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

I Cor. 2:2.

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Camping Moving Ahead

Another Full-Time Mission Worker in B.C.

Chilliwack, B. C. — Delegates to the British Columbia M. B. semi-annual conference heard of an expanded camping program for this summer and the appointment of a full-time worker to another mission station.

The delegates meeting in the East Chilliwack M. B. church on June 6 represented 4,559 Mennonite Brethren members in the province. They elected Rev. Herman Voht, leading minister of the East Aldergrove M. B. Church, as moderator for the coming year, while Rev. P. R. Toews, pastor of the Fraserview M. B. Church and moderator during the past year, was elected assistant moderator. Rev. J. A. Harder of Clearbrook replaces D. A. Friesen as conference secretary—a position the latter had held for 12 years.

Otter Road Gets Full-Time Worker

The city mission work and the West Coast Children's Mission outreach occupied the delegates for a good part of the time. No changes were reported in respect to city mission work—where the H. Classens and Miss Susan Neufeldt are serving—by the chairman, Herb Brandt. The West Coast Children's Mission reported that a twelfth field is to get a full-time worker. The Jake Neufeldts—he graduated from the M. B. Bible College this spring—have been appointed to Otter Road. This field grew out of an extension Sunday school of the South Abbotsford M. B. Church and has more recently been served by George Konrad, teacher at the M. B. Bible Institute.

Children's work in the province will be more comprehensive than ever. Besides the usual widespread DVBS and Kindergarten program, the West Coast Children's Mission is planning two camps for mission children. Rev. Aaron Schmidt, worker at Terrace, will supervise children's camps at Miss Mitchell's "Few Acres" at Lakelse, near Terrace. Between June 15 and the end of August children from Terrace, Port Edward, Kitimat and possibly Hazelton will be brought to the camp by WCCM workers.

New Camp Site in Valley

The new Columbia Valley camp

site being developed by an M. B. camp society will be available to Fraser Valley mission workers during the month of July. Three camps for children from the mission stations and the extension Sunday schools in the Valley are being planned.

For greater coordination, the extension youth worker was transferred from the jurisdiction of the City Mission Committee to the youth committee of the province. In this way there will be direct contact between the youth work in the local churches and the Henry Regehers, who endeavor to help young people moving to the city to retain their spiritual moorings in the transition period. This way Henry Regehr can also work in close co-operation with the youth committee in the youth camping program. This year it is hoped to have several camps for young people at the new camp site in Columbia Valley.

Ask for Radio Committee

The youth committee of the M. B. churches in B.C. has been sponsoring the Gospel Hour over CHWK and an Alaska station for more than

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Mission Sunday in Southern Manitoba

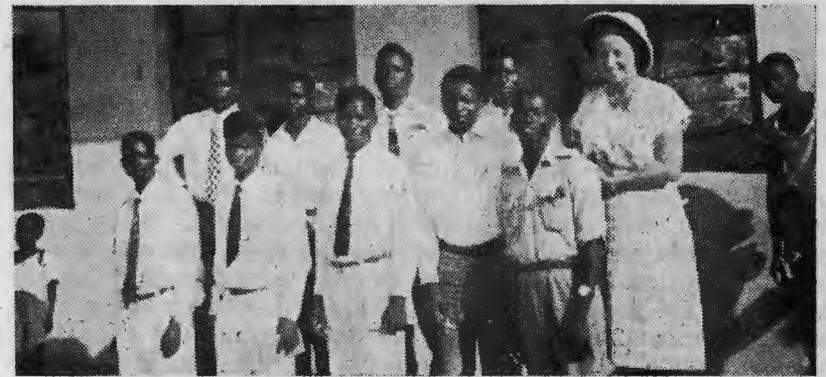
Kronsgart, Man. — On June 7, a beautiful, clear morning, southern Manitoba M. B. Churches observed the quarterly Mission Sunday. As has been customary for many years, the Kronsgart M. B. congregation is host at this time of year. In the morning attention is directed toward home missions and special emphasis is laid on foreign missions during the afternoon.

Brother Herbert Giesbrecht of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, was the speaker for the morning. In his message on "Christian Obedience in Service," he pointed out that Christians must be obedient in everything and just where they are, because of Christ. In the end such obedience will be rewarded.

After dinner, which was served in the church basement, everyone as-



NEW SCHOOL IN CONGO: These two scenes are from the new school at the M. B. mission station in Lusemvu, Belgian Congo. The school was dedicated recently (see report on page 4 of June 12 issue). The top picture is of the school, with some of the school children along the wall. The bottom picture is of the school staff with Miss Anna Goertzen (right).



sembled for the afternoon service. A talk directed especially to the boys and girls was given by Miss Helen Warkentin, former missionary teacher in India. The varied experiences she related fascinated her entire audience.

The challenge of the afternoon by Brother Giesbrecht was based on II Thess. 3:1-5: Speed on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and let it triumph. Also in keeping with missions abroad, Rev. F. H. Friesen, Morden, used John 17:18 as his text. As Christ was sent into the world to do the Father's will, even so we are sent.

The choir and a trio served with fitting songs at both services.

MDS Course Completed At Altona

Altona, Man. — Forty-nine men and eight women from the Altona area climaxed an eight-week first aid course by taking tests at the Elim Bible school on June 5. The course was given by the local subdivision of the provincial Mennonite Disaster Service.

The course in Altona began on

April 10 and continued every Thursday evening. The first hour of the two-hour evening session saw Dr. B. J. Froese giving courses in first aid and other medical problems. The second hour the students received instruction on the aims and principles of their organization. During the course they heard C. Wilbert Loewen, provincial MDS chairman, F. C. Peters of Winnipeg, Archie Penner of Steinbach, David Schroeder of Winnipeg, and H. J. Gerbrandt of Altona.

Similar courses have been given at Steinbach, Rosenort, St. Anne, and Winkler.

Forty-Five Graduate At MEI

Clearbrook, B.C. — Forty-five students graduated from the Grade 13 class at the Mennonite Educational Institute here on May 31.

Rudy Bandsmer and Alice Sawatzky were the valedictorians, while Ewald Wiens of Grade 12. spoke words of farewell to the graduates.

Rev. Regier, pastor of the Glendale Mennonite Church at Lynden, Wash., served as graduation speaker.

EDITORIAL

Selfishness Disguised as a Virtue

The old serpent is a master at disguise. He prefers to work anonymously. This is particularly true when he wants to hinder the work of the church. His vices and evil plans are then disguised as virtues and foresighted planning. Selfishness is one of the sins often disguised as sound provision for the future.

Listen as the formerly strong supporter of a private Mennonite church school speaks (after all his children have graduated): "I've supported the school for many years. Now it is time that others put their shoulder to the wheel. My wife and I are getting older and must make provision for our old age. Let those who will benefit from the school support it. It's time the church took over the school anyway."

It is strange how soon the speaker has forgotten that he has grandchildren who will soon need to be nurtured with the truths of God's Word in a God-fearing environment. It is stranger still that he does not recognize the sin of selfish concern for himself only, after years of caring for his children by supporting the church school. Of course, it may be that his support of the school was selfish too and not a genuine concern for the spiritual advance of the brotherhood.

Before we become too critical, let's turn our ear to hear the young father speaking. After a member of the school board has promoted a new auditorium—and the majority of the church members have agreed to support it—he tells his friends (who assent readily to his argument): "This addition to the school facilities will take care of the growth in enrollment for only three to five years. My children are so young that the school will be over-filled by the time they are of high school age. Instead of supporting a school that will not help my children anything I'm going to buy a life insurance plan that includes an education endowment fund for my children."

The argument—and how logical it sounds—is that when you provide for the children of others you are not providing for your own children. We've all got to look after ourselves. What is not realized is that one of the girls graduating from that school with the new addition may become the Sunday school teacher for the children of the young father, one of the fellows may become the choir leader in the church, another may become the evangelist that leads his children to the Lord, yet another may become the pastor who will visit him regularly as he lies in hospital after a serious operation, while still another may found several churches on the home or foreign mission field. Yet selfishness, under the disguise of foresighted family planning, may prevent him from investing in such a dividend-rich project of the church (and incidentally ensuring the spiritual future of his own children).

We could cite many other illustrations of selfishness disguised in specious arguments and supposedly genuine objections to new projects (such as conference papers, church colleges, extension missions, radio work). All of them violate the brotherhood principle of mutual aid and united action. The individuals advancing such arguments are more concerned with the immediate future of themselves and their family than with the greater cause of Christ and the growth of the brotherhood. Individualism replaces love to the brother.

Such people are sowing sparingly and will also reap sparingly. They are sowing to the flesh and will reap of the flesh. They may be saved, but "as by fire." Only those who sow to the Spirit, whose concern is that they fulfill their function as a part of the body of Christ—not autonomous but organically linked with the other parts—will reap a reward. Their building will stand the test of fire.

New Hungarian Bible Translation

Old Testament scholars participating in the work of the Hungarian Bible Council's commission on the translation of the Bible, meet regularly once a month in Budapest for a week's work. The trial edition of the Book of Job has just

come off the press. The translation of the Psalms, the Song of Songs, and the Proverbs has been completed. A subsidy from the United Bible Societies enabled the translators to spend a month in the pastors' summer resort of the Hungarian Reformed Church at Matiahaza where all the time was spent on translation work.

DEVOTIONAL

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

By Frank Peters*

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matt. 6:33).

Some people are very much concerned about their personal entrance into the kingdom of God. No doubt it is a commendable desire. As a matter of fact, it is carrying out part of the above commandment of our Lord Jesus. But a closer observation of the context will convince us that Jesus is here not talking so much about the preliminary steps of entering into His kingdom as about seeking His kingly rule in the hearts of those who already have become subjects of His spiritual kingdom.

