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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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Appoint Conference Evangelist

Moving Ahead in Evangelism

Hepburn, Sask. — Delegates attending the Canadian Conference of the M. B. Churches in Canada, which met in the M. B. Auditorium here from July 4 to 8, approved several moves that could have far-reaching effects on the growth of the M. B. Church.

An action that will affect all churches in time is the appointment of a full-time conference evangelist. In a move approved by the churches, the evangelism committee of the Canadian Conference appointed Rev. H. H. Epp, presently pastor of the M. B. Church at Blaine, Wash., as conference evangelist. Proof of the churches' support of this move is the schedule of evangelistic services now mapped out for Rev. Epp—before the conference ended he was solidly scheduled for the rest of 1959 and all of 1960.

Liberal Arts College Investigation

Another significant move was the request to the education committee to investigate the possibility of co-operating in a residential liberal arts college to be affiliated with Waterloo University. Two men are to be appointed by the education committee to attend the August 10 meeting of the Inter-Mennonite Fellowship of Kitchener-Waterloo with Waterloo University officials to discuss such a possibility.

The education committee will also call another meeting of the Bible schools in Canada to continue work on a unified curriculum and on curriculum co-ordination with Mennonite high schools and the college. In addition, the education

committee has been asked to set up a placement bureau, which will aid Mennonite high schools and Bible Schools to find teachers. Teachers seeking positions in Mennonite schools will also be able to register with the bureau.

More bed-space at the Bethesda Home for the Mentally Ill, Vineland, Ont., is envisioned with the construction of a \$69,000 wing at the hospital. The 40' x 80' addition to the present facilities will in-

crease the capacity by a minimum of 18 beds. However, before construction can begin, the project must be approved by the churches and be assured a grant by the provincial government. It is not expected that it will be difficult to obtain the consent of the churches, since all operating expenses have been taken over by the new hospital plan and all offerings would go towards the building fund. The manager of Bethesda Home, Mr. G. Friesen, announced that all debts on previous construction have also been paid as of July 1.

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Volunteers Constructing Camp Buildings

Chilliwack, B.C. — Volunteers are busy at work on the first stage of a \$75,000 summer camp in the Cultus Lake area. The four-year development program envisions an outdoor bowl-type auditorium seating 4,000, cabins, dining hall with capacity for 200, kitchen facilities, administrative offices for a staff of 15, and a chapel.

The summer camp, which will have winterized cabins, is a project of the recently-organized Mennonite Brethren Camp Society, which now has 150 members who each paid \$100 membership fee. Jake Block, Vancouver businessman, heads the society. Vice-president is Rev. A. H. Wieler, Abbotsford; Henry Unger of Abbotsford is secretary, while William Friesen of Vancouver is treasurer of the 15-member board of directors.

The 60-acre site purchased by the camp society provides a breathtaking view of Cultus Lake and the mountains. It is located 500 feet

above Cultus Lake on the south side of the Columbia Valley and is on two distinctly different levels. There are 40 acres on the lower level, while 20 acres lie 200 feet higher. In all, about 20 acres are cleared land. Development is now being undertaken on the lower level.

About 50 volunteers have been turning out on Saturdays to push construction of 11 cabins and a 68'x40' dining hall. Each cabin will accommodate 8 campers. The foundation has already been poured for the chapel, which is part of the building program for next year. A swimming pool is also included in the plan. Water for the camp will be piped from a year-round mountain stream which flows through the property.

This year's camping program will see children from mission stations participating during July in a camping program supervised by the West Coast Children's Mission. Camps in August will be open to camp society

members, while a youth camp will be sponsored by the M. B. Youth Committee of British Columbia. Fees for the 10-day camps will be \$15 for campers up to 15 years old and \$23 for campers over 15.

The camping program will include swimming, life-saving, boating, water skiing, first aid, and various crafts, including copper work and leather work.

Eventually the camp society hopes to have more than 1,000 campers participating in the camping program each summer.

Greendale M.B. Church Welcomes Pastor

Sardis, B.C. — The congregation of the Greendale M. B. Church was happy to welcome into their midst their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Rudy Janzen, at an evening service on June 21.

Rev. J. B. Harder, the former minister, pointed out how the congregation, as a church, should uphold the minister in prayer, as Aaron and Hur did for Moses, according to Exodus 17:8-12. Rev. Harder challenged every member to do his part in the work of the kingdom of God. Then with encouraging words he gave the leadership over to Rev. Rudy Janzen.

Brother Janzen replied with the words of I Cor. 3:9: "We are labourers together with God." He related how God had called them to this work, and their desire and aim was to "preach Christ, and Him crucified."

Rev. Henry Unger gave words of thanks to Brother and Sister J. B. Harder for their faithful labours of the past years.



MEET THE DELEGATES to the 49th Canadian Conference of the M. B. Church, from left, A. A. Wiens, Yarrow, member of Bethesda Committee; Rev. A. J. Froese, pastor at Boisveain, Man.; Rev. David Durksen, St. Catharines, Ont.; Rev. Herman Voth, Mt. Lehman, B.C., pastor of East Aldergrove M. B. Church and moderator of B.C. Conference; the confer-

ence executive, Rev. D. K. Duerksen, secretary, Rev. D. J. Pankratz, moderator, Rev. F. C. Peters, assistant moderator, C. A. DeFehr, treasurer; Dr. A. A. Dick, Saskatoon, elected into Bethesda Committee; Leslie Stobbe, Winnipeg, editor; Rev. Rudy Janzen, pastor of Greendale M. B. Church, B.C. (C. J. Rempel photos)

EDITORIAL

Intercession Is Needed

Five days of sessions at the Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church left the distinct impression that intercessory prayer is needed more than ever.

A step forward was taken when the conference appointed Rev. H. H. Epp as full-time conference evangelist. His background is described elsewhere, but here we would like to emphasize that no evangelistic program can be effective without widespread and systematic prayer support. Nor can this increased emphasis on evangelism in the Canadian M. B. Church bear fruit unless every believer in the church takes time for intercession for Brother H. H. Epp, his family, and the evangelistic campaigns in which he will be serving. Brother Epp's schedule is already full for the rest of 1959 and 1960, and we would suggest that as sections of it are published you add these campaigns to your prayer list.

Another intercessory concern should be the program for the indigenization of the churches on the M. B. mission fields around the world. Missionaries and the mission board are making a concerted effort to make the churches and institutions on the field self-supporting so that they will be able to stand alone should nationalism force missionaries out. Prayer is needed that the more educated national Christians will be willing to pass by the higher-paying government and business jobs and take up the work in their churches and institutions. Further prayer is needed for the high schools, Bible schools, and seminaries trying to train nationals for leadership positions. Finally, prayer is needed for the missionaries during this transition period, for much wisdom is needed to implement the nationalization of the church.

Rev. J. B. Toews, executive secretary of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions impressed another prayer need upon the delegates. He pointed out that missionaries today are undergoing a tremendous spiritual battle. Satan is attacking many physically, others are under tremendous nervous strain. On all fronts the arch enemy of missions is pressing the attack vigorously. Not in all cases is the missionary victorious. As constituency at home we need to remember our missionaries as they face the foe in what at times can be called hand-to-hand combat.

These are but three areas in which intercession is needed during the coming conference year. Attend the services at which your delegates report to hear about the many projects needing your intercession. Knowledge leads to intelligent intercession.

He Has a Burden for the Lost

Hepburn, Sask. — A Canadian who has spent most of his years in the ministry in the United States is returning "home" to become conference evangelist for the Mennonite Brethren Church in Canada.

The son of KMB missionary parents, Rev. H. H. Epp, presently pastor of the Blaine, Wash., M. B. Church, accepted the call as conference evangelist only after much heart-searching and prayer before the Lord. And he will be entering the work with the knowledge that the Canadian Conference of the M. B. Church has pledged its whole-hearted prayer support for the program of evangelism.

The program of evangelism scheduled for the last four months of 1959 and for all of 1960 is a new venture for the Canadian Conference. There is no "routine" that has been established. Therefore they were not merely empty words when Rev. Epp asked for "faith-filled prayer-backing on the part of everyone in the conference."

Born to Missionary Parents

Rev. Epp was born in January of 1915 at Waldheim, Sask., to Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Epp, who spent one term in Hunan Province in China as missionaries for the KMB Church. After elementary school at Waldheim he got his high school training in "bits and pieces." At Bethany Bible Institute, from which he was graduated in 1937, he took part in the Gospel work carried on by the students under the Western Children's Mission (organized in 1935).

An incident that remains vividly in his memory involved the late Rev. J. A. Toews, Sr., who was Rev. Epp's instructor in German. One day when his teacher returned a German paper somewhat less marked up with red than usual, the late Rev. Toews told him, "This time you had special grace from God." During the next years of evangelistic ministry, that German knowledge will come into full play!

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DEVOTIONAL

"This Man Receiveth Sinners"

Another crowd had gathered about Jesus. They had come from various towns and villages to hear the man called Jesus of Nazareth, the man who healed the sick and who had even been known to bring a dead person to life. Suddenly an ugly rumor began circulating among the crowd.

"This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them."

Quickly it flew from mouth to mouth. It was incriminating evidence that this man was a sinner himself. Doesn't like attract like? And the Pharisees and Scribes hurried from one knot of listeners to the other trying to stir up hatred against the man who soiled his soul by eating with sinners. A man who proclaimed that He was the Son of God joined the company of the tax-gatherer, the drunkard, the adulterer! What more was needed to stamp Him as a fraud? An imposter?

Yet when we look back in retrospect, this charge of the Pharisees and Scribes is the biggest tribute that they could have paid Jesus. Had not the angel told Mary, "... for He shall save His people from their sin?" Did not the angel tell the shepherds of a "Saviour" who had been born in Bethlehem? He Himself said in words recorded by three Gospel writers: "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

In the light of this, the three incidents recorded in Luke 15 immediately after the Pharisees and Scribes hurled the above charge, gain new significance. Jesus said that even as there is rejoicing over one sheep that has been found, there is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that has been found. And even as there is rejoicing over one piece of silver found after a frantic search, so there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repenteth. Finally, God is as willing to receive the erring sinner as the father was willing to welcome the prodigal son.

