a very nice kind of job, but Annie had given her heart to the Lord Jesus, and she was trying to spend every minute of her time for Him. She sang away cheerily as she rubbed the knives (they were not stainless-steel!) up and down the board,

"Jesus bids us shine

With a clear pure light.

Like a little candle

Burning in the night.

In this world of darkness

We must shine.

You in your small corner —

And I in mine."

The cook looked round the door and said, "You need not take so much trouble over the knives, Annie."

"Oh, yes, I must," was her reply, "because I am doing them for the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:23).

Cook went away, and began wondering what she could do to shine in her corner, and then she thought, "There are visitors coming tonight. I must cook an extra nice dinner." So she took special trouble over it, and the next day one of the young ladies said to her, "Cook, that was a very nice dinner you gave us last night."

"Oh, Miss, that was all along of Annie and the knives," and Cook told Miss Jean all about Annie shining in her corner, even when she was cleaning the knives. It made Miss Jean think of her corner, and she said to herself, "I know, there's that lace I promised to iron for Margaret (her sister). I will do it for the Lord Jesus." So she took special care over the lace, and when she had finished, she laid it on Margaret's bed.

"How beautifully you ironed my lace, Jean," said Margaret a little later. "Oh, that was all through Annie and the knives!" laughed Jean, and went on to explain.

God wants us to make servants of our desires, not for us to be servants to them, as we are if Giant "I" is on the throne of our hearts. You know, when we listen to his greedy, selfish voice, and obey him, we are being slaves to Giant "I", and grow up into horrid, unhappy men and women. But when we put God first and turn Giant "I" out of our hearts and lives, then we grow up into

loving, happy men and women! Let us each one make up our minds to send Giant "I" flying out of our hearts today, and to ask the Lord Jesus to come and take the throne there instead.

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# FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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The Berlin Tiergarten was favored with at least four hours of attention by the interested, nature-loving Mennonites. There were more than twenty-four thousand different animals, many of which the tourists had never even heard of before, but which fascinated them. After a while they rode on the Ringbahn that boasted of one train leaving each stop every minute and that rode on the surface of the earth, below it, above it, and even underneath the Spree River that crossed the capital. The Kaiser's palace fascinated Franz. He imagined the Kaiser, an imposing figure with a bushy upturned mustache, seated in a big soft chair on a beautiful Persian rug.

"Why don't they fix up his palace a bit?" Franz asked.

"That palace is centuries old," said one of his cousins. "The Kaiser wants to preserve it just the way it was when it was built around 1700."

The twins were afraid of the palace guards and were ready to move on when they caught sight of them. After the party from the Ukraine had viewed the famous Unter den Linden with its four rows of handsome linden and chestnut trees, the Brandenburger Tor, the Reichstag and the University of Berlin, they stopped at the old city library. Liesbeth insisted on going in.

"There must be at least a hundred thousand volumes in that building," she guessed.

"You are most conservative," August said to her. His cousin had just told him that the library held over a million books.

"It would take a lifetime to read even one-tenth of them, but it would be a pleasant experience," Liesbeth answered, awed. Then she added, "The number of books that I have read so far, including Vater's library and my own schoolbooks, is less than six times the number of fingers on my hands. Isn't that terrible?"

"In America you'll have so many books to read that you won't know what to do with them," Franz consoled her.

As planned, Liesbeth and her family left Berlin a few minutes after sundown. They were going to Hamburg, where their baggage had been sent by mistake. Whoever did it must have been under the impression that the Cassel would leave from Hamburg instead of from Bremen. Liesbeth was glad they were going to Hamburg. It was slightly out of the way, and she might have the op-

portunity for a little side trip. Vater seemed interested in her idea. Perhaps he was the one who had sidetracked the baggage. Perhaps, too, he had done it intentionally.

About nine o'clock that evening, just outside a Saxony city, the train slowed down almost to a standstill. Most passengers crowded to the car windows. They could hear band music. "Fest steht die Wacht am Rhein", a military band on a lighted field was playing. Then soldiers in the various parts of the field marched, thousands of them.

"Maybe they are marching for the Kaiser," Franz said.

"At this late hour?" asked Liesbeth.

"I wouldn't be so sure," Mutter said. "Think of all those airplanes we saw. Something is in the air, and I don't mean just planes. Pray, children, that we may reach America safely before a war breaks out," she added. The thought of her five sons living in a militaristically-minded, war-hungry Europe was almost too much for peace-loving, war-hating Mutter to endure. That was the first time she had seen marching soldiers or heard a band play a military march.

"I see six soldiers on horses! Look at them. Maybe one of them is the Kaiser!" Franz exclaimed.

Liesbeth nodded her head, knowing that she probably would not recognize the German emperor if she saw him.

In 1913, Hamburg, the second largest city of Germany, was a beautiful place. The canals that traversed it, the many bridges that spanned those canals, two large lakes, artistically landscaped gardens, promenades and public parks gave the city an idyllic, pastoral setting. Its origin in the ninth century, under Charlemagne, had a wealth of historical background. Unfortunately, Liesbeth's family was not prepared to stay there long, and Vater chose to use all of the available time for an outing to Oldesloe, the burial place of Menno Simons, the minister and writer after whom the Mennonites had been named.