In this passage Jesus is speaking to His disciples (5:1). They were not to practise their piety before men in order to be seen. Then, too, they were not to pray like the hypocrites or the Gentiles. The former wanted to be seen by men: the latter were heaping up empty phrases, thinking that they would be heard because of their many words. Again, they were not to lay up for themselves treasures on earth but in heaven. They were to serve God. The loyalty of their hearts was to be directed to Him.

Under such circumstances the earnest disciple might well have asked himself, how he would be able to make a living in the future. The reply of Jesus is very clear and simple, "Do not be anxious about your life . . . (nor) about tomorrow" (6: 25, 34). Jesus promises food, drink and clothing to those who seek first the kingdom of God (6:31-33).

I am not going to explain nor even refer to all that Jesus might have implied when He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." But for the sake of application, I would like to draw your attention to one thing. Young person, what are you going to do about daily vacation Bible school this summer?

When I think of the many young people of our conference who have gone to Bible school, who have a good job at the present, whose parents might be well off materially, and then see how few do enter DVBS, I begin to wonder how much we really do seek the kingdom of God. My Christian friend, I want you to ask God how you should spend your summer vacation this year. One God-pleasing way of spending your holidays would be, I am sure, to enter the white harvest field of DVBS.

Last year I had to turn down three requests from schools because of lack of teachers. Without even having asked the school boards as yet, I am sure I could get the permission for six or more schools in

this area. "Look at the fields, for they are white already unto harvest." "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his vineyard." Will you be one of them? Isaiah said, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Nowadays young people in choirs often sing "Lord, send me," But if they are to be judged by their actions, they must not have meant it when they sang it.

Can you take off ten days this summer and bring the good news of salvation to spiritually starved children? If you do, you will return to your regular work more blessed than ever, probably with a determination to do the same thing next year. "Will there be any stars in my (your) crown?"

The rich young ruler, of whom Jesus once spoke, said that he had kept the commandments. Yet he had kept them according to his own estimate only. In summarizing the more than six hundred laws which the Jews tried to keep into two commandments, Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind . . . and thy neighbor as thyself." Now, going back to the rich young ruler who apparently had kept the commandments, we see that he had not done so. If he had loved his neighbor as himself, certainly he would not have let the poor starve while he was rich. Jesus did not have to tell the rich young ruler that he had not kept the commandments. He just asked for a

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Outdoors With the Sunday School

Winnipeg, Man. — The annual Sunday school picnic of the South End M. B. Church was held at Tuxedo on Sunday, June 7.

Sunday morning was spent in the Sunday school classrooms, listening to the Word of God, and in partaking of the Lord's Supper.

At 2 o'clock the Sunday school left for the picnic grounds. Warm temperatures and summer skies contributed to a record attendance of an estimated five hundred, ranging from white-haired grandfathers to tiny, twelve-day-old Catherine Neufeld.

The picnic grounds were a scene of humming activity as the various departments sought their favorite forms of recreation.

Volley balls were whirling in the air, a megaphone was giving forth directions, the crack of baseballs hitting white ash resounded, and the air was cut with the graceful arcs of balls as their trails terminated in catchers' hands.

The faint, unmistakable voices of Beginners drifted through the general confusion of sounds as they chanted their rhythm games and kept going around and around in circles.

Elderly ladies sat in a semi-circle on canvas lawn chairs and viewed with satisfaction the scene before them.

Races in running, jumping, relays, etc., brought rewards to quite a few, while the others remembered that the worthwhile lay in the running and not in the prize.

And now lunch was laid out before us in long rows. After we had grouped around in friendly fashion, we enjoyed the refreshments, neighbourly talk, and God's wonderful outdoors.

At 5:15 p.m. we were all ready to leave the picnic grounds, return home, freshen up, attend the evening service, and close the day with the blessing and peace of God in our hearts.

Closing Program for Sharon Collegiate

Yarrow, B.C. — The closing program of the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate was held on May 31 in the auditorium of the school.

Rev. Henry Epp, pastor of the Blaine, Wash., M. B. Church, served as guest speaker. Rev. Rudy Janzen also spoke, giving a short message in the German language. Other items on the program included songs by the school choirs, some of them with violin accompaniment. Music by violins and wind instruments was also heard.

Baptism at Abbotsford M. B. Church

Abbotsford, B.C. — Seven believers followed the Lord in baptism at the Abbotsford M. B. church on Sunday, May 7.

Baptismal candidates were: Mr. and Mrs. John E. Isaak, Amanda Bartsch, Linda Isaak, Joyce Warkentin, Emma Reimer, and Ronald Willems.

Piano Recital By Morden Students

Morden, Man. — An instrumental trio was the special feature at the spring concert presented by the music students of Mrs. Olga Friesen on Tuesday evening, June 9, in the Collegiate Auditorium.

The trio consisting of Violinist Elsa Redekopp, Winkler, Cellist Peter Enns, Manitou, and Pianist Olga Friesen, Morden, were heard in Beethoven's Trios 8 and 9, "A Herd Girl's Dream" by Labitzky, and to conclude the program "How Great Thou Art."

Performances by the students included piano solos, duets and trios, and several vocal numbers.

The piano placed in the midst of an array of large baskets of lilacs with the motto "Music Study Exalts Life" printed across the back of the stage created an impressive setting for the concert.

Following the program, sandwiches and strawberry shortcake were enjoyed by the entire audience.

Unique Plan for Financing Building Project

Rosthern, Sask. — A unique plan for financing a \$300,000 building program at the Rosthern Junior College was accepted together with the building project at the annual meeting of the supporting constituency.

The plan calls for the recruiting of 300 men or women who will loan \$1,000 interest free to the college for 20 years. The funds thus made available are to be used for the construction of an additional classroom wing and a gymnasium auditorium. These 300 persons would donate the interest on their loan to the college. The one condition is that the full 300 must be enlisted before the plan can go into effect.

It is hoped to begin the building project this fall and complete it in 1960.

Society Sponsors Song Festival of German Music

Vancouver, B.C. — A capacity audience of around 900 came to hear German music and songs at a song festival sponsored by the Society for the Cultivation of the German Language on May 30 in the John Oliver High School auditorium.

Eight choirs, a brass orchestra, and three soloists from four German-speaking churches co-operated to present the enjoyable musical

program. Included were choirs from the Ebenezer Baptist, Emmanuel Baptist, Bethany Baptist, and the First Mennonite churches. Soloists were Max Weber, accompanied by Miss Julia Schrapton, Victor Klassen and Miss K. Wiens, both accompanied by H. Wiens.

The program concluded with a mass choir of over 200 voices and the orchestra singing and playing "Die Himmel rühmen" and "Lobe den Herrn, den mächtigen König der Ehren."

Edmonton Group Visits Lindbrook

Lindbrook, Alta. — Forty-five Edmonton and Lindbrook M. B. young people met for four hours of fellow-

ship and discussion on Sunday evening, June 7.

The enthusiastic group of young people played games at the beginning of the informal session together. Then they took part in a stimulating discussion on "The Duties of Christian Young People." The discussion was in four parts: Duties to the Unsaved; Duties in the Home; Duties in the Church; and Duties to Each Other. Dr. Peter Bergen then delivered a thought-provoking message.

This evening, which began at six in the afternoon, gave the young people an opportunity to become acquainted with one another and strengthen each other in the important duty of being a "light" in the world.

Meets Aunt in Moscow

(Recently the Mennonite Observer carried four reports by Victor Doerksen on his visit to Moscow. In this article the Winnipeg student, in Germany for one year, describes his meeting with his aunt. The report has been translated from the German.)

On Easter Sunday I had the great joy of seeing an aunt whom I have never met. She came about 1,000 kilometers by sleigh and railway to meet me in Moscow. When I first met her my impression was that here was a thoroughly intimidated person. Her voice appeared frozen and her eyes flitted about nervously and fearfully. I found this hard to understand because our freedom was curtailed only very little. Yet the longer I stayed in Russia, the more I became aware how much fear is a part of the life of the average Russian. Even the students, who are a privileged group in Russia, never dared go into a hotel or cafe with one of us in the touring group. Their reason? The police.

No Place To Meet

My aunt and I had made complete arrangements by mail for this meeting. But our comprehensive planning was largely superfluous, since we met each other six times without any difficulty. For the first meeting I asked her to come to the hotel, since I knew of no other suitable place. I never did find a suitable place to meet her during my whole stay in Moscow.

At the hotel my aunt made her only mistake during those confusing and trying days. While looking for me, she heard a well-dressed woman talking in German and asked her concerning me—unaware that the woman was a Russian Intourist guide. The woman promptly attacked my aunt verbally, first trying to send her home and then trying to get her address. But my aunt refused to divulge this. I came upon the scene exactly as my aunt was being told in no uncertain terms not to show me anything or to take me anywhere. When I told the guide that we only wanted to talk

to each other she calmed down somewhat. Yet thereafter I could count on being tapped on the shoulder at least three times a day—usually during mealtime—and being asked: "Wouldn't you like to go out with the group at noon today?"

Many Years From Home

I had been given a room near the hotel office (a well calculated move, no doubt), so that I had to let my aunt tell me the most important things while walking the cold streets or in various shops. Her life has been a troubled one. As a fifteen-year-old girl she had been taken from home because she was the daughter of a "Kulak." For ten years she had been in Kazakhstan and now for 25 years she has been working on a government farm in Kirowskaja Oblastj. Today she has a travel pass (valid only in the USSR) which carries the damning declaration of her anti-party status on the first page. However, the police, who until recently personally delivered and picked up all her mail, do not keep her under such close surveillance as they used to. But even today she must, as a German, report every time she wants to take a trip or go on a visit of even a few days.