But the charge of the Pharisees and Scribes that Jesus received sinners and ate with them is also a personal indictment of their spiritual poverty, their failure to see the objective of their ministry, and their failure to grasp the message of the prophets. Lifting their skirts and holding them close to themselves they fasted and prayed, keeping the letter of their law in a self-righteous effort to gain favour with a holy God. Yet about them multitudes perished because they did not hear the message of the redeeming love of God.

Jesus received sinners. He gave them a message of life: "I give unto you living water." He told them of a Saviour: "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden. . .

Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." In startling contrast stood the Pharisees condemning and judging. No wonder the sinners found their way to Jesus instead of going to the Pharisees and Scribes.

Whom do we resemble? The Apostle Paul admonishes us, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Do we greet the sinner as he works across from us in his garden? Does he feel attracted to us and come to share his heart's needs with us, as the sinners did when Jesus came to their town? Do we accept an invitation when someone we consider a sinner invites us to his house, possibly because he wants to know more about the Christian way of life?

Or are we like the Pharisees? Would we be horrified if the neighbour lady, who is known to drink, suddenly drops over for a neighbourly chat? Do we pass by unseeing as our "sinner" neighbour looks up while we walk past? Do we pick our way haughtily through a group of "sinners" in the village post office because we are afraid to be contaminated? Do we refuse to even talk to friends we had before we experienced salvation?

Blessed are we if a self-righteous Pharisee lays the same charge against us as against Jesus: "He receiveth sinners and eateth with them." For then we will become the salt of the earth, the light of the world, dispensers of living water to a thirsty world.

This does not make separation from the world unnecessary nor impossible. The true life of separation is lived in the world, not away from the world.

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Baptism at Carman

Carman, Man. — The baptismal service of the Gospel Light Mission here, which was held approximately six miles south of Carman, was well attended.

Rev. P. Martens, local pastor opened the service with Scripture reading and prayer. Rev. A. Quiring of Horndean delivered the baptismal message. His message, divided into three sub-topics, "The Importance of Baptism," "The Meaning of Baptism," and "Who Should be Baptized," was based on Romans 6:1-11. The choir, under the direction of Peter Enns, sang, "Take the World But Give Me Jesus" and "All For Jesus."

Following the service, Rev. P. Martens baptized the six candidates on the confession of their faith, to which they had testified the pre-

vious Wednesday evening at a special service held for the purpose.

The candidates were John Worms, Jr., Graysville; Mr. O. Larsen, Elm Creek; Ted Coburn, Carman; Catherine Wiebe, Graysville; and Anna Larsen, Elm Creek.

Those baptized were accepted into the fellowship at a service which took place at the church in the afternoon. Rev. A. Quiring delivered a message on, "The Importance of Church Membership," taking his text from Acts 2:37-47. He stressed the importance of the believer to "continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship" (Acts 2:42). Rev. Martens welcomed the baptized believers into the church as members. Following the afternoon service the congregation observed the Lord's Supper.

C. C. Peters Speaks At Lindbrook

Lindbrook, Alta. — Scores of people attended the services at the Lindbrook M. B. church from June 23 to 25. These services, with Rev. C. C. Peters as speaker, were held in the morning and evenings.

The text was the first two chapters of I John, with the exception of Thursday night. Rev. Peters put a great deal of emphasis on the differences between Christians and nominal Christians, these being listed in the second chapter. The messages were earnest and heart-searching and gave reason for serious after-thought.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Rev. Peters told a story to the children and taught them a verse. Keen interest was expressed on the children's faces.

The last night, namely Thursday, the whole evening was devoted to a talk on "Child Training in the Present Age." This was helpful to all parents. The ladies' trio sang on Thursday night and the choir served with several numbers on Tuesday night.

Rev. Peters returned on June 30, to complete the topic introduced on Thursday evening.

Greendale Young People Meet Their Pastor

Sards, B.C. — At the June 28 meeting of the young people's a large group of young people came to find out what the new pastor's talk on "Life's Best Study" would be about.

Rev. Rudy Janzen, in his interesting and challenging way, spoke about the study of the Word of God — the most worthwhile and rewarding study in life. Several quartets sang during the program, and a quiz was given former Bible school or college students, to ascertain

their evaluation of Bible study and training.

After the program, refreshments were served in the church basement. At this informal program all young people present were introduced for the benefit of the new pastor and his wife and family, the Rudy Janzens, and also for the guests present from other communities. John Thiessen of Abbotsford, B.C., favoured the group with a solo, "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me," as his personal testimony.

The young people's group has been encouraged by Rev. Janzen to attend and enjoy the Wednesday night Bible study and prayer meeting. Brother Peter Reimer, the Young People's leader, who has worked faithfully among this group, also encouraged the young people to attend the Bible study services.

Mexico Worker at Beechy

Beechy, Sask. — There was good attendance at the M. B. Church here on June 24, when Rev. Dan Wirsche, missionary on furlough from Colombia and Mexico, visited the church.

The mission-centered program consisted of the invocation by the church leader, Mr. J. Wiens, a message from God's Word by Brother Wirsche and a report illustrated with colored slides. In his message on the topic "I Am a Debtor," Rev. Wirsche pointed out that we who have received the Gospel are obliged to pass it on to others. This obligation is enlarged in view of the worth of the Gospel, its power, its results, the worth of a human soul, man's desire for salvation and God's desire for communion with man. We were exhorted to say as Paul did, "As much as in me is" (that is with all our capabilities) we are to extend the Gospel to others.

During the report many excellent pictures of Mexico and the work

carried on there were shown. Rev. Wirsche mentioned some of the difficulties peculiar to Mexico which had to be overcome before work could be carried on there.

dren's Hour," since their outing was postponed.

Greendale Man to Korea

Akron, Pa. (MCC News) — Mr. Harry Harms, member of the Greendale, B.C., Mennonite Brethren Church, will return to Korea as Mennonite Central Committee material aid supervisor for Korea.

Mr. Harms served in Taegu, Korea, from 1954 to 1957. Upon his return he was married to Miss Clara Eschleman. He attended the



M. B. Bible College in Winnipeg during the year 1958-59, but during the school year his wife passed away on January 10. He is now returning to the land where he first met her.

MCC relief work in Korea began with food and clothing distribution in the winter of 1953, immediately following the war. Today an extended relief and rehabilitation program helps meet the needs of refugees, orphans and war widows which still remain.

Father's Day Program

Foam Lake, Sask. — The M. B. church here was filled to capacity when the Crusaders for Christ (the young people of the M. B. Church) presented a varied program on Father's Day. David Kehler was chairman, with Agnes Giesbrecht as pianist. Rev. C. Frost of Kuroki, Sask., served as guest speaker.

The program consisted of several songs by the whole group, trios, and quartets and recitations. Rev. Frost brought the message of the evening, speaking on "The Christian Life," especially in regard to fathers as lived out in the home, Sunday school and church, through work, play and worship.

Sunday School Picnic At Foam Lake

Foam Lake, Sask. — An afternoon of fellowship and fun was in store for the congregation of the M. B. Church here on July 1, when the annual Sunday school picnic was held on the farm of Brother John Friesen. The event was opened by Bro. Isaac Goosen, S.S. superintendent, leading in Scripture and prayer, followed by choruses led by Miss Nettie Petkau and Miss Roseanne Kehler and a children's story told by Miss Rita Dell.

The pastor, Rev. J. H. Kehler, delivered a short message, including an object lesson for the children.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in games, races, contests and softball, followed by a weiner roast and ice-cream for all. Included in this year's picnic were several children who attend the weekly "Chil-

Three Deacons Ordained in Kitchener

Kitchener, Ont. — At an impressive ordination service in the Kitchener Mennonite Brethren church on Sunday morning, June 21, Mr. and Mrs. David Matthies, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lugowski and Mr. and Mrs. William Schroeder were ordained as deacons of the church.

The pastor, Rev. J. J. Toews, officiated.

For about three years, these three brethren had served as elected deacons, and their ordination brought to eight the number of ordained deacons serving the church.



DEACONS ORDAINED at the Kitchener M. B. church on June 21 were, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. William Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. David Matthies, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lugowski. (Photo by C. J. Rempel)

Leamington Welcomes Pastor

Leamington, Ont. — Sunday, June 28, was a special day for all in the Leamington M. B. Church, for it marked the beginning of pastoral duties in the church for Rev. and Mrs. Henry Warkentin.

After the opening service Sunday morning, Rev. David Derksen read the formal letter of testimony and introduction for Rev. and Mrs. Henry Warkentin, submitted on behalf of the Kitchener church and releasing them as members of the Kitchener M. B. Church. Rev. and Mrs. Warkentin were then formally accepted into the membership of the Leamington M. B. church. Rev. Derksen then formally resigned his duties as the church leader and gave all responsibility to Rev. Warkentin.

Rev. Warkentin delivered a message based on "the preaching of the Word is foolishness unto those that perish but unto us it is the power of God."

The Sunday evening service was in the form of a welcome and get-acquainted service. For the opening, Rev. D. Derksen read Psalm 133, wishing Rev. Warkentin and his family well in our midst and in their new duties. Mr. Peter P. Willms, a deacon in the church, spoke briefly on behalf of the deacons, reading Isa. 41:10 and Heb. 13:17-21.

On behalf of the Sunday school, the superintendent, Mr. Corny Hamm, read Isa. 40:28-31. Mr.

Hamm spoke of our need of guidance from Rev. Warkentin in the teaching of our children and how Rev. Warkentin's wealth of experience in this area of teaching would be of value to all of us. Mr. Fred Reimer, as leader of the Young People's Fellowship, spoke a hearty welcome on their behalf, citing Romans 15:13. The "Jugendverein" leader, Mr. Daniel Boschman, read an appropriate poem of welcome and also Psalm 90:17. Mrs. Gerhard Reimer, reading Ps. 84:5-8 and Luke 8:1-3 for the Senior Ladies' Aid group, and Mrs. Frank Dyck, reading Ps. 32:8 for the Young Ladies' Mission group, welcomed Mrs. Warkentin in a special way.

On behalf of the church membership Mr. Isaac Unrau, church secretary and also a member of the original committee in charge of locating a full-time minister for our church, related of the many prayers to the Lord that he might send to us or show us where to find the worker that He had planned for us.

