

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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## Good Participation at Convention

By Paul Wiebe

Saskatoon, Sask. — In spite of belated publicizing and adverse weather conditions a most gratifying number of Sunday school workers of the M. B. churches of North Saskatchewan assembled for a two-day inspirational Workers' Conference on April 26 and 27 in Saskatoon.

The slight deviation from the regular convention pattern did in no wise dampen the enthusiasm evident at all sessions. We as a committee were again convinced that our workers desire fellowship and further inspiration for their most noble task.

The first session on Saturday morning was attended by superintendents and pastors, who heard Rev. A. P. Regier of Coaldale, Alta., give a very informative lecture on the "Unified Curriculum Material" currently in the making for use in the M. B. churches. Brother Regier had a very attentive group before him, for all felt the need for more information for a more intelligent evaluation of the material that will have such far-reaching effects. We need to pray more for those responsible in the study and revision of this Sunday school material.

The Saskatoon City Mission Chapel was filled almost to capacity on Saturday evening. A half hour was spent at departmental group discussions in which various matters of common interest were dealt with. The main feature was the message by our guest speaker, Brother Regier, on the topic, "The S.S. Worker and His Daily Walk." "God is more concerned about revealing His will to us for the development of Christian character than for Christian service," the speaker stated. He outlined eight standards of conduct for every Sunday school worker.

The second session on Sunday afternoon seemed to be the peak of the conference. Representation from all over was most gratifying, despite the wintry weather conditions. As an opening feature the superintendents informally and unrehearsed attempted a panel discussion on the possibilities of Sunday school sponsored projects as expressional activities for our children and youth. If our youth is to be channeled into more worthwhile activities for their

spiritual preservation, we must provide the opportunities. After this Brother Regier warmed our hearts for a greater realization of our "Responsibilities In S.S. Work," namely to ourselves, to administrative authority, to the doctrines of the Church, toward lesson preparation, toward the home, and toward God.

The Sunday evening meeting, open to the entire public, convened in the Saskatoon M. B. church. Even though many from outside points could not come in because of blizzard conditions, there was still a good attendance. "The S.S. Worker and His Objectives" was the theme

for Brother Regier's final message. Such non-biblical aims as reformation, experimentation, or entertainment, must be replaced by higher purposes, such as regeneration, sanctification, and propagation. "We want more than just joy in our work; we need to work for definite accomplishments," the speaker emphasized.

## Four Canadians to Go to Congo

Hillsboro, Kans. — Four new missionary appointees are making preparations to sail to Belgium this summer in preparation for missionary service on the Belgian Congo field of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions.

The appointees are Sisters Daisy Martens and Helen Toews and Brother and Sister Alfred Schmidt. Since last fall they have been studying in the Bethel Bible School, Lennoxville, Quebec, a French language school. Not only have they been learning French, but they have also been learning use of the Scriptures in that language—something that is not possible in the Belgium studies. They terminated their studies at Lennoxville in April. They will sail in time to arrive in Belgium for fall classes.

Sister Daisy Martens, a member of the Swift Current M. B. Church in Saskatchewan, will serve the interests of the Gospel as a teacher. She has had experience in elemen-

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A SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOME is to be built on the grounds of the Tabor Home for the Aged, Morden, Man. Here is a scene from the sod-turning ceremony last week, marking the first step in the construction of the 8-unit, \$48,000 housing development. Reading from the Bible is Rev. F. H. Friesen, chairman of the society. In the middle of the last row is D. J. Reimer, the secretary, while J. J. Riediger, the treasurer, is seen at the extreme right. Next to him is Mr. John Wiens, the contractor. Miss Anne Regehr, matron of the Tabor Home, is seen fourth from the left. In the background is the Tabor Home for the Aged. (Photo by Dave Reimer)

# EDITORIAL

## Guest Editorial

### Tribute to Mother

The mother I'm talking about is the mother you and I know. She isn't so very young anymore, and the wrinkles which crease her face are the inscriptions of a half dozen or more "lengthening problems" growing into maturity over two or three decades.

It was during the 1920's that Mother came over from the Old Country. Most of her family came with her to the "New Canaan" to find freedom from gnawing hunger and fear. In Canada, the prairies rolled mile after endless mile past the creaking, swaying train coach until finally the end of the trek came at a small Saskatchewan railway station.

The first beginnings were hard, but love flourished on hardships. The wedding was simple, the gifts few and the young couple started for their own farm with all the bare necessities: a team of horses, a wagon, a sack of flour, a few pots and pans, five dollars and much determination.

During the next few years several children came along and many noises filled the house. By the middle thirties their number was increased to five with a proportionate increase in sound. At night Mother would take the youngest children into the bedroom to hear them recite their prayers. Heads buried deep in her apron they repeated, "Christi Blut und Gerechtigkeit, das ist mein Schmuck und Ehrenkleid . . . werd' eingehen." The older ones were permitted to participate in the regular family altar.

Christmas was painful, some years. When the depression was at its peak, money was at its lowest. The year when only a dollar remained in the house Mother had to compensate with much love.

Besides keeping the house and maintaining the children in serviceable clothing, Mother did other things. She milked a couple of cows morning and night and emptied the chicken nests day after day. Summer meant a vegetable garden and flower beds. The snap-dragons, pansies, irises and roses were a relaxation. But the vegetables were plain drudgery. How often she had to run out to stop the children from eating green tomatoes, pulling out too small carrots, or rummaging through the watermelon patch. Quite frequently they had a stomach-ache from green crab apples, too!

During late summer Mother would become somewhat apprehensive at the thought of the impending harvest. Harvest meant threshing, threshing meant a threshing crew and this meant a crowd of men with voracious appetites. But when they did clomp to the table during harvesting, huge mounds of food were ready. And how they did eat!

Milking the cows, keeping the children out of the vegetables, or feeding the "threshers", Mother was somehow master of the situation. But finally a situation arose which she couldn't control—the children were leaving home. Now the house is almost empty and a mother is lonesome for her children.

I'm sending a card for Mothers day, are you?

Editor Harold Jantz in the College Companion.

## A Little Parable for Mothers

(By Temple Bailey)

The young mother set her foot on the path of life.

"Is the way long?" she asked.

And her guide said: "Yes. And the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them and life was good, and the young mother cried,

"Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold. The mother drew them closer and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Oh Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come." And the Mother said, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage."

The morning came, and there was a hill ahead. The children climbed and grew weary, and the mother

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## DEVOTIONAL

### "The Prophecy That His Mother Taught Him"

By John Esau \*

In the last chapter of Proverbs we read the words of King Lemuel, "the prophecy that his mother taught him." It is a chapter that every son would do well to read and to take to heart, for the counsel is wise and good. Furthermore, the chapter gives a picture of a real mother and suggests how valuable it is for a young man to have a mother's guidance.

The world today is in need of mothers who can give wise counsel to their children. Thomas H. Nelson has said, "Give our boys better mothers and they will give those mothers better sons."

The Bible contains some beautiful portraits of mothers. Hannah, for example, is shown pleading at the tabernacle for the gift of a son. When Samuel was born she cared for him and taught him the way of the Lord. When he was old enough she brought him to the tabernacle so that he could serve the Lord there. She unselfishly gave him back to the Lord. But I am sure she also wanted the very best for her boy.

In all of creation there is nowhere such a picture of utterly unselfish and completely self-sacrificing devotion and love as that of a mother. At the birth of the child she almost gives her life for the infant. During its helpless years she watches over the child with untiring care. When the child grows up and goes out into the world she follows it with unflinching interest. The son or daughter may forget their mother, but she will never forget them.

A true mother will even dare to give her life for her child. In New England a father left home to seek his fortune in the west. When he was able he sent for his wife and son. How happy they were as they boarded the boat headed for San Francisco. But one day the dreaded fire alarm sounded. Life boats were launched, but they proved to be inadequate for the number of passengers on the boat. As the last one was launched the mother pleaded with the captain to let her and her son get in, but he replied, "No, for if I let you get into the boat it will sink and all in it will perish." She continued to plead with the boatman. Finally he gave permission for one person to come aboard. So the mother seized her boy, drew him close to her breast once more, and dropped him into the boat. Then she told him, "My boy, if you live to see your father, tell him that I died in your place."

That boy never spoke slightly of the mother who went down to a watery grave for him. He always spoke of her with love and tenderness.

A mother may not know much about the great wide world about her. Some of her ideas may seem old-fashioned to her science-minded son. But foolish indeed will be the boy who dares to despise his mother because of this. The son may think himself wiser than his mother, but he at least should give reverent attention to her advice. So much love, care and thoughtfulness do not deserve to be tossed aside in an impatient moment.

Many great men of God have given credit to their mother for what they were able to accomplish in their life. D. L. Moody said that all he ever accomplished in his life was due to his mother. Eugene Field was a child of six years when his mother died, but he said, "I have carried the memory of her gentle voice and soothing touch all through my life." Robert Moffatt testified that it was his mother's influence that led him to become a missionary.

