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There was great joy in the Elmwood M. B. Church, Winnipeg, when the mortgage was burned on December 3 at a special service and supper. Here Jack Flatt (left), the one who received members' funds toward debt retirement, and Rev. I. W. Redekopp are watching the last remains of the 36-signature mortgage go up in smoke. Obviously also enjoying the sight are C. A. DeFehr, chairman of the building committee, left, Rev. A. A. Kroeker (who represented North Kildonan M. B. Church), and H. F. Klansen, chairman of the trustees. The building debt was retired in five years. (Staff Photo)

Mortgage Burning Ceremony at Elmwood

Winnipeg, Man. — At an impressive service, the Elmwood M. B. Church gave thanks to God for liquidation of the debt on the church building, erected in 1953.

Highlight of the evening service December 3 was the burning of the mortgage on the building, which was erected at a total cost of \$188,450.00. The mortgage contained the signatures of 36 members of the church, some of whom have already passed on to their reward.

The service began in the main auditorium of the church, with Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor, delivering the feature address. He based his message on Jacob's anointing of a stone, personal consecration, and dedication of the spot where he slept while fleeing Esau. He elaborated on the revelation Jacob had received there, the act of faith in anointing the stone, his personal participation in promising a tenth of his income to the Lord, and the blessing he received from this act. In conclusion, Rev. Redekopp pointed out that there is a danger of stopping to give and sacrifice when a church reaches its goal in liquidating the debt. This must not happen.

Rev. H. Regehr and Mr. C. A. DeFehr led in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His guidance and help in building the church and paying for it.

After a joint dinner in the lower auditorium, the church heard reports from the building committee, the committee supervising the voluntary labor utilized in church construction, and the trustees. Rev. A. A. Kroeker congratulated the church in behalf of the North Kildonan M. B. Church. Dr. A. H. Unruh also directed words of counsel to the members.

Rev. Redekopp officiated at the burning of the mortgage ceremony, assisted by Mr. Jack Flatt, who has had an active part in the collection of funds toward debt retirement.

A total of \$121,308.00 was given by the members of the church in 5½ years toward payment of the building debt, while the sale of the former church building provided \$34,781.00. Together with incidental income the church received \$157,250.00 toward retirement of the building debt. Building and furnishing the church totalled \$153,458.00 in actual costs. Free labor saved approximately \$25,000.00, while the

lot, a gift, was valued at \$10,000.00. The total value thus is \$188,458.33.

Already the 1100-seat church and Sunday school annex are proving inadequate for the growing Sunday school. Again and again speakers at the thanksgiving service pointed out that with the retirement of the

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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FAMILY WEEKLY

Dedicate Sanctuary at Woodrow

By W. Sutter

Woodrow, Sask. — The members of the Woodrow Mennonite Brethren Church are happy to see the completion of the new sanctuary erected in the town of Woodrow. Our prayer is that this new church building might be a lighthouse in the community and surrounding districts.

Sunday, November 23, saw the dedication of this new church. The day began with the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9:45 a.m. Rev. E. J. Lautermilch, pastor of the Swift Current M. B. Church, led with Scripture and prayer. Brother Albert Lautermilch, chairman of the building board, then presented the key to Brother Sam Sutter, business leader of the church. The ribbon was then cut and the door unlocked.

The morning service was well attended. Special numbers were presented by the choir, male quartet, and ladies' trio. As an introductory message, the pastor of the church, Rev. Nick Willms, spoke on II Cor. 1:12.

It was our privilege to have as guest speaker, Rev. George Dyck, pastor of the Dalmeny M. B. Church. As a basis for his message, Brother Dyck chose Colossians one. He emphasized the fact that if this new church building was to be a blessing in the community a re-dedication must take place in the life of each member of the church.

After the morning service, dinner was served in the church basement by the ladies of the church.

During the intermission, the congregation was favoured by music presented by the Woodrow community band.

Rev. J. J. Thiessen, pastor of the Greenfarm M. B. Church, led in the invocation at the afternoon service. The introductory message was presented by Rev. E. J. Lautermilch

original debt the church must begin planning for expansion of the Sunday school annex.

During the five years since the construction of the church, the membership has risen from just over 300 to 540, while the Sunday school enrollment today stands at 430.

on the seven possibilities of a dedicated church, as found in II Cor. 8:5. Another challenging message was then given by our guest speaker, Rev. George Dyck, on the subject of true dedication, according to Colossians 1:15-28, and Genesis 28:16. We were also favoured with special numbers by the choir, male quartet, ladies' sextet, and a solo by Rev. Dyck entitled "Bless This House."

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Peace Conference Appoints Committee for Co-ordination

Kitchener, Ont. — At least 500 men attended the twenty-third session of the Conference of Historic Peace Churches in Ontario November 22 in the St. Jacobs Mennonite church. They represented the 11 participating groups.

Bishop E. J. Swalm of Duntroon, Ont., served as chairman, assisted by J. J. Wichert of Vineland. C. J. Rempel of Kitchener and Henry H. Epp of Waterloo were secretaries.

The conference took a significant step forward when it asked the executive to appoint a committee of five to study co-ordination of projects sponsored by the Conference of Historic Peace Churches in Ontario. The committee will report at next year's conference.

Timely Devotionals

Timely devotional meditations at each of the three sessions by Everek Storms, a public school teacher and a layman of the United Missionary Church, centred on "Limiting God." He pointed out that anything God ever did in the past or may be expected to do in the future, He can do today.

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EDITORIAL

A Message of Peace

If one of the angels in the chorus that proclaimed "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" on Bethlehem's plains is looking down on the world today he is probably in a state of semi-shock. It is over nineteen hundred years since the message of peace was proclaimed and the messenger of peace Himself came, yet there is not even a semblance of real peace yet.

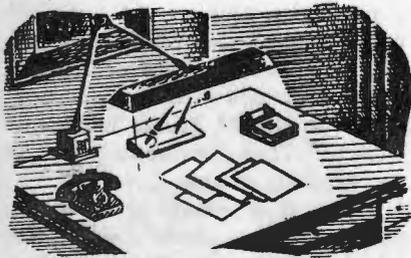
Christ came to bring peace to the individual, yet today the psychiatric wards and mental hospitals are crowded and have waiting lists. He came to reconcile man to God, yet most men are not only at war with God—they are at war with themselves. The message of reconciliation is laughed at, yet suicides are increasing. His great at-one-ment is brushed aside as a "bloody" religion too vulgar for the sensibilities of cultured man while millions pass from this world with no hope and certain judgment.

Christ came to bring peace to the home. Today, however, it is son against father, daughter against mother, as the parents are despised as old-fashioned, discipline is set aside as "cruel", and policemen are called in to quell the family strife. He who would be "head of the home" is left standing on the doorstep. He who would knit the bonds of a common love to God in the family is relegated to the "attic" because "we are too busy."

Christ came to bring peace to society. He proclaimed the message of love to the neighbor. Yet in a world of strikes and mob violence it is brother against brother, employee against employer, wage-earner against Capitalist." While Christ said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," men live according to the motto, "Each one for himself."

Christ came to bring peace to the nations. He came to be king of kings and lord of lords, to unite nation with nation in a world fellowship of peace. Yet natural man turns to natural means to achieve this and fails miserably. With water-hose in hand the nations rush to douse a fire in Lebanon, only to find fire has broken out in Quemoy. When that seems to be somewhat under control a blaze is ignited in the Sudan. With this flash-fire down to a curl of smoke Berlin reaches the kindling point.

And all this time the Prince of Peace waits. He has left the messengers of peace to represent Him. We are His messengers! Are we true "peace-makers"? His call is to faithfulness until He will come to reign supreme as true King of Kings and Lord of Lords.



Pen Points For Reporters

Top News: What was the top news item in last week's paper? From this vantage-point it seems that the news of the KMB conference's approval of detailed plans for merger with the M. B. Church deserves the top news spot.

Amen! When the editor first read last week's devotional article in the (Old) Mennonite denominational weekly, the *Gospel Herald*, he was struck by the message of the incident. It reminded him of Oswald J. Smith's testimony concerning his first missionary sacrifice, which was a \$50.00 pledge for missions that he paid off in installments. After a tremendous battle within himself, he signed the pledge for \$50 in faith that God would supply his need (at the time his ministerial salary seemed entirely inadequate for such

a pledge). Year by year he increased that pledge, until it was \$500—and more. And each year God made it possible for him to keep his faith pledge. More of us need to learn to give sacrificially!

Writing Aids: Even good writers sometimes need to look up a point in spelling or punctuation. The corrections in spelling and punctuation usually separate the polished writer from the amateur one. In school, it may mean the difference between getting an A or a C in an essay.

The editor has found the dictionary indispensable. You should have a good one, possibly Webster's New World Dictionary (\$5.50). Other helpful booklets relating to sentence construction and punctuation can be had in any local bookstore. Some time ago the editor purchased "How

DEVOTIONAL

Still No Room?

By J. E. Geddert *

How many heart-warming songs and poems have been centered around the full inn at Bethlehem! We are shocked to think that when the Son of God took upon Himself human flesh there was not even a respectable place for Him to be born. We blame the innkeeper for turning Joseph and Mary away. However, we become less critical when we realize that the inn was full and that the keeper did not know what great event would take place that night. Surely, had he known what was involved, would he not have done his utmost to make room for Jesus?