Rev. D. Derksen then delivered a short sermon from Eph. 4:11-12 and invited all present to join in a fellowship meal in the church basement following the service. Rev. Warkentin spoke briefly from Rom. 1:8-10 and verses 14 and 16. Rev. Warkentin also thanked everyone for the warm welcome and many good wishes to both himself and his family. The choir sang three songs.

Canadian Conference

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To Sell House in Winnipeg

Since the house formerly utilized in Jewish mission work in the city of Winnipeg is not being used for that purpose anymore, the conference approved the sale of the house. In another move, the conference approved the purchase of one house by the M.B. Bible College. It also approved the purchase of two more houses, subject to approval by the individual churches. The shortage of dormitory space will be alleviated somewhat by the acquisition of these houses. This move will also permit a closed campus in time.

The stalemate in publication, however, was not resolved. The proposal by the publications committee, sent to all churches for their consideration, that a Canadian Conference family weekly be founded, was turned down by a majority of the churches. In a move to solve the impasse, the publications committee recommended consultation with the U.S. area publications committee to work out an acceptable proposal. This was approved by the conference, with the condition that any new plan again be submitted to the churches and the conference.

To Shorten Conference

A plan to shorten the length of

the annual conference sessions received whole-hearted approval by the delegates. The plan suggested by the committee of reference and counsel would have some committees report bi-annually, while those committees having evening services at their disposal would not be permitted to report during the business sessions, where they would only bring their recommendations. The plan needs the approval of the various committees involved.

Substantial Increase in Giving

The conference treasurer reported a 15% increase in receipts from churches in Canada during the past conference year. The largest increase was in foreign missions giving, where there was a 20% increase over 1957-58. The total giving from Canadian churches, exclusive of local church administration, provincial missions and educational endeavors, was \$535,304.00, compared with \$465,000.00 during 1957-58. A total of \$378,374.00 was given for foreign missions, up from \$314,000.00 during 1957-58. The average per capita giving was \$40, compared with \$35 during 1957-58. At the 1957 General Conference of the M. B. Church in North America, the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions had requested an increase of 10% per year in foreign missions giving—a request more than

met by the Canadian conference.

The Canadian equivalent of the General Board of Welfare (called "Dienst am Evangelium") contributed approximately \$15,000 toward the general relief fund and specialized projects in South America. For the coming year, the committee requested the holding of one offering in each church to help alleviate the distress caused by a lengthy famine in the Belgian Congo.

Consider Mission in Quebec

The opening of a new mission in Quebec is to be investigated by the Canada Inland Mission, a committee composed of the chairmen of provincial mission committees. Rev. Henry Warkentin, recently installed as pastor of the Leamington M.B. Church, will head the Canada Inland Mission committee during the coming year.

Rev. J. B. Toews, reporting for the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions, revealed that there are today 201 workers serving in the M.B. foreign missions program. Of these, four are doctors and 26 are nurses, who came in touch with 200,000 patients. A total of 1,932 believers were baptized on the fields, 247 students are attending Bible schools on the fields, while 492 are attending high schools. In all, nearly 11,000 pupils attend schools operated by the M.B. mission workers.

Summer Project in Panama

A summer project being undertaken by the Brethren J. A. Loewen and David Wirsche is the testing of a written language among the Indians of Panama, who speak a language like those in part of Colombia.

The mission work in Europe is to be pushed as rapidly as possible. The board feels that unless we make a major effort in Europe now, the work may stagnate. Thus expansion of the work in Europe is a major concern of the board, especially since it seems to be difficult to find enough workers willing to enter this field.

The M.B. Bible College reported that Henry Voth, who has directed the music department at the college since 1955, has resigned to return to Herbert, Sask. He will be teaching in the high school there. At the same time the college announced the retirement of G. Kroeker, who has served as superintendent of buildings and grounds for 9 years. Mr. John Konrad has consented to serve in this capacity in the future.

A faculty addition announced earlier is Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the M.B. Church at Kitchener, Ont. Rev. Cornelius Wall will also return for another year of instruction at the college.

New Primary Material Ready

The Sunday school committee reported that the new Primary M.B. Sunday school materials will be sent to the churches shortly. The

new M.B. Junior and Intermediate lessons will be ready for the fall of 1960.

In connection with the conference, the Sunday school committee had Alta Mae Erb give demonstration lessons with the new material on July 2. She also taught a demonstration lesson with the Kindergarten I material. Mrs. Erb is the writer of the new Primary material, which has been edited by M.B. Sunday school editors. All orders for the Primary material must be made with The Christian Press, Ltd., 159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, for Canadian distribution. Since the Pacific District Conference and a good number of the churches in the Southern District Conference of the U.S. will also be using this material, Mennonite Brethren Publishing House in Hillsboro, Kans., has been named the distributor for the U.S.

To Sponsor Radio Project

The youth committee's budget for \$6,000 was accepted by the delegates at the conference. During the coming year, the Canadian Youth Project will include \$1,500 for radio work in Japan, \$1,500 for the Bethany Bible School in India, \$1,500 for medical work in the Congo, \$1,000 to assist in the purchase of a jeep for the H. C. Borns in Paraguay, \$500 for two scholarships for students at the M.B. Bible College, and \$1,500 for a new radio project in Canada.

The committee hopes to have the book "Youth Worker Program Material" ready for distribution by the next Canadian Conference. Also to be prepared are a study guide with five lessons on M.B. distinctives, while the first steps have been taken to prepare a handbook for youth work in M.B. churches. It is hoped to prepare the study guide on a five-year cycle. Rev. George Braun, pastor of the Saskatoon M.B. Church, was elected youth committee chairman. The committee elected Henry Dueck, R.R. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, as secretary.

The songbook committee reported that only 15 hymns need to be translated for the new English M.B. Hymnal. Once these have been submitted to the publisher, the latter has promised to have the book off the press in 30 days.

Another Delegation to Russia

The welfare committee asked for approval of the MCC plan to send another delegation to Russia to remain in contact with the Mennonites there. This approval was given by the conference.

The committee for the German language was set up and elected on the basis of one representative for each province.

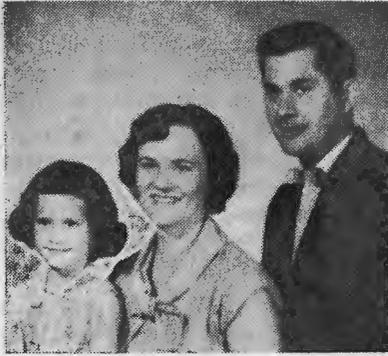
Rev. D. J. Pankratz, as conference moderator, Rev. F. C. Peters as assistant moderator, and Rev. D. K. Duerksen as secretary, were returned to office by acclamation.

Next year's Canadian Conference will be held in Ontario.

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Enroute to Belgium

Brother and Sister Orville Wiebe and daughter Dawn should now be on the Atlantic Ocean enroute to Belgium. They will spend the com-



Rev. and Mrs. Orville Wiebe and daughter Dawn, who are returning to the Belgian Congo via Belgium for their second term of missionary service.

ing year in study in Belgium in further preparation for service at Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school. May we in a special way intercede for the health of Sister Wiebe. They were scheduled to sail from Montreal on June 28.

Other missionaries returning to the Congo in July, the Lord willing, are Elsie Fischer, the Robert Kroeker family, Dorothy Kopper and



Rev. and Mrs. Robert Kroeker and their children, Cindy, 2, Cherie, 6, and Gordon, 4. They will sail for Belgium on July 23, from where they will return to the Belgian Congo for a second term of service.

the Ernest W. Schmidt family. The Kroekers and Sister Kopper are to sail from New York on July 23 for Belgium. The Kroekers are members of the Reedley Church returning for their second term of missionary service where they will spend the coming year in study. Sister Fischer and the Schmidts are to sail directly to the Congo from New York on July 27. Our prayer remembrance of each of these folks will be appreciated.

Missionaries to Meet

The annual conference of our missionaries in the Congo will be held at Kajiji July 26 to August 2. This is the meeting for fellowship, inspiration and spiritual reorientation for the missionaries who have been separated from each other and laboring in their respective areas. So this reunion for fellowship in the Word and prayer is most significant

to them in their service. At this meeting the work of the past year will also be reviewed, and questions and issues relating to an effective Gospel ministry will be considered. The prayers of the churches in behalf of this important meeting are therefore solicited.

Home for Furlough

Brother and Sister B. H. Klassen and family were scheduled to arrive in Winnipeg around July 15 for furlough from the Congo. Upon arrival they planned to proceed to the home of their parents in Morden, Man.

Necessity for Indigenous Workers

A recent missionary article pointed out the utter necessity of realizing that Africa will be won for Christ not by foreign missionaries, but by African Christians. The secret of the numerous sects and of Communism's and Islam's growing influence in the Dark Continent is their propagation by native Africans whose knowledge of the language and culture makes them much more effective than the average foreigner. Pray that more African Christians will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending Bible schools so that they may be equipped either as laymen or pastors to reach their own people with the blessed message of the Gospel. — **Missionary Mandate.**

Studying in Belgium

Missionaries in Belgium are now engaged in the intensive studies of the colonial course which includes Belgian Congo history, geography, ethnology and law as well as Belgian history. May we also remember them in our prayers. These missionaries include Brother and Sister Harold Fehderau, Sister Daisy Martens, Brother and Sister Alfred Schmidt and Sister Helen Toews. Upon successful completion of their work, the Fehderaus, Sister Martens and the Schmidts are scheduled to depart for the Belgian Congo field about mid-September. Sister Toews will remain in Belgium for another year and take a specialized medical course.

Renovation Provides Church for Cali

In Cali, Colombia, our folks tentatively looked forward to the use of the newly-purchased church property beginning on June 28. Although the building has not been completely renovated, it was sufficiently repaired to begin using it. Renovation is to be completed in time for dedication and evangelistic services in August. A large room in the former school building will serve as the sanctuary and seat 250 to 300 persons. Brother Ernest Friesen writes that with remodeling completed, the church sanctuary will be attractive to the public, and the church will be able to invite all classes of people to the services. "Already the remodeling has drawn much attention and the



At the left is the missionary residence at Noanama, Colombia, which has been converted into a church building. At the right is the native couple serving at Noanama, Juan and Rita Gutierrez.

public is noting the face-lifting which the property has received. We are increasingly convinced that its location is strategic and that the Lord is giving us a wonderful opportunity to establish the work here in Cali. May His blessings ever rest upon the church is our prayer."

