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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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YOUR CHRISTIAN  
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## Missionaries to Belgian Congo



Dr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Pauls, missionary appointees, to leave for Belgium in 1960.

Brother and Sister Ferdinand D. Pauls, members of the South End M. B. Church, Winnipeg, are new missionary appointees under our Board of Foreign Missions. Their availability and willingness to serve in the missionary program of our conference are again a testimony to the grace and faithfulness of the Lord of the Harvest. Brother Pauls is a doctor of medicine and will be the third doctor for our Congo field. The Pauls are scheduled to depart

for Belgium for study in the summer of 1960. At present Brother Pauls is practicing at St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg, Man., and they are also taking additional Bible training in the Bible College. May we also include these folks in our intercession. Dr. Pauls is the son of Brother and Sister Martin D. Pauls of Winnipeg and Mrs. Pauls is the former Ruth Neufeld, daughter of Brother and Sister John J. Neufeld, also of Winnipeg.

Buhler Mennonite Church, was re-elected secretary.

Largest attendance at any of the meetings (approximately 2,000) was on Sunday afternoon, at which time Rev. Goossen preached the conference sermon.

One of the first items of business was the acceptance into conference membership of the newly organized Calvary Mennonite Church at Liberal, Kan., of which Rev. Harold H. Jantzen is pastor.

Guest speaker of the conference was Dr. Harry Zeller, pastor of the Church of the Brethren at LaVerne, Calif., who presented five messages.

Rev. John F. Schmidt, chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Statistics, reported that total

contributions during the past year were \$1,057,625, an increase of approximately \$100,000 over the previous fiscal year.

The Western District consists of congregations in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, Texas, Missouri, and in Mexico. Total membership is 13,316.

## Dr. F. C. Peters' Research

Winnipeg, Man. — A 132 page (mimeographed) study under the title "A Comparison of Attitudes and Values Expressed by Mennonites and Non-Mennonite Students" by F. C. Peters has just been released by the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society.

The study represents the doctoral dissertation prepared by Dr. Peters for the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Kansas. In the study the author seeks:

- to investigate whether a true difference exists between the response made by Mennonite and non-Mennonite college students of tests designed to measure attitudes and values.
- to investigate whether a true difference exists between attitudes expressed by Mennonite college students who have attended a Mennonite church related high school and those expressed by Mennonite College students who have attended a public high school.
- to investigate whether a true difference exists in the attitudes and values expressed by the three non-Amish Mennonite groups.

## Mr. Henry N. Epp †



Brother Epp of Newton Siding died, and was buried October 16. See report in previous issue, page 10.

## Dr. William Loewen



In July of 1959 Dr. William Loewen joined Dr. Charlie Gossen in practicing medicine at St. Catharines, Ontario.

Dr. Loewen graduated from the Canadian Mennonite Bible College in 1951. After this he studied at the University of Manitoba, and interned at St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg.

## Gideons Present Bibles to Government Officials

At a special dinner meeting held at the Harvest Inn in Winkler Tuesday, October 20, the Morden camp of the Gideons presented four government members with special Gideon Bibles. The presentations were made by Dennis Barkman of Altona.

Receiving the Bibles were: Warner Jorgenson, MP for Provencher; George Muir, M.P. for Lisgar; Maurice Ridley, MLA for Pembina, and Homer Hamilton, MLA for Dufferin.

A silent tribute was paid in honor of W. C. Miller, former MLA for Rhineland, who passed away recently.

This special banquet was attended by 38 Gideon members, their wives, and guests from Manitou, Morden, Winkler, Altona and Gretna.

Reports were made by David Voth, Manitou, on Scripture distribution, Corny Riediger, of Manitou, reported on the Gideon Memorial Bible plan.