That was almost 2,000 years ago. Why continue to wonder what the innkeeper would have done had he known? Today we have the Scriptural account of His coming and the purpose of it. What are we doing about it, not only now as the Christmas season approaches but in our daily lives throughout the year?

Not long ago a professor of psychology in a large university gave a word-suggestion test to his class of forty students. He instructed them to write the word "Christmas," and all the class did so. "Now," said the professor, "write after the word 'Christmas' the first thought that flashes through your mind regarding that day." When the papers were turned in, such answers were given as "tree," "holly," "presents," "turkey," and "Santa Claus," but not one had written, "the birthday of Jesus." And these were people who knew.

Christian reader, what place does Jesus Christ have in your present work? Was it He who called you into this field, or was it just your choice? Are you performing your tasks in your own strength and wisdom and for your personal gain, or do you truly experience the power of Christ and seek His glory in all your service? The great missionary Paul found that he could "do all things through Christ" on whose strength he relied, and his highest goal in all his work was that Christ should be magnified. Here lay the secret of his abundant Christian ex-

To Punctuate," by Max Crombie, in the Foulsham Pocket Library edition. This is excellent for those who have real difficulty with the comma, the semi-colon, colon, and other punctuation marks. A school textbook such as "Writing and Thinking" is helpful, too. We do not stock the latter two, but your local bookstore should be able to get a copy for you.

Quote: Great men are careful in dealing with people. The fact that they take greater care than lesser men is at once a cause and a symbol of their success.

perience.

What is your personal relationship as a Christian with Jesus Christ? Is He only your Saviour from sin, or have you found Him to be a Friend with whom you can have intimate fellowship constantly? He desires that you bring all your burdens to Him so that He can bear them, and your joys also for Him to share. Oh, that we might learn with Mary of old to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him speak.

I wonder what room Christ has in your relations with others, whether they be members of your household, fellow Christians, or the unsaved. Are your associations with them motivated by His love so that through these contacts they are drawn closer to Him?

A little street urchin walked many blocks over frozen streets in Chicago, passing one church and Sunday school after another, to get to Mr. Moody's church. One morning a Sunday school teacher stopped him and said, "Where are you going?" He replied, "To Mr. Moody's Sunday school." The teacher remarked, "Why, that is many blocks away. Come into my class in this school nearby." The boy said, "No." The teacher persisted and finally asked why he would go so far to Mr. Moody's Sunday school, to which he replied, "Because they love a fellow over there."

May this love of Christ radiate from our lives daily, so that it will not be said of us that there is still no room.

* WCCM worker at Ocean Falls, B.C.

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Joint Evangelistic Effort at Winnipegosis

Winnipegosis, Man. — Two weeks of evangelistic meetings in this district were preceded by house-visitations and a week of prayer-meetings.

During the first few days the prayer-meetings were held in the Mennonite church, while on the other nights they were held at the Gospel Light Mission.

The first week of evangelistic meetings were held in the Gospel Light Mission, with Rev. A. J. Froese, Boissevain, as speaker. The messages were preceded by special numbers, including testimonies, solos, group songs, stories by Rev. Froese, and a choir led by Mrs. George Penner.

The attendance was very good. Even some of the more influential residents of the town began to come out. The audience was made up of seven different denominations. A few accepted Christ while others received assurance of salvation.

During the day Rev. Froese and Frank Peters, the local M. B. worker, made house calls.

The second series of services, called "Christ For Everyone," was held in the Mennonite church, with Rev. Henry Isaak, Brandon Mennonite missionary, as speaker.

Many neighboring farmers of various racial origins attended the meetings, which proved to be a great blessing.

To climax the two-week series of services, a brass trio and a male quartet, accompanied by a pianist and Rev. H. R. Baerg, all from the M. B. Bible College, served Saturday evening, November 29, and Sunday morning at the Gospel Light Mission.

Lindbrook Church Experiences Revival

Lindbrook, Alta. — "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Every night from November 24 to 31 texts like the above challenged anyone attending the M. B. Church of Lindbrook. Rev. Henry Classen, the city missionary of Vancouver, B.C., served as speaker.

Every morning from 10:30 to 12:00, Rev. Classen delivered messages to strengthen Christians in their daily walk.

Fifteen minutes before the evening services, Christians assembled in the basement to pray for revival. At 8:00 p.m. the evening began. Urgent and pleading messages were then given for the unsaved by Rev. Classen. During these evenings the languages of German and English alternated. Every evening there was a story for the children and the choir served with hymns, to emphasize the Word.

On Saturday night, Rev. Classen showed slides of his work in Vancouver.



RETURNING TO AFRICA for a second term of service under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions are Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Dyck of Abbotsford, B. C. Here they are seen with their sons Norman and Stanley.

Ernest Dycks Leave Dec. 17 for Congo

Hillsboro, Kans. — In a prayer letter written during their stay at the headquarters of the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions, the Ernest Dycks reveal that they will be sailing from New Orleans on December 17 for the Belgian Congo. Excerpts of their letter follow.

"... Isa. 54:2,3 has challenged us anew as we are going back to the Belgian Congo. Pray with us that our going might contribute to the enlarging and the strengthening of the Gospel outreach of our M. B. Conference in Africa. Many are yet in the darkness of sin in that land and need to be established through a systematic teaching of God's Word.

"The experiences and the blessings of our furlough still linger in our memory. We have appreciated the fellowship with God's children in the various churches visited. Our home church, the Abbotsford M. B. Church, and the Seattle M. B. group have been a real inspiration to us during times that we have spent in their midst. We have been encouraged by the keen interest for missions in our B. C. churches during our itinerary there in the month of September. We have appreciated

The plea of the Christians did not go unanswered, for during the week there was great rejoicing in heaven and on earth as seven persons surrendered to the Saviour. Three of these were children, while the remaining were two married couples. The messages, however, did not only affect unsaved persons, but also revived many hearts of Christians.

their financial help, which has made our outfitting possible and pray that the Lord may reward them for the love and kindness shown us.

"... For our second term of service in the Congo the Board has assigned to us the direction of the educational work of the Kajiji field and to participate in the evangelistic and church work in that area. The Lord willing, we expect to leave Hillsboro by train on December 11. We are booked to sail from New Orleans on the S.S. Del Alba V50 on December 17. The voyage to Matadi in the Congo will take about one month. If all goes according to plans, we could be settled in the Congo by the end of January.

"We thank you for your interest and prayers in the past and covet them also for the future. Pray that through the preaching and teaching of God's Word His Church in the Congo might be firmly established."

Service Opportunities for Christian Youth

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — The Voluntary Service programs of the Mennonite Central Committee and the various conference boards have enriched the lives of many young people. Voluntary Service offers opportunities for:

- serving children and adults in need
- presenting a Christian witness
- participating in new learning experiences
- meeting new friends

— getting acquainted with the work of your church

You should volunteer if you have these qualifications:

- a vital Christian commitment
- an interest in serving others
- a desire to serve your church
- some high school or college education
- a desire to give rather than receive
- a willingness to leave home for one year

A two-week training period for new volunteers wishing to participate in the inter-Mennonite Voluntary Service program of MCC is being planned for the month of February. The purpose of this orientation period is to inform volunteers about the entire service program and to prepare them for the spiritual and social service they are expected to give. Further information is available from the Personnel Office, MCC, Akron, Penna.

Evangelism at Foam Lake

Foam Lake, Sask. — The week of evangelistic meetings held in the Foam Lake M. B. church November 23 to 28 proved to be a time of spiritual refreshing for God's children. The speaker was Rev. Victor Nickel of Carrot River, Sask.

The gatherings were not large, no doubt due in part to the extremely cold weather at that time. A goodly number of boys and girls attended each evening to hear the continued story of Tip—a story that captivated young and old with its simple gospel message.

Some of the topics Rev. Nickel spoke on were: Darkness; Is It Nothing to You That Pass By; and The Second Coming of Christ.

There is Still Time!

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Baptism in Brazil

By Kenneth Gerbrandt

A sandpit near Curitiba was the setting for a baptism on a lovely Sunday afternoon. Approximately 225 persons gathered to join and support the five candidates who were testifying of their new-found life in Christ. It was encouraging to observe the many cars and trucks of people making their way to the baptism scene. A good number of folks from the Mennonite churches were present.

The baptismal sermon was preached by James Orr. He used various texts to represent the death and resurrection of the Lord and the old and new life of the believer.

As a newcomer to the field, I wish to convey the joy I felt at seeing these who have come out of real darkness into the joy of salvation. To realize that He is able to save unto the uttermost and to see the change and joy in these people's lives is a thrill that certainly surpasses any worldly thrills.

The candidates were two couples and the daughter of Missionary Peter Huebert. They were baptized by Brother Huebert. After the baptism, the five believers were wel-

comed into the church fellowship, and sweet fellowship continued around the communion table.

Perhaps you would be interested in the joy these people expressed after the baptism. Said one woman: "They were happier than the day they were married." Another was afraid she would have a heart attack because her heart was so full of the joy of the Lord.