Work Among Indians In South America

Although Latin America is usually pictured as a rapidly developing, progressive region, largely peopled by Latinos or Europeans, there are still many areas that are inhabited entirely by Indian tribes. Cut off as they are from the main stream of Latin American progress they live and die uneducated, uncivilized, sick, fearful and unwanted. Praise God for pioneer missionaries who have entered these primitive regions to bring these people the Word of Life. There is much cause for encouragement lately among the Guna Indians on the San Blas Islands near Panama, among the Aucas of Ecuador, among the Waicas and Wai Wais of north Brazil and among eight different tribes in Guatemala. However, word has come that Protestant activity among the Indians of Brazil may be jeopardized by a recent action of the director of the government's Society for the Protection of Indians. On the pretext that the missionaries are turning the Indians against the government, thereby threatening national security, this director has presented proposals to Congress that could seriously hamper missionary activity among the Indians of Brazil, if they become law. Pray that God may overrule in this situation; pray that missionaries may be received without hostility by the tribes they are seeking to reach, and that those Indians whose confidence has already been gained may go on to an understanding and acceptance of the gospel message. — **Missionary Mandate.**

Ministering in Paraguay

Brother J. H. Lohrenz visited and ministered in the Chaco of Paraguay from May 9 to June 21. He writes that he has enjoyed good health, protection, blessed fellowship and many opportunities for service. He has ministered with missionary reports, evangelistic messages and Bible expositions in the

various Mennonite churches, in the Indian churches, to the missionaries and to women's and young people's meetings. His ministry has been much appreciated and a good interest in missions and a hunger for the Word of God have been in evidence.

Linguistic Work

Brethren J. A. Loewen and David Wirsche were to arrive in Panama on June 28 for a summer of linguistic work among unreached Choco Indians and to study further mission work possibilities among them. Plans are for them to work in Panama until the beginning of September.

Fruitful Youth Retreat

A Bible camp („Jugendfreizeit") for the young people from Neustadt and Neuwied, Germany, was recently held at Nassau on the Lahn River. The Lord blessed this retreat. A young man and a young woman accepted Christ as Saviour and several others rededicated their lives to Him.

Vacation for the Vogts

Brother and Sister J. W. Vogts have taken a much-needed vacation from their work at Neuwied, Germany. They were away for about two weeks. We pray that this period away from their very busy schedule of activities will have refreshed them in body and soul.

Need in Austria

Brother and Sister T. R. Nickel are happily engaged in the work in Linz, Austria, in the absence of Brother and Sister Abr. J. Neufeld. They write that the longer they are in Austria, the more they are convinced that this land is a needy and a neglected one.

David Balzer Improving

The condition of Brother David Balzer in Japan has improved somewhat, according to a letter from him written on June 26. For this we are grateful to the Lord. His continued convalescence, however, will require an extended period of rest and absence from his missionary assignment. May we therefore continue to pray that the Lord will undertake for him and for the work at Nagase.

Missionary Child Ill

Another ill individual within our missionary ranks is the youngest son of Brother and Sister Abram J. Neufeld, now on furlough from
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THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls

A little girl in England was quite worried about not being able to give any money for mission work. There just didn't seem to be anything she could do to earn money. After worrying about it a lot, she suddenly thought of something. Out she ran to set a pail under the place where water came down from the roof.

Now this summer was especially dry. There was a real shortage of water. But it did rain occasionally. And every time it rained, the little girl's pail of water would slowly fill up. When the pail was full she took it to a washer-woman, who paid her two cents for every pailful. She kept it up all summer and she was able to save up more than she expected. Of course, none of that money was spent on candy!

When the little girl brought the money to the missionary society, they asked for her name. She did not want to tell her name. The secretary explained, "But we must put down where the money came from."

"Then call it," said the little girl, "rain from heaven."

Rain from heaven! Yes, that's a good name for her offering, since because of it streams of living water from the Bible were able to flow to faraway countries.

That little girl didn't let herself be stumped when she had no money. She found out a way of earning money for missions. Is there some way you can save to give to mission work?

Love, Aunt Selma

The Lord Jesus Is With Me

There they were standing in front of the door again: the fat Lilo, Gertie and Marianne, and also six or seven tough-looking boys.

Judy McIntyre had been dreading just that. All the way to the meeting she had been thinking of that rough gang, for she had learned by bitter experience to fear them. For the last three weeks they had gathered at the church entrance each time there was a children's meeting and had made it difficult for anyone who wanted to go in and hear Miss Rita.

The worst one of them all was the fat Lilo. At one time she herself had come to the meetings. But, ever since Miss Rita had punished her for pushing young Judy about, she wouldn't be seen inside. She told all who would listen, "I'm finished with those horrid meetings." And there were always enough who would listen. They banded together and took great pleasure in making fun of those who did go.

Judy hesitated at the last corner. She didn't dare go on. Too well did she remember how, fourteen days ago, the boys had pulled her hair until the blood came. She remembered that so vividly.

Carefully she put her head around the corner to take a glance in the direction of the loud taunts and jeers. She whispered to herself, "If only a few of them would leave, I'd make a dash for it." At that, two of the tallest ones actually did saunter away, and still Judy stood

as though glued to the spot.

That was also the way it had been last week. For almost an hour she had encouraged herself with, "I'll go in a few minutes — in a few minutes I'll go"—but she hadn't gone. Towards the end Satan had whispered into her ear, "It's too late now, anyway." She had lost heart and turned away.

How ashamed Judy had felt when two days later she had met Miss Rita on the street. It seemed Miss Rita could look right through her and see all the fear she had felt.

"Well, Judy," she had said, "are you really such a chicken? Don't you realize the Lord Jesus is stronger than all those toughies and all the fat Lilo's in the world?"

"Never again will I forget that," said Judy to herself.

And now she was afraid again. "Oh, what shall I do?" thought the timid girl. "I must always say to myself, 'The Lord Jesus is with me.'" Who was it that had given her that idea, she wondered? Since she couldn't remember, she decided it must be the Lord Jesus Himself who gave her this thought just at this time.

"The Lord Jesus is with me! The Lord Jesus is with me!" Judy repeated to herself as she boldly walked along the street toward the church and toward that dreaded group.

"Ah, here comes a victim," said one of the fellows.

"You poor little lamb, going to

fold your hands again, are you?" taunted Marianne.

"You just come to me," screamed the fat Lilo, while Peter and Frank grabbed for her braids. One of the younger boys, Tom, began to throw earth at her, but steadfastly she kept on her way, constantly repeating, "The Lord Jesus is with me." Truly, He must have been with her, for Judy had arrived at the top step and was quite close to the heavy iron door. There the way was barred; Lilo stood in front of the door and grimaced at Judy.

"Ha, you're just the one I've been waiting for," she said, and winked at one of the boys standing by. A few minutes ago she had said to him, "You wait and see. I'll give that Judy a box on her ear, she'll fall over." Now the time had come! The whole gang gathered to watch, for Lilo's heavy punches were well known. Lilo raised her arm — and struck the back of her hand a hard blow against the edge of the iron door.

"Ow," she screamed. She nursed her knuckles while hopping first on one leg, then on the other in her pain. She looked quite the opposite from the fierce girl she had been before. Her cries brought the director of the children's meetings out. When he appeared, the gang vanished.

There stood the big girl all alone, a sorry sight to see. "Truly, the Lord Jesus is stronger than all the Lilos in the world," thought Judy.

Then she took her former enemy by the arm and led her in to Miss Rita, who bandaged the hand for her. That evening they had a nice children's meeting. There were no disturbances after that anymore.

The Humpback Michael

The children of the North Sea village were playing at the sea shore. It was low tide. The soft fine sand was so inviting, and there was such a long stretch of it. When the tide was in, most of this sand was under water. That was why they enjoyed playing there so much. The boys played football; the girls had their skipping ropes. Suddenly a small humpbacked man appeared. Gary was the first one to see him.

"Ha, look, Humpback Michael is here." Soon they were all laughing at him and calling him names. "Hi, Humpy, Humpy, Humpy Michael," they called. Michael felt badly when the children made fun of him.

While the children played and made fun of Michael, the tide came rolling in from the sea. They hadn't realized the danger and had gone too far out on the sand. First the sand became moist and then the water came creeping, silently but swiftly. George was the first to notice the danger, and as he ran he called, "The tide's coming in." For-

gotten was his football and he never saw it again. Soon all the children ran screaming toward the shore and the sheltering dyke. Their one desire was to reach the other side of the dyke and safety. Would they all make it? No, young Gary's short legs could not carry him fast enough. The water rose up to his abdomen. Soon he was struggling along in water up to his neck, and still it was rising. "Mama, Mama, help, help," he screamed, "Oh, I'll have to die."

"No, you won't die," a voice suddenly said beside him. Gary was shocked to see the humpback Michael beside him, Michael, of whom he had often made fun.

"Come, Gary, sit on my shoulder. I'll carry you to the dyke," said Michael.

"Oh, how can you? You can't swim and you are small and humpbacked," answered the boy.

"If you don't trust me, you will drown for sure." So Gary climbed onto his shoulder, and Michael fought against the water which was still rising. Gary was terribly afraid. Soon Michael realized he could not reach the dyke any more. With as much strength as he could muster, he reached a post of the wharf. He took the rope which was used to tie ships to their mooring, and tied himself to the post so he wouldn't fall over.

"Gary, you needn't be afraid if I don't speak anymore after a few minutes. Just sit still and be very quiet and you won't fall off," said Michael to the boy on his shoulder.

Strange, Gary had no fear any more. He felt he could trust Michael to save him.

And the water rose higher. It crept over Michael's neck, mouth and nose. He didn't speak anymore. When the water had come over Michael's head it stopped rising. All the while Gary sat high on his shoulders, out of danger. After five hours the water flowed out to sea again, and the sand appeared. Gary climbed off the shoulders of the man who had saved his life, but Michael didn't move. He had drowned.