Even today the Germans have to take quite a bit in Russia. If the Russians, either because they are bored or because they have been drinking too much, start brawling, it is advisable that all Germans disappear behind bolted doors. During the time she visited with me, my aunt stayed with the sister of one of her friends, who lived about 25 kilometers from Moscow. This woman was a German who had married a Russian, but she was so fearful that she did not even dare report the visit of my aunt—something the law prescribed.

Sad Parting

As soon as possible I contacted the Canadian embassy and acquired all the necessary information and documents for emigration. I gave these

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WHAT TO DO WITH ONE MILLION DOLLARS: MCC Director Frank Wiens reports from Paraguay that further progress has been made in clearing purchase orders under the million dollar Smathers Loan. Here are Abram Hiebert, Frank J. Wiens, Kornelius Walde, Jacob Reimer and Alfred Fast selecting bids on equipment at the Central Bank of Paraguay.

Earlier, a \$500,000 order of barbed wire from Belgium was made. In addition, 698 plows have been ordered from a German firm. The New York Bank has also been requested to open letters of credit of some \$170,000 worth of commodities including two bulldozers, four pickups, eight Allis Chalmers tractors, 150 horse-drawn cultivators, 100 horse-drawn plows, 100 horse-drawn harrows, 12 tractor plows, one heavy duty truck, cold storage plant for Menno Colony, edible oil storage tank for Fernheim, 21 diesel en-

gines, 6 Volvo tractors, repair parts, etc.

"All this is very encouraging to us, as we have struggled so long in trying to find how the money would be made available," writes Frank Wiens. The loan was granted to the Mennonite colonies in the Chaco by the US in 1957, for the expansion of agricultural production and the creation of small basic industries. Lack of familiarity with procedure called for months of painstaking effort to cut through official red tape.

Personal Work Course at Carman

By Mabel Friesen

Carman, Man. — One of the preliminary items of Sunday evening's gospel service at the local church was a panel discussion on the subject of personal witnessing. Members of the panel were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Friesen and Miss Helen Wiebe. Rev. P. W. Martens, local pastor, who has been giving instructions on personal work each Tuesday prior to the weekly Bible study, led the discussion.

During the studies each Tuesday, many important points were brought out to those attending the classes.

Mr. L. R. Scarborough, author of "With Christ After the Lost," which has proven to be a helpful textbook in the series of studies, states that winning souls is the "most gigantic undertaking God has laid out for Christian men."

Reasons for Soul-Winning

Reasons for soul-winning are numerous. Obedience to God is an important reason, as is also the fact that the "love of Christ constraineth us." Of no less importance is the fate of the lost. As the redeemed in Christ, the children of God should ever be conscious of the fate of those who are outside the fold. As those who have experienced God's love and grace, the urge within the believer is also cause for winning souls for the Lord.

The cost to a believer in the ser-

vice of winning souls is not a minor detail in this the greatest of all work. Christ gave all of Himself for humanity's salvation and the Christian should no less be willing to sacrifice himself entirely for the cause of Christ. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Romans, admonishes God's children to "present your bodies a living sacrifice . . . unto God." Are we willing to sacrifice unreservedly our time, money, talents—all of self for the sake of winning a lost sinner to Christ?

Prerequisites for Winning Others

The prerequisites for soul-winning are of great significance in the task of winning souls. The basic prerequisite is that the soul-winner have experienced salvation himself. The soul-winner must be consecrated to the Lord. Other essentials for one who would win souls are that he have a compassion for the lost, lead a life of prayer, have a working knowledge of the Bible, total dependence on the Holy Spirit and faith in God and His work. One who would win a soul from hell must be tactful, alert and friendly. His own life, motive and conduct must be pure, seeking to do this service to the glory of God and not for self-glory.

Special Cases

How to deal with the various types of people was taught as well as discussed with those participat-

ing in these worthwhile study periods. The current topic in this personal workers course is, "The lost man's difficulties." Many and varied are the difficulties the devil will put in the way when dealing with the unsaved.

Numerous memory verses have been assigned to those taking the course. The Psalmist says, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119:11). The soul-winner who must be freed from sin need also know suitable Scripture verses to bring to the attention of the person being dealt with.

It has been a blessing to have this fellowship each Tuesday and a blessing it would be indeed to know that through this course in personal work

people might come to realize their lost condition and be won to the Lord.

The word of the Lord in James 1:23 says, "But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only." May we be found faithful and obedient.

Have You Told Anyone About Jesus?

Have you told anyone about Jesus, Your Saviour so loving and true?

Have you told anyone of His pardon, What His peace and His love mean to you?

Do you see all the distress all about you,

And how evil brings sorrow and sin, And you know there is hope in your Saviour?

Tell them what to your life He has been?

PAX — An Opportunity

By Jim Jahnke, Pax Europe

A two-year term with Pax in Europe offers a wide variety of experiences. There are opportunities for travel and education, Christian fellowship in the European MCC family, and responsibilities of daily service on the assignment. But perhaps the most significant opportunity of Pax men in Europe is the contact with the European people and culture.

The European Pax Program, contrary to some other American installations in Europe, is established and organized to this end. Pax men are encouraged and given opportunity to meet the German folk and to know what makes them different. Or perhaps I should say, what makes us different. Because in Europe we are the foreigners. Everyone notices us with our accents, hands in pockets, or water on the table. We are the ones who stick out like sore thumbs, wondering why it is that people spot us as foreigners by just looking at us. This process of learning to know, adjusting to, and finally appreciating the European people and culture is certainly educational. And we Pax men are thankful for a program which is designed to capitalize on these opportunities.

Take a few of my experiences during the past few months as secretary in the Frankfurt Pax Office, for example. During Easter vacation I visited the Ernst Landes family on a large Mennonite Hof near Heilbronn, Germany. After a scenic trip through the Neckar river valley to Heilbronn I arrived in Lautenbach where I met the Landes family, including six husky young men, ages 16 to 28.

The following two days were filled to the brim as I observed the farm work on the Hof, learned something of the history of this family, including war experiences, played in a brass band with the "Lautenbachers," hunted Easter eggs, took part in the Sunday morning Easter wor-

ship service and communion with the Heilbronn Mennonite congregation, and ate more wonderful German cooking than I can describe. I especially appreciated the opportunity to talk with these fellows about pacifism. In the course of history the German Mennonites have all but lost the principle of conscientious objection to war. A Pax witness in this area is sorely needed.



For the tent meetings conducted in Frankfurt, Germany, by the Janz Team, the Paxmen helped get the site ready. At work are, from left, Wilbur Yoder, Norman Frey, and Norman Stauffer.

A few weeks later I had an opportunity to spend a weekend in the home of a German Evangelischer (state church) pastor near Kassel. Pastor Hoehn and his wife also provided the excellent German hospitality which I am beginning to take for granted. In our discussion I found it very interesting to hear Pastor Hoehn say that their concept of the relationship between church and state is a bit confusing and that they have "much to learn" from American Protestants on this. Indeed, I replied, we have much to learn from each other. American Mennonite young fellows are especially fortunate to be able to fulfill alternative service in Europe where this is possible.

Another illustration of American-German contacts on the inter-Mennonite level is the periodical German Mennonite youth days. The weekend of May 9-10, I, along with other Pax men, attended the Jugendtag (Youth Retreat) at Stuttgart where (Continued on page 9-3)

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

First Foreign Mission Institute

A missionary institute is to be held at Hepburn, Sask., from June 30 to July 3, just before the Canadian Conference. Attending the institute will be missionaries on furlough, members of the Board of Foreign Missions and members of the office secretariat. The institute shall be a time of spiritual fellowship and inspiration. Mission policies and principles and their effect and application on the various fields shall be discussed. The institute is the first meeting of its kind in our foreign missions program. The institute will be held on the campus of Bethany Bible Institute. Those attending will live in the school dormitories.

Mennonite Missionaries in Europe Meet

A meeting of representatives of American Mennonite mission boards working in Europe was held at Bienenberg, Liestal, Switzerland, May 19 to 21. This group of workers met for fellowship and discussion of their work in Europe. Brother Peter Dyck, Frankfurt, Germany, led a study of Colossians. A letter of greeting to the American boards represented at the meeting says: "The fellowship that we enjoyed with our fellow workers bound us together in the cause of evangelism here in Europe." Mennonite Brethren representatives attending the meeting were Brother and Sister G. H. Jantzen, Neustadt, Germany. Other American boards and organizations working in Europe include Mennonite Broadcasts, E.M.C. Mission Board, Conservative Mennonite Mission Board, Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities and Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities. Also attending the meeting were Mennonites working under the European Evangelistic Crusade.

Expanding World Population

The world's rapidly expanding population has implications for various human concerns and endeavors as well as for missions. At the time of the birth of Christ it is estimated that there were 350 million people on the whole earth. At present there are 2.8 billion. The rate of increase has now reached a startling 50 million per year which means that in just seven years the increase is equal to the whole earth's population in A.D. 1.

New School Approach in Colombia

In Colombia a new Bible school approach is being initiated. The approach is to provide general Scripture instruction for short periods to Christian laymen from which students may be selected for more specialized Bible school training. This approach seeks to provide needed, more intensive Bible training and instruction for believers in their home communities.

One such effort has been a three-week campaign and Bible study course in the Choco from May 2 to 24. Services have been conducted for one week each at Istmina, Bebedo and Noanama. In the mornings Brother Vernon Reimer has taught a Bible survey course and Brother Wilmer Quiring a course on the Christian home. Evening services have been evangelistic with Colombian evangelist Don Anibal Aguirre as minister of the Word. At Istmina five persons accepted Christ as Saviour.