Menno Simons was born in Holland, but when Dutch authorities put a price on his head, he fled to Germany. Eventually he sought refuge among the Holstein Mennonites near Oldesloe settlement. There he maintained a little print shop for publishing his writings. There he was buried. During the destructive Thirty Years' War of the seventeenth century the Holstein Mennonite settlement, as well as Menno

Simon's grave, were destroyed. Those who survived the war moved to Hamburg and to Altona west of that city.

Oldesloe proved to be about thirty kilometers northeast of Hamburg, just a stone's throw north of a little river and about the same distance west of the Mecklenburg city of Lubeck. The print shop still was standing and was being used as a rest home. In an open place where Menno Simons' grave was supposed to have been, the Hamburg-Altona Mennonites, in 1906, had erected a monument in his honor. It was that memorial that Vater wanted to see and to show to his family. The big impressive rock contained a large bronze picture of the man who gave the Mennonites their name.

"So this is where Menno Simons lived and died!" Vater said thoughtfully, hat in hand. Then he slowly added, "For thirty years, like a hunted deer, he fled from place to place and from country to country because he chose to live by his convictions rather than give them up.

So that was the reason why Vater was leaving Europe and going to America, and why he wanted his family to see that memorial, Liesbeth reasoned. He had seen a threat to his non-resistance, non-conformity convictions and he was going to America to be free to live by his Mennonite faith. There at Oldesloe he wanted to give his family a concrete demonstration of that purpose. It reminded Liesbeth of Katja Korniejevna's parting words, "Always be sure that your convictions are resting on the truth. Then carry them out to the best of your ability." So far as Liesbeth was concerned, a year or two before she had resolved to do exactly that.

The ocean-bound travelers experienced a number of delays in Bremen and spent a whole week waiting there. Liesbeth used most of the time to walk among the gabled houses of the Altstadt, or Old City, some of which had been built under Charlemagne as early as the eighth century. That part of Bremen had a turbulent history. The walks, towers and windows told long stories about a struggle for independence, about the Reformation, Napoleon, French wars, pirates and the Hanseatic League. Liesbeth lingered for some time in front of the statue of Roland a few steps from the town hall erected in medieval times as a symbol of freedom. "Those people," she mused, "really must have known the value of freedom; they had to fight for it before they could have it, and they had to struggle to keep it. They would do it again, if they were placed in the same circumstances."

The Cassel belonged to the Norddeutscher Lloyd, a German steamship company. It was about ready to start on its last trip across the ocean. Liesbeth and the other members of her family were put through the embarkation mill. They had to

turn all of their clothing and other personal belongings over to the ship company's personnel for boiling, steaming, disinfection processes, while their bodies, with the exception of the head, were bathed and scrubbed in shower rooms. That was the usual treatment accorded to Austrians, Hungarians, gypsies, Poles, Jews and the people from Slavic countries. It was supposed to kill vermin and germs. For some strange reason, Germany's methodical system overlooked the hair of the passengers, and the very first evening Mutter caught a little louse on Liesbeth's back. That meant that there would be lice on the boat, too. They shuddered at the thought.

With the prescribed vaccinations, eye examinations and medical check-ups completed and the passports, visas and tickets safely tucked in Vater's pockets, they knew that the ocean voyage was in sight. Soon they would be permitted to enter the little motorboat Kehrewieder, or Come Again, on the Weser within the Bremen city limits. That would transport them to Bremerhaven and the Cassel, three hours and about forty kilometers away.

"We hope we will be seeing you again some time," Liesbeth mumbled, as she looked at Bremerhaven and Germany behind it, while she and her family slowly climbed the steps to the Cassel. Then her thoughts faced America, her future home. "California, here we come with our bundles," she said in an effort to be cheery. "May our life in the New World be as pleasant and as meaningful as our sojourn in the Old World has been, and may each step onward lead us toward a desired goal."

## CHAPTER XXVIII

### FROM THE OLD TO THE NEW WORLD

The Zwischendeck, or steerage number 5b, of the Cassel was Liesbeth's ocean home in the belly of the boat. Mutter, sisters, Vater and brothers with about seventy other men, women and children were domiciled in that big room.

Steadily the Cassel pounded its way through the water past the East and West Frisian Islands. Back of the latter, on the mainland, lay Groningen and Friesland, the northernmost provinces of the Netherlands. In that region, in Wittmarsum, in 1492, Menno Simons was born. There he worked and suffered with the Anabaptists, who, a little later, were called Mennonites. It was from that part of Holland that the Mennonites around Elbing and Danzig had come. There their ancestors had helped build dikes, sluices and artificial embankments, changing a morass to a rich agricultural region. Years later their descendants had used their land-reclaiming skills in subduing the floods of Prussia's Vistula River.

(To be continued)

## The Congolese Asks

In a recent issue of *The Evangelical Mennonite*, Missionary Levi Keidel reports on a typical question and answer period during Pastor Kazadi's visit to a Belgian Congo church.

Pastor Kazadi returned to the Congo after a visit of six months in Canada and the United States. His trip was sponsored by the Congo Inland Mission, a co-operative Mennonite mission board.