## EDITORIAL

### Mennonite Philosophy on Separation From Unbelievers

Genuine born again Mennonites consider the Bible as the final authority in all questions of faith and conduct. This is reasonable, because there is no other book which has a divine authorship, and which excels the Bible in its duration, in its depth of content, in its fulfilled prophecies, in its profound doctrines, in its ability to change human lives, in its ethical principles, and in its outreach to really and fully satisfy the spiritual need of every individual regardless of race or color. It is evident, therefore, to have a conviction concerning separation which is based on the teachings as found in the Bible.

There are many instances in the Holy Scriptures to which reference could be made on separation. We, however, shall limit ourselves to one example out of the Old and another out of the New Testament.

The first example is that of Abraham. This man was one of the most outstanding characters of the Old Testament. His influence was so tremendous, that its force was felt in his day, as well as in all the succeeding generations. He was requested to leave his idolworshipping native land of Chaldea in order to live a life of separation (Gen. 12). Abraham refused to live in godless Sodom and Gomorrha; he did not make the heathen land of Egypt his permanent abode; he did not allow his son Isaac to marry a woman of an unbelieving Gentile nation. His teaching and practice of separation had the result that his descendants had and still have the same mode of life.

The second example is that of the apostle Paul. Outside of Christ, he was the most influential character of the New Testament. It is said of him, that he filled the then existing Roman Empire with his message to such an extent, that the Roman eagle, which was an insignia on the Roman flag, surrendered its place of preeminence to the cross (Christ's cross) of the message of Paul. It is natural, therefore, that we are interested in his view on the question of separation. This view is expressed in 2 Cor. 6:17 where Paul admonished the saints to beware of unbelieving idolworshippers. The exhortation is as follows: "... come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing..." (2 Cor. 6:17). This was the general deep conviction, and the attitude in principle of this Christian philosopher and great apostle. This is evident from another quotation, "Be ye not unequally yoked together (or mismated) with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (2 Cor. 6: 14-15).

The idea of separation is not one of a complete isolation from all sinners, for in that case there would be no place in this world where believers could live (1 Cor. 5:10). There are various ways in which this life of separation finds an outward expression, but the basic thought of it is, not to engage in a sinful way of life, and not to have company with those who habitually or purposely or in principle or by nature indulge in sin.

It is the honest desire of genuine born again Mennonites to follow the directions of the Bible, and they hold the view that since they consider themselves true Christian believers, and since they are a religious body, they are not justified in having a philosophy on separation which is not in accord with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, and if the biblical exhortations are not heeded, they must bear the tragic and bitter consequences of a life of disobedience. If, however, they follow the scriptural admonitions on separation, they will reap the bountiful benefits of such a life.

By G.D.H.

## DEVOTIONAL

### Pride, Man's Greatest Sin

The hardest thing to get rid of, and the easiest thing to hold on to, is pride.

It divides men into opposing nations. It divides nations into groups within groups. It invades the home and splits husband from wife, son from father, mother from daughter, from grandparents, from in-laws. It even divides the individual himself, making him different from what he truthfully is. One nation thinks it is better than the other, the white better than the black, one city better than the other, my family better than yours, my car newer than his. We would do well to simplify the matter and just say that my sin is greater than yours, and I'm proud of it.

And what is this emotion which is so strong in us? The dictionary defines pride as "An unreasonable conceit of one's own superiority over others." Unreasonable—and we are so proud of ourselves that we think we can reason every minute of our lives. We also watch pride at work in a neighbor or friend. A better place to watch is right in our own hearts.

There is a natural tendency to hold dearly to things which we believe will benefit us and to rid ourselves of those things which hold no profit for us. If we aren't careful. Satan will tell us to cast away the "bad" thing and hold to the "good." And we'll do just that, for he dresses evil in beautiful robes.

God's Word states that pride will lead one into self-deception, make one believe what he is not. "The horror you inspire has deceived you, and the pride of your heart, you who live in the clefts of the rock (in effect, you who live high above the others and look down upon the others), who hold the height of the hill. Though you make your nest as high as the eagle's, I will bring you down from there." Man has an extremely difficult time trying to reach an eagle's nest, and some people's pride is set so high that one just cannot reach it no matter how hard you try. But God can reach it. God will bring it down.