F. A. Mills, a great evangelistic singer, had a wonderful, Christian mother. She raised her children in a truly Christian atmosphere. When she died, Mr. Mills sang at her funeral:

"O Mother, when I think of thee,  
'Tis but a step to Calvary,  
Thy gentle hand upon my brow  
Is leading me to Jesus now."

If great men of God have spoken words such as these, would it not be well for us to take heed to a good mother's words?

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# Good Interest in Relief Shown

**Kitchener, Ont.** — Good interest in the current relief program characterized the annual meeting of the Non-Resistant Relief Organization of Ontario, held in the Stirling Ave. Mennonite church on April 15.

The treasurer, M. R. Good, reported contributions of \$33,600 for the past year, with general relief receiving 24,400, the canning project \$6,800, and various other projects receiving smaller appropriations. The previous year saw a greater cash contribution, but this was primarily due to the Hungarian relief program, which was of a temporary character.

A total of 1,035 bales of clothing and Christmas bundles having a value of \$127,000, and a total of 2,034 cases of food valued at \$8,400 were shipped to Europe and Korea from the Kitchener Clothing Depot, Harvey Toews, assistant director of

the MCC office at Waterloo reported.

C. J. Rempel, official NRRO representative to the MCC, gave his report of MCC activity over the last year. He reviewed work in various countries of the world where the efforts are being particularly supported by the Ontario churches and gave some of the planning for the forthcoming year. He reported an increased MCC budget for 1958 of approximately 15 per cent over the budget for 1957.

After discussion of the increased budget, it was unanimously agreed to increase the general contributions from \$2,000 to \$2,300 per month in order to help carry out the proposed 1958 relief program of MCC. A canning program for the fall of 1958 was also approved.

Last year's officers were returned in the elections.

## More Details On Gem Accident

By J. E. Siemens

**Gem, Alta.** — A tragic accident in this community on Sunday afternoon, April 27, took the life of one person and injured five others when a car driven by Ben Geddert was in collision with an automobile driven by Robin George.

Passengers in Ben Geddert's car were his two sisters, Lena and Sara. In Robin George's car were Foley Marquis and Ted Dechant.

The occupants of both cars were apparently hurled from the vehicles by the impact. Lena Geddert, 18, was instantly killed, while Sara suffered a broken arm, collar bone and shoulder blade. Ted Dechant received a broken back, while the other three occupants escaped with minor injuries.

We have realized again how short life is and how easily one can be hurled from this life into eternity. We pray that the impact of this tragic event may result in others preparing themselves for eternity.

## Missionaries Visit Horndean

**Horndean, Man.** — Two services emphasizing the missionary responsibility of the believer were held in the Mission Chapel here recently.

On April 29 Mr. and Mrs. Abe Redekop reported on mission work in Mexico and solicited prayer support. The Redekops are candidates for the mission field in Mexico and will be going out under the Gospel Missionary Union. Mr. and Mrs. Redekop sang together and gave their personal testimonies. Mr. Redekop also delivered a message and showed slides of the work being done in Mexico.

The Redekops graduated from the Winnipeg Bible Institute and College of Theology in the spring of 1956 and have spent some time at the headquarters of the Gospel Missionary Union in Kansas City, Missouri.

For the Sunday morning service on May 4 Rev. Wm. Baerg, missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo, visited the chapel and delivered a message.

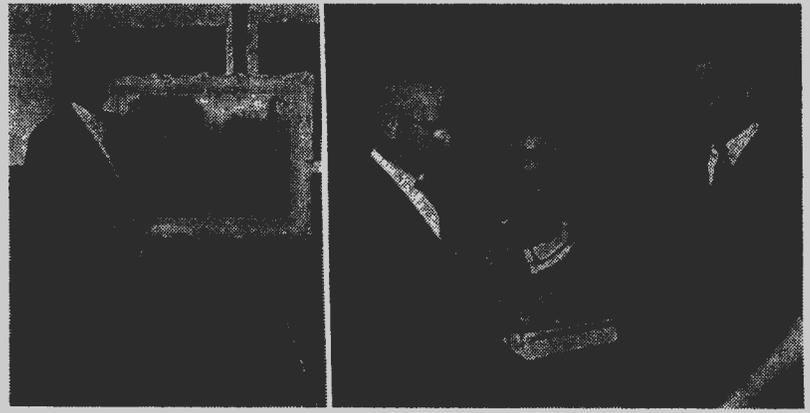
The pastor, Brother Abe Quiring, introduced Rev. Baerg and the field he represents. Then Rev. Baerg delivered a brief report of the work and related some incidents from the field, speaking in the English language. Following a song by the choir, he read his text from Psalm 42:1-4 and Psalm 84:2, describing in his message the longing of the heart for God and for deliverance.

## Help for Beginner Teachers

**Winkler, Man.** — The Sunday School Convention of the southern district Manitoba M. B. churches will be of special interest to workers in the Beginner department.

To be held at Winkler from May 16 to 18, it will feature lectures and demonstrations by Miss Nettie Kroeker, a specialist in this field. The Saturday afternoon session will be held at Morden at 2:00 p.m., with Rev. B. B. Fast reporting on the national S.S. Convention at Gem and Rev. I. W. Redekopp reporting on the new English S.S. material.

The first session will begin at 8:00 p.m., Friday, May 16, in the M. B. church here, with two talks by Miss Kroeker on "The Beginner Child" and "Aims with the Beginner." After the second session at Morden, Saturday afternoon, the



A special choir program climaxed 27 years of service as choir director for Mr. N. J. Fehderau, Kitchener, Ont. These pictures show the presentation of gifts by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Toews (right with Mr. and Mrs. Fehderau), on behalf of the church, and by C. J. Rempel (at left with an original oil painting) in behalf of the choir members... Mr. John Goertz is now leading the senior choir of the Kitchener M. B. Church.

workers will return to Winkler, where at 8:00 p.m. Miss Kroeker will discuss methods and material for teaching Beginners. Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. she will present a demonstration lesson with Beginners.

## Second Rendition Of Easter Cantata

**Swift Current, Sask.** — The choir that presented the Easter cantata, "Crown of Victory", in the Church of the Open Bible here motored to Woodrow on April 27 to present the cantata for a second time in the community hall there.

The host church, the Woodrow M. B. Church, first served the choir a supper and then gave them the privilege of presenting the story of Christ's sufferings and glorious victory in song.

Soloists were Mrs. Ewald Andreas, soprano; Mr. Jake Epp, tenor, and Mr. Hans Sapinsky, baritone. Miss Blondina Redekop was pianist, while Mr. Martin Schroeder directed the choir.

## Soul-Searching Bible Studies at Gem

**Gem, Alta.** — Christians need to be reminded often of their high calling and their ultimate goal in life. As M. B. Church here we have been recently blessed through a series of messages that have done just that.

Rev. J. F. Redekop, teacher at the M. B. Bible Institute, Clearbrook, B.C., delivered a series of messages that led us to examine ourselves and to say with the Psalm-writer: "Search me, oh God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139: 23-24).

## Wm. Schroeders To Remain Until Fall

**Hillsboro, Kans.** — Brother and Sister William Schroeder, Steinbach, Manitoba, have agreed to continue

their work in Neuland Colony, Paraguay, until the end of the Zentralschule term in November. They had planned to return this summer because their term of service was completed and because of the physical welfare of their family. But in response to the urgent request of the Neuland Colony Zentralschule, they agreed to remain for the second semester of the Zentralschule. Brother Schroeder is principal and instructor in the school and serves the Church in various ways.

## Sing For Older Folks

**Saskatoon, Sask.** — The young people of the Mennonite Brethren Church here sponsored a sunrise service at 6:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

The program consisted of solos, duets, a male octet, and choir songs, all telling the thrilling story of Christ's death and victorious resurrection. John Dyck served as narrator.

After the service approximately 30 young people enjoyed a hearty breakfast.

The beautiful warm sunshine was an incentive for the young people to divide into groups and to go to the homes of some of the older people of the church, there to sing for them the beautiful Easter songs.

## To Sing "The Holy City"

**Steinbach, Man.** — The combined church choirs of the Steinbach and Niverville M. B. churches will present "The Holy City", by Gaul, in the M. B. church here at 7:30 p.m. (Standard Time), Sunday, May 11.

Mr. Victor Martens, voice instructor and director of the Oratorio Choir at the M. B. Bible College, will direct the combined choir in this first presentation of the oratorio in southeastern Manitoba. Soloists are Peter Koslowsky, director of the Niverville choir, tenor; Rudy Baerg, bass, and Irmgard Dueck, alto, both students at the M. B. Bible College; and Mrs. L. Stobbe of Winnipeg, soprano.

## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

### New Song Book in Congo

Work is under way to publish a song book with the notes in the Kitongo language which will be of benefit to our churches and Christians in the Belgian Congo. The book is being jointly published by various evangelical missions who work among Kikongo-speaking Congolese. Brother Irvin L. Friesen is chairman of the inter-mission literature committee which plans the publication of this book with several hundred songs. Part of the financial responsibility will be borne by Evangelical Literature Overseas. Previously a book entitled "Fellowship Songs" was printed without notes for use by Kikongo-speaking Congolese. Approximately 10,000 copies of that book were sold. Publishing of the song book with notes represents an increased educational level on the part of the Congolese believers who use these songs. Plans are that the book be prepared during the coming year. Pray that the use of this book may bring rich blessings to the Church of Christ in the Congo.

### Missionary's Health Improving

The condition of Sister Sarah Peters, missionary at Kajiji, Belgian Congo, has improved during recent weeks. Gratitude is due the Lord to whom many prayers have been offered in Sister Peters' behalf during recent months. She is now able to walk to the dispensary unaided, Dr. Ernest W. Schmidt wrote on April 15. Continue to intercede for her complete recovery.

### Missionaries to Return

Congo missionaries preparing to come home on furlough shortly are Brother and Sister Frank Buschman and family, Sister Anna Enns, Sister Elsie Fischer and Brother and Sister Bob Kroeker and family. Plans are for them to travel home this summer. May the Lord protect them in their travels. The furloughs of these workers and movement and relocation of other missionaries constitute a period of adjustment for the missionaries and the work. Pray that the Lord may give special grace so that His work may go forward in the face of these changes and adjustments.

Brother and Sister Ernest W. Schmidt and family are scheduled to leave the Belgian Congo for furlough from Kikwit on May 9. In preparation for departure, Dr. Schmidt and Dr. Vernon Vogt have been making medical rounds to all of the stations. Dr. Vogt is accepting responsibility for the medical work at Kajiji during the time of Dr. Schmidt's absence.

### Son to Join Parents

Five-year-old Teddy Nightingale will soon have opportunity to join his parents, David Nightingales, at HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. He remained

behind in British Columbia for health reasons when his parents returned to Quito about nine months ago. He will accompany HCJB worker, Miss Jeanne Odelle, when she returns to Quito on June 1.

### Indians at Mission Festival

Lengua and Chulupie Christians were invited to participate in a recent missionary festival in Fernheim Colony, Paraguay. They were given opportunity to sit on the platform. Both Chulupie and Lengua believers testified as to what Christ had done for them. The large group of Indian Christians sang songs of redemption together with the Mennonite Brethren congregation which had gathered for this important occasion. May God also call out from among the Indians leaders, evangelists, pastors and teachers who will feel the call to go to their own people with the story of redemption and the Word of instruction according to the command of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

### Appoint Administrative Worker

Brother John C. Ratzlaff, missionary returned from the Belgian Congo, has been appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions to serve in the home office in Hillsboro. He will assist with administrative correspondence, deputation and processing of missionaries. Plans are for Brother Ratzlaff to begin work in Hillsboro the latter part of May. Brother and Sister Ratzlaff and family have been living in Corn, Oklahoma, since their

return from the field several years ago. It was necessary for them to return to seek medical aid for members of the family. Brother Ratzlaff is currently on the teaching staff of the Corn Bible Academy.

### Audio Visuals Institute

An audio-visuals institute was to have been held at Mahbubnagar, India, April 17 and 18. A large attendance and special blessings were anticipated, according to Brother John A. Wiebe. Dr. D. Saunders from Medak was to be the guest speaker. This phase of the work must be emphasized more, Brother Wiebe writes.

### School Year Closes

In India the school year for our mission schools has been completed. The seventh class students have written government examinations for entrance into high school next year. Pray that as the students have gone to their villages they may witness for Christ to their unbelieving neighbors during the holiday season. This is also the season of the year when our missionaries have gone to the hills for rest and for relief from the hot season.

### Extension in Mexico

Brother Alfredo Villarreal, Board of Foreign Missions worker at San Miguel, Mexico, writes that the Lord has provided a house of worship in the neighboring village of Venecia. The work is worthy of our earnest intercession. Definite efforts of extension evangelization are also being carried on at Nuevo Ideal and Piedras Negras, Mexico.

The church choir sang several hymns with missionary content. Later all assembled in the church basement for lunch and further fellowship.

## Four Canadians to Go to Congo

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tary and junior high school teaching and is a graduate of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg.

Sister Helen Toews of Coaldale, Alta., has trained as a registered nurse as well as a nursing instructor, and has had experience in both capacities. She is a graduate of the M. B. Bible College at Winnipeg.

Brother and Sister Schmidt go to the Congo to serve in Bible school instruction. Their ministry in Bible school work will also include service related to evangelism and church building. Members of the M. B. Church at Hepburn, Saskatchewan, the Schmidts have studied at Pacific Bible Institute and Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, Calif.

After successful completion of the required year's studies in Belgium, they will proceed to the Belgian Congo. Our prayerful remembrance of them during these days of continued preparation will be appreciated.

## Softball League Organized in Valley

Clearbrook, B.C. — The campus of the Mennonite Educational Institute here is the scene of softball games on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Seven teams in a Mennonite Brethren inter-church softball league have made the campus their home field. Henry Klassen, instructor at the Mennonite Educational Institute, is the president of the league.

The seven teams playing in the league are South Abbotsford A, South Abbotsford B, Abbotsford, Arnold, East Aldergrove, Matsqui, and Clearbrook.

Motto set for the league, as stated in the charter, is: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

The purpose of the league includes: to have fellowship through sport; to have an enjoyable activity at the same time; to teach love, respect, control, temperance, sportsmanship and other Christian virtues, and to glorify God in this manner.

The organization consists of the president and two members from each church. Players must be regular at church attendance and of a good reputation.

Each team pays a \$15.00 levy to meet expenses.

Games are started with prayer, with the opposing teams meeting at second base before the game for this purpose.

## Missionaries Welcomed Home

By Margaret Harder

**Winkler, Man.** — The M. B. Church here had the privilege of bidding a formal welcome to three workers who have returned home after years of service overseas. Miss Helen Warkentin of India has come back to make her home here. Rev. and Mrs. Henry Born of South America have taken up temporary residence in Winkler.

Rev. Quiring based his opening remarks on Gal. 1:15 and 16, saying that God chose certain individuals for His special servants, revealed Christ to them, and then asked such men and women to go forth to labour. Then Rev. Quiring asked each of the returned workers for a word of testimony.

Miss Warkentin related briefly how God called her to His work through missionary meetings and through songs. After her conversion she prepared for the future by attending and teaching school. In 1920 she first sailed for India. "The burden of the work is great," said Miss Warkentin, "and missionaries, native workers, children, especially orphans, are much in need of prayer."

In her testimony Mrs. Born stated that after her conversion she became impressed with the fact that being a Christian was a great privilege. Living a genuinely happy life, free of a guilty conscience, made her want to share this joy with others. This, she said, made her willing to go to places barren of physical comforts to help such who were strangers to God.

Rev. Born spoke of a natural desire to do something extraordinary which demanded special effort. This desire, he said, can be met when we follow the Lord who bids us deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. Physical hardships, said the speaker, are secondary. Onslaughts of the devil through people and their attitudes are more difficult.

"Our greatest battle is against self," said Rev. Born. "We must take up our cross daily, but it is a satisfying life. Be sure of the Lord's call and guidance," he advised. "Base your conviction on Scripture, go with a deep consecration, and yours will be a life of discipleship which brings godly contentment."

# A Panoramic View of Mennonite Migrations

By H. H. Kornelsen  
(Second Installment)

Now the persecuted Anabaptists of Holland began to move to such lands where their presence was not only tolerated but in many cases desired. Thus they came by ship, by wagon or on foot to the regions of East Prussia, particularly Marienburg, Elbing, and Danzig. Here they put their dyke-building skill to work and wrested thousands of acres of valuable land from the seas and the swamps of the Baltic. This area was under Polish rule at the time, and the Polish kings valued the industry of these people so much that they granted them complete freedom, both religious and otherwise.

When in the year 1772, Russia, Germany and Austria divided Poland and among themselves, the area where the Mennonites lived became a part of Germany. Germany, too, granted the Mennonites religious freedom and exempted them from active military service. However, many restrictions were placed upon their way of life. For instance, no Mennonite was permitted to buy land from a non-Mennonite. During the reign of Frederick Wilhelm II a high military tax which the rest of the populace did not have to pay was also imposed upon the Mennonites. This was done despite the fact that the government realized the contribution the Mennonites made to the economy of the country.

## Russia Calls

About this time Katherine II was Czarina in Russia. In a war with the Turks she gained control of a large area of land north of the Black Sea and the Sea of Asov. This was a particularly dry region and was inhabited only by wild tribes of nomadic herdsmen. Katherine wanted to place settlers on this land, but could not persuade any of the local people to move onto these dry steppes. Since Katherine was of German descent and knew about the industry and the present plight of the Mennonites, she decided to try to bring some of them in. She sent an emissary, Baron von Trappe, directly to them and promised them full religious freedom for all time, including exemption from all military service. Each family was to receive the equivalent of about 162.5 acres of land, while freedom from taxation was promised for 10 to 15 years.