Record Attendance at Curitiba Sunday School

Sunday school attendance at the Curitiba, Brazil, Mission Church has reached a record of 244. Missionaries also report that the little church building is usually packed or over-filled for Sunday evening services.

Prayer for the older children of the Curitiba Mission orphanage is requested. The children are admitted to the orphanage when they are very young, usually less than two years of age. The plan of the mission is to keep them until they reach the age of 18 or a few years later, after which they are to try to find their own way of life. This marks a very critical experience for these boys and girls who have grown to manhood and womanhood at the orphanage. Although they receive some industrial training at the orphanage, it nevertheless creates a sort of crisis in their lives to be called upon to earn a living and to make themselves useful to society besides being faithful witnesses as devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. All of them are worthy of our most sincere intercession.

Arrive from Quito

Brother and Sister David Nightingale and children Grace, 7, Theodore, 6, Kenneth, 5 Robert, 2, and Leonard, 1, arrived in Hillsboro on May 23 from Quito, Ecuador. They will live in Hillsboro until June 27 when they will go to Toronto, Ont., Canada, where Brother Nightingale will serve in the Canadian office of the World Radio Missionary Fellowship—sponsoring organization of HCJB.

To Instruct in School for Paraguayans

Brother Hans Wiens has been asked to assist two days a week with the instruction in the newly-opened school for Paraguayan children now operating on the Yalwe Sanga mission station in Paraguay. The large first-year enrollment has reached the 30 mark. This missionary venture is also in need of constant intercession.

Film Work in Mexico

Brother and Sister H. K. Warkentin have completed their visit and work in Mexico. They visited and

filmed our conference work at Piedras Negras and Nuevo Ideal and visited other mission work and missionaries in Mexico. They were much impressed with Gospel work among Indian tribes living in jungle territory more than 600 miles from Mexico City. The Warkentins planned to leave for Guatemala on May 21 and from there travel to Panama, Venezuela and Brazil.

Bartels Return to Japan



Brother and Sister Jonathan Bartel and children, Daniel, 10, and Gloria, 5, are returning to Japan for a second term of missionary service following a year of furlough. They were scheduled to sail from San Francisco on June 15. The Bartels are members of the Hillsboro Church which bade them farewell and God's blessing in services on June 7. May we also remember these folks in prayer as they return to labor for the Lord in the needy land of Japan.

The Bartels request prayer for the special evangelistic efforts in Japan during the centennial of Protestant Christianity in that country. "Pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit shall be able to break through the barriers of idolatry, pagan cultural superstition and nominal Christianity and send an awakening to this needy land."

In Japan the work of the Bartels will be to assist the national churches at Kasugade and Minato-ku and lead the evangelistic ministry in that area. The Bartels will live in Tsurugaoka where the Sam Krauses have been working, who will leave for furlough around the end of June.

Hospitalized in Japan

Japan missionary Brother David Balzer entered an Osaka hospital on May 23 for medical care and treatment. It appeared that a cold accompanied by pleurisy would cause him to be hospitalized for an undetermined period. May we pray for Brother Balzer's complete restoration and for the witness of the believers at Nagase, where the Balzers serve.

India Missionaries on Furlough

Brother and Sister John A. Wiebe and daughter Marilyn were to arrive in New York around June 9. The Wiebes planned to proceed to Mountain Lake, Minnesota, first, and come to Hillsboro later. May the Lord grant them a very profitable furlough here in the homeland.

To Return to India

Brother and Sister Ted Fast and Sister Regina Suderman are pre-

paring to return to India some time during July, the Lord willing. Since Brother Fast injured his foot during furlough, this matter should be made a special item of prayer to the end that the Lord may completely restore Brother Fast's foot to normal use.

Arrives from Belgian Congo

Sister Kathryn Willems arrived from the Congo in Hillsboro on June 3. After a short period with her family, Sister Willems anticipates attending a missionary literature workshop at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, beginning June 15. Sister Willems has been in charge of the Congo field printshop at Kafumba before returning for furlough.

More Than Six Thousand American Missionaries in Africa

Throughout Africa today more than 6,500 American missionaries representing scores of home offices, boards and orders are at work. This statement was made by James K. Penfield, deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs, who spoke on the topic: "The Role of the United States in Africa: Our Interests and Operations." He said that "Africa today is in a state of dynamic development which challenges the entire free world to sit up and take notice."

Missionary Commissioning

Brother and Sister Orville Wiebe were to be commissioned for missionary service on Sunday, June 14, by the First Mennonite Brethren Church of Wichita which is now their home congregation. The Wiebes are now making their last preparations and visiting with their families at Ingalls, Kans., and Paxton, Nebraska, before their return for service at Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school in the Congo. The Wiebes will first go to Belgium where they will spend a year in required studies. They are scheduled to sail from Montreal on June 28.

While on furlough Brother Wiebe has spent considerable time in study in preparation for their work in the missionary children's school. He earned his master's degree in educational administration from Wichita University in Kansas and attended the Biblical Seminary at Fresno.

Graduation at Ecole Belle Vue

Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school in the Congo graduated five students from eighth grade and one student from the twelfth grade on May 13. Total enrollment during the past school year has been 43 grade school and 10 high school students. One of the highlights of the year was a Bible conference from which lasting spiritual results have been noted. Another development at Ecole Belle Vue is the construction of a dormitory for high school students. It is hoped this building can be completed in time for school this fall to accommodate the growing student body.



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Who is a coward? I think the following story shows us who is NOT a coward.

"A coward, Tom, that's what you are! Why don't you strike him and not walk away like that, letting him call you names! Catch me taking it so quietly. I'd let him know whom he had to fight. Oh! You are a coward," Jack taunted.

"Jack," asked Tom, "was the Lord Jesus Christ a coward when they scourged Him, and He never struck back? When He was reviled, He never answered again, but on the cross prayed God to forgive them. Shall we not try to follow His example? I intend to be as much like Him as I can. I have not done anything to Will, only when I refused to play hookey with him he struck me. Because I did not strike back he called me names."

What effect did this action and these words have upon Tom's schoolfellows? Will walked up to Tom and said he was sorry that he had struck him, that he would now go to school. Jack joined them, saying he had never thought the Lord Jesus had set an example not to fight. He would try to think of it and read his Bible more.

So you see that Tom came off as conqueror after all. The real coward is not the boy who refuses to fight, but the boy who, though a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, is ashamed to confess Him and to stand on His side, cost what it may.

Love, Aunt Selma

The Little Brother

It all started with Elsie trying to help her friend Ina. Ina was to take little Peter for a drive. Peter was Ina's little brother. He was a cute little fellow, one and a half years old, and had curly blond hair and eyes the color of chocolate. All the people turned around for a better look and said, "My, what a lovely little boy!" That was fun. Elsie pushed the cart with pride, as though the little fellow belonged to herself only.

Ina wasn't too keen on pushing the cart herself. She had that privilege often enough! She found it much more interesting to walk alongside it and admire the shop windows. That was more fun than pushing her pretty little brother's go-cart.

For a while Elsie enjoyed doing the work alone, for all the people thought the child was her brother. But—it was fun only for awhile. It was boring to have to do it for any length of time. They had come more or less to the outskirts of the town, and there were fewer people to notice them. Also, the streets were not nice and even, but quite hilly, even rather steep in places.

"All right, Ina, now it's your turn to push the go-cart," said Elsie.

"Oh, just look at that, will you! Now that the road is uphill, you don't want to do it anymore, eh? Who was it that wanted to push the cart so badly? Just keep on going." That was the answer Elsie got. It was not exactly the answer she had hoped for. "I want to see if the fountain has been put up in

front of that big white house again," Ina said, and hurried off without a backward look.

And there stood Elsie with the heavy go-cart and a restless little boy in it. "Hey, you, come back here this minute. You can be thankful I helped you at all," called Elsie after her friend.

Was that Ina turning around to make a face at her?

"You just wait. You'll get to hear about it," Elsie fumed. Little Peter, the go-cart, the steep street, all was forgotten. Elsie stormed after the faithless Ina. . .

"Hey!" thought Peter, "what's happening now?" His cart began to roll—backwards—faster, faster, faster, oh, so dreadfully fast! Everything danced before his eyes, became a blur until he saw nothing anymore. He couldn't even catch his breath.

Crash! Wham! "Well," said Grandpa Whitecombe, "saved his life." He brushed the dust off his faded old trousers. "That was quite a trick to stop that careening wagon. Ouch, every bone in my body aches from the collision."

Luckily the little fellow didn't seem to be hurt. He screamed for all he was worth. It could have had quite a different ending! Who could have been so careless as to let the cart stand unattended? Grandpa Whitecombe would just love to tell that person a thing or two!

Ah, yes, there they probably were, the culprits. The two school girls who were looking concernedly

from right to left were most likely the ones.

Shortly thereafter the two were seen pushing a slightly bent-up cart together. Their faces were tear-stained and their eyes downcast. Now they took their job of pushing the howling Peter home seriously.

A Chinese Girl's Prayer Answered

An incident is related by Mrs. Howard Taylor concerning a little Chinese girl whose Mohammedan grandfather was in the habit of beating her for praying in the Name of Jesus. The time was one of distress and danger because of the bandits, and the grandfather had suffered not a little from one company who were living in his house. Great was his alarm one day when, walking on the city wall, he spied the same robbers in uniform returning.

Searching in vain for some hope of aid, the grandfather suddenly thought of the little girl. Why, of course, did she not pray? Hastening home, he found her, shook her roughly to awaken her to the seriousness of the situation, and cried: "If ever you prayed in your life, pray now. Those soldiers are coming back. I have seen them from the city wall; they will soon be here. You say God answers prayer. Go into that room and pray. Pray that they may not come to our house."