Such are the results of giving forth the Gospel in a land which is spiritually hungry and open. These souls are brought to Christ and to see them grow and come to this important step of obedience is truly worth every hour spent feeding them the Word. Many here cannot read, and each morsel of spiritual food is literally dropped into their mouths. And each moment you spend in prayer for a missionary on the field is well worth your time. Only eternity will tell the harvest of souls that your praying has reaped. The souls are not coming by the dozens here in Brazil, but they are coming one by one. But who can tell the value of one soul in the eyes of the Lord?

Frank Peters at Woodrow Thanksgiving

Woodrow, Sask. — The Annual Thanksgiving Service of the Woodrow M. B. Church was held on November 30. The theme of the morning service was "Thanksgiving." The guest speaker was Dr. F. C. Peters of Winnipeg.

The introductory message was given by the pastor of the church, Rev. Nick Willems. Special features were presented by choir, male quartet and trio. Dinner was served by the Ladies' Aid in the church basement.

The theme of the afternoon service was "Missions." Dr. Peters answered the question, "Why is Missions Important?" according to John 14:6 and Matthew 28:19-20.

A special youth rally was arranged for the evening service, with the young people in charge of the program and Dr. Peters as guest speaker.

We are thankful to God for the many blessings received, and we are looking to Him for further blessing as we endeavor to worship Him in the new sanctuary which He has enabled us to erect.

Dedicate Sanctuary At Woodrow

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Reports were given by Mr. Sam Sutter, business leader of the church; Mr. Ted Engel, treasurer of the building fund; and Mr. Albert Lautermilch, chairman of the build-

ing board. A special greeting from Premier T. C. Douglas was read to the church. The mayor of Woodrow gave personal greetings as did Mr. Abbey Croissant and ministers of the surrounding districts.

The dedicatory prayer spoken by the congregation was: "We dedicate this building for the assembly of people, for the worship of the almighty God, for the proclamation of the Gospel to the lost, for comfort of all who mourn, for strength for those who are tempted, for light of those who seek the way, for the conversion of sinners and the extension of the kingdom of God.

"We offer thanks for Thy enabling grace and guidance in the building of this church and now we dedicate it unto Thee, oh God."

Following the afternoon service lunch was served in the church basement.

Mennonite Brethren Bible School, Kitchener, Ont.

The chapel periods in Bible school play a vital part in our everyday activities. They are usually conducted by the teachers. On Wednesdays, however, the students lead the morning devotions. Interesting testimonies as well as reports on home and foreign missions have already been presented on these occasions.

Not only do the teachers and students take part in these chapel periods, but visitors as well. Mr. K. P. Penner, chairman of the Bible school board, and Rev. Herman Kroeker, pastor of the Coldwater

Mission, were the first to serve us in this manner. Others who followed were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Duerrstein, both ex-students from our Bible school now working at the Grace Children's Home in Nebraska, and Mr. Max Woerlen, who is on his way to serve the Lord in Europe.

An event which highlighted the activities of our school in November was the first term social. This was held at two teachers' homes, Rev. Wilmer Kornelson and Rev. Henry Warkentin. The student body divided into two groups for that purpose, and judging from the comments which followed the social, it was evident that both parties had certainly enjoyed themselves.

Another event which aroused the interest of the Bible school was the Peace Conference, held in St. Jacob's on November 22. There the students were requested to serve in song in the afternoon session.

At the present we are busily engaged in our studies in preparation for the examinations. We are also preparing for the special Bible school Christmas program for December 14, 2 p.m., in the Kitchener M. B. church to which we invite all interested friends of the institute.

Peace Conference

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Guest speaker for the conference was Harry Martens, assistant to the president of Bethel College, Newton, Kans. He delivered three messages under the titles: For Such a Time as This; Our Witness Through Ministering; and A Call to Christian Laymen. In his challenge to the conference he said, "In a world such as this, when we need to match scientific power with spiritual power, are we to continue to be the quiet of the land?"

Bishop J. B. Martin, chairman of the Military Problems Committee, reported on several avenues of service, including that of disaster service. The province has now been divided into ten areas, with a co-ordinator and two assistant co-ordinators appointed to lead the organization. Registration of personnel is now taking place in the various churches so that a survey can be made of available resources in case of disaster.

Dedication at Ailsa Craig

He also reported on the Ailsa Craig Boys' Farm, where 20 boys are being cared for and where great progress has been made. Two buildings for married staff members have now been completed and were dedicated on December 6. Increased contributions from the provincial government toward the care of the boys makes improved service possible. The expected deficit of \$10,000 for the next year will be covered by the participating churches.

Rev. Henry H. Epp, who recently returned from service in South

America under the General Conference of Mennonites' board, presented a stirring message on the topic, "Successful Struggle Under the Southern Cross." He spoke of the Negro and Spanish elements and the effect that they have had on the historical development of South America. He revealed how the Mennonite brotherhood is counteracting the resulting traditional paganistic Christianity with the Christian Gospel.

Loan Liquidated

P. G. Lehman, chairman of the Non-Resistant Relief Organization, brought a report about relief activities of the Ontario churches. The monthly contributions sent to MCC amount to \$2,300. A canning program was also announced for the winter months.

The treasurer reported that the entire loan debt was liquidated during the past year. Offerings received during the day totalled \$976.98.

In elections, E. J. Swalm was returned as chairman, C. J. Rempel as secretary, Fred Haslam as assistant secretary, Oscar Snyder as treasurer. Newly-appointed was Edgar Metzler as vice-chairman.

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November Orientation School Largest in 1958 Voices Heard in Congo

One of the largest Voluntary Service orientation schools in MCC history has just come to a close at Akron headquarters. Twenty-eight active young participants have committed themselves to one or two years of full-time Christian service and are eagerly looking forward to their varied assignments. This is the sixth and last orientation school for 1958, which brings the total number of volunteers serving in the MCC-VS program to approximately 140.

The two-week orientation period seeks to develop in the volunteer a well-rounded, mature understanding of what actually constitutes Christian service, as well as supply him with basic factual information about his particular assignment.

Included in the two-week schedule was a weekend trip to four Voluntary Service units in the Washington area. Fellowship and first-hand contacts with individuals already in service have proved helpful and inspirational to prospective VSers in the past, so a trip of this nature has become part of the regular program.

Representatives from ten states and two Canadian provinces compose the group. In terms of church affiliation, the breakdown is as follows: Mennonite Church (Old)—12; General Conference—6; Mennonite Brethren—4; six other denominations—1. The MCC sponsored Voluntary Service program seeks to support and extend, through a unit-



ed approach, the outreach of the individual conferences.

The volunteers will be serving at 14 different projects with representation as follows:

District Training School for Retarded Children, Laurel, Md.: Carolyn Burckhart, Orville, Ohio; Kenneth and Carolyn Unzicker, Champaign, Ill.

National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md.: James Atkinson and Paul Godshall, Quakertown, Penna.; Darryll Graber, Freeman, S.D.; Leo Ulrich, Roanoke, Ill.

Kingsview Mental Hospital, Beedley, Calif.: Nola Caplinger, Broadway, Va.; Mary Dick, Chilliwack, B.C.; Agnes Koop, Vancouver, B.C.

Brook Lane Farm, Hagerstown, Md.: Shelba Nafziger, West Unity, Ohio; Susan Elaine Reimer, Orosi, Calif.

Huron Migrant Camp, Calif.:

Anne Enns, Elm Creek, Man.; Laverna Dyck, Langley, B.C.

Junior Village, Smithville, Ohio: Jacob Fast, Hardesty, Okla.; Priscilla Oberholzer, Chambersburg, Pa.

Heifer Project, Gettysburg, Ohio: Melvin and Romaine Huber, Lititz, Penna.

Wiltwyck School for Boys, Esopus, N.Y.: Alice Miller, Bedford, Ohio; Elvin Siebert, Lushton, Nebraska.

Willow Hall Orphanage, Waterloo, Ont.: Marie Krupp, Souderton, Penna.

Akron Headquarters, Akron, Pa.: Rosemary Lengacher, Leo, Ind.

Ailsa Craig Boys Farm, Ont.: Clyde Barry Moyer, Blooming Glen, Penna.

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By William G. Baergs

As voices speaking for God, we share the following voices from the Congo: 1) to praise God, 2) to encourage you, 3) to testify of God's working, 4) to exhort you to pray.

"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness" (John 1:23).

"As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" (Luke 3:4).

In the work in the Congo we have heard the voices of:

Dissatisfaction

Congolese awaking from a long sleep say: We have been left behind; we have been mistreated. We have not what others have. We need this and that. We want to be left alone. We want to take care of our own affairs. Why this and that? Where are our forefathers? Who is responsible for their loss?

This question is growing, it must be met, it must be answered. May the Lord help us.

Christians say: We have failed; we have no church; we have not known the truth of these fundamentals in Christian living. We need to be helped. Pray for us. The Lord will soon return.

Satisfaction

We have all we need. We have been able to go to school and learn many things. The needed certificate has been obtained and a position with a salary attained. We have a house, a family, a field and lots of food. We are God's children because He made us. He made the tobacco and the palm trees to make

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MDS Sponsors Lecture and First Aid Series

Carillon News

Steinbach, Man. — The final session of a special course in first aid and related subjects which the Mennonite Disaster Service has conducted one night a week in the collegiate auditorium for the past two months was held last Monday. Fifty enrolled trainees took examinations to determine their proficiency in the "Fundamental First Aid" course of the St. John's Ambulance Corps.