A great many Mennonites accepted this offer. The emigration from Germany soon took on such large proportions that the king became alarmed and prohibited further movements. But he was unable to stem the tide; the Mennonites were leaving, during the night if necessary.

This call of Katherine II for settlers spread throughout Europe, and Mennonites from eastern Austria,

western Germany and even Switzerland went to Russia. Between 1788 and 1840 about 2325 families went to Russia. Of these, 580 families settled in the Volga River region in central Russia, while the majority went to the steppes of South Russia. There they founded the two mother colonies of Chortitza and Molotschna.

Pioneering on the steppes proved to be hazardous and difficult. Crop failures, grasshoppers and diseases among cattle repeatedly plagued the Mennonites and kept them poor. Since most of the immigrants were tradesmen with little or no experience in farming, their many mistakes contributed to the crop failures.

## Difficult First Years

How difficult and bitter were the first years of groping about for an improved standard of living. There were no other sources of income, for the cities were 100 or more miles away. Building materials had to be brought in from very great distances with scrawny horses. In those days many a new farmer must have been on the verge of despair.

After 1850, with a new generation taking up the battle and with improved methods of farming gradually being introduced, the poverty gradually disappeared. About 1890 summer fallow rotation was introduced and crop failures were virtually eliminated. The Mennonite settlements flourished as a garden of God in the desert.

Our people lived in peace and contentment until 1871, when Russia suddenly introduced universal military service. The government had either forgotten or was determined to ignore the promise of Katherine II that the Mennonites should be exempt from such service for all times. Negotiations between Mennonite leaders and the Russian government dragged on for many months.

## To America

During this period many Mennonites again left their homes, going to the U.S.A. and Canada. Between 1872-1878 they settled in Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, the Dakotas and Manitoba. Those that remained were largely more liberal, agreeing to do duty in forestry service in peacetime and in the medical corps in wartime in lieu of military service. Thus peace was restored and continued for four decades. The colonies prospered and founded new settlements.

All our schools, including public school, high school, normal school, one college and a school for the deaf and dumb were built and supported entirely by our own funds. These schools were staffed almost entirely by Mennonite teachers. We also had our own hospitals, most of them staffed by our own doctors and

nurses. For the aged we had two homes. Industry-wise the Molotschna colony, for example, had several steam-powered flour mills, producing the finest flour with the most modern American equipment available at the time. A goodly number of brick factories produced high quality bricks and roof tiles. In several factories threshing machines, mowers, and even 10 to 20 h.p. motors were being built. Who would have dreamed that in a short time all this would be taken away or destroyed!

Then came that year of terror, 1914, and the beginning of World War I. War propaganda incited envy and hate against German settlers and Mennonites. The government passed a statute whereby all land would be taken from us and we would be settled in some remote corner of Siberia. Then came the Communist Revolution. At first many thought that this would be our deliverance, but it soon turned out that much worse things were in store.

## 20 Million Die

The watchword of the Communists was: "Destroy the old and build anew." Thus began murder, robbery, and destruction. During the first four or five years of the Revolution about 20,000,000 people fell victim to this terror. Then when the terror had somewhat abated, the Communist government started rebuilding.

Individualism was denounced and collective farms were established. Our schools were taken over by the state. The children were to be brought up as Communists. For us as Mennonites this was unthinkable. It seemed as if all piety and fear of God had ceased. Because these things had been stressed in our schools and homes, our colonies had

a record of only one or two criminals in 120 years. During the few short years of Bolshevik rule, however, several of our Mennonite youths became thieves or murderers.

Everyone wanted to leave Russia, but the borders were closed and it would have to be a miracle of God if they were to be opened. About this time the organizing as a society or association was seen as a means of aiding our self-preservation as a people. A constitution was drawn up for this society and ratified by the provincial authorities. Rev. B. B. Janz was sent to Charkow, the capital of the Ukraine, to have this officially ratified for the whole Ukraine.

## Starvation Threatens

During the months while Rev. Janz was in Charkow, the local government authorities continued their acts of terror against our people. The threat of starvation was also imminent, and our distress grew from day to day. Finally, a group of leading men met secretly in the village of Rueckenau and decided to send a man to Charkow to see if some way of emigration might not be initiated through the German Consul. I was sent to the capital with a list of 117 families. In Charkow I met Rev. Janz and reported to him, "Here is a list of 117 families who want to leave Russia. In the Molotschna 10 more of our men have been shot."

Rev. Janz replied, "And I have been denied the ratification of our constitution by the government. They are seeking to destroy us."

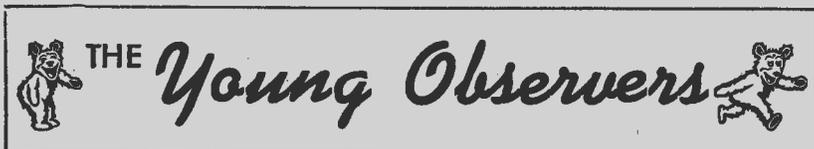
We prayed together and then Mr. Janz said to me, "Kornelsen, I see it as the leading of the Lord that you have come with this list. Now we are going to work for emigration. God will help us."

Rev. Janz then went to work setting up a petition regarding our emigration.

(To be continued)



This is the new Post Oak Church building on the west edge of Indianahoma, Oklahoma, U.S.A. It is the congregational home of the Comanche Indian Mennonite Brethren Church. This sanctuary with Sunday school rooms and the relocated Post Oak Cemetery were dedicated on Sunday, March 23. The site of these two institutions was changed during the past year to make room for the expansion of Fort Sill military reservation. The old mission church and cemetery were situated east and north of Indianahoma, where the Mennonite Brethren Conference began its first mission work in America in the 1890's. The Post Oak work is currently being changed from a Board of Foreign Missions project to a congregation of the Southern District Conference. Serving the Post Oak Church are Brother and Sister Walter D. Friesen. Brother Friesen is originally from Yarrow and Vancouver, British Columbia. Sister Friesen is the daughter of India missionaries J. J. Dicks.



### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Is it spring again around your home? Doesn't that make you feel good all over? What a beautiful world God has given us to enjoy! I wonder whether you have seen all the marvelous things that He has put here, there and everywhere just for you. Would you like to take a walk with me?—a long, long walk to explore the world around us? If you would, you'll have to promise to meet every week in this very same corner in the "Young Observer".

I'm sorry that we can't start today. I thought spring had come to stay, but right now, outside my window, great, white, fluffy snowflakes are falling. The cold north wind is whistling again. The red and yellow tulips that stood so proudly in the garden are shivering with the cold. The robins and meadow larks have stopped their cheerful singing, because they can't find enough food or a warm shelter.

When a little friend of mine saw the cold and snow she said, "God is mixed up." She knew spring had been here and now it was winter again. Do you think God can be "mixed up"? No never! We don't know why He sent the cold again, but it was good for something. God told us long ago in Psalm 19:7: "The law of the Lord is perfect." There is never anything wrong with what God does. That is why we can trust Him.

Now take a look out of your window. Can you see what God has done there? Please write and tell me, too. I would love to know. And don't forget to meet me in this very corner next week. We'll be starting on our long, long walk. God bless you all!  
Love, Aunt Selma.

## A Gift for Mother

By Mary Sanders

"Is this all you're going to give your mother for Mother's Day?" exclaimed Paula Austin, laughing heartily.

She held high a small object made of pink satin, stuffed with cotton, and trimmed lavishly with purple lace. The stitches were none too even, and a few dark spots, caused by the sudden painful contact with a sharp, troublesome needle by inexperienced fingers, were discernable. These tiny blood stains, however, had been vigorously rubbed with a damp cloth in an effort to conceal them.

At Paula's words, Doris Phillips' face flushed crimson. "O Paula," she exclaimed, "please don't make fun of the pincushion I made. I didn't have any money to buy Mother a present, and—and, I worked so hard to make her something she would like! Don't you think it's at all pretty?" By then Doris was close to tears.

Hurriedly Paula handed back the pincushion. "Oh, don't be a baby and cry about it. I suppose it's all right—only, you see, I'm buying my mother an orchid corsage."

"But they cost so much," sighed Doris.

"Sure," replied Paula, "but you see I've been saving a little money out of my weekly allowance for the past few weeks."

"Yes, but I don't get an allow-

ance. Oh, it's not that Mother wouldn't love to give me one if only she could." The little girl hastened to explain.

"Oh, let's forget about it," Paula interrupted crossly. Somehow she was beginning to feel uncomfortable, knowing as she did that Doris' mother was a widow and did sewing for different ones in the neighborhood, including her own mother. Without saying any more, both girls turned toward home.

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It was Mother's Day. Mrs. Austin held a beautiful orchid corsage. "It's beautiful, my dear," she said. "Thank you so much, Paula."

Suddenly, however, the happy expression on the mother's face gave place to one of hurt disappointment. Paula did not notice this as she poutingly said, "It surely took a lot of my allowance to get it for you. Otherwise, I might have bought that lovely dress I saw in the window last week." Then she added, "It looks to me like—well—after I sacrificed to get that beautiful orchid corsage for you that—well—that you might at least get me the dress I've been wanting so much."