"I will bring you down from there, says the Lord" (Jer. 49:16, RSV). Did you know that pride is sin?

"Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin" (Prov. 21:4, RSV). When we have the fog of pride blinding our eyes, we cannot see to weigh our heart. We can see only one thing—Satan's pride will allow us to see one thing—and that is to be someone exalted above all others.

There are numerous messages from God in the Scriptures concerning not only pride but other phases of the life of the one who believes. Ask God for assistance in uncovering your pride and to aid

in rejecting it for things of the Spirit. Pride does no one any good. It will benefit no one, for it is not of God. God hates it. Prov. 6:16-17. Christ hates it Prov. 8: 12-13.

Even people who are afflicted with pride hate the pride in other people.

By George Reuter  
(Gospel Herald)

### On and On

A thoughtless word, or an unkind look,

Or a selfish deed as we go our way,  
A frown of scorn, or a cynical smile,

And it takes the sun from the brightest day;

And it wounds, and it stings, and it causes pain

That will be remembered again and again:

And the moment is past, and the chance is gone,

While the pain goes on, and on, and on.

But a friendly word and a friendly hand.

And a loving look and a happy smile.

A moment of gentle courtesy  
Will comfort the saddest heart a while.

So why should we not make use of such,

Which cost so little and give so much?

When the moment is past, and the chance is gone,

The joy will go on, and on, and on.

Youth for Christ International officials say they expect 12,000 — 15,000 delegates for a "Capital Youth Convention" December 28—30 in Washington, D.C.

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## Successful Bible School Term



Student body and faculty of the 1959 Elim Bible School. Faculty members front row left to right: Hans Wiens, Heinrich Loewen, H. C. Born, Peter Klassen, Jakob Duerksen.

**Fernheim, Paraguay.** — On October 11 the Elim Bible School in Fernheim, Paraguay, finished its school year after four months of instruction. Through the Lord's sustaining grace the school year was interrupted only rarely through such causes as sickness. This, together with a cooperative student body, made for a successful and blessed term.

Our student body consisting of 37 persons was represented as follows: Colonies: Brazil, Witmarsum 1, Guarituba 1, Villa Guaira 1, Paraguay Menno 2, Neuland 3, Fernheim 28, Volendam 1. Church affiliations: Mennonite Brethren 24, General Conference 6, Evangelical Mennonite Brethren 5, Sommerfelder 2. Men 15, women 22. The average age of the students was 18.4 years. In the theology department we had four students of whom two were from Brazil. The average age

of these students was 27 years. All four were of the Mennonite Brethren church.

Some of the highlights of the term were special lectures by Brother J. H. Lohrenz and Brother and Sister H. K. Warkentin and a report on mass evangelism by Brother G. W. Peters.

During the evangelistic campaigns the students and faculty banded themselves together to maintain a constant prayer cycle every day. Many of the students participated in helping the convicted to find peace. This was a part of the practical work program of the school under the direction of Henry Loewen.

Five students were graduated from the fourth class and two from the theology department. An audience of about 1,000 persons came for the graduation exercises. The school choir under the direction of

Hans Wiens sang very appropriate numbers. Gerhard Baerg of the fourth class spoke for the graduates, and Peter Wiens, a student of the theology department, representing the student body, presented a challenge to the graduates. Missionary Gerhard Giesbrecht delivered the commencement address.

At least one change will be effected in the faculty for next year. Jakob Duerksen, who has taught in the Bible school for the past four years, will serve in the Zentralschule next year. We trust that the Lord will supply a worker as thorough as the one has been who is leaving us.

We are thankful to all friends who have shared in the work of our school through their intercession and sacrifices. Continue to stand by us as we continue to help prepare Christian workers.

By H. C. Born.