Suiting the action to the word, he pushed the child into an empty room and closed the door. All alone, the little girl, who was about eight years old, knelt down. Was she frightened, tearful, uncertain? Her mother, who was in an inner room, heard her as she poured out her heart to the Lord.

"Heavenly Father," she said, "I am so happy, so thankful because my grandfather has told me to pray. Always before this he beat me or kicked me if I prayed. He was so angry, but now he has told me to pray. Heavenly Father, please show my grandfather that You do answer prayer. Please don't let them come to our house." And her prayer was in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

The soldiers entered the city, and came tramping down the street. The door of the grandfather's house was standing open, for he knew that it would be of no use to shut it. The officer in front of the band drew up and turned his horse's head to go. That was the place he was heading for, and the little girl was praying inside: "Don't let them come to our house, Heavenly Father. Please show my grandfather that You answer prayer."

Was that little girl heard and answered? Ah yes, something happened; perhaps the last thing one would have thought of. Most unaccountably, the horse would not go in. No, it backed and kicked, it

shied this way, and that way, and nothing would make it go in. The officer beat it, and dug his spurs into it, but all to no purpose, until at length the superstitious fears that are never far away in China, overcame him, and he turned to his men and said, "Why, this courtyard is full of demons. We cannot see them, but the horse can. Not one of you go in there." And he turned his horse and led his men to another part of the town.

Grandfather came around to the "Mission House" the next day, and when they met, tears were in the eyes of the proud Mohammedan. "To think," he said, "that all the while that little granddaughter of mine was right, and I was wrong. Teach me about the God who answers prayer like that. Teach me to pray."

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But Not Forsaken ☆

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After all, who carried the water from the village pump in the evening? Who helped Grandfather cut the winter's supply of wood? Who carried all the wood upstairs and stored it neatly in the attic? Who supervised Rosie when they went out gleaning extra wheat to take to the mill? Who pitched right in like a man and helped bind wheat behind the cutting machine? Who would soon begin to dig sugar beets at almost the rate of a man? Who helped Grandfather every evening of his life? Hansie! And Grandpa was not short on his praise of the boy.

"I know Grandpa would have an awfully hard time getting along without me," Hansie admitted, trying to look modest as he said it. "I don't see how he ever did before I came."

"I still don't think you have to go!" Friedrich puckered up his brow as he did when he was trying to work out a difficult problem in mathematics.

By this time they were nearing the large villa that had once housed the owner of the Gut. Although they usually looked hard when they passed, to get a glimpse of what might be going on in the "Great Unknown," Hansie and Friedrich quickened their step.

"What makes me so disgusted, Hansie," Friedrich muttered under his breath, when they had passed the villa, "is that you might have to leave because there isn't enough food, and those officers are going to waste a whole field of carrots again this fall like they did last year."

"You mean they aren't going to do anything with that big pile of carrots over there?"

"Last year they didn't. Just let them rot. And all of us so hungry for them we could hardly stand it. But everyone was afraid to do anything about it."

"I wouldn't be afraid."

"You would, too!"

"No, I wouldn't, Friedrich. Remember the rabbit. You were the one who was afraid."

Friedrich flushed with anger. He got tired of Hansie rubbing that in.

"All right, if you're not afraid, why don't you go over and get some of them right now—take them home, smarty!"

"How stupid do you think I am, to try in the daytime? I'm serious, Friedrich. After dark, who would see us?"

"They would!"

"No, they wouldn't!"

He stopped and looked back, now that they had gone around the bend in the road and were out of range of the large house.

"Look, Friedrich. After the chores are done, when it's almost dark, too dark to be seen easily and yet light enough to see where we are going, we could slip away from the house and go over through Fetzer's back field and sneak a few of those carrots home."

"That would be stealing."

"No, it wouldn't, not if they aren't going to use them anyhow."

"I—I guess that's right, but what if we got caught? Our folks might never see us again, not to mention the carrots."

"Don't be silly. They aren't watching that carrot field at supertime. They're either eating or drinking. Remember that time—?"

Of course, Hansie knew that Friedrich remembered that time a few drunken soldiers had given them all such a scare by banging on their door in the middle of the night. The soldiers could have been penalized for it had they ever been found out.

"Well, you can do it if you want to, Hans, but not me. I like being alive too well."

"You're always a coward. I shall leave remembering you a coward."

Hansie was sure that this technique would get results. More than once he had used the rabbit incident to his own advantage in pressing his friend into adventure.

"All right," Friedrich finally agreed. "But remember, it was your idea, if anything happens."

"Yes, and it was also my idea when our families sit around the table for a carrot feast," Hansie grinned.

"What time shall we meet?"

"I'll come to your place and ask if you can play."

"My mother will say 'no,' if she finds out how much studying we have to do tonight."

"I'll say it is just for a little while, that I want to show you something. Agreed?"

Friedrich hesitated and frowned.

"Agreed."

CHAPTER XII

It was dusk, that indefinite time of the evening that was neither night nor day, the blue-tinted hour when Mamma tried to remember verses she had read in Frau Schmidt's Bible. Supper was over, and Hansie had an appointment to meet.

Sneaking out the kitchen door, he hurried to Friedrich's side of the

house, tapping lightly on the door.

"Are you ready?"

"I've got to ask permission. Don't forget your excuse."

It was not hard to get Friedrich's parents to say "yes," for they were used to the boys' evening frolics.

"Remember studies. Don't stay too long and don't go too far away."

The usual admonitions. Both boys knew them by heart. They wearied at the multiple demands of their mothers.

"Well, come on, Friedrich. What's wrong with you? Don't you know we have to hurry?"

"I had to fix something." Friedrich gave one sock a yank and limped forward on the other foot.

"Well, come on, let's go." Almost, Hansie had lost his nerve several times this evening. And then he would see his mother's face again, engraved with concern, and he would see in his mind's eye that huge pile of carrots, rotting away. Infuriated, he would blot out scary memories of Tante Anni's forced departure and stories he had heard about them. He would get some of those carrots and no one would know the difference, or he'd know the reason why!

Again Hansie turned to the dawdling, stumbling Friedrich, disgusted at his impractical gawkiness.

"Sometimes I think you are so stupid, Friedrich, for as smart as you are in school. Now look, we'll have to hurry while we still have a little light to see where we are. We'll cut across here"—he motioned toward the adjacent field—"and go the back way through Herr Fetzer's sugar-beet field."

"Hans, do you really think we should? If we'd get caught, our folks would have to pay the consequences. And you know what they might be!"

"I thought it made you mad about the wasted carrots."

"Well, sure, but—"

"All right, so we're going to do something about it. We'll never get caught. Come on. Remember the rab—"

"Oh, have it your own way, then. But forget that rabbit, will you?"

"I will if you come on and stop being so stubborn."

Stealthily the two youngsters crept through the back field and wormed their way through the tall grasses adjoining the plot where the carrots had been piled in a heap. Only two hundred feet away protruded the large villa, the center of authority for the village. Suddenly and without warning Hansie halted.

"What in the world, Hans? Why don't you tell a fellow?"

"Shhh. We'd better not be too close together. I'll check to be sure no one is around. Then I'll make a dash and fill my sack. Then you come and fill yours. Then we run home as fast as we can, see? Don't wait for me. Just run. All right, I'm

ready."

Friedrich groaned. A whole afternoon of misgivings had culminated in an ugly headache and a pain in his side. He wished he had not come. How he wished it, as he strained his eyes to see the last of the foolhardy Hans, braving forward with careful, mincing, but determined steps.

All of a sudden Friedrich heard something that almost paralyzed him, until he got control of his senses and began to run. Like a bullet he beelined across the fields and toward home, every nerve in him pushing him faster. Never had he run so fast in his whole life.

Friedrich could not understand the language of the occupying army, but he didn't need an interpreter to translate the angry shouts he had heard behind him. Shouts aimed at his best friend, foolish friend that he was. Finally out of danger, Friedrich hid behind a pigsty. He cried like a baby.

"Please, please come, Hansie, hurry! Don't let them get you, please," he whispered aloud, wanting to pray but not knowing how to go about it.

And then, even before he got his prayer formulated, Friedrich's glad eyes beheld the answer, Hansie coming like an arrow from the north rather than from the west where Friedrich had looked for him, Hansie stumbling but regaining ground, Hansie sackless and carrotless like himself.

"Hans," he half whispered, half shouted. "Hans, here I am."

"Aren't you home yet? Don't stop. Run, I say!" Hansie ordered, gasping for breath and continuing his race with time.

"Did he see you?"

They stood, panting, in front of the house.

"Sure, he saw me." Hansie was whiter than Friedrich had ever seen him, and his eyes were filled with terror.

"We'd better go in. He didn't see you; so you just keep quiet about it. But I'll have to tell Grandpa."

He paused and the authority he had displayed fifteen minutes before had vanished. This time Hansie was scared.

"I'll have to tell Grandpa and Mamma. But you keep still about it."

"And so, my dear Maria," Grandpa was saying, as Hansie fell into the door, closing it quickly behind him, "you won't need to go. I think we can manage."

His words fell quietly over the small room, like soft snow on a peaceful winter scene. Mamma was seated in the rocker, her fingers busy mending Rosie's only dress. Rosie, clad in the night clothes Grandpa had worked up for her from an old nightshirt of Grandpa's, lay curled up on the floor at her mother's feet. Grandma sat quietly, her hands motionless in her lap.

(To be continued)

With the Word of God Through Congo Villages

(Perhaps you sometimes wonder of what village evangelism in the Belgian Congo consists. How do the Christians stand up in the midst of paganism? What does the Word of God accomplish in the hearts of the Congolese? If so, you will be interested in the following report by Malwano James, our native pastor, after he had made a tour in the district together with Brother and Sister William G. Baerg. After reading the account, you will see that God answers prayer, but there still remains much to be done. —Nettie Berg, Coaldale, Alta.)