She turned to see what impression her words were having upon her mother, only to find, to her surprise, that her mother had left the room. And on an end table lay the beautiful orchid corsage.

It was Mother's Day. Mrs. Phillips stood holding a pink object which had been lavishly trimmed in purple lace. Her little daughter was explaining, "It's not a very good present, Mother. I did so want to get you something 'specially nice. Paula thought it wasn't nice at all. She got her mother a lovely corsage. Why, Mother, you're crying. Don't you like the present at all?"

Kneeling quickly, the mother held her little daughter close in her arms. "My dearest, you don't know how precious your gift is to me. Of course, I love every stitch in it! Don't you mind what Paula said." Then as though she had a sudden insight into the Phillips home, she continued, "I'm sure Paula's mother is not nearly so happy over her gift as I am with mine. You have given so unselfishly, dear. I'm sure that God, like mothers, treasures most those simple gifts prompted by love, with no thought of reward."

The Christian Witness.



### The "I Am's" of Christ

When the Lord Jesus was on earth, he taught the people about himself and what Christ means to us. To help the people understand, he would compare himself with ordinary, everyday things that everybody knew and was familiar with.

Here are eight "I am's" of Christ; try to unscramble them.

1. I am the htilg — John 8:12.
2. I am the erabd — John 6:35.
3. I am the ordo — John 10:9.
4. I am the deerhphs - John 10:11.
5. I am the awy — John 14:6
6. I am the ievn — John 15:1.
7. I am the eectrrornsui and the ifel — John 11:25.
8. I am the aplah and eaomg — Rev. 22:13.

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### THE HEN

The Hen is only mentioned twice in the Bible, once in Matthew and once in Luke, and both times with reference to a shelter. It tells us of a shelter from the storm, a shelter from the enemy, and the shelter of love.

In Matthew 23:37, the Lord Jesus speaks about Jerusalem. He says how He would have gathered her children together but they would not. He knew what a storm of judgment was about to break over that rebellious city. He was there in their midst as a shelter from the storm, but they would not go to Him (Isaiah 25:4). As we see the little chickens on a stormy night clustering beneath their mother's wings, how it speaks to us of shelter.

Let us ask ourselves if we are sheltered. The storm of God's judgment will soon burst upon this world, and if we have not trusted in the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, we shall find ourselves without a shelter in that day.

To learn our second lesson we must go into a farm-yard and watch the chickens again. A dog runs into the yard, and at once the chicks are off to find a shelter under their mother's wings. We have an enemy, "one who walks about seeking whom he may destroy" (I Peter 5:8). Satan is ever watchful, and tries to lead us away from Christ. Our only safety is to keep close to Him. Sheltered beneath His wings we are safe from every foe. Then, too, we learn that it is the shelter of love. Troubles come to young Christians as well as to old ones, but all can find a refuge in the Lord Jesus (Psalm 91:4). His love is always the same, and He bids us, "Cast all our care upon Him, for He cares for us" (I Peter 5:7).

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# FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(59th Installment)

Liesbeth's imagination was started to a dead stop when Franz excitedly called for her. He told her that the waves had gradually been getting "bigger and bigger and bigger." Some of the people on deck and in the steerage already were seasick. Franz was excited about the situation and seemed to be fearful that he, too, might be a victim. He said the real reason why he had called her was to tell her that sometime in the near future the Cassel would plow through the same waters that had swallowed up the White Star liner Titanic after a collision with submerged ice on her maiden voyage from Southampton the year before. About fifteen hundred passengers and crew men had perished in that disaster. The Titanic had been the biggest ocean-going steamship in the world. Liesbeth was interested in seeing this historic spot. She asked Franz how they would know when they had reached it. He thought crew members would tell the steerage men, and he would relay the information to Liesbeth.

The waves were mountain-high the next day, and many, many passengers were sick. In Liesbeth's steerage, children were crying, and a little girl died. Later she was placed in a casket and during the night lowered into a watery grave. That was two deaths since the boat had left Bremen. Sadly Liesbeth ascended the steerage stairway.

Mascha stepped on the upper deck. She looked at the stern of the vessel, noticing its peculiar position high in the air. When a moment later she saw it dip downward into the water with a great splash, without a word she turned around and ran downstairs. Katja, however, nonchalantly located a dry place, put her blanket on it, sat down and promptly went to sleep. From the keel to the stern men and a few women were lined up at the rail, not caring whether they lived or died. The boat was rocking badly. Suddenly a big wave struck the deck and splashed its icy waters over Liesbeth and Katja. "Whew!" Katja said in disgust, wiping the salty water off her face. Then, grabbing her blanket, she walked downstairs. Liesbeth followed her.

That afternoon Mutter and Franz became victims of seasickness. The passengers were no longer permitted on deck. It was raining hard, and violent fifty-foot waves repeatedly swamped the upper deck. In the

steerage, with so many sick, life was most unpleasant that day. As Liesbeth sat on her bunk reading, a young woman fell or threw herself on the floor and another woman carried the girl back to her bed. The sick girl cried and raved, saying that her headache and stomach-ache were unbearable. The medical inspection at the upper deck had to be suspended on that day. However, a doctor went to the steerage cabin, examining those who were ill. He gave them suggestions on how to make themselves more comfortable but gave no medicine.

The wind shifted after a time and attacked the ship from the sides. For a while it seemed as if it would roll over. Liesbeth stood at one of the closed portholes and watched the waves dash against the glass. She was anxiously waiting for the wind to stop blowing. Suddenly the porthole window opened of its own accord and a stream of water about a foot in diameter accompanied by a terrific force deposited itself on the floor about ten feet from the porthole with an explosive crash that frightened the wits out of everybody in the steerage room. Liesbeth was drenched from head to foot. For a long time after that she paid no more attention to the portholes, nor would she ever trust one again.

The direction of the wind changed again, to blow against the bow of the ship. Then gradually the storm subsided. The boat was still rocking badly, but the improvement was quite noticeable. A little later, after the wind had abated, a thick fog enveloped the ship. Every five minutes the steam whistle sounded. For three hours the boat barely moved. Mutter had been right—she lost many hours of sleep because her seasickness was severe, to say the least. Then on a perfectly quiet and clear day about ten days out of Bremen, after several storms and bad fogs, the Cassel passed over the region where the Titanic had sunk. Mutter, too, was on deck for the occasion. The day before, August had told her that the liner had been close to some floating icebergs and the temperature had fallen five or six degrees below the freezing point. He explained to Mutter that North Atlantic icebergs came from Greenland. Sometimes they drifted several thousand miles from their place of origin. Mutter was thankful that so far their boat had escaped the fate of the Titanic and that for all practical purposes she herself had come out of her

ocean illnesses without any bad after effects.

It was evident that land soon would be in sight when, a day later, sailing vessels were sighted on the westerly horizon. Soon the passengers could see land. After eleven days on the water, the sight was a pleasing and encouraging one for the travelers. During the storm many of them had been dreadfully unhappy and sick. Hardly a person remained below deck when a tip of Nova Scotia, Canada, became visible. Large numbers, perhaps eight hundred, had already packed their bundles and handbags. They were going to disembark in Canada. Their coats and hats were neatly laid out or folded on their arms. They were anxious to meet friends and relatives, or to set their feet on ground which to them seemed almost holy and which would mean happiness and an easier life. One of the crew members had died of a heart attack the day before, and his body would be removed to Halifax, to be transported by train to his home in Nebraska.

Mutter was the most excited of all the passengers. Her own eyes were beholding a bit of land which was North America, the place where there would be no more fear from foolish wars. During the storms she had been doubtful whether she would ever reach the New World. At last she was certain; it was right there before her! "Thank God, we've made it!" she said later in the afternoon, as the ship glided into the landlocked harbor and capital of Nova Scotia. When August told her that two-fifths of the sea voyage was still ahead of her, she did not care. "We are on this side of the ocean and that is what counts," she said happily and tearfully.

Many passengers were disembarking at Halifax as Liesbeth and her folks looked on. They glanced toward McNab's Island near the harbor entrance, then watched stevedores haul fruit and meat into the ship. A quaint wooden structure with a clock tower on a beautiful hill and a big clock in a massive brick building near the shore greeted them. They wished they could stand on the soil of the free and independent dominion of the British Commonwealth, even if just for one moment. As far as they were concerned, Canada and the United States were one. Both were a part of the New World and both represented freedom, a new life, new challenges, opportunities for young and old and a place where they could worship God in peace and without fears. The Canada that they were looking at and could almost touch seemed wonderful to them. Their faces radiated happiness. They had reached the New World!

On the deck of the ship Franz and Liesbeth stood until the anchors were lifted at a late hour and the boat slowly started to move out of the quiet, peaceful harbor in the

direction of the billowy sea. They had hoped to get a glimpse of the eerie lights which occasionally brightened the northern skies with their varied colors, but the Aurora Borealis failed to appear that night.