Later they held a very large funeral for the courageous Michael. Gary was very sad that he had died. Never again would he laugh at a humpbacked little man. He was glad he had trusted him when he offered his help.

The Lord Jesus is waiting for us to trust him in the same way.

The First

Someone must be the first to give up
When quarreling spoils the fun.
Someone must be the first to say,
"I quit; please forgive; I am wrong."
Someone must be first.

Could it possibly be
You?
Or possibly—
Me?

But Not Forsaken ★

by Helen Good Brenneman

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CHAPTER XIV

Sister Lisa had never looked so lovable as she did that morning when she helped Maria fasten her bundle once more upon her back. The wiry Hans was difficult to hitch, but Lisa, every hair in its appointed place, seemed scarcely to know that it was only five in the morning as she wrestled to get Hans's bundle "just right" to suit him. Maria noticed that she was briskly efficient, even though her demeanor was softened by the parting moment and her eyes misty.

They stood there for a long minute, their hands clasped in silent expression of their friendship, both stumbling to find words for their farewell. Maria remembered too plainly how near the end of her string she had been when they stumbled into the door of the Lutheran Hospital, and she remembered Hansie saying, "I do believe Sister Lisa likes us, Mamma."

Lisa had loved them, along with all her other patients, and she had made the same sacrifices for them that she had made for the others. But it was more than a nurse-patient relationship, for Sister Lisa and Maria were both Christians and their faith kept them spiritually above their oft-despairing fellow men.

"You might never see us again, Sister Lisa, but on the other hand, you might find us returned to your doorstep in a few hours."

The thought was not humorous and frightened her a bit, but there was a look of confidence on Lisa's face.

"God still works miracles, Maria. We will pray."

"I can't thank you enough—"

"It is I who am indebted. Helping you was my professional duty—I vowed it—but it was a lasting satisfaction and pleasure as well."

She paused for a moment to kiss Rosie and give her brother a brief hug.

"You know, Maria, we sisters don't have children of our own, but young ones like Hans and Rosie are in a sense ours, too. Knowing them compensates."

They smiled at one another in the dim light of the early morning. Then Rosie curtsied, Hansie bowed, and Maria muttered a "Many, many thanks." Turning, she led the children down the path and onto the road. Lisa followed them to the end of the path and waved at them as, every few yards, they turned and waved again to her.

When they were so far from the hospital that only the hedge could be seen, Maria realized that Sister Lisa was already busy on her morning rounds and that young nurses would soon be scurrying to give breakfasts and baths. And all the while Lisa would be praying for her and her children. Busy as she was, she would slip into her study and have her quiet time with God.

It was strange, Maria thought, strange and providential, how the Lord brought them from one oasis of friendship to another through the vast desert of their homeless existence. She squeezed Rosie's hand and remembered Lisa's parting advice to start out at a slow, even pace.

Quietly they padded through the dozing bourg, gazing blankly at the empty shop windows and the closed shutters of the village bedrooms. When they came to the bakeshop, Maria noticed Hansie survey its empty display shelves with contempt.

"How long did you have to wait for your ration this week?" she asked kindly. It had seemed very long since they had had a really good chat, just the three of them.

"We never got it, Mamma. We were going to come up and talk to you about it, but Sister Lisa wouldn't let us."

"I know, she was afraid it would worry me. But you might as well tell me the whole story now."

"Well," Hansie began, "Sister Lisa, she's all right, I guess, but when I wanted to tell you what happened in the bread line, she sent us both home. We felt terrible."

"But the next day she was nice again," Rosie added, her grievance now healed. "She gave us some broth to take home to Frau Lucke because we didn't have any bread ration."

"But why didn't you get it?" Maria wanted to know. "You didn't get too hungry this week, did you?"

"I guess we would have, if it hadn't been for Sister Lisa. You see, Mamma, Rosie and I were taking turns standing in line. It still makes me mad; I'd like to knock a couple of — guys down."

"Hans! Hansie Penner, where did you hear such language?"

"All the other fellows on our street say it."

"That doesn't make it right. But finish telling your story."

"I got there real early, Mom, and didn't go to school so we could get our ration. Frau Lucke didn't feel well enough to wait in line. I stood

all morning until I was so tired I wasn't hungry any more, and then Rosie came to stand a while. People kept on crowding in ahead of Rosie and me, just because they were grown and could get by with it. Then one man saw how they treated us and started an argument with another man—"

"The other man had slapped me, Mamma," Rosie added.

Hansie flushed and continued. "Then the tall man who had slapped Rosie told the other fellow that if he wanted to fight about it, he could step out of the line. The other man stepped out and the one who said it didn't. Then the people began to scream because they were fighting right there in the line, and a woman behind Rosie fainted, and the policeman came up and hauled them both away."

"Yes, and then the man in the store, the baker, came out and said he was sorry, but the bread was all gone."

"Oh, children, was it really that bad?" Maria's heart ached for them. She wondered what else had gone on that they had never had a chance to tell her.

They continued their walking steadily, ceased conversing because it tired them, and soon realized that they were only a short distance from the border. Just how long they had walked they did not know. But Maria judged they were nearing their destination when they began seeing people, refugees like themselves, coming from the opposite direction, disappointment written strong upon their faces.

"It's no use," a tired old woman confided in them, as they stopped for a moment to rest. "I just came from there myself. I guess I've tried to cross that way just about as often as I'm going to. Wouldn't be afraid to sneak across through the forest, but my son on the other side begged me never to do it."

"But you are going to try anyway?" Maria asked.

"If I live, I am." The old woman's voice trembled. "I've got connections. If I can just get some produce of a farmer, or a few packages of cigarettes, I can get all the help I need."

She cocked her head to one side and gave them one last, scrutinizing look. "I wouldn't bother those officials if I were you. It's just no use."

Maria gave the children a little hinting push. It was time to get away from the pessimistic old woman. She dared not forget her watchword, Be strong and of a good courage . . . the Lord thy God is with thee. . . .

"Good-by, God bless you," she said over her shoulder.

The man who next appeared around the corner was no more assuring than the woman had been.

"There are at least six patrols along this road, lady. With those youngsters, you'd better watch out." "German?" The knowing half-

grin on his face shamed Maria. She hadn't meant to display her apprehension to a stranger, but she did want to know.

"The Russians aren't on duty, if that's what you meant. They let the Germans do most of the work. But it doesn't hurt to be careful, lady."

Again Maria found herself quickening her pace, skirting along almost too fast for Rosie. However this ordeal would turn out, Maria wanted to get it over with. She set her face toward the west with even more determination.

Hansie caught her spirit. "I'm not afraid of them," he declared. And then he remembered about the carrots. "That is, when they're not chasing me with a club."

Suddenly he stopped in his tracks. Maria saw what he had seen, and she, too, stopped.

"An auto, Mamma!" Hansie cried. "There's an auto coming." Rosie moved close to Maria.

The Lord . . . is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Announcing its coming with a whirl of dust and a purr of motor, a little Volkswagen drew up beside the party and an officer hopped out. At least the color of his uniform was green, Maria noticed immediately, and not a gray-blue. The lines in his face were hard, however, and he gazed at them with professional disinterest. Rosie was crying and Hansie looked on with a mixture of fear and awe.

"Where do you think you are going?" the officer's words lashed out at them, and Maria suddenly felt like a foolish child preparing some ridiculous prank. The speech she had been preparing completely left her, and at that moment she would have fallen at the man's feet, if it would have helped, to make him understand how desperate her need was.

Be not afraid . . . for the Lord thy God is with thee. . . .

It wasn't what she had planned to say, but it was the only thing her choked-up voice could stammer out.

"Please, sir, won't you have a heart?"

The man glanced down at the beseeching faces of the children and at the soft, wet face of the refugee woman, amazingly trustful for one in her circumstances. Maybe he thought of his own children at home, or maybe he wondered at the boldness of the woman to make the request, or maybe he was just tired of turning people back. He shrugged his shoulders and got back into the Volkswagen again, slamming the door behind him.

"All right, Go on." The sound of his voice died out in the noise of the motor, and he was gone.

Maria could have wept. She felt like stopping right there in the middle of the road and kneeling in thanksgiving, but she knew they must hurry on. Hansie watched the auto disappear down the road.



DEDICATION of the Kasugade, Japan, M. B. church is shown in these three pictures. At left the Sunday school children are seen in front of the church, while at upper right can be seen the inside of the chapel on the day of dedication. The bottom right picture shows the believers at Kasugade standing in front of their church home.

could invite Brother Epp to their church for evangelistic services, the committee announced that the schedule was full for September to December of 1959 and all of 1960. The Epps will be moving to Saskatoon, Sask., where Mrs. Epp's mother resides.

Now the responsibility of every church member is to PRAY.

M. B. Mission Notes

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their work in Linz, Austria. He is eight-year-old Gareth. Exploratory surgery was performed on the young fellow in Winnipeg on June 19 to check a difficulty on his throat, but then it was not possible to carry through on the subsequent surgery on June 29 as planned. Herewith the condition of Gareth is committed to the earnest intercession of the constituency. Another operation has been scheduled.

Mark's Sketchbook of Christ

By Helen J. Tenney

"Personal Bible study is more rewarding than any other. But how does one with little or no Biblical background get started? Or, how can the sincere but untrained teacher lead his pupils into the satisfying experience of discovering for themselves what the Word of God says?" the author asks in the Preface, stating that this book is her answer to those questions.

This is not a commentary. It is a workbook, but not the usual type of workbook where there are selections from multiple choice, true or false designations, and the finding of a five-letter word beginning with the letter "g". This workbook is so planned that its users will go directly to the Bible for all the answers. When the workbook is complete, the skeleton outline will be padded with "meat", and will furnish a satisfying account of Jesus' ministry on earth.

The primary aim is to stress facts rather than interpretation. Because of this, and the workbook technique, the book can be used as a short course to be covered in three or four weeks in a summer camping program, or for once-a-week religious instruction. Research projects can be added and it could be used for study in a Bible school. The person who really wants to study Mark for himself will find this book an invaluable aid.