These two weeks we have been traveling in the villages with the Word of God. One day we were in the village of Kiniamba. The children were all in school. We noticed they learned well. We noticed that the ground in the school and on the playground was much used for it had many holes. Then we looked into the church. It had not been used because there were no holes in the dirt floor, and the grass which had fallen from the roof had not been swept away. Even where the preacher should stand there was grass. Over a "Be Faithful" motto on the wall the spiders had spun their webs. There were spider nets all over. It was a cold place; we couldn't find any Christians.



This is Malwano James with his little daughter.

Then we went to Kanapumba. We had much joy to meet the small group of believers and the chief who is a believer, too. These Christians are carrying stones to build a chapel. Everybody carries stones. Even the chief took off his chief's clothes, put on shorts and walked into the river to look for stones. He had no pride; he worked. There we worshipped many days, morning and evening. During the day Brother Baerg went with the truck over the prairie and into the forest to look for stones. Where there was no road, there we made a road, and we carried stones for the chapel. These Christians have much courage.

The people in Lusanga village

told us: "We always worship. When you come we worship; when the priest comes, we worship. We are 'big' people because the white priest came a long way from his village to our village. We each paid 10 francs which gave 600 francs for which the priest gave us a statue of St. Mary. Are we not important people in this village?"

In another village we had good services. One evening we called the Christians together for a fellowship around God's Word. Then one of our own teachers told the Christians: "Don't you go to that meeting." Just think, he was one of our teachers! But we scolded him strongly and told him to go and sit and not to open his mouth again. Then we had a fine time of fellowship.

One religious group is now sending out "apostles of Jesus" to go and teach the people. They wear a wide red band across their chest. One of them came to see us. We asked him: "You are an apostle of Jesus?" "Yes," he answered proudly as he looked down at his chest. "Then tell me something of the message that you as an apostle give to the people. How can they be saved?" He replied: "Hmm . . . hmm . . . excuse me, but my books are all in the house. If you give me time, I will get them. It is all written in the books." What kind of an apostle is he with nothing in his heart or in his head!

We have much joy these days to see the old people with white hair clean up their houses of heathen medicine and be born again. That is the strength of the village. Where there are "70 disciples" in secret, the teacher will stand strong, too, and you will have children for the schools as many as grasshoppers.

Paul said: "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." We must have the same burden in our hearts for the villages around us and for our people that Paul had. We must pray hard for the church in the district.

One Christian had such a burden for his older brother. One day his brother came to his house again and started to ask him for food. "Don't talk to me, or ask me for food, my brother," said the Christian, "I am very sad for you; I have much heaviness of heart. Your hair is turning white and you still refuse to accept the Lord. You ask me for food, but you never ask me about God. I am heavy in heart. Go back to your hut." That brother went back to his hut and thought: "It must really be a big affair, this what my brother says. I will go back to him and ask him about God. I might die soon because my hair is getting white." That Christian had a burden for his brother.

James ended his report by saying: "Let us all pray much for the people in the villages. Pray for them

and cry about their coldness of heart. Then sow the seed of the Word of God."

Salvage the Soul

"Die young and make a good looking corps." That's the motto of the young man most wanted by the FBI — if he is still living! If he has by now tasted death as a sinner, he has no doubt changed his philosophy. "The wages of sin is death..." Because "The way of the transgressor is hard," and "The wages of sin is death," whether one's body is beautiful in death or not, "dust to dust" is the decree of death in its relentless march to the grave. The soul is salvageable, however, through the grace of God. These superficial words of a proud prodigal must be changed to a cry of "God be merciful to me a sinner" from the humbled heart of a heathen.

—A. Reid Jepson.

Is There No Light?

Hilda Wiebe

O God, its dark inside my heart.
My hands grope out,
I cannot see.
The light is gone,
and I alone must stand.
I cannot understand,
the way seems closed
and all about is naught.
O God, I cannot, cannot longer bear
this isolation,
to stand so much alone.
O send some ray of light
and pierce the gloom...
What, do I see a crack
where enters in a beam?
Behold, it grows and broadens,
Light glorious streaming forth,
it warms the heart
it thrills the soul!
Thanks be to God,
His loving eyes my plight have seen.
Thanks be to God,
I stand here still—
yet in the light,
firm in the knowledge of the
love of God.

Decide on Name For Congo School

The board of Ecole de Moniteurs teacher-training school met to review and regulate the operation and policies of the school. Ecole de Moniteurs, Nyanga, Belgian Congo, is jointly operated by the Congo Inland Mission and American Mennonite Brethren Mission. Present from our mission were board members John B. Kliever and Arnold Priebe, George Faul of the school staff and Henry Brucks. It was decided that the name of the school should be Ecole de Moniteurs Chretiens (Christian teacher-training school). A building program is in progress. Two classroom buildings and one dormitory are to be completed by the end of 1959.

To Give Young People

Your Church and You
By Frank C. Peters

This booklet was written for Mennonite Brethren young people who want to understand their church. It contains a brief historical resume of the Anabaptist heritage, the Prussian interlude, the developments in Russia and the migration to North America.

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By Frederick P. Wood. 70 pp.

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Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Newspaper Ads Aid Baptist Missions
Advertisements carrying evangelistic messages and the offer of a free copy of a gospel booklet on request brought more than 800 letters to Baptist headquarters in Rio de Janeiro recently.

New School in Belgium Planned by Assemblies

A new Bible school under the auspices of Assemblies of God will be opened this fall in Andrimont, Belgium, Rev. Noel Perkin, director of the Assemblies Foreign Missions Department, has announced.

Officials of the denomination in Europe have secured a former chateau which will be converted for school use. The institution, Mr. Perkin says, will provide studies for prospective ministers to serve French-speaking countries of Europe. Theology will be the main area of study in the curriculum.

Rev. V. G. Greisen, missionary to Europe and a member of the school's board of trustees, is now in the United States speaking in various Assemblies of God churches on behalf of the school. Dedication ceremonies are expected to take place when Mr. Greisen returns to Europe.

Iraq Expels Missionaries

Fourteen United States missionaries have been expelled from Iraq. The National Council of Churches, which issued the report, estimated that only eight or ten American Protestant missionaries still remain in the country and that they may be forced to leave at any time. A spokesman for the NCC stated that while no reasons were given for the action, "we believe they are political rather than religious."

Widow of Auca Martyr to Marry

Mrs. Olive Fleming, widow of one of five missionaries slain by Auca Indians in Ecuador three years ago, planned a June 6 marriage to Walter L. Liefeld, who has been studying for a doctor of philosophy degree at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University.

Hymn Broadcast Popular

The Central American Mission reports a lively disc-jockey-type broadcast which has become very popular among the Mam Indians in Huehuetenango where unbelieving Indians gather around pre-tuned radio sets. In one recent month Radio Station TGNA broadcast 270 hymns on the program which had been requested by listeners. One Saturday broadcast aired 26 such hymn requests. Missionaries who

follow up the requests are enthusiastic about the broadcast.

Rumanian Emigration Of Jews Halted

Western diplomats hope the Rumanian Government will soon permit the resumption of Jewish migration to Israel on a sizable scale. The movement has been down to a trickle since February. The hopes are based on a belief that the same "humanitarian consideration" that caused the Bucharest regime to facilitate the migration earlier would bring about its resumption. Particular concern is felt for the 14,000 Jews who had made all the necessary preparations to leave but were caught by the slowdown. These people had already given up their Rumanian citizenship and disposed of their property.

New United Church Headquarters

The United Church of Canada has moved its Toronto headquarters from downtown to a new \$1,750,000 nine-story office building. Named The United Church House, the building will be dedicated June 11 on the 34th anniversary of the formation of the Church in 1925, when Methodists, Congregationalists and 70 per cent of the Canadian Presbyterians merged.

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Research Fund Gift on Queen's Visit

The Canadian government's gift to the Queen on the occasion of her visit this summer will be establishment of a one million dollar fund for research into children's diseases, Prime Minister Diefenbaker has announced.

The fund will be known as the "Queen Elizabeth II Fund for Research into Children's Diseases" and will be used to provide financial aid to institutions and individuals in Canada doing research in this field.

Seine River Floods Southeastern Manitoba Towns

The rising waters of the Seine River, swollen by a cloudburst, brought flood conditions to large sections of southeastern Manitoba last week. Parts of Steinbach, Man., had water on the street, while St. Anne had three feet of water on Main Street and most of the homes had to be evacuated. The water also cut off access to Steinbach by No. 12 highway. Thousands of acres of grainland, much of it still unseeded because of an exceptionally wet spring, have been covered with water.

B.C. Conference

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a decade. This year the youth committee under the chairmanship of John Neumann proposed that a provisional radio committee be elected by the conference to study the possibilities of expanding and co-ordinating the radio work now done by various supporting bodies in B.C.

To give the provincial work greater support, the WCCM, the City Mission Committee, and the Youth Committee jointly sponsored a prayer guide and album for distribution in British Columbia M. B. churches.

The conference delegates agreed to an increase of the conference fee from eight to nine dollars in order to meet the budget of \$54,764. Actually, the budget of the West Coast Children's Mission alone is more than the conference budget, but because of increased contributions from the stations, special donations, and the continued support from the Canadian Conference for the two stations received from the Canada Inland Mission, the conference appropriation for the WCCM stands at only \$35,514.00.

Drop Plan for Invalid Home

The committee appointed last year to investigate the building of a home for invalids recommended that this plan be dropped as a conference project. It was pointed out that among the membership of the Conference of Mennonite Churches in B.C. a society has been formed for the erection of such a home and that M. B. membership would be welcomed.