Around Cape Charles and into the Chesapeake Bay the Cassel swung three days later. For a few hours it slowly glided through the calm waters, passed the Rappahannock and the Potomac rivers and finally touched the busy harbor and "monumental city" of Baltimore, Maryland, the community of many churches and cottages. There the boat unloaded a handful of passengers and their baggage. August and Liesbeth could not miss the chance to see Baltimore, one of six or seven of North America's largest cities. It was the first city in the United States that was close enough for them to see. They had hoped they might stop in New York and see its tall buildings and the Statue of Liberty, but the Cassel avoided that port. Baltimore was an important American city. Liesbeth remembered a little clipping in the semi-monthly German paper which eight or nine years before had told something about a great fire that had destroyed the business section of Baltimore.

August had figured that it was only about twenty miles from Washington, the capital of the United States.

"How thrilling!" Liesbeth said, as her eyes twinkled from excitement and expectation. Some day she would not be twenty miles from Washington or looking at Baltimore from on deck of a boat at midnight—she would be on their streets enjoying their cultural achievements, admiring their magnificent structures and looking in the faces of their busy people.

A few days later the Cassel was negotiating the Straits of Florida. The scenery observed from the boat became extremely interesting, but the heat was prostrating, the sea perfectly calm. Numerous steamers and sailboats were plying the waters and many islands dotted the sea. Some were joined by bridges, with trains running over them. There was a huge ship that had foundered, its stern below the water and the bow up in the air. Flying fish a yard long or longer put on shows for the passengers on deck and came so close to the sides of the boat that they almost could be touched.

(To be continued)

The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you.

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Men and pins are useless when they lose their heads.

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A dog has many friends because the wag was put in his tail, not his tongue.

## Meeting of the Congo Protestant Council

By Henry Brucks

On Friday, February 21, the Brethren J. B. Kliever, Jean Kioma and I stepped into the plane at Kikwit to travel to Leopoldville for the meetings of the Congo Protestant Council. Friday and Saturday were spent in work for our mission.

The first meeting of members of the Council was a prayer service on Saturday evening. Council meetings were officially opened on Sunday night. A message on Matthew 13:33 proved to be a blessing and set the tone for the coming sessions.

At 8 a.m. on Monday we were all seated in the church of the British Baptist Mission for the sessions of the Council meeting. Representatives from the various missions and delegates from the native churches of the Congo and Ruanda-Urundi were present. The sessions ran until Sunday, March 2, and each day was filled with work and activity.

As in past sessions, the whole group was divided into smaller groups or committees to work on such specific subjects as education, the Church and evangelism, finances, medical work. Brother Kliever participated in the Finance Committee, and Brother Kioma and I attended the meeting of the Committee on Church and Evangelism.

Before the various Committees began their particular assignments, a joint meeting was called to study the important question of the relationship of the Congo Protestant Council to the International Missionary Council. The evident signs of division and the formation of a new body within the missionary realm of the Congo received consideration. By God's grace however, this could once again be bridged over. A motion was made that the CPC withdraw from IMC. The count of the vote showed 39 in favor, nine opposed, with three abstaining from voting.

The next major issue which took up the greatest amount of time was centered around "The Church of Christ of Congo." A special commission had received the assignment to work on matters that pertained to the Church such as evangelism, organization, the training of the pastorate, Bible schools and seminaries. One group pushed strongly towards the organization of "one" church in the Congo with no denominations excepted. The "oneness" in Christ from the organizational aspect received very strong emphasis. Subcommittees were created to help in the formation of guiding principles in the organizing of such a church. We felt that at this point the CPC had overstepped its constitutional boundaries, entering into a field for which the CPC had not been organized. The opportunity was tak-

en to speak with some of the leading men on this very point, and by the grace of God, the trend took on a different turn.

Reports were received concerning the medical work in the Congo, the work of the Protestant chaplain in the army, the women's work and the educational work. The latter department had undergone a time of testing within the last month or so because the state had put a ceiling on school subsidies receivable. This ceiling, which had not been announced earlier but which seemed to become effective yet this year, indicated a serious cut in money promised for this year. Missions found themselves in extremely critical situations. Closing schools and dismissing moniteurs were considered. New light was sought by making approaches to state officials. The head of the Educational Department of the Governor General visited us one morning to give his viewpoints, but even this did not change the problem. The Minister of the Colonies came to the Congo during that week. Rev. Thompson was received by him. The Catholics had already present-

### A Parable for Mothers

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was weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked at the stars and said: "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth—clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the Mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the Light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said: "This day is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the weeks and months and years, and the Mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong and walked with courage. And when the way was hard they helped their Mother, and when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

And the Mother said: "I have

ed that question to him. Once again the matter was changed, and the school subsidies were promised to the missions without ceilings. This news was received with great appreciation.

Our impressions and observations after attending this meeting are as follows: it is of value for us to be represented at the Congo Protestant Council; our membership in the Congo Protestant Council is of value to us as a mission in the Congo, great caution must be taken lest we be swept into a large organization that puts less and less emphasis on matters of first importance; our native churches must be acquainted with Christianity of a larger scope, but they must be prepared to meet these other churches and see basic differences; as long as the CPC can be kept on a positive basis, it is of greater value for us to stay than to break away and form a new organization; the brethren who represent the American Mennonite Brethren Mission should be supported with much prayer so the Lord would give them the wisdom, tact and courage needed to speak the right word at the right time.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who prayed for the meetings. We believe the Lord definitely overruled and blessed.

reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said: "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

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When a man is praying for a corn crop God likes to see him say "amen" with a hoe.

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### Anti-Semitism Still Active In Present Day Germany

Anti-Semitism has not been overcome in Germany, Dr. Franz Boehm told a Congress of German Societies for Christian Jewish Co-operation in Munich recently.

Dr. Boehm, president of the societies and Christian Democratic Deputy of the Bundestag, said the existence of anti-Semitic undercurrents in Germany had been shown by a speech of Justice Minister Fritz Schaeffer in Bavaria last year. Herr Schaeffer criticized the amount of restitution payments to Jewish victims of Nazism as constituting a danger to the stability of the German mark.

The congress suggested that teachers and students in German schools become familiar with the anti-Semitism problem and that graduates be shown former concentration camps.

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### Close Protestant School

A Presbyterian school in the Colombian town of Villarrica, Tolima, has been closed by order of the national Ministry of Education, and the 91 children who were enrolled in the Protestant school are left without the opportunity to learn to read and write. Children of Protestants are not admitted to Villarrica's public school system.

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### Khrushchev Says Jews Fault Doomed Siberian Colonization

The colonization of a region in Siberia by Soviet Jews failed because of the individualistic nature of the colonists, according to Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev of the Soviet Union. The statement was made in a long interview granted to Serge Groussard of the Paris newspaper *Le Figaro* on March 19, before Mr. Khrushchev assumed the Premiership.

By thus labeling certain characteristics, particularly intellectual interests, as harmful to collective life, Khrushchev has singled the Jews out as the one major group not fitted for normal life in Soviet society. Previously the Soviet view had been that Jews were perfectly

integrated into Soviet society. (The settlement of Jews in Birobidzhan began in the Nineteen Twenties.)

The journalist, according to a report in the *New York Times*, told Mr. Khrushchev he had learned that although a third of the approximately 100,000 inhabitants of Birobidzhan, an autonomous region in southeastern Siberia, were Jews, travelers saw no Hebrew schools and no signs or newspapers in Yiddish. The Soviet leader denied this and launched into a defense of Moscow's policy on Jews.

He said the Government had encouraged Jewish settlement on extremely rich lands in Birobidzhan and had accorded the region a special status. He said that he did not know how many of those in the original mass migration remained, but that returns exceeded departures.

"A true Jewish cultural community is no more realizable than a political community," Mr. Khrushchev was reported to have said. "The Jews are interested in everything, get to the bottom of everything, discuss everything and wind up having profound cultural divergences."

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## CANADASCOPE

### Cost of Living at New Record

Living costs made their biggest rise in almost two years between March and April, with the consumer price index climbing by nine-tenths of a point to a record 125.2 at the beginning of April.

This new rise—the fourth consecutive monthly increase—was the largest since the May-June period of 1956, when the prices barometer rose by 1.2 points. Boosted mainly by higher prices of fresh fruits, vegetables and beef, the index now is 4.3 points higher than it was a year ago.

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### Thieves Walk Off With \$2 Million

Thieves who cut through the walls of a vault escaped with about \$2,240,000 in bearer bonds, cheques and cash belonging to the Brockville Trust and Savings Company,

Brockville, Ont. The haul is believed to be the biggest robbery in Canada. An official said the thieves also stole hundreds of thousands of registered bonds but they are not negotiable.

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### More Tourists Expected

Indications from tourist bureaus are that visitors will come to Canada in larger numbers and spend more money here than in any other year. It has been estimated that between 7 and 8 million Americans will spend all or part of their holidays in Canada this summer.

These reports are based on the mail enquiries at bureaus, which are 30 per cent heavier this year than in 1957.