Reporting on his visit to America, Pastor Kazadi first delivers a sermon and then follows it with a question and answer period. He then meets the smaller groups, such as women, young people, etc., to answer more specific questions.

The following is a typical question and answer series:

Q. Did you see any bad people in America?

A. (By Pastor Kazadi) Do you think the ocean is too big for the devil to get across? I may have seen a drunk, but was I supposed to take out my notebook and record the time and place because "this is something that will really help my people in the Congo?" Did I go to hunt bad things to bring you weaknesses—or good things to give us strength?

Q. Did you find women teaching men like is done here in Congo? (Obviously a reference to the many women missionaries—Ed.)

A. I found women doing desk work in all the hotels. I found offices full of writing machines operated by women. I found women teaching in Bible schools. At a university someone pointed out an old gray-haired lady and said, "This woman has trained many men who are leaders in business, religion and the important affairs of life. She has taught here all her life." Boys must not come to class harboring despite for a woman teacher, but with a humble spirit, and a hunger to learn all they can.

Q. Did you really find much difference between the Catholic and Protestant churches in America?

A. Do you know what Catholics believe? (Yes) Do you know what Protestants believe? (Yes) Do you know church history? (Yes) Then why do you ask a question like that?

Q. Did they ever show you a bundle of money and say, "This we are sending to help your people in Congo?"

A. I can't recall that they did. However, if you have any question about whether or not they send us money, who built this church that you are standing in? (I don't know) Who built the class building you study in? (I don't know). Well, it might be a good idea if you would find out.

Q. Does the employer make the employees give the tithe of his salary to the church?

A. In America they have a holiday called Thanksgiving. On that day everyone brings gifts of the harvest to the front of the church in thanksgiving to God for a good crop. They bring their tithes. Then because they really love God, in addition they bring Him a love offering. Then the families go home, eat a nice dinner, and stay quietly in the house all the rest of the day thanking God for all He has given them.

Q. Why don't American people send us more of the things we need?

A. The American people build their churches, pay their pastors, build Bible schools to teach their children, build hospitals for the sick, care for their old people, feed the orphans and widows and then in addition they spend much money to send some of their people over here to tell us about Jesus. If they hadn't come, would we be sitting in this church? Would we have these clean bodies and minds and the clothes we have? Would we have our Christian wives and families about us? Now after all this, what one thing have we done for them? Is it time for us to send them a thank you, or to complain that they don't help us more?

Q. Where do American people get all their money?

A. They work. Everybody works. Some of us say that the American people have everything they want because their land is rich. But we must get that thinking out of our heads. I saw rich people and poor people. But whether they were rich

or poor, none of them have as easy a life as we do. I can sit outside my hut and do nothing all day and I know when evening comes my wife will go to the field to get cassava and make me a meal. I don't have to worry about a job. I don't have to worry about getting snowed on. But if you sit and do nothing in America you will starve. And when the cold season comes you will freeze to death.

Q. How do pastors get the money they need to build their churches and do the work of God?

A. The pastor and the people decide what needs to be done and then the people bring the money and do it. Sometimes if the church wants to raise some money the women decide to have a big church supper. Each of the ladies fixes something real nice at her house. Then that night they all bring their food to the church and the men come and buy it all back from them.

One missionary has observed that: "If Kazadi continues to stand fast, his trip to the States will be one of the best investments the CIM has ever made."

Missionary Keidel writes, "He is under pressure. Though the church leaders and strong laymen are receiving great benefit from his counsel, there are those who are eager to trap him into saying something that can be used as anti-white propaganda. Kazadi has told us 'I know what comes from my mouth will bring life or death to the Congo church. Sometimes when I am before the people the devil wants to take hold of my tongue and make it say something bad. God is giving me strength. You must pray for me.'"

### Conductors Gather

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#### Three Recitals

The conductors were favoured with three well-executed recitals during the evening sessions. On Wednesday night, Victor Martens sang the first ten songs of the Schubert Lieder cycle, "Die schöne Müllerin", also a number of sacred songs, among them songs by Bach and Schuetz, to illustrate the music of the Baroque period. One example was Schuetz' *Geistliches Konzert*, entitled "Ich werde nicht sterben", accompanied by piano and two violins. Wanda Dick was the pianist and the two Konrad sisters, violinists.

Three children's choirs performed on Thursday evening: The Gospel Light Children's Choir under the direction of Frieda Duerksen; a community choir which ranked high in the Manitoba Festival under (Mrs.) Helen Litz — and which especially delighted us with its rendition of such German folk songs as "Der frohe Wanderer"; and (Mrs.) Viola Falk's group of girls

from 11 to 16 years of age, who demonstrated ensemble (unconducted) singing. The first two choirs were accompanied by Wilma Toews.

On Friday evening the M.B. Bible College Oratorio Choir, under the direction of Victor Martens and accompanied by Wanda Dick, rendered a partial performance of Bach's *Passion* according to St. John. Peter Koslowsky sang the tenor recitatives. The performance was called an informal rehearsal and was given solely for the benefit of the conductors. The choir had recently performed this *Passion* in the Elmwood M.B. Church.