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Another Gospel Lighthouse in Japan

By Rubena Gunther

Would the small congregation at Kasugade be able to carry financial responsibility for the building of a new house of worship? That was the question and concern confronting the congregation as the members debated the possibility of erecting a church building.

"We are able," said Yoshida-san when the matter was discussed. "Until now the mission has provided us with facilities; they have ministered to us and cared for us. It's time we began to provide for ourselves," he continued.

The result was that pledges were made and a plan drawn whereby the church building could be paid for in 10 years. A building committee was appointed. One of the members drew the building plans and supervised the construction. The building received no missionary supervision (the missionaries on this station were home on furlough). It's entirely the plan and work of the national church.

The dedication on Sunday, May 10, was indeed a happy occasion. The members of our other churches joined us in praise and thanksgiving to God. Brother Roland Wiens, who gave the message, outlined the purpose for which the church was built as follows: a house of prayer, of worship, for fellowship and for evangelism. To this end it was dedicated.

We give thanks to the Lord who "worked for us" to make the building a reality. The lumber for the building was provided by the U.S. government when upon leaving Japan, it released its vacated buildings to Christian missions. The loan for the building was made by means of

the sale of the mission-owned property at Kasugade. By these means four of our congregations in Japan have been provided with church buildings. These are "the Lord's doings; they are marvellous in our eyes."

He Has a Burden For the Lost

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Married to a Canadian

The year 1938 found Rev. Epp serving the Lashburn and Maidstone congregations. He was then called to Blaine Lake for DVBS for a period of six weeks, but he stayed six months. In 1939 two important steps were taken. He was married to Miss Selma Harder of Borden, Sask., and he moved to Carpenter, South Dakota, to become pastor of the KMB Church there. But with the outbreak of war the immigration restrictions forced a return to Canada after one and a half years of service at Carpenter.

The war years found Rev. Epp serving conscientious objectors in the camps, bringing them the Gospel and Bible teaching. He also taught for two years in the Bethany Bible Institute at Hepburn, Sask. From 1946 to 1948 he led the Saskatoon M. B. Church as pastor, going to Lodi, Calif., M. B. Church from there. After six years at Lodi, he and the family moved north to Blaine, Washington. Now relations with Canada improved rapidly, as Rev. Epp was called across the border time and again for Bible conferences, evangelistic campaigns and special services.

Throughout his years as a pas-

tor, Rev. Epp has engaged in an evangelistic ministry. This, and his years of experience as a pastor in country and city churches, qualify him in a special way to serve as conference evangelist.

What is Brother Epp's challenge to the constituency? "To pray faithfully and expectantly." What could endanger the whole evangelistic program? "A complacent spirit, which would say, 'We have introduced the program and now it will run by itself.'" Brother Epp emphasized that "the blessing will not come because of a person." Only



when the matter is rested with the Lord will there be a blessing.

Brother Epp concluded, "I am deeply convinced that it is not the program, but it is our dependence upon the Lord in it that will lead to its success."

One day after the evangelism committee distributed form letters for church leaders in which they



Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Presbyterians Recommend Reorganization

Canadian Presbyterians met in a mood of cautious optimism last month, feeling that a financial crisis was passing, but that greater liberality and deeper commitment to Christ were necessary for fulfillment of the church's mission.

The 85th annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, held in Toronto, asked presbyterians to study within the coming year a reorganization plan for the denomination prepared by a special committee and based on the survey of a firm of management consultants. After studying the financial and administrative structure of the church, the committee had recommended top-level consolidation and creation of a Church Council representative of all the denomination's departments.

For the first time since 1925, the assembly named a full-time executive-secretary for the church's Board of Evangelism and Social Action. Named to the post was the Rev. A. J. Gowland.

Aid for Church Schools

Education Minister Geoffrey Lloyd told the English House of Commons last month that the government is introducing a bill to increase state aid for financially hard-pressed confessional schools. Of 29,145 primary and secondary schools in Britain, 8,210 are run by Anglicans and 1,964 by Catholics.

Tribute to the Bible

Tribute to the key role of the Bible in the colonization and modern development of Israel was paid by Premier Ben-Gurion at the seventh annual Bible Study Congress held in Jerusalem. Greeting the Congress, Ben-Gurion said, "But for the Bible, Israel would never have returned to its land. No book," he declared, "has ever exerted such influence on any nation as the Bible has on Israel." The Congress, sponsored by the Israel Society for Biblical Research, was devoted this year to lectures and discussions on the books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

Seminary for Negroes

Gammon Theological Seminary is a new school being created in Atlanta, Georgia. Four Negro institutions representing four denominations have joined to create the interdenominational theological centre. The venture is being financed chiefly by the Sealantic Fund and the General Education Board of the Rockefeller Foundation. The

purpose is to provide theological training for Negro churches which need it so badly.

Language Still a Barrier

Language remains the greatest obstacle in presenting the Gospel to the Auca Indians of eastern Ecuador. So says Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott, widow of one of the 5 missionary men slain by the Aucas more than three years ago. Mrs. Elliott established an initial contact with the savage tribe last fall and has been living in their jungle intermittently since then. She visited Quito last month during a four-week rest after her latest, three-month stay with the Aucas. During the Auca stay she had the company of Miss Rachel Saint, a linguist and sister of one of the five men slain. Miss Saint said she would not come out of the Auca settlement until this month.

Wide publicity given the Auca work has resulted in numerous gifts. Mrs. Elliott said the financial needs were limited in that the scope of the work was small. She asked that interested parties channel contributions to other projects where immediate needs are more urgent.

Directory of Mission Medical Work

The medical work conducted by 213 Protestant missions agencies around the world has been put on record for the first time. The new Directory of Protestant Medical Missions is the result of a two-year survey conducted by Arthur W. March and Dr. Frank W. Price of the Missionary Research Library. Altogether 1,602 hospitals, T.B. sanatoria, leprosaria and dispensaries are included in the directory. They are maintained by missionary agencies in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Europe, Australia and New Zealand and by 56 national Christian organizations in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Pacific Islands.

Among facts brought out in the survey, Dr. Price noted that the number of nationals serving as physicians on mission staffs is now 55 per cent larger than the missionary staff and that there are four times more nationals than missionary nurses on nursing staffs.

Organist for 66 Years

Octogenarian Mrs. Sophie Doering has played the organ for 3,965 services at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Erbsville, Ont., and has no immediate plans for retiring. The congregation gave her a testimonial dinner in 1953. Mrs. Doering was delighted, but she just couldn't give

up her bench at the organ. They honored her at a party on her 81st birthday last May 4.

Mrs. Doering took the plaudits, and kept on playing. She figures she has played more than 15,850 hymns since she became organist 66 years ago.

Lutheran Merger

The Canada district of the Evangelical Lutheran Church gave final endorsement of intention to merge with two other Lutheran synods in a plan set for April, 1960. Formal decision was announced Sunday at the end of the church's four-day convention.

Representatives of the other two Lutheran churches involved in the April, 1960, merger plan, the American Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, brought greetings from their respective synods. After the 1960 convention the three churches will no longer function as separate entities, but will be known as the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

At the same session Sunday night it was announced that 48-year-old Dr. George O. Evenson had been elected as the new president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Saskatoon. Dr. Evenson has been a professor at the seminary sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Canada district.

Good Attendance at Carman DVBS

Carman, Man. — The daily vacation Bible school held at the Gospel Light church closed on July 10. Attendance throughout the week varied, ranging from 40 to 50 children.

The closing program took place at the church on Sunday afternoon. Mabel Friesen, junior class teacher, made the introduction and announced the items. Lydia Martens of Steinbach, Primary class teacher, served as pianist, while the Beginner teacher, Ruth Hiebert, also of Steinbach, conducted the children in their singing. The program featured items related to the lessons learned throughout the week.

Closing remarks were made by Rev. P. Martens, who admonished the children to remember the Bible truths they had learned during the week. Prior to the closing prayer he read from John 7:37, the words of Saviour: "... if any man thirst let him come unto me and drink," and invited those outside the fold to come to Him who fully satisfies the thirsty soul.

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B.C. Strikes Increasing

The number of men out on strike is increasing in British Columbia. Out on strike are 27,000 woodworkers, all members of the IWA, 500 members of the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers Union, 230 cement masons, and members of the National Association of Marine Engineers. Ready to go on strike are 550 auto mechanics in nine major garages in Vancouver, 1,100 electrical workers, and 10,000 members of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union.

About 4,000 men have been laid off in industries allied to those in which union members are on strike.

Men Going Back Into Teaching

Men are going back into the teaching profession, according to Hon. Stewart McLean, education minister in Manitoba. He said that for the first time in many years, men outnumbered women in teacher candidate statistics. Not only were more men granted teacher training bursaries this year, he said, but the ratio was 5-to-1 over women.

Narcotics Suspects Arrested

Last week the RCMP made one of the largest narcotics hauls in Montreal history, seizing an estimated eight million dollars worth of heroin and arresting two men on charges of conspiracy, possession and trafficking.

Both suspects were indicted a week ago for alleged participation in a ring charged with possession of millions of dollars worth of bonds, part of the loot stolen from trust company vaults in Quebec and Ontario during the last 15 months.

Canadian Population Up

Canada's population swelled by 2.3 per cent to 17,442,000 in the year ended June 1, the bureau of statistics has reported. The figure represents an increase of 394,000 over the total reported a year ago. But last year's increase was below the average rise of the five years between the censuses of 1951-56.

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Weddings

Loewen—Thielmann

Miss Herta Thielmann, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. Thielmann of Chilliwack, B.C., and George Loewen, son of Mrs. Loewen of Vancouver, B.C., were married on June 26 in the East Chilliwack M. B. church. Rev. P. R. Toews, pastor of the Fraserview M. B. Church in Vancouver, officiated.

The couple went to Banff and surrounding area for a wedding trip. They will reside in Clearbrook, B.C.

Silver Wedding for Herman Hamms

Chilliwack, B.C. — Many friends and relatives gathered on June 28 to share in the 25th wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hamm.

Held in the East Chilliwack M. B. church, the service included a song by several of the older children, a duet by the two oldest sons Rudy and Bill, and recitations by Elsie and Daniel. The Lord blessed Brother and Sister Hamm with eleven children, all of whom were present at the occasion.