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### Manitoba Election June 16

Manitobans will go to the polls on June 16 to elect another provincial government. Premier Douglas Campbell announced the date for the provincial election last week.

The present government is Liberal-Progressive, but the Conservatives hope to change the picture. A similar hope is causing the CCF to launch an aggressive campaign.

### Cancer Major Child Killer

Cancer has become the greatest menace among diseases to the lives of children, declared Dr. Alexander Bell, a Seattle pediatrician, during a visit to Vancouver. It is second only to accidents among all causes of death to children.

In an interview he said, "Cancer has replaced diseases like diphtheria and diarrhoea, which we can now cure but were fatal to children several years ago."

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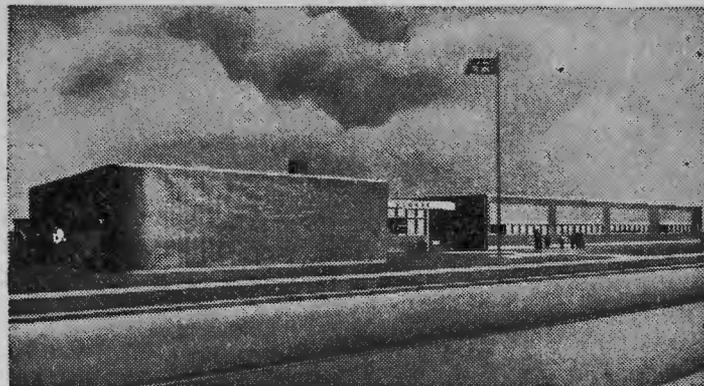
### Announce Date Of Closing Exercises

Winnipeg, Man. — The closing program and graduation exercises of the M. B. Collegiate Institute will take place on Sunday, May 25.

The closing program of the school will be presented at 2:30 p.m. (CDT) in the South End M. B. church.

Rev. Frank C. Peters, teacher at the M. B. Bible College, will speak at the graduation exercises at North Kildonan M. B. church on Sunday night, 7:00 p.m. (CDT).

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## Obituaries

### Mrs. John A. Ratzlaff

Mrs. John A. Ratzlaff of Waldheim, Sask., passed away in her sleep at home on Sunday morning, April 20. Death was due to a heart ailment. Funeral services were held from the Waldheim M. B. church on April 24.

Mrs. Ratzlaff, nee Marie Entz, was born on August 4, 1900, in Minnesota. She accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of 16, was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church. In 1918 she moved to Dalmeny, Sask., with her mother. In 1921 she was married to Mr. Frank Gossen, who passed away nine years later, leaving her a widow with four small children. On April 20, 1947, she married Mr. J. A. Ratzlaff, which union lasted 11 years.

She is survived by her mother, her husband, five daughters, seven sons, thirty-one grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

### Mr. Bernhard Nickel

Mr. Bernhard H. Nickel, 68, passed away at home on April 3, 1958, after a lengthy illness. Death was attributed to cancer. Funeral services were held from the South Abbotsford M. B. church on April 7. Rev. J. J. Stobbe officiated, assisted by Rev. Is. Janzen and Rev. Wm. Neufeld.



Mr. Nickel was born on September 3, 1889, in South Russia. His parents were Heinrich and Susanna Nickel. In 1912 he was married to Miss Helena Kliewer. Seven children came to bless the home. Mr. Nickel accepted Christ as his personal Saviour in 1914 and was baptized and received into the M. B. Church in 1925 at Herbert, Sask.

In 1921 the family migrated to Canada. During the lengthy stay at Moscow both of his parents and two sons died. Arriving in Canada in 1923, the family settled at Beechy, Sask. From here they moved to Abbotsford, B.C., in 1947, joining the South Abbotsford M. B. Church.

He is survived by his wife; three sons and their families, Bernhard and John at Abbotsford and Jake in Vancouver; one daughter, Agnes (Mrs. Jacob Redekop) at Main Centre, Sask.; eight grandchildren; three brothers, Henry, Langley, B.C., Frank, Beechy, Sask., and Aron at Saskatoon; four sisters, Mrs. Susanna Wieler, Lancaster, Pa., Mrs. Tina Froese, Russia, Mrs. Helen Loewen, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., and Mrs. Aganeta Rogalsky, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Burial took place at the M. B. Church cemetery at South Abbotsford.

## Weddings

### Braun—Block



Miss Agatha Block, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. Block of St. Catharines, Ont., and Alvin Braun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Braun of St. Catharines, were married on April 12 in the Mennonite Brethren church at St. Catharines. Rev. H. Penner officiated. (Photo by G. Epp)

### Kroeker—Plett

An interesting wedding took place in the M. B. church at Saskatoon on April 26, when Miss Maria Plett, who came from Paraguay a few weeks ago, became the bride of Irwin Kroeker, who also came from Paraguay, but who has already lived with his mother at Saskatoon for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Siemens acted as best man and bridesmaid. The wedding was sponsored by the Ladies Aid societies of the church.

Rev. P. Funk officiated at the marriage ceremony and Rev. H. S. Rempel also spoke a few words. Music was supplied by Miss Elsie Sawatzky at the organ, a ladies' trio, and a small choir group.

### Willems—Dick

The M. B. church of Saskatoon was the scene of a pretty wedding on Friday, April 11, when Esther,

daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Dick of Saskatoon, became the bride of Harold Willems, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Willems of the Brotherhood M. B. Church, Waldheim, Sask. Rev. George Braun officiated at the marriage ceremony.

Miss Laura Willems, sister of the groom, was maid of honor, Rosella Block was bridesmaid and George Willems, a brother to the groom, was best man.

Soloists were Miss Adeline Willems of Winnipeg and Mr. J. K. Schroeder, music director at the Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn. Miss Marjorie Wiens presided at the organ.



### German Art Collection To Be Distributed

The German art collection, a gift of the German people to MCC in appreciation for relief work during World War II, is to be distributed within the MCC constituency.

This is the plan:

1. One print for every MCC member who represents a group, the gift being to the group rather than to the member.
2. One print for each MCC institution: Brook Lane Farm, Prairie View Hospital, Kings View Hospital and Ailsa Craig Boys Farm.
3. One print for MCC regional offices at Newton, Kans., and Waterloo, Ont.
4. Seven prints and the oil painting at MCC headquarters in Akron, Pa.
5. A set of 14 prints, including a print for each Mennonite seminary and college of junior college level or above, is to be selected and set aside for the use of college fine arts departments throughout the country for a period of five years.

This plan was recommended by a committee appointed by the MCC executive committee. The collection has been exhibited in Mennonite and affiliated colleges and many of the prints have been published in conference journals.

### Asian Christians Need Fraternal Help

Missionaries are still needed in Asia, but they must play a different role than they have in the past, says a Christian ecumenical leader from India.

Lutheran Bishop Rajah B. Manikam of India, speaking as a guest of Orrie O. Miller in the MCC chapel in Akron, Pa., declared "the tremendous unfinished task" of the

Christian Church in the Orient must continue to have the leadership of occidental churchmen.

But these leaders, he suggested, must now play the role of "the friend, philosopher and guide" instead of being the "leader, superintendent or director."

The indigenous church of Asia is not strong enough at this point to rely entirely on its own leadership, he believes. So Western fraternal workers who will "stand behind the cart and push—rather than pull from the front—will make the indigenous church strong."

He said "the new role of the missionary is more difficult—requiring more patience and humility—but it must be played."

One reason the indigenous church is not ready to go alone, he mentioned, is that so many members are still illiterate. For instance, only 25 per cent of the baptized Lutherans of India are literate. Indigenous leaders must also be trained, he reminded.

Because the Christian Church is universal, "missionaries from the West are the best proof that my church is part of that universal Church, planted in India, but not a narrow nationalistic group," he said.

The small Christian Church in Asia should be a concern of Christians everywhere, he suggested, for within the Pakistan-Japan-Ceylon geographical triangle live half the people of the world, but Christianity has made relatively small numerical impact after centuries of missionary effort.

Bishop Manikam also advocates "a united front to the people of Asia." The primary thing for all denominations in Asia "is the evangelization of my people" and not denominationalism.

He pointed out that the Roman Catholic Church in India is strong and united but Protestant Christians are divided into 200 denominational groups—a situation he termed "calamitous". In other Asiatic nations the church has been segmented by the arrival of competitive Protestant groups since World War II.

The Lutheran bishop also hopes Christian leaders will restudy the traditional oriental religions (notably Buddhism and Hinduism) which are resurgent. They must be approached by Christians much differently than in former years, he said.

Bishop Manikam is teaching this year in the Union Theological Seminary in New York city and will return to India in June. Before becoming the only Lutheran bishop in India he was national secretary of the National Christian Council of India, and since 1951 he has been the East Asian secretary for the World Council of Churches. He studied at the Lutheran seminary in Philadelphia.

## The Place of Music in Family Devotions

By J. M. Thiessen

Although I feel in no way qualified to discuss this topic, I do have some definite ideas about the matter, and I would solicit your attention for a moment as we consider the question.