#### Set Standards

All of these recitals served to set a standard to which all may aspire. They were not given for entertainment but in order to challenge us by demonstrating what can be done in the right musical climate and with well-developed skills of singing and conducting.

The convention closed with a short business session which centered on the merits and methods of staging a "Mennonite Concert Series" for Mennonite communities

and with a decision to plan a conductor's course on the Canadian Conference level for every second year only. The provincial committees were encouraged to continue to convene and improve their "Dirigentenkurse" on an annual basis.

The conductors, under the chairmanship of C. D. Toews, voiced their gratitude to the administration and staff of the M.B. Bible College for the warm reception received, for the blessings of chapel participation, for the use of the College chapel for all sessions of the convention and for the privilege of fellowshiping with the students in the dining hall.

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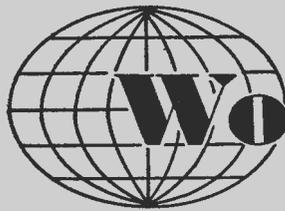
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# Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

## Baptists To Visit Russia

Two Baptist leaders will visit Moscow next month to confer with co-religionists. The two men, Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, president of the American Baptist Convention, and Representative Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, also said they would propose at the next annual meetings of their Conventions that peace committees be established to give Baptists a more effective peace action program.

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## Alcohol a Killer

Alcohol was a prime factor in 55 per cent of the fatal accidents in New York City last year. The police department said that 38 of the 69 drivers who were killed had sig-

nificant amounts of alcohol in their systems. The drinking drivers not only killed themselves but killed seven other people, including two pedestrians and injured 29 more.

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## Advertising Possible

Spot announcements offering Bible correspondence courses are now being accepted by 100,000-watt Radio Ceylon. Prior to October, 1957, this powerful station aired many Christian programs. Due to Buddhist pressure the broadcasts were cut off. However, by spot announcements the missionaries can offer their Bible lessons to millions of listeners through all India. Government radio stations in India will not accept Christian programs.

## Negligible Increase in Radiation

Nuclear explosions over the last year have not caused any appreciable increase in the Canadian level of long-term radioactivity, Dr. E. A. Watkinson, principal medical officer, environmental health and special projects, has said in an interview. He declared that radiation exposure from nuclear fallout still represents only a small fraction of the radiation to which man has always been subjected from a variety of natural sources.

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## Canada Whittles at Wheat Surplus

Canada appears to be making headway in whittling down its huge stockpile of wheat thanks to increased exports and a below-normal crop last year. But stocks are still nearly 55 per cent above normal.

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## New Plane Reaches 1,000 MPH

The supersonic CF-105 fighter aircraft was put through its paces last week at speeds up to 1,000 miles per hour. The huge white interceptor plane was taken up twice from Toronto's Malton airport by the test pilot.

The plane is expected to reach speeds of 1,500 miles per hour when its present temporary engines are replaced by more powerful and lighter Iroquois engines.

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## MDS Contact Men Meet

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In regards to organization, Mr. Loewen mentioned that their aim is to keep it as simple as possible. Basically, the organization is regional, not national. At this time in Canada there are three regional MDS groups located in B.C., Ontario and Manitoba.

Mr. Loewen emphasized that the work is essential, but in order to experience the desired effect it must be done in the right spirit, the spirit of Christian love.

### Testimonies of Fargo Workers

The afternoon session was opened with the reading of II Cor. 5:14-21 and prayer. Next followed the testimonies of four men who had attended the Fargo disaster of last year. They revealed that the need had been very great, also touching upon the gratefulness of the people for the help given.

Mr. Wilbert Loewen introduced the "Good Neighbor Award", which had been presented to MDS at a

banquet on April 9 by the leading men of Fargo. One hundred dollars was given Manitoba MDS as a token of gratitude. The mayor of Fargo had testified at the banquet that the words "In the Name of Christ" had spoken to him. This gave the MDS executive an opportunity for testimony and the reading of parts of I John.

The afternoon address was presented by Rev. Henry Poettcker, instructor at the Canadian Mennonite Bible Collège, who spoke on the theme, "The Biblical Exhortation to Christian Love." The nature of the biblical exhortation was revealed by the application of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Rev. Poettcker stated that the biblical exhortation rests upon what God in Christ has done for us, and thus we should walk in love as Christ loved us.

In closing, Rev. Poettcker emphasized that the believer's response must arise out of the finished work of Christ and must always be in God's purpose. God wants to use His disciples to further His purpose, so they must be examples of practical Christianity.

### Report on Chicago Conference

Wilbert Loewen closed the afternoon session with a report on the Chicago MDS conference, where some of the following questions were raised:

- Is our motivation right?
- Why is it only Mennonite Disaster Service? Why don't others join?
- Should women engage?
- Should we go into rescue work?

It was concluded that Christians must also minister to the physical needs of a stricken humanity to win them to Christ.

# God's Word IN MAN'S WORLD



## High Cost in Every Realm

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

The high cost of living has always been high on the list of topics coming under the heading of frustration and complaint. To paraphrase, "thus it has been and thus it shall be" for the length of living on this old globe.