Rev. G. Thielmann, leader of the church, delivered the first message, while Rev. D. Janzen, who married Mr. and Mrs. Hamm twenty-five years ago in Manitoba, was the special speaker.

A recitation, which was composed by a friend of Mr. Hamm, was read by Mr. Hamm's mother. At the close of the service, Mr. Hamm gave a short testimony of God's goodness and mercy to the family in all these years.

Mr. Hamm has been a faithful servant in the church by directing the choir for many years. At present he is assistant choir director.

Celebrate Silver Wedding

Glenbush, Sask. — Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wiens recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in the M. B. church here.

Rev. Paul Wiebe of New Westminster, B.C., delivered the message in the English language and Rev. John Stobbe of Abbotsford brought the message in the German language. The choir sang several songs and the Wiens family also brought special numbers in song. Mr. and Mrs. Wiens have six sons and eight daughters.

Many friends and relatives were present to rejoice with the Wienses for God's wonderful leading and blessing in their life.

Obituaries

Lawrence P. Giesbrecht

Funeral services for Lawrence Peter Giesbrecht, 17, who died in a level crossing accident on June 21

near Rosthern, Sask., were held from the Winkler Bergthaler church on Saturday, June 27. He was a son of Rev. and Mrs. P. U. Giesbrecht of Homewood, Man., and was attending Rosthern Junior College.

Rev. D. D. Klassen of Homewood led in the invocation. Rev. J. M. Pauls of Winkler delivered the German message, while Rev. J. Stobbe spoke in English. Representing the Rosthern Junior College, Dean A. Paul related how he and Lawrence had become good friends. He spoke words of comfort to the bereaved. The Homewood Mennonite Church choir sang twice.

Besides his parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. U. Giesbrecht, Lawrence leaves to mourn his early departure two sisters, Evelyn and Erna, and a host of relatives and friends.



Executive Secretary Evaluates MCC Contribution

After an 11-day stay in Indonesia in early June, MCC Executive Secretary William T. Snyder concludes, "I leave Indonesia with a deep sense of the importance of the work we are doing in this country which is about 90 per cent Moslem. We are assisting two Mennonite churches that are missionary in character and are experiencing a growth of about ten per cent annually in adult baptized members. As Orle O. Miller has often pointed out during the past decade, these churches are longing for the larger fellowship that Mennonites in other lands can provide. In a real sense we are doing both relief and mission work in Indonesia because we are assisting a growing church in those things it considers essential in the fulfillment of its mission in Indonesia. It is my judgment that, in the providence of God, the little that we do for this brotherhood will be multiplied manifold in building the church of Christ."

Seminary Secretary Says God Is Working

An MCC secretary writing from the Yeotmal Union Biblical Seminary in India, Jean Geiger (Kitchener, Ont.) reports, "God is working in India! Today several missionaries participating in a panel, 'Gleanings of what God has done in India,' shared some thrilling reports. One testimony especially caused rejoicing: an area considered heart-breakingly sterile for many years has recently experienced a genuine seeking after God. Pray more diligently than ever before for India! This summer it has been a joy to hear from many of our students—past and present—who

are engaged in evangelistic activities. How we rejoice when they tell of Hindus expressing interest in Christianity and finally accepting our Saviour. . . The other day as I witnessed crowds of Tibetans doing awed puja (worship before their Dalai Lama god-king) I thanked the One True God that I know Him."

New Nurse Concentrates On Language

Vietnam Nurse Elnora Weaver (Gulliver, Mich.) indicates that she concentrated on language study during the early weeks of her arrival. "Since I arrived in Banmethuot about six weeks before Margaret Janzen's departure, I have had opportunity to concentrate on Ralay language study. This is especially necessary since at present we have no interpreter. The first two weeks I had an excellent language teacher, but she moved to Saigon to be with her husband who is studying there. For the next few weeks I studied alone, trying to memorize terms and phrases especially useful in working with the patients in the clinic and hospital—Margaret kindly gave me the use of her language notebook. For several days one of our hospital patients spent two hours a day giving me practice in listening to and recognizing the spoken words. Arrangements are being made for a full-time language instructor in the near future. With considerable concentration, I can now understand some words in the Sunday morning sermon, yet not enough to get the message. However, I can join with the singing even though I do not understand all the words—the tunes are familiar."

Beginning Personnel

Akron. — Ned Miller (Kalona, Ia.) and Rosalie Bartel (Hillsboro, Kans.) have begun assignments in the Personnel Office. Miller, a 1959 graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., will serve as personnel assistant and Miss Bartel as secretary.

Voluntary Service. — Canadian voluntary service workers who participated in orientation June 16-29 were assigned as follows: Newfoundland—Lena Dyck, R.N. (Chilliwack, B.C.); Lora Klassen, R.N. (Rosemary, Alta.).

98 Serving in Canadian Summer Projects

Of the 203 volunteers in the total MCC summer service program, 98 serve in eight Canadian projects. Seventy-seven volunteers work as attendants in mental hospitals: at Brandon Hospital for Mental Diseases (Brandon, Man.), 13; at Ontario Hospital (London, Ont.), a mental hospital, 14; at Clearwater Lake Sanatorium (The Pas, Man.), a tuberculosis sanatorium for Indians and Eskimos, 6; at Ninette

Sanatorium (Ninette, Man.), a tuberculosis sanatorium, 10; at Winnipeg Municipal Hospitals for post-polio and chronic patients (Winnipeg, Man.), 34. One volunteer is a counselor at Camp Shalom, Kearney, Ont. Two workers serve as household assistants and counselors to the emotionally disturbed boys at Ailsa Craig Boys Farm, Ailsa Craig, Ont. Eighteen volunteers work at Portage la Prairie, Man., a school for the mentally retarded.

Beckers Conclude Term In Montevideo

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Becker and nine year old Frances Ann (Burrton, Kans.) returned to the United States July 2 after a 2½ year term of service in Uruguay. Becker's assignment as MCC director in Uruguay began in January, 1957. Seeking especially to give the Uruguayan Mennonites support in their economic development, Becker also cooperated with the colonies in assisting with their spiritual concerns, in strengthening the Mennonite culture and integrating it with the new environment.

Beckers lived in the MCC center in Montevideo which served as the nucleus for many Mennonite activities in Montevideo as well as the surrounding Mennonite colonies. Often the center became a hostel for traveling Mennonites. In addition to helping with the colonies' business transactions, such as selling colony produce and assisting in purchasing, the Beckers cooperated with the Mennonite Biblical Seminary program and assisted in young people's activities.

Uruguay, a well developed South American country with a socialistic government, became a new home for Mennonites in 1948. The three Mennonite colonies are made up of West Prussian, Polish, Russian and Austrian (Lemberger) Mennonites: El Ombu colony established in 1948; Gartental colony in 1951; and Delta colony in 1956, the newest colony in Uruguay and a daughter colony of El Ombu.

The Uruguayan Mennonite culture is in a period of transition, Becker points out. While in Europe their culture and tradition became very firmly fixed. Now they must adapt themselves to the South American way of life. Already in some instances Spanish has supplanted or is used in addition to their native German language. They still, however, have their own schools, which meet the educational standards of the country.

Pax Director Visits Lone Athens Mennonite

European Pax Director Ray Kauffman visited Mrs. Helen Maximos in Athens during a recent visit to Greece. Mrs. Maximos claims to be the only Mennonite living permanently in Greece. She was born in Hillsboro, Kans. When she

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Ministry in South America Fruitful

Hillsboro, Kans. — The work of the Board of General Welfare, particularly in South America, was presented to the Canadian Conference, Hepburn, Sask., July 4 to 8 along with the other conference ministries. Brethren of the Board attending the conference and also meeting to consider various Board matters were C. J. Rempel, vice-chairman; M. A. Kroeker, secretary-treasurer; C. A. DeFehr, treasurer for Canada; B. C. Schellenberg and A. A. Wiens, members. Of special interest in the Board's report to the conference was the preaching mission of Brother G. W. Peters in South America.

Brother G. W. Peters began his ministry in Asuncion, Paragúay, on June 6 — the day of his arrival. In the Sunday evening, June 7, service conducted in the MCC center, three young ladies answered the invitation to accept the Lord as personal Saviour. In Asuncion he noted the trend of Mennonites to move into the city and that the church needs to note and respond to this trend.

Brother Peters' schedule has been projected as follows: June, Friesland and Volendam Colonies in eastern Paragúay; several weeks in July, Fernheim and Neuland Colonies in western Paragúay; one week in August between Buenos Aires and Montevideo; one week in Bage, Brazil; five weeks in other parts of Brazil. This is the schedule in principle. It may vary according to local needs and responses. May we continue to follow this ministry in our prayers.

Services in Friesland began on June 9. A total of 18 services were conducted — four in schoolhouses, four Bible studies, two Sunday morning services and eight joint evening services. With acknowledgment of the work of God's Spirit, it can be reported that more than 50 persons, mostly young people in the middle teens, remained after the services for prayer and spiritual help. Many found Christ as personal Saviour. Brother Peters writes: "The Lord has marvelously undertaken. Attendance has been beyond expectation. Last night (June 21) we were not able to accommodate the crowds. The people stood at the windows and doors and listened to the Gospel message. I do not know when I have spoken to such eager listeners." Services in Volendam were to begin around June 24.

Services in western Paragúay were to include a three-day conference for the Mennonite Brethren Churches of Neuland, Orloff and Filadelfia. The churches are looking forward to these messages on the theme "Evidences of a Living Church" ("Kennzeichen einer lebendigen Gemeinde").

Brother J. H. Lohrenz ministered to the Fernheim Bible School and

Conference Bible Institute on June 25. Brother Henry C. Born writes that the schools are experiencing the blessings of the Lord. He further writes: "The Lord has given us a much-needed rain. Even though it was a moderate one, it was very timely and helpful. The fruit trees are suffering considerably because of lack of rain. Much fruit is dropping to the ground and spoiling; so we could have some more rain. The gardens seem to be in good condition now."

COLLEGES

Tabor College

The appointment of Thomas W. Collins to the position of instructor in piano and music theory at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kans., has been announced by President Leonard J. Franz. A native of Ohio, he at present lives in Fayetteville, Arkansas, having received his Master of Music degree from the University of Arkansas this spring.