In addition to the first aid taught by Dr. J. B. Dick, trainees took lectures on how to demonstrate and apply Christian principles in a practical way during an emergency or disaster. Speakers giving lectures to the group were Rev. Wilbert Loewen, president of Manitoba MDS, Rev. Archie Penner, Dr. F. C. Peters, Harvey Toews, and a captain of the Salvation Army. The same instructors have been training an additional 50 persons in a similar course of instruction at Landmark on Friday evenings.

In commenting on the course here

Rev. Wilbert Loewen said that all service in connection with the organization is voluntary and gratis. No appeals are made, since the MDS feels that the initiative for service must come from a desire of the members to "put into action 'the Law of Love.'" He pointed out, however, that the MDS is nevertheless highly organized, with "contact men" in every church who have "on call" all the available services and equipment in that particular church. Contact men are marshalled into divisions with a co-ordinator in charge. In time of disaster or emergency, members of the service can be ready on very short notice to furnish aid to a stricken area.

Rev. Loewen said that the good response to the course here this year had led to requests for another course next year to look after those who were unable to get in now.

"The MDS," said Mr. Loewen, "is simply one way that the Mennonite churches are trying to express their

faith in works. We believe that it is our responsibility not only to help when the need arises, but to prepare and organize ourselves so that our services will be more effective."



MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE initiated two classes in the Steinbach community for those interested in first aid and the motivation behind MDS. Here a class poses in a demonstration of the newest method of resuscitation. Ben Thiessen is demonstrating the procedure on Jack Klassen. Watching critically to left centre is Dr. J. B. Dick, instructor.

(Photo courtesy Carillon News)



THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Christmas is coming closer. As we think of what Christmas means to us we are reminded that Jesus was born in Bethlehem to become like a man. Only by doing this could He take man's sin away by dying for men.

This is a truth that many who celebrate Christmas won't even listen to. They prefer not to hear and believe the truth, because it makes them sinners. And people don't like to be told that they are sinners.

A queen in the South Sea Islands was told by her courtiers that she was beautiful, and she liked to think that this was true. One day some traders brought mirrors to the island. One of these was given to the queen. It told the queen the truth, for it showed that she was very far from being beautiful.

What do you think this queen did? She was so angry at the looking-glass for telling her the truth that she smashed it in pieces. But did that make her more beautiful?

No, it did not. Nor will denying that Jesus came into this world to save sinners. It's no use trying to forget that we are sinners. It is only when we confess our sins that we can receive forgiveness.

And that is definitely part of the message of Christmas.

Love, Aunt Selma

"More Blessed to Give"

"I wish I could do something else to have a happy Christmas," said Joan as she and her brother Bill walked home from church. It was the day before Christmas and in church that morning the pastor said that if everyone would give something to some needy person this year, Christmas would have a more wonderful meaning to them. He said that it was more blessed to give than to receive.

"I do too, but I don't have any money left, do you, Joan?" Bill asked, "I spent all my money, too. Oh, Bill, I'm going to ask for next week's allowance. It's for a good cause." And she ran into the house and told Daddy her problem.

Daddy replied, "I'm sorry, but you know the rule is that you can not have any allowance in advance. Just because you have no money to buy a gift does not mean you can't do something to help someone else to have a more blessed Christmas. Some of the best gifts are those which money can't buy. For example, I know Granny Nelson would be very happy to find her wood box filled so she wouldn't need to go out in the cold and get wood to start her fire tomorrow morning."

"I see what you mean, Daddy," Joan replied. "Kind deeds are sometimes just as good as expensive gifts, aren't they?"

"Better, sometimes," replied Daddy as he smiled at Joan.

Christmas morning Joan woke up early and tiptoed to the kitchen to peek at the clock: 6:00 a.m. She scampered up to Bill's room and started pulling the covers off of him.

"Hey, stop that. It's cold. What's the idea?" he mumbled.

"It's Christmas, lazyhead. Come on, get up. We have lots to do today. Remember,—it is more blessed to give than to receive."

"All right, all right, I'm getting up," and Bill sent a pillow flying at her as she started toward the door.

Before long both children were all bundled up and on the way to Granny Nelson's home. Back and forth, back and forth—from the woodshed to the woodbox on the porch they tiptoed, until the box was filled. They laid an evergreen branch on top and fastened a red cellophane bow on it. Tied to it was a card on which Joan had carefully printed the words, "Merry Christmas, God Bless You, Granny Nelson." At the bottom she wrote, "From two of Jesus helpers."

Then they hurried home for breakfast. After they had eaten, the whole family went into the living room. Daddy took the Bible and read the story of Christ's birth from Luke 2. After prayer they stood around the piano and sang Christmas carols. Then the gifts were opened.

Daddy pronounced his gloves a perfect fit, and Mother said she was going to use her new luncheon cloth for the Christmas dinner table. Bill exclaimed with delight over his new sled and Joan eyed her painting set with wide eyes.

"Oh, I must be getting dinner started. Grandma and Grandpa Green will soon be here," said Mother.

"I'll help," said Joan, remembering her desire to help others.

Bill and Daddy took the sled outdoors to try it out. Soon Bill came running in. "The Smith's are going to a restaurant for dinner. Bobby said his grandma is very sick and his mother took the train to go to her. No one is home to get their dinner. Wouldn't it be awful to have to eat at a restaurant on Christmas?" he asked.

"What's this?" asked mother, "Eat at a restaurant? Bill, you must tell them to come and share our dinner with us. We always have plenty left over."

So it was that instead of only six at the Green's Christmas dinner, there were nine. And there was plenty of food for all.

That afternoon as the children were playing, Joan suggested going caroling. After getting permission from their parents, the group set out to bring a little joy to the hearts of some of the old folk and shut-ins of the neighborhood. As they sang, their faces beamed with joy to think of the Christ Child who was born many years ago that they might accept Him and have life everlasting. As they left each house, they stuck a gospel tract in the door telling of Jesus' love for the entire world. Soon it was time to go home and prepare for the Christmas program at church.

The parents said they were blessed by listening to the program and the children enjoyed giving it.

That night during family altar, Daddy said, "I think Jesus was more pleased with the kind deeds you did today in His name than if you had given expensive gifts to your friends.

"I think He was, too," Joan replied, "And it was really fun. Truly it is more blessed to give than to receive." And the whole family agreed with her.

Evangelical Mennonite

Children Write

Dear Aunt Selma,

I live in Japan. My parents are missionaries here. I am going to school at the Canadian Academy in the city of Kobe. I always come home for the weekend. I am now in Grade 2.

I enjoyed the story called, "The Most Interesting Story I Ever Heard."

On Sunday we always go to Japanese Sunday school.

I want to wish you a very happy Christmas.

Roland Balzer,
30-2 Yoshimatsu.
Fuse Shi, Osaka Fu,
Japan.

Thank you for that fine letter, Roland. We are glad that you are enjoying the stories on the Young Observers' page. It must be interesting to go to Sunday school with Japanese children.

Some of the children who read

this page might like to write a letter to Roland. I'm sure he would like to receive some letters from Canada!

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BLACK ROCK

BY RALPH CONNOR

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CHAPTER X

What Came To Slavin

Billy Breen's legacy to the Black Rock mining camp was a new league, which was more than the old league remade. The league was new in its spirit and in its methods. The impression made upon the camp by Billy Breen's death was very remarkable, and I have never been quite able to account for it. The mood of the community at the time was peculiarly susceptible. Billy was one of the oldest of the old-timers. His decline and fall had been a long process, and his struggle for life and manhood was striking enough to arrest the attention and awaken the sympathy of the whole camp. We instinctively side with a man in his struggle for freedom, for we feel that freedom is native to him and to us. The sudden collapse of the struggle stirred the men with a deep pity for the beaten man and a deep contempt for those who had tricked him to his doom. But though the pity and the contempt remained, the gloom was relieved and the sense of defeat removed from the men's minds by the transforming general glory of Billy's last hour. Mr. Craig, reading of the tragedy of Billy's death, transfigured defeat into victory, and this was generally accepted by the men as the true reading, though to them it was full of mystery. But they could all understand and appreciate at full value the spirit that breathed through the words of the dying man: "Don't be 'ard on 'em. They didn't mean no 'arm." And this was the new spirit of the league.

It was this spirit that surprised Slavin into sudden tears at the grave's side. He had come braced for curses and vengeance, for all knew it was he who doctored Billy's lemonade, and instead of vengeance the message from the dead that echoed through the voice of the living was one of pity and forgiveness.

But the days of the league's negative, defensive warfare were over. The fight was to the death, and now the war was to be carried into the enemy's country. The league men proposed a thoroughly equipped and well-conducted coffee-room, reading-room, and hall, to parallel the enemy's lines of operation and defeat them with their own weapons upon their own ground. The main outlines of the scheme were clearly defined and were easily seen, but the perfecting of the details called for all Craig's tact and good sense. When, for instance, Vernon Winton, who had charge of the entertainment department, came for Craig's

opinion as to a minstrel troupe and private theatricals, Craig was prompt with his answer:

"Anything clean goes."