And of course, there is the general feeling that the rise has been too swift and too sharp on the upward incline. But for all of that, our load is lighter than that of other lands. According to a survey recently undertaken by an assigned bureau of the United Nations, costs have risen by more than the 6% increase experienced in the United States, by a dozen or so other nations. The percentage is 18 for Great Britain; traveling down south to Brazil, it notes the rise of 107%—and if you feel burdened, behold the plight of Bolivia with its 2,276% ballooning.

There is high cost in every realm, and there is an area of economic consciousness with all of us. But what of the region marked out from time-and-world known as the sphere of the spiritual, the environs of the eternal? For be well aware of this truth indicated in the Word: there is a definite impact of "spiritual economics" in this, the most important of all. "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36) marks the speech of market for the priceless commodity of the soul.

The cost of living without linkage with the Lord of life is so high—so very high—that it passes far, far beyond the setting of human speech. One pictured it this way, after a certain manner, but this is far too poor, even at poetry's best:

"The loss of friends is much—  
The loss of health is more—  
But the loss of Christ is such a loss  
As nothing can restore."

Friends are near, health is closer, but the distance from the Saviour is so great that no familiar words of desired comparison can point up e'en fraction-of-picture. Thus the note of emergency which rings the gospel invitations; the cry of warning woven into the witness; the impact of the heavenly invitations. "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:37)—prime concern!

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## CANADASCOPE

### CLC Convenes at Winnipeg

The 1,150,000-member Canadian Labor Congress opened its second annual convention on Monday, April 21. The largest labor assembly in Canada met for five days in the Civic auditorium. Nearly 2,000 registered delegates were present.

President Claude Jodoin told the congress in his opening address that lower taxes and higher wages would give the Canadian economy a lift.

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## Obituaries

### Doctor Dies After Operation

Dr. John A. Peters, 38, of Winnipeg, Man., died suddenly on April 16. He had just completed an operation in the Concordia hospital and was arising to greet another doctor when he was stricken.

Funeral services for Dr. Peters were held from the First Mennonite church, Winnipeg, on Friday afternoon, April 18. Fellow doctors served as pallbearers. Rev. J. H. Enns officiated.



Dr. Peters was born in Russia and came to Canada at the age of 10 with his mother and a brother. He received his education in the Winkler area of Manitoba, later graduating from the University of Manitoba in arts and medicine.

Dr. Peters had been active in youth activities in the First Mennonite Church and was presently president of the recently established Mennonite Educational Society planning to open a second Mennonite high school in Winnipeg for the 1958-59 school year.

Survivors are his wife, Irene; two sons, John and Paul; a daughter, Ingrid; his mother, Mrs. J. J. Siemens, Winkler, a brother, Victor, of Winnipeg, a step-brother, and three step-sisters.

### Mr. Peter Teichroeb

Mr. Peter Teichroeb of Caronport, Sask., passed away on March 25 in the Moose Jaw, Sask., hospital after a lengthy illness. Death is attributed to cancer.

Mr. Teichroeb was born on December 26, 1926, in Mexico. At the present time he was a high school teacher at Caronport, Sask., where he taught at the Briercrest Bible Institute.

Funeral service were held at the school, with Rev. H. Hildebrand officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian; two sons, Brian, 4, and Larry, 3; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Teichroeb, Matsqui, B.C.; two brothers, Jake and John, Matsqui, B.C.; and one sister, Mrs. D. Niessen, Borden, Sask.

The family is thankful to the many friends who interceded for the late Mr. Teichroeb during his lengthy illness, including two major operations, and who have shared in the sorrow of the bereaved after his passing.

## Weddings

### Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. August B. Schmidt, pioneer residents in the Abbotsford area, were honored by family and friends at their golden wedding on March 30.

The family gathered for a banquet at the Del Air cafe banquet room for a family observance of the occasion. Later they were joined by more than 300 friends in an anniversary service at the Grace EMB church. Rev. H. P. Wiebe delivered the main message, while the members of the family presented a pleasing musical program.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt were married in Dalmeny, Sask., on April 2, 1908, and resided in the prairie community until 1934, when they came to Abbotsford. Mr. Schmidt is a building contractor.

Present for the celebration were ten of the Schmidt's eleven children. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Enns of California were unable to attend. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ellet Smith of Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schmidt, missionaries to Ethiopia now on furlough; Mr. and Mrs. George Heppner of Abbotsford; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt of Mt. Lehman; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schmidt of Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Schmidt of Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schmidt of Chilliwack; Miss Sue Schmidt of Abbotsford, Miss Beulah Schmidt of Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Schmidt, missionaries to the Belgian Congo. Also in attendance were 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



### The Unsmiling Orphan

"Of Korea's many heart-breaking sights, perhaps the one which twists the heart most painfully is the face of the emaciated child."

The Rev. James Claypool, director of Korea Church World Service through which MCC operates in Korea, continues the picture:

"You see the face repeated in almost every bed at the Pusan Children's Charity Hospital. The pitiful child looking up at you is not aware that smile you give him is backed by a heart-full of tears—tears which you manage to hold until you are out of sight of the unsmiling orphan.