Collins comes to the Tabor campus with a fine record of music scholarship and piano performance. His undergraduate work was done at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where he received his Bachelor of Music degree in 1957. He has appeared as soloist with the Miami University and Fayetteville Symphony Orchestras. During the past two years he has held a graduate assistantship at the University of Arkansas.

Collins is a life-long member of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio. His wife is also a graduate of Miami University and at present a public school music teacher.

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was a child her parents moved back to Russia where she grew up in the Chortitza area. Mrs. Maximos' father, a prosperous flour miller and exporter, allowed her the very best in home comfort and education. Her father exported flour through a Greek shipper in the Odessa region. Eventually she met the son of the Greek shipper; they were married and in 1919 moved to Athens. Her husband became a well-to-do jeweler in Athens. Through the two world wars and German occupation, however, they lost everything. Two years ago her husband died; they had no children.

Kauffman writes that Mrs. Maximos is well-educated, very much alive and interesting, but needy in her present circumstances. Mrs. Maximos speaks five languages fluently and has always been able to secure good jobs from various foreign installations. Now that she

is older it is difficult for her to find work. At present she teaches some English and works as a volunteer with the Congregational Christian Service program in Athens. "When I left," Kauffman concludes, "Mrs. Maximos said, 'You were God-sent.'"

Brethren Share War Tax Concern

Concern for payment of war taxes has been expressed by the General Brotherhood Board of the Church of the Brethren. Board Executive Secretary W. Howard Row writes, "The concern is real and the problems to implement (an alternative to payment of war taxes) are great. However, probably no greater than that of securing an alternative to military service." In a resolution shared with MCC and similar organizations the General Brotherhood Board states: "Because there is a growing interest among Brethren and others in finding a positive alternative to the payment of that portion of federal income taxes that go for war preparations, the General Brotherhood Board voted that explorations be made with the appropriate agencies

of government to the end that an acceptable constructive alternative be provided for all those persons who, by reason of religious training and belief, conscientiously object to the payment of that portion of income taxes going for military defence. These explorations might be made in concert with one or more of the other organizations with which we are associated or if necessary by Brethren alone."

A similar reaction was recently expressed by two Mennonites. Mr. and Mrs. Don Kaufman (Moundridge, Kans.) who are under appointment as MCC workers in Indonesia assert in a letter to the U.S. Treasury Department: "Like others who have been perplexed by the irresponsible use of tax money for military purposes, we are earnestly seeking for a constructive way in which to be honest with what we understand about the issue. Personally, we are unable to acquiesce easily to the present military expenditures of our government which we believe are irrelevant to the problem they are trying to solve. One cannot change ideologies or correct evil by destroying those in whom these forces reside."

Prayer Requests from Noanama

By Vernon Reimer

I don't suppose that missionaries in Noanama in the Colombian Choco a few years ago thought that their home would become a church building some day. But I believe God even directed in their floor plans when they built. By merely putting in a double door at one end and removing a few walls, the believers now have an appropriate church. Of course the platform, curtains and furniture provided the finishing touches, and now they have a building of which they are proud. Since July 1, 1957, the Noanama station has been without missionary personnel, and it was decided to sell one residence. In February of this year the congregation paid down more than 600 pesos on their new property.

With the absence of missionaries, God provided a capable couple, Juan and Rita Gutierrez, to pastor the flock and be in charge of the other mission property. In both phases they have served faithfully and sacrificially. God has blessed: more souls have been saved, two have been baptized and there are several more baptismal candidates.

In February, 1959, after years of being closed, a little school with nine children opened and has had classes continually. You should see and hear the enthusiasm from the faithful. They talk about "our school" and "our church!" God is blessing in Noanama though Satan is also seeking to hinder His cause.

So when you enter your place of

prayer, will you take with you these requests:

1. Pray that the pastor and wife may continue to have an effective ministry to saved and unsaved.
2. Pray for the spiritual indifference in some of the believers.
3. Pray for the school which recently received orders (as the one in Istmina did some time ago) to be closed.
4. Pray for the baptismal candidates and that others may join them.

Busy Schedule At Swift Current

Swift Current, Sask. — June has been a month of spiritual blessings for the group at the M. B. Mission Chapel in Swift Current.

One of the highlights was the Children's Day Program, held on June 14. Many attended, giving us a record attendance of 124 in the Sunday school.

The group remembered Rev. and Mrs. Adrian on their birthdays and celebrated with a weiner roast and grocery shower. Spiritual blessings through testimonies and song were received around the campfire.

Missionary Harry Hieberts, who are serving in Haiti under the West Indies Mission, reported and showed slides of the work on June 21. On June 24 the choir served at the revival meetings in Herbert.

Rev. and Mrs. Adrian attended the annual Saskatchewan Conference at Saskatoon June 19 to 20 and the Canadian M. B. Conference at Hepburn, July 4-8.



VISITORS AND DELEGATES at the 49th Canadian Conference of the M. B. Church stop to chat. From left, A. Janzen, St. Catharines; B. C. Schellenberg, Main Centre, Sask., member of Board of Welfare; Rev. G. H. Sukkau, who recently returned from service in South America; Rev. David Ewert, teacher at the M. B. Bible College; Rev. Orlando Harms, editor of "The Christian Leader"; Rev. H. Thielman, Calgary city missionary; Rev. A. E. Janzen, treasurer of M. B. Board of Foreign Missions; and Rev. C. C. Peters, teacher at the MEI, Clearbrook, B.C. (Photos by C. J. Rempel)

An Irrevocable Decision

By Otto Derksen*

A group of missionaries was travelling on May 18 from Troumaca to Kingstown on St. Vincent island, in the British West Indies. Night was coming on and with it a sense of urgency, for the generator on the bus, 'Glad Tidings', was not working. Suddenly the lights went out and the missionaries stood helpless, wondering what to do.

Rejects Christ

God in His providence sent along a stalwart, genial 240-pound negro with a brand new Land Rover, who offered to take the missionaries home. Two of us sat in the cab with "Counsellor", as he is best known, and began to speak to him about his soul.

He was very open and assured us that the Lord had been dealing with him about this matter for some time. One night several years ago he had almost yielded after having been dealt with for several hours. Full well he knew that he had made a bad mistake, but, we assured him that he could still be saved. He told us that he had tried to improve his morals,

"But I didn't go far enough." he said. We arrived at our destination and he rejected Christ for the last time!

The next day while he was returning home from the city, the vehicle he was driving apparently struck the right bank of the mountain side while negotiating a corner and it was catapulted across the road and over a bank 90 feet high to the road below. The newspaper account says that the vehicle, having hurdled the bank, came to rest for a few minutes, at which time the occupants tried to dismount. But no sooner had they opened the doors of the vehicle, when it took its last and fatal plunge. Within a few minutes both men were in eternity!

The funeral was the next day. At the cemetery it was found that the grave was too small. Instead of enlarging it, the drunken gravediggers tried to force the coffin in. It collapsed and spilled the corpse to the bottom while the remainder stuck at the top. Pandemonium reigned! The mourners went wild, the preacher got angry, some swore, others threatened to kill the gravediggers. The police intervened midst oaths, threats and curses. What an end! What a death! But "Counsellor" had had his chance!

In Contrast

A week later, in the same village, a young mother of five children lay dying of malignant cancer of the

liver. Her husband took the verdict of his wife's disease very hard, but like a Christian. Their's was a home founded on the solid rock. Their oldest boy Glassny boldly stood up one Sunday morning and said, "I would like to tell you what Jesus has done for me." The younger children appear in their respective Sunday school classes neatly dressed. Now the mother suffers no more; she has gone to be with Jesus.

Mr. Wilson Felix, one of our Bible school graduates, was used of the Lord to lead this couple to a saving knowledge of Christ. She was given a quiet Christian funeral. People were much impressed. "If I could have a funeral like that, it wouldn't be so bad to die," someone said. Her family mourns the loss of a truly Christian mother, but not as those who have no hope, for they shall see her some day.

P.S. Since we wrote this article, this same village has been entered with special evangelistic meetings and many have responded to the call of God. It seemed that the village was ripe for a reaping.

*Missionaries in the British West Indies under the West Indies Mission.

Closing Program for Sterling DVBS

Carman, Man. — A program presented by the students on Friday evening, July 10, climaxed a week of daily vacation Bible school held at the Stirling School. The attendance throughout the week was 22.

Rev. P. Martens opened the program with Scripture reading and prayer. The teachers then in turn had their particular class perform their various items.

The Beginner class students recited their memory verses and several

short poems, after their teacher, Mrs. J. Watt, recited the poem, "Bethlehem and Calvary."

Mrs. A. Dyck, Roland, who taught the Primary class, spoke of the blessings and good times they had enjoyed throughout the week. Her pupils then brought their items which were centered on their lessons, "The Good Shepherd."

The Junior class, who had studied throughout the week about the Christian's birth and growth, then rendered selections in story, song and poem. Their teacher, Rev. P. Martens, closed the service.

Following the program, Rev. Martens was presented with a gift on behalf of the young people of that district in appreciation of having held young people's meetings in the school every other Sunday, expounding to them the way of salvation.

To Commemorate Centennial

North Newton, Kans. — The General Conference Mennonite Church will commemorate the founding of the conference at special services on Centennial Sunday, August 16.

J. Herbert Fretz will deliver the sermon at the morning worship service in Founders Hall at Bluffton on Centennial Sunday. Sunday school will precede this service. That afternoon and evening there will be repeat productions of "We Are Pilgrims," a pageant, in the Founders Hall. At the same time, there will be centennial lectures and music in the High School Auditorium.

On the Horizon

July 29 to August 4. — Family Camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes. Application should be made now, since available space is going fast.

July 31 to August 2. — The annual provincial Sunday school conference of the M. B. churches in Manitoba will be held at Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde.

July 31 to August 3. — Gospel Light Bible Camp at Clear Lake has a youth camp, with Rev. and Mrs. Mark Gripp as guest speakers. The children's camp is from August 4 to 13. More information may be had from Rev. Lawrence Warkentin, 834 Lorne Ave. E., Brandon, Man.

August 5-14. — Ten-day mission children's camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes.

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