Elections for committee chairmanships returned Herb Brandt as City Mission Committee chairman, John Neumann as Youth Committee chairman, and C. D. Toews as Music Committee chairman. New committee chairmen are Jake Penner of the Frasersview M. B. Church as Sunday School Committee chairman and Peter Penner of East Chilliwack as WCCM chairman.

Pax—An Opportunity

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over 125 German Mennonite young people met for fellowship, worship, and discussion of problems confronting youth of today. The Enkenbach choir, led by a Paxman, were a part of the program and Lowell Goering, Enkenbach unit leader, gave a short explanation concerning the work and purpose of Pax.

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convinced that if the young fellows in the States knew what Pax life is like, our Akron headquarters would be flooded with applications.

Former West Coast Man To Leamington

Kitchener, Ont. — Rev. Henry Warkentin, former field director of the West Coast Children's Mission, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Leamington, Ont., Mennonite Brethren Church.

During the past few years Rev. Warkentin has been studying at Waterloo College and Waterloo Seminary. He has also served as assistant pastor of the Kitchener M. B. Church and as part-time teacher at the Ontario M. B. Bible School.

Rev. Warkentin is a graduate of the M. B. Bible College and following his graduation also taught in the Yarrow Bible School and served as principal for several years.

Visited by Team from PBI

Dalmeny, Sask. — A Gospel Team from the Prairie Bible Institute presented a program in the Dalmeny M. B. church on Sunday, June 14.

The group consisted of Dean Braun, Cornie Ens, Bernard Wiebe and Will Irving, all of whom are faculty members at PBI. The program featured a variety of solos and duets by Brother Wiebe and Brother Ens and a message by Rev. Braun. Brother Irving was the pianist.

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Weddings

Loewen—Epp

Miss Frieda Epp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaak Epp of Yarrow, B.C., and David Loewen, son of Rev. and Mrs. Peter D. Loewen of Yarrow, B.C., were married on June 7 in the Yarrow M. B. church. The father of the groom officiated, while Rev. Herman Lenzmann delivered an English message.

The groom has been a student at the M. B. Bible College during the past two years.

Dalmeny Deacon Has Silver Wedding

Dalmeny, Sask. — Brother and Sister Jacob M. Lepp celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in the M. B. church here on Wednesday, June 10.

The program consisted of a choir song, a solo by Albert Lepp, a trio led by Abe Goertzen, and a saxophone trio led by Dave Lepp. Brother Lepp told us of some of his experiences in the past twenty-five years, after which Rev. Henry Baerg delivered a message.

Brother Lepp is a deacon in the church here. They have two sons, Alfred and Victor, and two daughters, Janet and Carol.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Grenzberg, Merrittton, Ont., a son, William John, on June 7, 1959—a brother for Tommy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Epp, Kitchener, Ont., a daughter, Christine Catherine, on May 28—a sister for Kenneth and Wendy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Enns (nee Loewen) of Winnipeg, Man., a daughter, Eleanor Ruth, on May 31.

Obituaries

Mr. Frank Nickel

Funeral services for Mr. Frank Nickel, 67, of Beechy, Sask., were held on June 11 in the Mennonite Brethren church at Beechy, with Rev. H. S. Rempel of Saskatoon officiating. The church choir sang.

A capacity congregation filled the church auditorium and basement, giving proof of the great circle of friends that the deceased had.

Frank Henry Nickel was born in Russia on October 28, 1891. On January 28, 1918, he entered into marriage with Miss Nellie Dueckman. Five years later they came to Canada. They moved to the Collins district near Beechy in 1925. In later years they resided in the town of Beechy, where the late Mr. Nickel was busy in his shop until a year

before his death. The Lord called him home on June 7 at 10:30 p.m. after a lengthy illness. He reached the age of 67 years and seven months.

Predeceased by two daughters, one son and one brother, he leaves to mourn, his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Leonard Craig of Australia, Mrs. Jake Schellenberg (Susie), and Mrs. John Schellenberg (Helen) of Beechy; one son, Frank, of Saskatoon; twelve grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Henry Wieler of Lancaster, Pa., Mrs. Jacob Froese, still in Russia, Mrs. David Loewen, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., Mrs. Peter Rogalsky of Santa Cruz, Calif.; and two brothers, Henry of Langley Prairie, B.C., and Aaron of Saskatoon.

We mourn not as those who have no hope, for we know our loved one is seeing Him in whom he believed from his youth.

Mrs. Nickel and family



Tournavista Represents Unique Mission Strategy

Tournavista, Peru, represents a unique 1959 mission strategy symbol, according to MCC Associate Secretary Orie O. Miller. Miller visited the five member MCC unit at Tournavista May 29-31. This project (under the direction of the Le-Tourneau Foundation) was set up in 1954 to develop a colonization community as well as to serve existing missions in the jungle area. The Foundation's modern mechanization and maintenance skills which are available to mission workers enable a witness previously unimaginable, Miller points out. For example, Sylvester Dirks, founder of a Krimmer Mennonite Brethren outreach to the Campa tribe at Atalia, indicated that a trip from Lima to his station took 30 days less than a decade ago; a radio transmitter at Tournavista provides continuous opportunity for communication and daytime air service is available on call.

"Great changes have taken place since I visited here just four years ago," Miller reports. Over 2,000 acres of thick jungle have been cleared with special machinery developed for this purpose. Along with 500 beef cattle on pasture there is a weekly schedule of butchering, processing and freezing carried on with the meat transported by air to Lima for marketing. The Tournavista community of 500 now includes an area missionary children's school with 50 enrolled. "In the indigenous church Sunday school this morning (May 31) there were 215 present," Miller comments. "This witness is followed up through river outreach points and other ways."

Weierhof School Reopened

According to Euro-Pax News, German Mennonites reopened their school in Weierhof in the Palatinate April 17, with 90 students from grades five to eight. This marks another milestone in the school's eventful history. Established by men of vision in 1867, it served as a Mennonite educational center until 1936 when it was appropriated by the National Socialist Party and later used by French and American occupation forces.

A Pax team of eight men is assisting in renovation of the property by tearing up old floors, refinishing natural wood wall paneling and landscaping. It is hoped that through this service of love Paxmen may contribute to the growth of Christian education and the strengthening of American-European bonds of faith and understanding.

Far East Briefs

Seoul Hospital Gets Laundry Unit

From Seoul Children's Charity Hospital in Korea, MCC nurse Anna Klassen reports the installation of a complete laundry unit, including dryers, in a former storeroom of the hospital. "It was a big day for us all and especially for the three laundry women who have managed the laundry in cold water for our sixty children till now," writes Anna. "We use the unit only once a week because of the cost of operation but even that is a great help. Already our laundry is shades whiter." Credit for the new facilities goes to three groups: the US Army who donated the materials, a women's club who paid for the installation, and the local Ladies' Aid Committee who instigated the whole thing.

Preventative Medicine in Java

Dr. Herb Friesen writes from Java that he no longer takes preventative medicine for granted. While Indonesia has done better than many other Asian countries in trying to gain control of communicable diseases, the fact that there still is tetanus, whooping cough, and typhoid is evidence that there is much room for improvement. Smallpox has been literally wiped out by a very vigorous vaccination program, but Dr. Friesen reports that they had no sooner started on the D-P-T (diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus) shots for children when the whole country suddenly was out of the vaccine. Cholera and typhoid injections are being given to employees of the clinic and hospital. Malaria control measures are being developed regularly by the government and the World Health Organization.

All Quiet in Nepal

Willis Rudy, Paxman in Nepal, writes: "I have noticed from a few letters that there is a bit of concern about Nepal and the Tibetan situation. . . It is true that there has been a revolution in Tibet, but the only indication we have of this

in Kathmandu is through newspaper reports and hearsay. We hear that there are some refugees in East Nepal. As yet, there are no refugees in the Kathmandu district. You might be interested to know that Russia has just signed a pretty nice-sized contract with the government of Nepal for economic aid. Thirteen million dollars, I think. Also, Russia has just received permission to establish an embassy in Nepal."

In Brief

Washington. — Word was received from the nation's capital of the unexpected death of Victor A. Olsen on Monday morning, June 8. Mr. Olsen was the Selective Service Administrator with whom MCC Peace Section has had cordial working relations for many years in administering the CPS and 1-W programs. C. N. Hostetter, Jr., represented MCC at Mr. Olsen's funeral in Danville, Pa., June 11.

Haiti. — Charles Suderman, Aberdeen, Idaho, one of two 1-W men to become MCC's first representatives in Haiti, returned to his home after 17 months of service on a church-sponsored farm cooperative at Petit-Goave. He reports that the cooperative at Ferme Centrale, with Methodist-Haitian minister Marco Depestre as director, is one of the best in the country.

Greece. — A young Greek from the village of Tsakones is currently spending a year in USA under the sponsorship of the International Farm Youth Exchange Project. Costas Kostandinides, who used to work with the Pax unit in Tsakones as assistant in the canning project, recently visited MCC headquarters and a number of homes of Paxmen he had learned to know in Greece. While in Pennsylvania he attended a Mennonite wedding, that of a former Paxman and personal friend.

Personnel

Indonesia. — Glenn and Martha Zimmerman, Orrville, Ohio, left Akron June 10 for a three-year assignment on the island of Timor, where Glenn will direct the agricultural development program.

Europe. — A Pax matron and three Paxmen sailed for Europe June 10 to begin two-year assignments. They are Mary E. King, Wellman, Iowa; Wayne J. Yoder, Hartville, Ohio; George Junior Hoffer, Bridgewater, S.D.; and Gerald E. Freyenberger, Wayland, Iowa.