"And this child is one of the unfortunate ones! Though his body may be twisted and full of sores or disease, he has a roof over his head and a tin food-cup in his hand.

"Yes, these are fortunate ones! There are thousands of children, emaciated and sick, who are never found by someone who cares enough or is able to give them food and shelter."

Two MCC nurses serve in the Pusan Children's Charity Hospital to help restore abandoned children to good health—Margaret Wiens (Vancouver) and Arlene Zimmerman (Bareville, Pa.)

Two other nurses—Katherine Friesen (Marquette, Man.) and Anna Klassen (Winnipeg)—serve in a similar hospital at Seoul where they are bringing hope to neglected Korean youngsters.

### Mennonites Contribute Food for Relief

Midwestern Mennonites provided 59,410 cans of beef, pork, chicken and turkey this season which will be shipped overseas for distribution to needy people.

The meat was processed in the MCC mobile canner which visited communities in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri and Indiana. Operators were Leonard Steider (Schickley, Nebr.) and John Ruebke (Prettie Prairie, Kans.).

Other midwestern communities, which have their own canning facilities, contributed meat. Eastern Mennonites processed meat for the second year in their plant in Akron, Pa., built specifically for that purpose. West Coast Mennonites again contributed fruit for overseas distribution.

### Sealing a Part of Service

The sealing season has been a major event for Mennonite volunteers in Twillingate, Newfoundland, as they seek to share life with Newfoundland people by teaching and nursing.

Many of the nurses who serve in the Notre Dame Bay Memorial Hospital were taken by plane to Lower Head on North Island at the northern peninsula of Newfoundland to see the thousands of seals on "ice-pans" (cakes of ice) before the wind swept them out into the ocean again.

Many Newfoundland people with whom the volunteers live and work, go sealing annually. Seal hunting is one of the most risky occupations in

the world, the volunteers have been told, yet the number of persons applying each year is more than can go.

The heavy Arctic ice may close in on a boat under the pressure of wind, threatening the boat until a change of wind loosens the prisoning ice. The air is intensely cold at this time too.

MCC nurses were at the hospital radio when one of the sealing captains radioed that a crew member was sick and the boat was jammed with ice. The hospital physician dispatched a helicopter which rescued the sealer and took him to St. Anthony (location of another MCC unit of medical volunteers) where he underwent an appendectomy.

### Project for Mentally-Retarded Children

A new voluntary service project has been initiated by MCC at Laurel, Md., in the Children's Center which cares for more than 1400 mentally-retarded persons.

The institution, staffed by 600 persons, is operated by the Department of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia. All the guests, both children and adults, are from the District.

The unit's charter members, who serve in various ways as staff assistants, are Mr. and Mrs. Owen Coblenz of Hartville, O., Elaine Landes of Lansdale, Pa., and Lucille Detweiler of Fairview, Mich.

### 'Frozen Fund' Bill Progresses

A bill to release from the United States Treasury for war rehabilitation and refugee relief \$1,407,996 earned by conscientious objectors during World War II is making progress.

The bill, HR 9882 introduced by Congressman A. S. J. Carnahan of Missouri, has received official clearance by the Bureau of the Budget, the departments of State, Agriculture and Labor and Selective Service System. It is now pending in the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims.

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## COLLEGES

### Tabor College

#### Campus Missionary Conference In May

Monday and Tuesday, May 5 and 6, have been designated as special days of missionary emphasis on the Tabor College campus. Students and faculty will hear missions speakers during the chapel periods on each of these days.

Several missionaries at present on furlough from active duty will be on the campus to participate in this conference. Round-table discussions are planned for both afternoons. The purpose of the conference is to discuss some of the basic problems involved in mission activities and to stimulate students thinking and consideration of the challenge of Christian missions.

A concluding missionary rally is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 7, with young people from both the College and the community participating.

#### College Host To Music Festival

The Tabor College music department was host to the first Marion County Rural Music Festival on April 9 and 11.

Approximately 500 students from the rural schools of the county gathered on the campus for the two-day festival. The students participated in many different events, including instrumental and vocal ensembles and solos, bands, glee clubs, and a large massed choir of 450 voices.

Members of the music faculty and Tabor music students, together with several local people, served as judges for the event, with Miss Ruth Bixel acting as co-ordinator.

### Sunday School Can Help Christian Homes

Rev. Charles G. Schaufele

The Sunday school is the only formal institution of Bible training for the large majority of church families. Therefore, it is inherent in the Sunday school's commission to reach every member of the family and to engage each individual in Bible study suited to his age as well as to nurture the family itself.

The Sunday school ought to bring parents and teachers together for PTA meetings at least twice a year and better four times. These gatherings should not be dominated completely by a speaker or a film, but should include exchange of ideas in discussion. Only by active and probing discussions between teachers and parents can there be unity of aim and sympathy of purpose achieved in Christian education on the local church level. This church activity keeps parents informed of the work of the Sunday school and

puts the responsibility for Christian education squarely on the home where it ought to rest.