## Our First Thanksgiving Day Service

**Hamilton, Ont.** — With thankful hearts we anticipated great blessings as a congregation for our first Thanksgiving Day service. A committee was elected to supervise the arrangements of the display of fruits and vegetables whereby the Lord had blessed us. On Sunday, October 11, we gathered at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school. At 10:45 we began with the regular service. A male quartet from St. Catharines had come to serve with special singing. Our guest speaker, Rev. David Neumann, based his message on Psalm 100. He carefully traced the history of Thanksgiving, beginning with Cain and Abel and throughout the Old Testament story of Israel. The word "thanksgiving" is derived from the word "think." If we would stop to think, we would be thankful, he stated. Thanksgiving will continue throughout all eternity (Rev. 11:16-17).

Having established a historic basis for thankfulness, he further emphasized the reason, why we should be thankful. Jesus looks for our thanks as seen in His contact with the ten lepers. Unthankfulness

leads to heathenism according to Romans 1, while thankfulness helps people grow spiritually. Thirdly, he pointed out how we could express thanks to God. With the praise of our lips, the helping hand and the willing feet. In conclusion he stated that we have too many "do-nothing" Christians because they are not thankful Christians. As we concluded the morning service it was with the prayer upon our hearts, that we might, as an entire congregation, be found to be truly thankful.

At 7 p.m. we met once more to continue our worship. At this time we wanted to express our thanks to Him for our salvation, but also to remember those who have not heard, known or received our Saviour. Brother and Sister Edward Wiebe, Vineland, served with two appropriate messages in song.

Our guest speaker was Rev. W. Schmidt, Kitchener. He based his message on John 11:28-29, using the theme, "The Master's Call." Brother Schmidt pointed out that the Master's call was a personal call

prompted by the Holy Spirit. The call of the Master for service is always preceded by a call for acceptance as Saviour and into His fellowship. Then comes the call to bring forth fruit. This call must be heeded because it proceeds from the Master who has a claim upon our lives. By virtue of our position in Christ we are to be lights in a dark world. Then we must consider the need about us. Others, who are enslaved in sin, are not happy, the speaker stated. We have the remedy for their need. Should the call of the Master come to us, would we, as Mary, arise quickly and come to Him? Brother E. Piques led us in the congregational singing of the hymn, "Work for the Night Is Coming." With a word of benediction we concluded the day of rich blessing.

Although as a congregational group we have only assembled for seven months, yet in these times we have experienced many rich blessings. The generous offerings of the day expressed the thankfulness of the hearts. The display fruits were distributed among certain homes within the community. As we continue the fellowship our

prayer is that the Lord, Who has begun the work, might be magnified in our midst, and that sinners might be led to the saving knowledge of Christ. John Unger

## A New Church

**Overstone, Man.** — On Sunday, October 18, nine members from Overstone were accepted into the Steinbach M. B. Church. This marked the beginning of an M. B. Church at Overstone affiliated with the Steinbach M. B. Church.

Overstone is located in southeastern Manitoba, five miles southwest of Tolstoi and about 55 miles from Steinbach. It is a German community and before the 1930's had a German Baptist Church of some 150 members. Since then many have moved away until only five to six families attended regularly. Left nearly unorganized, the area was visited by M. B. itinerant ministers, especially Rev. P. Martens (now of Horndean, Man.).

Regular bi-monthly services began in the local church in February, 1957. These were led by Br. Irvin Penner and assisted by a male quartet. One week of evangelistic services conducted by Rev. J. J. Neufeld resulted in several conversions and several re-dedications. Five souls were baptized soon after by Rev. J. J. Neufeld, but church affiliation was temporarily left open. After deliberation the whole group decided to join the M. B. Conference and the Steinbach M. B. Church accepted the challenge of adopting them as an affiliated church.