"A nigger show?" asked Winton.

"Depends upon the niggers," replied Craig with a gravely comic look, shrewdly adding: "Ask Mrs. Mavor."

And so the League Minstrel and Dramatic Company became an established fact, and proved, as Craig afterward told me, "a great means of grace to the camp."

Shaw had charge of the social department, whose special care it was to see that the men were made welcome to the cozy, cheerful reading-room, where they might chat, read, write, or play games, according to fancy.

But Craig felt that the success or failure of the scheme would largely depend upon the character of the resident manager, who, while caring for reading-room and hall, would control and operate the important department represented by the coffee-room.

"At this point the whole business may come to grief," he said to Mrs. Mavor, without whose counsel nothing was done.

"Why come to grief?" she asked brightly.

"Because if we don't get the right man that's what will happen," he replied in a tone that spoke of anxious worry.

"But we shall get the right man, never fear." Her serene courage never faltered. "He will come to us."

Craig turned and gazed at her in frank admiration and said:

"If I only had your courage!"

"Courage!" she answered quickly. "It is not for you to say that."

And at his answering look the red came into her cheek and the depths in her eyes glowed, and I marveled and wondered, looking at Craig's cool face, whether his blood were running evenly through his veins. But his voice was quiet—a shade too quiet, I thought—as he gravely replied:

"I would often be a coward but for the shame of it."

And so the league waited for the man to come who was to be resident manager and make the new enterprise a success. And come he did; but the manner of his coming was so extraordinary that I have believed in the doctrine of a special providence ever since; for as Craig said: "If he had come straight from heaven I could not have been more surprised."

While the league was thus waiting its interest centered upon Slavin, chiefly because he represented more

than any other the forces of the enemy; and though Billy Breen stood between him and the vengeance of the angry men who would have made short work of him and his saloon, nothing could save him from himself, and after the funeral Slavin went to his bar and drank whisky as he had never drunk before. But the more he drank the fiercer and gloomier he became, and when the men drinking with him chaffed him, he swore deeply and with such threats that they left him alone.

It did not help Slavin, either, to have Nixon stride in through the crowd drinking at his bar and give him words of warning.

"It is not your fault, Slavin," he said in slow, cool voice, "that you and your precious crew didn't send me to my death, too. You've won your bet, but I want to say that next time, though you are seven to one, if you boys offer me a drink I'll take you to mean fight, and I'll not disappoint you, and some one will be killed."

And so saying he strode out again, leaving a mean-looking crowd of men behind him. All who had not been concerned in the business at Nixon's shack expressed approval of his position and hoped he would see it through.

But the impression of Nixon's words upon Slavin was as nothing compared with that made by Geordie Crawford. It was not what he said so much as the manner of awful solemnity he carried. Geordie was struggling conscientiously to keep his promise to "not be 'ard on the boys," and found considerable relief in remembering that he had agreed "to leave them tae the Almighty." But the manner of leaving them was so solemnly awful that I could not wonder that Slavin's superstitious Irish nature supplied him with supernatural terrors.

It was the second day after the funeral that Geordie and I were walking toward Slavin's. There was a great shout of laughter as we drew near.

Geordie stopped short, and saying, "We'll just gang in a meenute," passed through the crowd and up to the bar.

"Michael Slavin," began Geordie, and the men stared in dead silence, with their glasses in their hands—"Michael Slavin, I promised the lad I'd bear ye nae ill-wull, but juist leave ye tae the Almighty, an' I want tae tell ye that I'm keepin' ma wur-r-d. But"—and here he raised his hand and his voice became preternaturally solemn—"his bluid is upon yer han's. Do ye no' see it?"

His voice rose sharply, and as he pointed Slavin instinctively glanced at his hands, and Geordie added: "Aye, an' the Lord will require it o' you an' yer hoose."

They told me that Slavin shivered as if taken with ague after Geordie went out, and though he laughed and swore, he did not stop drinking until he sank into a drunken stupor

and had to be carried to bed. His little French-Canadian wife could not understand the change that had come over her husband.

"He's like one bear," she confided to Mrs. Mavor, to whom she was showing her baby of a year old. "He's not kees me one tam dis day. He's most hawful bad. He's not even look at de baby."

And this seemed sufficient proof that something was seriously wrong; for she went on to say:

"He's tink more for dat leel baby dan for de whole worl'; he's tink more for dat baby dan for me," but she shrugged her pretty little shoulders in deprecation of her speech.

"You must pray for him," said Mrs. Mavor, "and all will come right."

"Ah! madame!" she replied earnestly, "every day, every day I pray la sainte Vierge et tous les saints for him."

"You must pray to your Father in heaven for him."

"Ah! oui! I weel pray," and Mrs. Mavor sent her away bright with smiles and with new hope and courage in her heart.

She had very soon need of all her courage, for at the week's end her baby fell dangerously ill. Slavin's anxiety and fear were not relieved much by the reports the men brought him from time to time of Geordie's ominous forebodings, for Geordie had no doubt but that the Avenger of Blood was hot upon Slavin's trail; and as the sickness grew he became confirmed in his conviction. While he could not be said to find satisfaction in Slavin's impending affliction, he could hardly hide his complacency in the promptness of Providence in vindicating his theory of retribution.

But Geordie's complacency was somewhat rudely shocked by Mr. Craig's answer to his theory one day.

"You read your Bible to little profit, it seems to me, Geordie, or perhaps you have never read the Master's teaching about the Tower of Siloam. Better read that and take that warning to yourself."

Geordie gazed after Mr. Craig as he turned away and muttered:

"The Toor o' Siloam, is it? Aye, I ken fine about the Toor o' Siloam an' about the Toor o' Babel as weel; an' I've read, too, about the blasphemous Herod, an' sic like. Mon, but he's a hot-headed laddie an' lacks discreemenation."

"What about Herod, Geordie?" I asked.

"About Herod?" with a strong tinge of contempt in his tone. "About Herod, Mon, hae ye no' read in the Screpturs about Herod an' the wur-r-ms in the wame o' him?"

"Oh, yes, I see," I hastened to answer.

"Aye, a fule can see what's flapped in his face," with which bit of proverbial philosophy he suddenly left me.

(To be continued)

Pax Service in Berlin

By Loren Lind

(Paxman Loren Lind (Salem, Oregon) serves in Heim Dunant, a refugee community center in Berlin. He and three other workers are in charge of the center, which entertains an average of 60 refugees a day.)

A year ago, in November 1957, there were only two Paxmen serving in Berlin. They worked in a 2,000-person refugee camp in the heart of the city to help supply the needs of refugees as employees of the Red Cross.

Today there are eight Paxmen and a matron living and working in four parts of the city. Their jobs vary; some are in a construction gang, some in office jobs, but all in some type of refugee aid.

Two men and the unit matron work at the MCC refugee home. They maintain an atmosphere of "Gemütlichkeit" (hominess) for some 50 refugee mothers and children. This is in striking contrast to conditions in the forty other refugee camps of Berlin.

One hour by bus to the north, still in the 35-mile wide city, a man is stationed at a refugee community center. There a wood barrack serves as a meeting place for refugees from neighboring camps. They escape the monotony of camp life to enjoy creative programs sponsored by a team of four workers. The center is owned by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany.

A similar center is being built by the Amish Mennonite Aid in another part of the city. Four Paxmen are there, plastering the building which shall be complete by January 1. Here the AMA will conduct relief and spiritual aid.

Another Paxman works in the office of a 210-person camp. He helps with the registration of new refugees and the extensive office work involved in processing them.

The Paxmen meet every Wednesday night to talk over experiences of the week and study the Bible. Thus Pax-Berlin has developed into a new type of Pax unit: a unit scattered and varied in service, yet bound together by common faith and fellowship. The men know their task; they strengthen each other by working for a common goal.

The situation of Berlin demands such service. Berlin is a world city, split through the middle by policemen on every street. Yet through this city stream 350 refugees every day. In September 1958 came 15,633 refugees. In three months (July-September) came 44,812 refugees, enough for a good-sized city in itself.

These folk want a share in the glories of the West as they have seen them grandly displayed by western propaganda. Most of them seek financial independence. Some

search for political freedom. Some seek release from the atheistic pressures of the Eastern government. Many want only a good time; they roam the camps having their good time and live like animals. Some come not knowing rightly what they want; they search in this world, and this world cannot give it. And a very few come as humble Christians, forced to flee before communist oppression; these seek fellowship.

Here, these "men of peace" work, caring for the kingdom of God rather than the prestige of America. They

RENDEZVOUS

By Stanley Rowland, Jr.

Westerners think of Japan as a nation of teeming cities, bright colors, and sharp-pointed mountains. It is also a nation that instilled fierce loyalties in its citizens. One of them is Sakae Kobayashi, who had the proud mission of dying for his country.

From boyhood he was instilled with the ethics of death. It was good to live, to love father and mother, to taste the crimson sunset and hear the chatter of birds in the trees. But to die honorably for Japan was, he was told, the supreme good. At fourteen he left home in Wakayama to be trained. First it was military school, then years of army training, then air-force training. On the arrival of nationalism he was tempered into a strong, proud young officer who hated his enemies, and wished the glory of dying for his native land.