The Sunday school may go even farther than this in that it needs to provide parent's Bible classes. At least six denominational publishing houses now prepare Sunday school materials with the family in mind. Sometimes there are actual quarterlies for the parents based on the child's curriculum. Sometimes it is a series of monthly form letters informing the parents of the child's class work. But however it is done, there is great economy in teaching parents how to teach the Bible to their children and how to "live the life" before them in their homes. Wherever there is a class of children in the Sunday school the church ought also to provide for the parents of those children that they, too, may learn of God in the Scriptures.

The ministry of good books belongs to the Sunday school in order to carry out its responsibility to the whole family. For the benefit of the adult classes, a Sunday school library with an abundance of "family-type" books should be in active use. Frequent reviews and new-book notices should encourage the reading of good books on Christian home-life by parents and family groups. This could, incidentally, revive the almost defunct practice of families reading aloud together. In some communities the distance from a Christian bookstore would require a book table sponsored by the Sunday school or some group in the church. Many Christian parents would invest in Christian books for family use if they only knew where and what to buy. Some churches now present a year's subscription to a Christian family magazine to each new family entering the fellowship. If this were carried out by a parent's class, several different magazines could be procured and circulated each month among the members.

Many Sunday schools provide for family social life in an outdoor picnic usually in the spring of the year. For many families and for many reasons this is sometimes a high point in the life of the Sunday school. This enthusiasm and the fine qualities of inter-family fellowship could be recaptured again and again with a series of informal family night programs under the auspices of the Sunday school. Fellowship, fun, instruction and worship could be joined in these never-to-be-forgotten times with the whole family. The sharing of family games, family skits, projects and hobbies would unify this first created group of man upon earth as few other things could do.

The Sunday school has many obligations attached to the privilege of nurturing the Christian family, and one of them is to see that every member of the family is included

## When Knowing Two Languages Helps



Here the Greek interpreter for the MCC Pax boys, Alex Mavrides (second from left), and Herb Roth check the construction of a barn by a Greek farmer. Mr. Mavrides has been of great assistance in the Pax program.

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — One of the two Greek interpreters hired by MCC in the agricultural rehabilitation projects in northern Greece has been with the unit since it started in 1952. He is Alex Mavrides, 50. His home is in Salonika, about two and a half hours by auto from the units at Panayitsa and Tsakonies in northern Greece.

Mr. Mavrides has a wife and two daughters, but his work as an interpreter requires that he stay with the MCC unit most of the time so he

is with his family only about twice a month.

By this time Mr. Mavrides knows the spirit and technicalities of the agricultural program so well that he orients new Paxmen as they arrive on the project.

He felt greatly rewarded last summer when a group of Paxmen took him with them on a trip to Germany to attend the Mennonite World Conference. It was his first trip to western Europe as well as his first association with Mennonites outside the MCC program in Greece.

in its training program. A "black sheep" squad ought to go after those reluctant members of the family group until they, too, are brought within the fold. These "other sheep" will fit somewhere in the levels of the school from Cradle Roll to Home Department. The alert Sunday school today will not rest until every member of all the families represented in the school are reached for Christ and nurtured in Him.

(Material made available by National Sunday School Association.)

### Future Subscribers

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lerch (nee Catharine Penner of Vineland, Ont.), Sterling Ohio, announce the arrival of a daughter, Nicole Frances, born on January 29, 1958.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Loeven, Calgary, Alta., a son, Kenneth James, on March 1.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Doell of Toronto, Ont., a daughter, Lois Lillian, in February.

On March 22 Mr. and Mrs. Jake Isaac became the parents of a daughter, Ruth Irene, a sister for Charles. Mr. Isaac is teaching in the Alberta Mennonite High School, Coaldale, Alta.

### To Organize Manitoba Historical Society

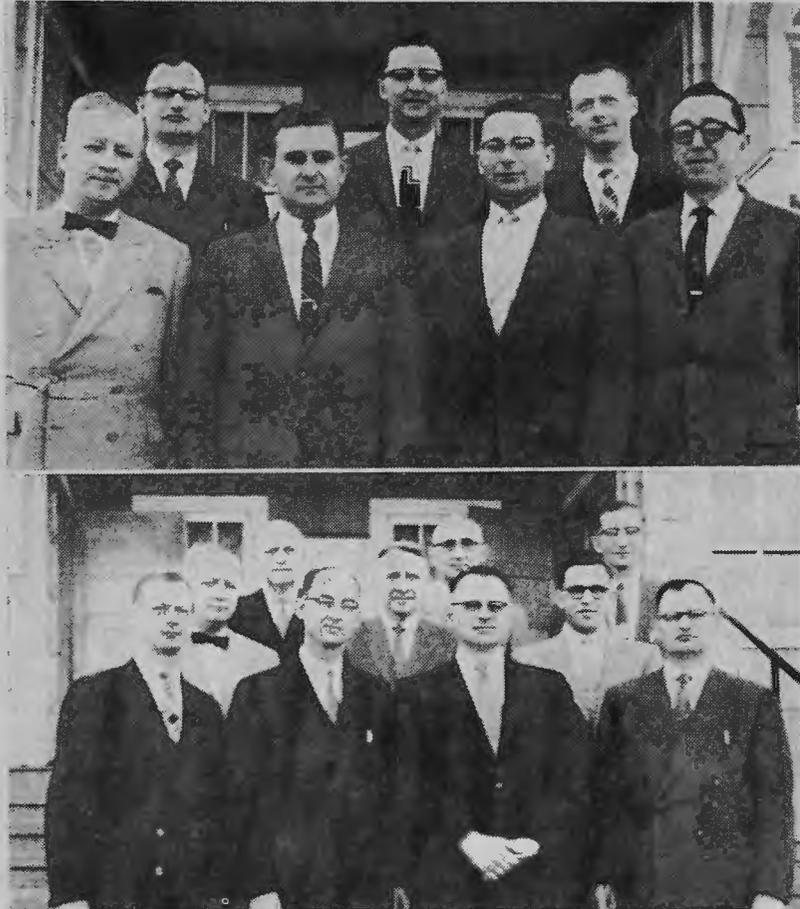
Morris, Man. — The organization of a Mennonite Historical Society for Manitoba is slated for April 25 in the Morris Bergthaler church.