We are aware of the proverb, "Train a child in the way he shall go, and when he is old, he will not depart therefrom." I believe this has a definite bearing in the matter we are to consider. Consciously, or unconsciously, parents are developing musical tastes in their children. The remark of approval that is made with regard to the choir's performance on Sunday morning, or the destructive criticism levelled at church musicians, will leave an indelible mark on the mind of a youngster—perhaps even before we would judge him impressionable. Similarly, making the singing of good songs of devotion and praise the part of the family devotions that all enjoy will develop the child's appreciation for that type of song as he grows older. The "songs my mother sang" are always the sweetest music in anyone's ears, I am sure you will agree to that. It is, therefore, important that a proper taste be developed at home. Where could this be done more appropriately than in the attitude of worship during family devotions?

Family devotions are important, because through this medium the whole family is brought into the presence of God. For those members who have already accepted Christ as their Saviour, the exercise is a period of rededication and strengthening; for those members who are not yet children of God the exercise can become a means by which they are convicted of their sinful condition, which in turn will lead to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Periods of family devotions are usually quite brief. If, however, songs are sung, the melody of the song and, by association, perhaps even the words, will linger in the memory of the child after the exercise is over. We know of instances that tell of young men and women led to the Saviour because they were haunted by a song that they had learned at home. Because of the emotional effect of music, a song may achieve what a sermonette or Bible exposition given during family devotions fails to do.

Further, singing at family devotions will tend to emphasize the more pleasant aspect of church-going to the unsaved. Unwittingly an air of reverence grips the heart of the listener. I believe that a young person who has been raised amid the strains of Christian hymns and chorals will develop a greater awe for the church. Hardened criminals have been melted by the singing of hymns as they entered a church to arrest or even kill the believers.

I feel that unsaved young people, who have been taught to listen with respect or sing along with respect in family devotions, will show more of a devotional quietness in Church. Part of the reason for the rowdy balconies of young people in our churches is the fact that they have not been taught at home to react reverently to a worship service. If a family worship service simulates a church service, the various phases of a regular service will hold equal respect for the young people.

Education is a slow and gradual process. The thoughts, ideas, ideals and even songs that will occupy us are only gradually given permanent pattern. If a child has the liberty of hearing jazz or popular songs every

day, and is only on Sunday morning brought into contact with the gospel song and church hymn, you can be sure that the song that will be on his lips from day to day will not be the gospel song or the beautiful elevating hymn, but the rhythmical jazz song or the cheap popular song. If we want children to sing gospel songs and hymns we will have to acquaint them with such songs gradually, and continually.

College Companion

### Museum and Centennial Planned

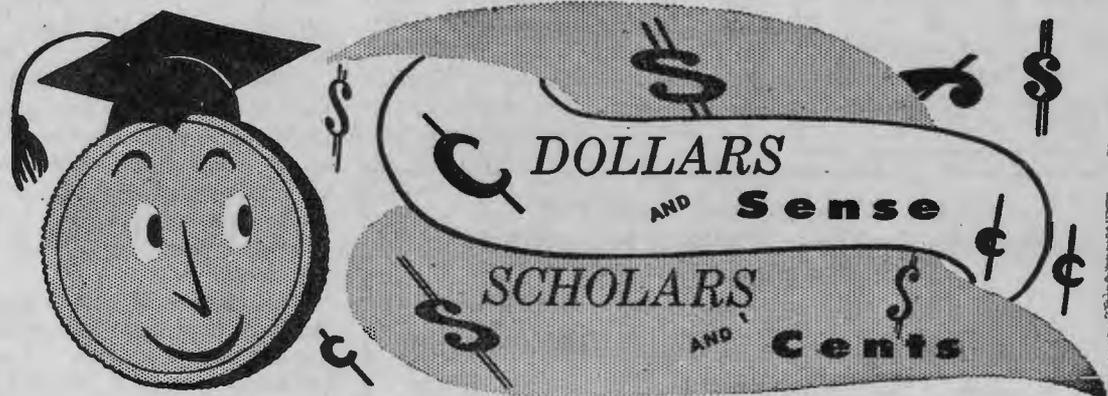
**Morris, Man.** — Planning for a Mennonite museum and for a centennial celebration by Manitoba Mennonites began at an organizational meeting of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society May 2.

Some 35 representatives attended the meeting here. They voted to establish a Mennonite museum in the next few years and to promote academic research in the founding and development of Mennonite churches in Manitoba.

Elected to the executive committee of the historical society were: Gerhard Lohrenz, Winnipeg; Jacob Rempel, Gretna; P. J. B. Reimer, Grunthal; J. A. Toews, Winnipeg; John C. Reimer, Steinbach; T. E. Friesen, Altona, and Frank Zacharias, Winnipeg. Gerhard Enns of Gretna will serve as the secretary of the committee.

Victor Peters, Winnipeg, John C. Reimer, Steinbach, and P. J. B. Reimer of Grunthal were elected to the museum committee.

Membership in the society was set at \$1.00.



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## Revival at Vineland

Vineland, Ont. — The M. B. Church here is singing songs of victory.

Had you been with us before Sunday school on Sunday morning, May 3, you, too, would have thrilled at the theme song sung by the Sunday school pupils. With one accord and with conviction they sang the chorus, "There is victory for me. For me? Yes me. Through the blood of Christ my Saviour there is victory for me." Many of the children, even the seven and eight year olds, had experienced that victory only a few days before.

Perhaps you think that the time before the worship service on a Sunday morning is not the ideal time for testimonies. Yet this Sunday when they were given the opportunity several publicly confessed their sins and dedicated their lives

to the Lord. The church was amazed; such things have never been seen by us before. We, of little faith, had not expected the Spirit of God to move so powerfully among us.

True, we had prayer for a revival for a long time. When we were informed of Rev. Waldo Wiebe's evangelistic campaign, which was scheduled for the last week of April, many prayers ascended to our heavenly Father. He answered above our highest expectations.

The language did not pose a particular problem. Rev. Wiebe spoke English, whereas many of our people understand the German so much better. How thankful we were that our parents came with us to the services. They supported the work; rather worked and prayed with us.

Who else but the Holy Spirit could work such miracles! Many young children opened their hearts to the Lord, confessed their sins, and publicly witnessed to Christ's saving power. One evening, after the service, a young woman hur-

ried after a former Sunday school teacher of hers. With tears streaming down her face she confessed a sin of several years ago. God gave the victory. Others who had backslidden, and for whom there seemed to be no hope of ever returning, came back to the Lord.

How thankful we are for the power of God as manifested to us! Our prayer is that all may stand firm in the Lord.

—M. J.

### Centennial Celebrations In B.C. Churches

Kelowna, B.C. — British Columbia's centennial celebrations began on April 27, with centennial services in the churches and flag-raising ceremonies. Mennonite churches throughout British Columbia also raised their voices in thanksgiving toward God.

The Mennonite Brethren Church here heard Rev. A. J. Sawatsky, the pastor, deliver a message on "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Kelowna citizens gathered in the park that afternoon for special celebrations. A 100-voice choir, made up of singers from various churches, sang. Members of the armed forces were also present. After the message there was a flag-raising ceremony.

The Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren churches held a joint evening service. Rev. Enns of the First Mennonite Church delivered the message, while the choir of the Mennonite Brethren Church sang the Easter cantata, "Our Living Lord."

### Brunk Campaign to Start June 1

Chilliwack, B.C. — Preparations for the Brunk Revival Campaign in the Chilliwack area are progressing favourably. Meetings will begin June 1 and extend to June 22 in a big tent located on Sumas Prairie Road, two miles south of the Trans-Canada highway.

Seven committees which have been active since January are now making final arrangements for the campaign. Using personal instruction from Rev. Brunk and suggestions from participating churches,

the committees hope to aid in achieving the purpose of the campaign, the salvation of souls and the strengthening of spiritual life in our community. Slogans such as "The Whole Gospel for the Whole World", "Christ for the World", "Christ for America", often used by the six-foot-four evangelist in previous campaigns, also influenced the work of the committees.

The equipment used by Rev. Brunk will arrive in the Chilliwack area about the third week in May. Four large vans will transport the tent, poles, and chairs from Virginia, U.S.A., to the Chilliwack site on Sumas Prairie Road. The tent comfortably accommodates 3,000 people. From Chilliwack the Brunk Revival Campaign moves to Abbotsford for the month of July, and to Vancouver for August.

### On the Horizon

May 9 to 11—Upper mid-west regional Christian Business Men's Committee Convention at Winnipeg.

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.

May 25—School closing program of the M.B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg, will be presented at 2:30 p.m. in the South End M.B. church. Graduation exercises will take place at 7:00 p.m. that evening in the North Kildonan M.B. church. All times are Central Daylight Time.

May 29—Baccalaureate service of the M.B. College in the college auditorium at 8 p.m. (Central Daylight Time).

May 31—The senior class of the M.B. Bible College will present a program in the college auditorium at 8 p.m. (CDT).

June 1—Graduation service of the M.B. Bible College in the South End M. B. church at 7:00 p.m. (CDT).

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

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