During this time a rugged Japanese fighter plane called the "Zero" was put into production, as Americans planned a deadly, high-flying bomber called the B-29. And one of thousands of Japanese New Testaments with colorful covers, published by the American Bible Society, rolled off the presses. The fighter and bomber were both several tons of ingenious engineering keyed to the purpose of killing; the Testament weighed a few ounces.

World War II continued to unfold. Mr. Kobayashi was trained as a flier and stationed at an air field outside Tokyo. The American bombers with their youthful crews—blond lads from the farm states and wiry boys from the slums—came more and more often to demolish parts of the land Mr. Kobayashi loved so well. He flew against them in his fighter, shot and was shot at, and hated them. To kill them was his routine mission, but his real and final mission was to crash his fighter into the tail of a B-29. For he was a kamikaze, which means "wind of God."

Each day before the fighters took off, those who would fly the suicide mission were chosen. They would

take off with the tearing roar of a fast engine and not return. Mr. Kobayashi's turn came on August 14, 1945. It was late morning, quiet and cloudless, when the sirens sounded a raid. His destiny—a rendezvous with suicide—awaited him in the crisp, final blue of the sky.

He climbed into his Zero and started it, propeller-blast flattening the still green grass on the runway. He was calm and did not feel any particular emotion except the poignant realization that his life of twenty years was about to end. A crewman waited at the end of the runway to flag him off.

Then a man came running across the field from headquarters, running and shouting. Japan had surrendered—the commander had just picked up the news by listening to the American radio. It wasn't until two hours later that the Japanese radio broadcast the surrender.

Wearily, Mr. Kobayashi went to his home. There he found his house burned. His mother was dead, and so were his brother and grandmother. As a former officer he was ostracized, could not get a job, and was filled with bitterness.

Finally he obtained work as a night watchman in a refinery. There, one night, he saw a lovely young lady reading a book with a colorful cover. He was lonely, and the book looked interesting. He thought it was a novel and began to question her about it. Yes, she said, the book did tell a story, but not the kind he thought; for the book was a Bible that had been distributed by the American Bible Society. When Mr. Kobayashi learned this, he scorned the girl for believing in the religion of his enemies. But patiently she persuaded him to go to church.

"Love your enemies"—this was the theme of the sermon. It seemed utterly foreign, almost absurd to Mr. Kobayashi, who had been taught from childhood to hate his enemies. But the Word had a strange power. He kept going back. Before long Christianity battered aside his inner walls of pride and scorn, and he entered a seminary. Upon graduation in 1953 he married the girl, and is pastor of a little church outside Tokyo.

The colorful paper cover on the Bible is faded and worn, but he still carries it with him. He says, "This Bible was the missionary to me from the church in America through the American Bible Society. I have incurred a debt that I can never repay to you."

Sakae Kobayashi had kept his rendezvous, not with suicide, but with the Word of God.

American Bible Society.

Small faith will take you to heaven but great faith will bring heaven to you.

Bringing souls to Christ in some churches is like baking biscuits in a refrigerator.

Voices in the Congo

(Continued from page 5-4)

our beer. We have other Christians in our village and they enjoy it with us. We are satisfied in the lust of the flesh and the enjoyments of this life. Do not preach to our conscience because we are satisfied as it is. These are the voices of the lukewarm, the fallen in sin and those still in the night.

Inquiry

Where has that Gospel originated? Who has seen God? Are our fathers actually lost? Is your message true? Will Africans be able to enter heaven? Why is there such a difference? Will we be able to be together in heaven? How can you prove that your message is the right message? If that is true, why, why, why have they not heard? Why have you not come sooner? Why have we only been evangelized, but not established in churches sooner? What will the end be? Many other questions are raised by those that seek. What a challenge to answer them!

Redemption

Songs of praises and thanksgiving to God. The joy of forgiveness. The desire to follow Christ more closely. The desire to know the Word of God. The desire of seeking the lost. The request in learning to know the will of God for their lives. The burden in His ministry. The vision in the work. The gratitude to the home constituency in reaching out to them in their lost condition and sending messengers with the good news of salvation.

What a challenge to be a voice in desert places and give answers to inquiring souls. May the Lord help us!

Wings of Decision

By Eunice Schellenberger

This is a book for Mennonite young people wondering whether non-resistance is practical. David Sheppard, the hero of this story, faces the problem squarely, despite derision, social pressure, and the suffering of a conscientious objector. All readers, both young and old, will be deeply moved by the courage, faith and love of this young man—and will thereby gain a new understanding of the position of a conscientious objector. This is Christian adventure at its best—well-written, fascinating and purposeful. Written for young people.

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Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

New Moody Sunday School Film Strips Premiered

A new series of Moody filmstrips entitled "Building a Better Sunday School" was premiered at the 1958 National Sunday School Association convention held recently in Des Moines. The series covers organizational problems, curriculum problems, Sunday school expansion and teacher development. They were written and produced under the supervision of Harold E. Garner, Christian education expert from Moody Bible Institute.

Widespread Pagan Religion Advance

The widespread and rapidly increasing struggle between Christianity and the pagan religions of Asia and Africa is "very real and formidable," according to a Lutheran missions expert who recently completed a year-long, round the world trip, visiting 28 mission areas. Dr. Anthony S. Burgess, professor of missions at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, and editor of the book *Lutheran World Missions*, published in 1954, describes the role of modern missionaries as "no romantic adventure," but rather as "extremely difficult" in the present situation. In an article appearing in the November, 1958, issue of *The Missionary*, Dr. Burgess noted two phenomena currently evident in the missionary areas of Asia and Af-

rica: 1) "the rapidity with which self-rule has developed on every field," and 2) "the astonishing pace of the resurgence of pagan religions in these two continents."

Speaking of the renewed zeal for pagan beliefs and practices, Dr. Burgess pointed out that in Japan Shintoism has rallied to a point of great religious fervor today, despite its setback after World War II when the Emperor declared that he was not divine.

Both Shintoism and Buddhism are now utilizing Christian methods, Dr. Burgess said, organizing kindergartens with small shrines and stressing attractive literature for children and adults. In Buddhist schools, children sing "Buddha loves me, this I know," and other hymns in which the name of the idol replaces that of Christ.

Dr. Burgess found that Hinduism in India has been "revitalized and reorganized by highly educated Hindus." Old beliefs have been combined with Christian ethics, he said, "and made to appear both noble and divine."

In parts of Africa, new movements back to witchcraft and ancestor worship were reported to Dr. Burgess by missionaries, but he said that "it appears that the bitterest opponent of Christ in Africa is not the witch doctor, powerful though he may be, but Islam."

148 child-care institutions by providing the foster parents' program and also the considerable welfare of numerous widows resulting from the Korean War. Besides, you have achieved the very important role of bringing better understanding and closer relationship between the people of America and Korea through outstanding accomplishments in your activities in Korea."

In another message to the World Vision president, Dr. Sohn said, in part:

"Since you began your charity and relief work here in 1950 for many unfortunate orphans who lost their parents during the Communist invasion, countless numbers have not only been restored to life from hunger . . . even from death . . . but been brought up strongly by World Vision.

"I trust my gratitude and thought will be conveyed through you to the people of the United States of America and I deliver this message praying for more abundant blessings upon your work. Along with all the orphans of Korea, I pray God will be glorified through whatever you do."

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Butter Posing National Problem

The Canadian butter surplus is rising to such an extent that the federal government may have to use some 'new approach' in overcoming the surplus problem, E. A. Lewis, president of the National Dairy Council, announced.

While butter consumption had declined this year by about 8,000,000 pounds over 1957, margarine consumption had climbed by 11,000,000. Butter production has increased by 34,000,000 pounds over 1957.

Vertical Aircraft Planned

Canada is approaching the pre-production stage of a multi-engined transport aircraft able to take off and land vertically with big payloads.

Under present plans, NRC envisages a VTOL aircraft with four jet motors. These would drive fans imbedded in the wings to lift the aircraft vertically. Once the plane was at a safe flying height, the jet blasts would be switched from the fans to conventional exhausts to give forward flights.

An aircraft able to rise vertically would play a major role in the development of Canada's north,

where airfields are expensive and difficult to build. Such an aircraft would also put the conventional helicopter out of business, except for short flights, since it has limited payload, range and speed. The vertical take-off and landing plane would be able to fly in level flight at speeds up to 500 miles an hour.

Railways Urge Arbitration

Canada's major railways have suggested compulsory arbitration as a means of staving off nation-crippling strikes when other methods fail. They have proposed to the federal government that whenever a major rail strike threatens, an arbitration board should be set up for "final determination" of the dispute. In their submission to Labor Minister Starr they proposed that the cabinet name a Supreme Court of Canada judge and two other high-ranking judges to such a special board.

Snow Blankets Large Sections of B. C.

Residents of a large section of British Columbia cautiously peeked out doors and windows last weekend at a world of snow and ice reminiscent of 1950. After many a joke during Grey Cup weekend about Winnipeg's second snowstorm they suddenly found themselves digging out from under 10 to 16 inches of snow.

Vancouver had more than 10 inches from the first snowstorm, with more to come, Kelowna 12 inches, Princeton 16, and Nelson 6½ inches. Victoria escaped completely, while the rest of Vancouver Island received varying amounts of the white stuff.