The meeting is being called by the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Committee, with Rev. G. Lohrenz, Winnipeg, as chairman. Rev. Lohrenz will outline the purpose of the organization at the beginning of the meeting.

Four short papers will be presented during the course of the evening by Victor Peters, Frank H. Epp, P. G. Klassen, Gretna, and Rev. P. J. Schaefer. They will deal with: "The Possibilities of a Mennonite Museum"; "Historical Research on Manitoba Mennonitism"; "How the Dissertations on Mennonitism Written by Our University Students Can Best Be Utilized"; and "How Can We Prepare for a Substantial Centennial Celebration of Manitoba Mennonitism?"

Time will be allowed for discussion after each of the papers, and opportunity will also be given for the discussion of any other pertinent questions that might arise.

The society is to represent all the Mennonite groups in the province.



These committees met at Gem, Alta., before and during the Canadian Sunday School Convention April 11 to 13. At the top is the Sunday School Committee of the General Conference of M. B. Churches in North America. Members are, from left, Rev. I. W. Redekopp, Winnipeg; Rev. A. P. Regier, Coaldale; Rev. H. H. Dick, Shafter, Calif.; Rev. Chester Fast, Balko, Okla.; Rev. John Block, Sawyer, N.D.; Rev. Rudy Janzen, Herbert, Sask.; and Rev. Arthur Flaming, Bakersfield, Calif., chairman. The bottom picture is the Canadian Sunday School Committee and the guest speakers at the Convention, from left, Rev. R. Janzen, Herbert; Rev. I. W. Redekopp, executive secretary; C. J. Isaak, Kitchener, Ont.; Rev. J. H. Quiring, guest speaker from Winkler, Man.; Rev. B. B. Fast, Winnipeg; Rev. P. D. Loewen, Yarrow, B.C.; Rev. F. C. Peters, guest speaker; Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, Kitchener, Ont.; Rev. P. J. Wiebe, Hepburn, Sask.; and Rev. A. P. Regier, chairman. (Staff photos)

**On the Horizon**

April 27 to May 2 — Evangelistic services will be held in the Elmwood M. B. church, Winnipeg, with Dr. F. C. Peters as speaker.

May 3.— The Sunday school workers of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Ontario will gather in the Kitchener M. B. church for a Sunday School Convention.

May 4 — Annual campers' reunion of the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, to be held at the South End M. B. church, Winnipeg.

May 4 to 9 — Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler, Man., M. B. Church, will serve the Calgary Highland M. B. Church in a series of deeper life services. All services will be held in the new worship centre at 40th Ave. and Centre B Street, N.W.

May 18 — Dedication services for the Gospel Light Mission church will be held in Brandon, Man. The entire day will be devoted to special services, with the worship service at 10:00 a.m., dedication service at 2:00 p.m., and missions service at 7:00 p.m.

June 6 and 7 — The annual conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba will meet in the Elm Creek M. B. church.

June 8 to 15 — Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M. B. Bible College, will be serving the Highland M. B. Church, Calgary, Alta., in a series of evangelistic meetings. These services will also be held in the new church centre.

June 28 to July 1 — Teenage camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba.

June 27 to July 2 — Fifty-sixth conference of Mennonites in Canada, to be held in Saskatoon, Sask.

July 4 to 9 — The forty-eighth sessions of the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference will be held in the North Kildonan M. B. church, Winnipeg, Man.

July 4 to 13 — Ten-day children's Camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man.

July 14 to 27 — Two seven-day children's camps at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man.

July 27 to 31 — Family camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. Dr. F. C. Peters will speak.

August 1 to 3 — The Youth Missionary Conference of the Alberta Mennonite Brethren churches will be held at Vauxhall, Alta. Rev. J. B. Toews will speak.

August 1 to 4 — Youth Camp at the Gospel Light Bible Camp, Clear Lake, Man. Address inquiries to 834 Lorne Ave. East, Brandon, Man.

August 5 to 14 — Children's Camp at the Gospel Light Bible Camp, Clear Lake, Man. This camp is sponsored by the Gospel Light Mission at Brandon.

August 6 to 15 — Mission children's camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp.

August 15 to 17 — Manitoba-wide youth camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. Dr. F. C. Peters will speak.

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