Akron. — Six new workers have begun service at MCC headquarters: Leland Haines, Elkhart, Ind.—production manager; Paul Troyer, Elkhart, Ind.—production assistant; Rollin Brenneman, Kalona, Iowa—Ephrata Clothing Center assistant; Erma Kauffman, Goshen, Ind.—Relief Section secretary; Velma Shenk, Rohrerstown, Pa.—Peace Section part-time secretary; Ruth Hess, Lititz, Penna.—housekeeping assistant. Leaving Akron is Susan Krahn, information service editor, who will be married this summer.

East Chilliwack Bible School

In this, my last school report to the *Mennonite Observer*, I would like to tell you a little of what happened at the school during the last week, May 25 to 31.

Monday, May 25, to Thursday, May 28, was examination week at Bible school. Even though these exams have been completed, we trust that what we have learned will remain with us.

Friday morning, May 29, was spent in singing, our regular morning devotions and a challenging film. In the afternoon Class I prepared for the graduation banquet, which took place in the evening. We were delighted at the sight which met our eyes when we entered the chapel that evening. The theme chosen by Class I was "The Dynamite of Witnessing." The decorations, the food and the devotional period were enjoyed and greatly appreciated by the graduates.

Saturday evening marked the beginning of the closing Bible Conference of the Bible school. Rev. Rudy Janzen, instructor at Sharon Mennonite Collegiate, Yarrow, was

the conference speaker. His theme for the three conference messages was "The Fight of Faith."

Sunday morning, May 31, the second message of the conference challenged us to be the salt of the earth.

That afternoon Rev. Janzen used Judges 7 and II Timothy 2:3 as texts for his graduation message. Rev. J. H. Friesen, principal of the school, served as chairman at the meeting and Rev. P. Penner, instructor, conducted the choir. The processional at the beginning of the program was followed by a word of prayer and testimonies by the graduates. Elizabeth Willms delivered the valedictory address and Emily Hamm bade the graduates a farewell. The girls' trio sang one song. The diplomas and certificates were presented by Rev. J. H. Friesen, who was assisted by Rev. P. Penner.

After the graduation ceremonies in the church there was a "tea" for the graduates and their parents on the lawn at the H. A. Koops.

We as graduates are especially thankful to God for the privilege of attending Bible school and we pray that we might grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ even as we leave school.

Elfrieda Nightingale

Opportunity in Colombia

By Wilmer Quiring, Colombia

The Lord is blessing the Colombian field with more open doors than we ever had during our last term. We have just finished a visit to the village of Tado in the Choco. Its population is at least 5,000 persons. Never have I witnessed or heard, as I did here, of a general reception by the whole town of our coming to preach our first evangelical message. God is working in this way in many more villages.

From history in Colombia we have learned that the door to evangelism in Colombia has opened on many occasions. But the door has remained open for a very short time only. The church of Jesus Christ has lost many opportunities, but I believe God is giving an opportunity again at this time. God help us to take this opportunity very seriously and send in reapers. It is our responsibility.

M. B. Board of General Welfare

— Brother and Sister G. H. Sukkau arrived by plane in Winnipeg on May 30 from Brazil. They have returned after a term of four years in South America under the Board of General Welfare. This was their second term of service in South America. The Sukkaus are grateful to God for a safe return trip and for His many blessings and mercies in their service among our churches in South America.

During the coming months Brother Sukkau will attend the Canad-

ian Conference at Hepburn, Sask., July 4 to 8 and do deputation work in the churches. The Sukkaus left Winnipeg on June 5 for British Columbia where their address for the present is: 5344 Chambers St., Vancouver, B.C.

— The South American Conference Bible Institute was to begin its second semester on June 8 in Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, in conjunction with the opening of the Fernheim Bible School. The H. C. Born family was to arrive the previous week in time for Brother Born to assume responsibilities in the schools.

— Brother and Sister Tobias Foth observed their silver wedding anniversary on June 9 in the Mennonite Brethren Church at El Ombu, Uruguay. Brother Foth is the leading minister of the El Ombu congregation.

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

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proof of the ruler's assertion. "For by their fruits ye shall know them."

Dear friends, we are spiritually rich in comparison to many others, at least we could be. Do we boast ourselves of being better than others, of keeping the commandments of God, of seeking first the kingdom of God, while at our doorsteps many live in superstition, fear and ignorance?

Prove to God, to your fellow men and to yourself that you are seeking first the kingdom of God by entering the ripe DVBS harvest field. Apply either to your local DVBS co-ordinator or your provincial fieldman.



GRADUATES OF EAST CHILLIWACK BIBLE SCHOOL two-year course are seen above, from left, Reinhold Leis, Agnes Koop, Elizabeth Willms, Elfrieda Nightingale, Irene Peters, and Verne Epp. The East Chilliwack Bible School has an eight-month school year, with the equivalent of a three-year course given in two years.

Meets Aunt in Moscow

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to my aunt so that she need make no contact with the Canadian embassy until she has permission to emigrate. It is understandable that when such a person—who in 50 years has never worn a hat—meets a member of her family she somehow hopes that this person can take her along in his pocket, so to speak. But this is just not possible. As a result there was a sorrowful scene as I accompanied my dear aunt to the train station and said goodbye.

How someone who has had to live separated from her family and church for so many years, and who probably had to endure living in a rough and godless society all this time, how such a person without fellowship can retain faith in God is a theological problem. My aunt does not know what to believe any more. She looked deeply into my eyes as I tried to fan the spark of faith. And when we parted before she boarded the train for north-eastern Russia, she gripped my hand and said, "Yes, I want to believe."

Amazing Response in Japan Evangelism

A total attendance of 96,200—limited only because of seating space in impressive Festival Hall—and 7,467 recorded decisions for Jesus Christ during the three-week Osaka Christian Crusade were hailed by Japanese churchmen as the most "amazing" evangelical results seen in the history of their nation.

In supposedly "indifferent" Japan, over 9,800 converged on the scene for the last service, and more than 5,000 stood patiently outside after the Hall was jammed. When Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, gave the final invitation, 813 surged forward to accept Christ.

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All Things Bright and Beautiful
Cheer Up, Ye Saints of God
Deep and Wide
Do You Wonder Why
Got Any Rivers
He Is Mine
Something More Than Gold

Action No. 3

He Owns the Cattle On a
Thousand Hills
Away Far Over Jordan
With Christ in the Vessel
Give Me Oil in My Lamp
God Has Blotted Them Out
I'll Do It All For Jesus
Isn't He Wonderful?

Action No. 4

Enter His Gates
God Can Do Anything But Fail
I Shall Not Be Moved
My Lord Knows the Way
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Travel Information for M. B. Conference Delegates

Hepburn, Sask. — Delegates coming to the 49th Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference, to be held here July 4 to 9, should take note of the following information.

There are no direct train or bus connections to Hepburn. This makes Saskatoon the terminal where delegates will be met. Transportation schedules are as follows:

CNR Trains Arrive (Mountain Standard Time)

No. 1, Super Continental, from the east, 6:00 a.m.
No. 2, Super-Continental, from the west, 8:50 p.m.
No. 3, Continental, from the east, 9:00 p.m.
No. 4, Continental, from the west, 6:15 a.m.

Greyhound Bus Arrives Daily (Mountain Daylight Time)

From the east, 8:35 a.m. and 10:40 p.m.
From the west, 6:05 a.m. and 11:45 p.m.

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From the east, 7:30 a.m., 12:20 noon, 5:55 p.m.
From the west, 3:30 a.m., 9:15 p.m., 12:15 midnight

Efforts will be made to meet all delegates. Should no one be at the terminals to meet you, please contact Rev. H. S. Rempel, telephone CHerry 2-3577, or call the Conference Office, Hepburn, Sask.

Ordain Walter Janzen at South End

Winnipeg, Man. — Ordination services for Walter Janzen, pastor of the Harvey, N.D., M. B. Church (country), were held on Sunday, June 14, in the South End M. B. church.

Rev. Janzen moved to Harvey from Winnipeg last fall in response to the call of the Harvey church. He had been active in the South End M. B. Church, especially the extension ministry of the young people.

At the Sunday morning service Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood M. B. Church, delivered a message on the responsibilities of the church to the minister. Brother Janzen spoke in the English language on how God tests his disciples

at various times in life.

The ordination proper was at the evening service. Rev. F. C. Peters, assistant pastor and moderator of the Manitoba M. B. Conference, delivered the keynote message. Rev. Henry Regehr had a word of encouragement for the Janzens from the Ministers' and Deacons' Committee of the Manitoba conference. The laying on of hands was done by Rev. Peters and Rev. P. P. Kornelson.

Rev. Walter Janzen is the son of Rev. H. H. Janzen, who is ministering in Europe, and his wife is the daughter of Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the South End M. B. Church. Ironically, Rev. Neufeld was unable to attend the ordination of his son-

in-law, having been hospitalized for observation the day before because of an attack of undetermined cause.

To Report on Work In Austria

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. and Mrs. Abram J. Neufeld, who have served at Linz, Austria, during their first missionary term, will be reporting and showing slides of the work there in the South End M. B. church on Sunday night, June 21. The evening service will begin at 7 p.m. (Central Daylight Time).

This will be the only opportunity the Neufelds have of reporting on the work at Linz in a Winnipeg church.

On the Horizon

June 21. — The choir of the Children's Gospel Light Hour will be singing in the Winkler M. B. church at 7 p.m. (CST). Everyone in the area is welcome.

July 4 to 8. — Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference at Hepburn, Sask.

July 4 to 9. — Annual sessions of Conference of Mennonites in Canada at Clearbrook, B.C.

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nual provincial Sunday school conference of the M. B. churches in Manitoba will be held at Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde.

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