Social service can put a new coat on a man, the grace of God alone can put a new man in the coat.

When we give others a piece of our mind we have no peace of mind left.

The exalted ego is not a sign of a big man.

Korean Government Honors American

Seoul, Korea. — An estimated 150 top officials of the Korean Government surprised their honor guest recently when Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., was given a rare vote of appreciation for humanitarian statesmanship as "the father of Korean orphans" and for tireless efforts in achieving "better understanding" between the two countries.

An impressive scroll commemorating appreciation of the Asian nation to an American citizen was presented to Dr. Pierce at a reception in the Secret Garden of the former Royal Palace, now reserved for State occasions only.

The World Vision president has been described by Dr. Billy Graham and several US government leaders as America's "most effective Christian statesman." The international scope of his charitable work began in pre-war China when, as a young man, he provided funds from his small personal resources to care for a little girl who wanted to attend a Christian school so badly she willingly suffered lashings from an in-

dignant father. It was the birth of an interdenominational organization which, along with other projects, relieved suffering among thousands of Korea's orphans, lepers, tuberculars, underpaid pastors and small boys placed in filthy prisons with hardened criminals for lack of a suitable place to keep them. World Vision last year dispatched almost \$2,000,000 to help such works and to aid established missionary organizations meet emergency needs.

His scroll, presented and signed by Dr. Chang Whan Sohn, Minister of Health and Social Affairs for the Republic of Korea, said:

"It gives me great pleasure to express my sincere appreciation on behalf of the people of Korea for the generous contribution you have rendered to the improvement of social welfare in Korea with your humanitarian spirit and devout faith in Christianity, since the outbreak of the Korean War.

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Suggestions Concerning Character of Prayer Week

1. The meetings should be principally prayer services and not Bible studies. The talks should not be longer than 10 minutes.

2. The talk should illuminate the day's theme clearly, so that prayer will be directed toward the subjects in the theme. Definite prayer items could be mentioned.

3. It has been found at various occasions that prayer can be better directed if the prayer meeting is divided into the following parts: 1) Praise and Thanksgiving, 2) Repentance, 3) Intercession and Supplication. Each part might be introduced by an appropriate portion of Scripture and ended with one stanza of a hymn. Participants ought to be reminded to pray audibly and briefly so that more can participate.

4. This program for the week of prayer is based on the World Evangelical Fellowship outline, which is translated into more than 100 languages. Thus Christians around the world are uniting in this week of prayer.

Monday, January 5

The Church and Her Head

Scripture Readings:

Matthew 16:13-20; Ephesians 1:15-23

Meditation

The Church is the Body of Christ. Her authority, her ministry, her life, derive from Him. Human planning and resource have their place in the structure of the Church, but they are no substitute for the presence of Christ and the knowledge of His will. If the Church is to be true to herself and faithful to her calling in the world, she must first be true to Christ.

Confession

That the Church in her pre-occupation with administrative, financial and social problems, knows too little of the freedom and joy of Christ.

That Churches lose their vision of unseen and eternal things because of their prior interest in lesser affairs.

That Christians fail to express in their life and conduct the character and disposition of their Head.

Thanksgiving

For Christ Himself, and for the wonder of His love for His Church.

For the price He has paid for our redemption, and for the purposes of glory He has planned for those who love Him.

For the peace and security of each member of His Body, and for the presence of the Holy Spirit in them all.

Petition

That the Churches everywhere may receive a new vision of Christ.

That Christians who have lost their "first love" for Him may repent and seek Him again.

That the image of Christ may be more clearly seen in the moral and spiritual influence of Christian people.

Tuesday, January 6

The Church and Her Members

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 133, 134; John 17:13-26; I Corinthians 12:1-12

Meditation

The unity of the Church is the gift of God. It comes, like the holy anointing oil and the dew from above. It is the unity of the Spirit, and it is ours in Christ. The closer therefore we are to Christ, the nearer we shall be to each other. The Church is one in Christ Jesus, and we shall discover our unity by our faithfulness to Him.

Confession

That there are such deep divisions in the doctrine and practice of the Church.

That the Churches know too little of the love of God in their dealings with each other.

That there are Christians who are out of fellowship with their fellow believers.

Thanksgiving

That the Church, despite her weaknesses, has been so graciously preserved through the centuries.

That God saves His people by "the adoption of children" and therefore Christians belong together in the family of God.

That Christ knows and loves each individual member of His Body and has a work for each to do.

Petition

That the Church may "with one mind and one mouth glorify God" by her witness in the world.

That Christians may have a new sense of their responsibility to Christ and, through Him, to each other.

That the Church, discovering her unity in Christ, may enjoy the promised blessing of perpetually renewed life.

Wednesday, January 7

The Church and Her Guide

Scripture Readings:

Hezekiel 37; John 14:15-27; Romans 8:1-17

Meditation

"Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed His tender last farewell, a Guide, a Comforter, bequeathed, with us to dwell." The Holy Spirit is "Christ's other Self." He dwells where Christ is trusted. He reproduces in Christ's people the image of their Master. He guides the Church by His truth, fills her with His peace and revives her by His love and power.

Confession

That the Holy Spirit is so neglected in the worship and preaching of the Church.

That Christians do not sufficiently seek the ministry of the Comforter for themselves and for their Churches.

That we so often forget that the prerogative of the Spirit is to glorify Christ.

Thanksgiving

That the Holy Spirit has been given and is at work in the world.

That He abides forever in the Church and therefore in every Christian life.

Petition

That the Church may know the power of the Holy Spirit in a new access of the love and holiness of God.

That Christians everywhere may be filled with the Spirit's presence and power.

That, through a Spirit-endued Church, the world may be convinced of the truth of the Gospel of Christ.

Thursday, January 8

The Word of God and the Church, Family and School

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 119:105-112; Rom. 1:16-17; II Tim. 3:15-17; Prov. 4:1-13; Prov. 23:26

Meditation

The Bible is the church's charter and message of grace. In it God has revealed His will, plan and way of life. It has been given to the church as a guide and as a message to the world. The Word of God also is a transforming power in child training in the family, in the Sunday school and in various other institutions.

Confession

That there has been a relaxation of discipline even in Christian homes; that we despite the increasing breakdown in society are not making a great enough effort in respect to prayer, family worship and the maintenance of order in the home, and that materialism is increasingly weakening the spiritual influence of the home.

We must examine ourselves, to see if we have really wholeheartedly accepted the Word of God (I Thess. 2:13), to see if we have been good stewards of God's Word (II Tim. 4:2), and to see if we have passed on the clear message of salvation (I Cor. 1:18).

Thanksgiving

For the Word of God as a light unto our path; for its wide distribution and translation into more than 1100 languages and dialects; for its preservation during periods of persecution.

For every home in which parents assume the responsibility of training their children by example and teaching of God's Word; for every marriage begun with the resolve that the Word of God shall be guide and counsellor.

For the blessing of children and the many believing young people; for the blessing in earthly goods making care for the family possible.

For the schools which our churches and conferences can maintain; for the many Christian teachers serving in these schools.

Petition

That the Holy Spirit will illumine our minds to a better understanding of His Word; that His Word may be clearly expounded and proclaimed in purity and truth; that we may gain a greater appreciation of His Word personally, in the family and in the churches; and that we might have the necessary means and God's blessing for the great work of Bible translation and distribution.

That God might bless all parents, teachers and educators; that our families, young people and schools be influenced still more by the Word of God (Proverbs 23:26); that those advanced in years may show a loving understanding of young people without compromising with sin.

Friday, January 9

The Church and Her Ministry

Scripture Readings:

Romans 12:1-21; Ephesians 4:1-16; Acts 10:38; Luke 10:30-37

Meditation

The Church is called to be a witness to Christ. Her ministers and members are Christ's ambassadors. The Church speaks to the world in the Name of her Master, and ministers to its need at His command. Herself His Body, she shares His Messianic ministry to the sinful, the fallen, the broken and the bruised.

Confession

That the Church's ministry does not follow closely enough the apostolic pattern.

That Christians are sometimes filled with a spirit of criticism rather than of compassion, and with a desire to rule rather than a willingness to serve.

That the Churches are not always the refuge of the sinful and the oppressed.

That many still lack the merciful spirit despite the great distress in the world today.

Thanksgiving

For the gift of the ministry, and for all clergy and ministers fulfilling this high calling.

For the varied ministries of Christian people, and for their part in the total service of the Church.

For the Holy Spirit, Whose unction gives life and power to the Church's ministry.

For the many achievements of our world-wide relief program and for the love shown "in the name of Christ."

For the many faithful Christian doctors and nurses.



MMHS Progress Report

At the MCC Executive Committee meeting on November 29, Dr. H. Clair Amstutz reported several new developments in the program of Mennonite Mental Health Services. The following items are particularly meaningful in terms of progress in the various local areas involved.

Prairie View Nursing Course

The post-graduate course in psychiatric nursing is off to a good start at Prairie View Hospital. Twelve nurses are enrolled, nine of whom are not members of the hospital staff.

East Central Area Hospital

The future east central area hospital has been named Oaklawn Psychiatric Center. The site has been purchased and application has been made to the city of Elkhart to add this property to the city limits and re-zone the area to permit operation of a hospital. Most of the church groups of the east central area are planning major fund-raising drives for this facility during 1959 and 1960. It is assumed that construction can be completed in 1960, but the board hopes to offer non-facility services earlier than that.

Brook Lane Farm Expansion

The Brook Lane Farm Board has reviewed and restated its plan to develop the hospital to an ultimate capacity of 55 beds. A second full-time psychiatrist is serving at this,

the oldest Mennonite hospital in the United States. Capacity operations continue with many being turned away who would otherwise utilize the treatment facilities. Improved administrative and office facilities, additional patient-activity room, new staff housing and a new chapel are in the long-range planning of the board.

Kings View Dedication

Kings View Homes plans to dedicate its new clinic and 10-bed ward building on December 14 at 2 p.m. Open house has been arranged for late afternoon and for other afternoons throughout the week. The \$240,000 program has been completed ahead of schedule and the new buildings will be occupied in December. Two-thirds of the financial resources for this expansion came in the form of federal and state funds in recognition of the service Kings View Hospital provides to the community. D.D. Eitzen of the Southern California School of Theology at Clairmont will be guest speaker at the dedication.

Kings View Hospital was re-opened on March 18 under a newly appointed board and with a new medical staff. One hundred twenty-nine in-patients have been treated since that time.

Berlin Visitor Reports On MCC Parcels To the East

Recently Mrs. Irmgard Schuchardt, International Fellowship of Reconciliation Secretary in Berlin, visited MCC headquarters and reported on her work.

Of particular interest to MCC was her description of the welfare work she is conducting with MCC food and clothing which is channelled to

her from Frankfurt. Parcels are made up and sent to needy families in East Germany. At present 180 families are being helped this way.

As FOR Secretary in Berlin she has the unique opportunity of organizing meetings which both East and West peace groups can attend. While she feels that the East has a political rather than a religious approach to peace issues, the fact that communication is possible is of real significance. Paxmen in Berlin also attend the meetings and participate in the discussion.

Germans in Siberia Send Letters To West

In a recent Lutheran news release from Germany, Bishop Theodor Heckel of Munich, director of Evangelisches Hilfswerk (Lutheran Aid) for Internees and Prisoners of War, reports that as many as 100 letters a day are received from Germans living in Siberia. He mentions the strong religious attachment and love of country which the exiles' letters indicate.

Postal services to Siberia function perfectly, allowing for gift parcels to be sent and letters to be received.

Despite the separation, which for some has been as long as 40 years of war and illness, Bishop Heckel believes that the Germans have been able to endure, in part, due to their pietistic heritage.

Included in the group are a large number of Lutherans and Baptists, as well as some Mennonites. Bishop Heckel reports that due to recent Russo-German negotiations, many of them may soon have a chance to return to Germany.

Flashes From Relief Office Surplus Rice

The United States Department of Agriculture has notified all voluntary agencies that 250,000 bags of broken kernel rice will be available for distribution to needy countries early in the new year. Division of this supply will be based on the comparative size of the agencies' programs. MCC is happy for this turn of events, after being informed a few weeks previously that no rice would be available this year.

Flour for Jordan

MCC has just ordered 400,000 pounds more US government surplus flour for Jordan. This is 10% of a total shipment of 4,000,000 pounds which is being sent in cooperation with Lutheran World Relief, National Catholic Welfare Conference and Church World Service. It will be the third such shipment sent to Jordan during the government fiscal year. Plans are for one further shipment to be sent before June 30, making a total of 16,000,000 pounds.

Leave for Liberia

Relief Office received word from Paul Delagrang (Woodburn, Ohio),

leader of the 5-man Pax team going to Liberia, that the fellows would be leaving from Vicksburg, Miss., on the "Lizzie Lorimer", LeTourneau's company boat, on Dec. 5. They expect to arrive at their destination around January 1. During the trip Paul will be the cook, Joseph Johns (Centerville, Pa.) and John Neuenchwander (Dalton, Ohio) will work with the captain and Marion Falb (Orville, Ohio) and Loren Gingerich (Hicksville, Ohio) will be working in the engine room with the engineer. This is the first Pax unit to assist in the LeTourneau road building project in Liberia.

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Petition

That all bishops, clergy and ministers may be kept true to the calling of Christ.

That the various functions of the ministry—evangelistic, pastoral, doctrinal—may be fully exercised.

That through the Church's ministry "all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Saturday, January 10

The Church and Her Mission

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 67; Matthew 28:1-20

Meditation

The Church is the bearer of Good News for every creature. Her task is to teach the nations all that Christ has commanded. For her help and encouragement she has the continual presence of her Lord; and the focus of her message is His saving death and triumphant resurrection.

Confession

That at times the Church has failed to find the focus of her message in the Cross of Christ.

That there are multitudes in every land whom we have so far failed to reach.

That Christians are not awake as they should be to the urgency and responsibility of evangelism.

Thanksgiving

For the simplicity and purity of the Gospel of Christ.

For the grace of God revealed in its message of forgiveness and eternal life.

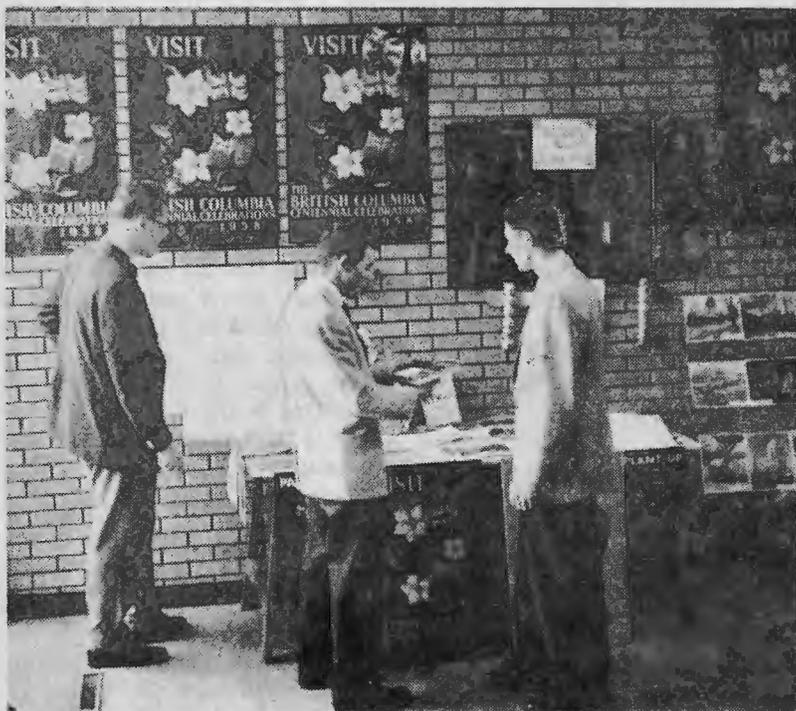
For the dignity and privilege of the Church's task in proclaiming the King and the Kingdom of Heaven.

Petition

That the Church may be renewed in the vision and compassion of her Master for the souls of men.

That upon her may be poured the spirit of prayer without which her work is in vain.

That she may be guided in the fulfillment of a courageous and sacrificial evangelistic ministry.



BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS at the M. B. Bible College set up a centennial display and presented a centennial program in the Library Building of the college. Here Fred Braun, centre, of Yarrow, B.C., is explaining some of the items to John Froese, Newton Siding, Man. At left is Henry Wiebe, Kelowna, B.C. The display included books, pictures, curios, and posters inviting non-B.C. people to visit the province. (Staff photo)

Herbert Invalid Home Needs Gifts

Herbert, Sask. — Soon Christmas will be celebrated again. Many people already are busy with plans and functions of the season. Young and older folk, everyone is caught up more or less in a spirit of giving, friendship, joy, because God gave a Saviour, a King!

We would like to express a sincere thank you and "God bless you" to all donors for the many gifts received from year to year to help bring Christmas cheer and joy to the older folks and invalids (and staff) of the Herbert Invalid Home.

It will be appreciated if groups (sewing circles, etc.) and also individuals would again this season contribute to the Christmas fund for the Home. Please send to undersigned. Should more funds come in than necessary for this purpose they will be used for the benefit of the guest-residents of the Home in some other way.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to all!

Sincerely,

Dick Friesen,
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Box 520, Herbert, Sask.

On the Horizon

December 13. — The annual carol program of the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, will be presented in the auditorium of the college.

December 14. — Dedication services for the new Port Rowan Mennonite Brethren church.

December 14. — The Christmas music program presented by the M. B. Bible College in the school auditorium Dec. 13 will be repeated at 7:00 p.m. in the South End M. B. church, William and Juno, Winnipeg.

December 14. — The Winkler Bible School will present a Christmas program in the Winkler M. B. church at 7:30 p.m.

December 21. — The choir of the Elmwood M. B. Church will sing "Die Weihnachtshistorie" by Heinrich Schütz.

December 27 to 29. — The annual "Bibelbesprechung" in the Elmwood M. B. church. Dr. A. H. Unruh, Rev. J. A. Toews, Rev. D. Ewert, and Dr.

F. C. Peters will speak on the Epistle of James.

January 11. — Dedication of the new Canadian Mennonite Bible College student dormitories.

January 16-17. — Annual meeting of Mennonite Central Committee in Chicago.

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