The adoption into the Steinbach M. B. Church took place at the Thanksgiving-Mission Sunday held at Overstone. Rev. H. A. Regehr and Rev. J. P. Epp were official representatives of the mother church, and took charge of the proceedings. Brother George Ewert has taken over the leadership of the group since Brother I. Penner left, and both he and Br. Penner spoke at this service.

The members accepted were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosner, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rosner, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hut, Miss Eleanor Hut, Mrs. Arnold Rosner, and Mrs. Ed Hut.

For the Steinbach M. B. Church it is an opportunity for growth, spiritually as well as numerically. The responsibility of a mission station is a healthy activity for the church. If our only mission project is remote from our own church there is a tendency to think of missions only when money is involved. This quickly deteriorates a church, since missions is an essential element of a healthy church.

For the Overstone area this could mean the beginning of a strong local self-operating church. It is our prayer that this small nucleus might be used of God to a wide expansion of Christian testimony in that area.

## Bread of Life

Bread. Have you eaten any today? Yes? Then you are one with peoples around the world. You are one with peoples of all time.

Earlier historical records indicate that people ate bread. The tomb paintings of ancient Egypt show pictures not only of the planting and harvesting of wheat, but of the grinding of the wheat and the mixing and baking of bread. In fact, a loaf more than 3500 years old has been found in the Egyptian archaeological remains.

As early as 150 years before the time of Christ there were 258 bakeries in Rome supplying bread to the city. In A.D. 100 the Roman Emperor Trajan established a school for bakers.

Some of the earliest bread was made from crushed acorns and beechnuts. The flour had to be soaked in boiling water to remove its bitterness, after which the cakes were baked in the sun. Indians on the Pacific slopes still make bread in this manner.

The ingredients and manner of making bread vary through the centuries and around the globe from the simple flat breads of the eastern housewife to the highly refined white bread of the American bakery. But bread is still bread—a part of every man's diet, symbol of all food, and more, symbol of all a man's physical needs.

Bread. Can you live without it? No. Your physical needs are real. You must eat; you must have clothing; you must have shelter.

But the familiar words come ringing through the centuries. "Man shall not live by bread alone." Bread gives life, but not bread alone.

For life is more than physical. What of the other dimensions? A Persian poetphilosopher wrote:

"If of thy mortal goods thou art bereft,  
And from thy slender store two loaves alone to thee are left,  
Sell one, and with the dole  
Buy hyacinths to feed thy soul."

"To feed thy soul." Then there is more than bread. Bread for the soul? Beauty, says the Persian philosopher. But listen to the words of another, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst... Unless you eat... you have no life in you." Bread for the soul indeed is this. Bread that satisfies the soul-hunger forever!

The multitude had eaten bread the previous day, and the loaves and fishes tasted good. They wanted more. "Lord, give us... bread," they ask.

Jesus answers, "I am... bread," and offers Himself freely. But they want loaves. The loaves to them where a mere convenience, not a miracle, a revelation. They want

luxury and security. They want no Master who will lead them they know not where. They want bread that will give physical life for the here and now; they care nothing for nourishing the spiritual life.

Thus the multitude closed their eyes and returned to their darkness. And the "bread of life" offered to them so generously becomes not bread but a curse, for "He who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil."

They "loved darkness... because their deeds were evil." What damning words!

The loaves and fishes they ate—the critical and accepting, the good and evil unseparated. But this "bread" offers life, a new way of life, life that is incompatible with darkness, with evil, with hatred and "(they) drew back and no longer went about with him," until Jesus finally said to the Twelve, "Will you also go away?" Away from bread, to everlasting hunger. Away from light, to infinite darkness.

The Twelve answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." And the "bread" brought life to them, eternal life.

The multitudes groped their way home in darkness, more black than the darkness through which they sought Jesus, because their deeds were evil. They lived on in the desolate reality of blindness until one day they killed the one who had offered them bread and light, because they "loved darkness rather than light." Finally one day death came to the multitude. At last those who loved darkness rather than light and sought to extinguish light had come to the place where no ray of light could be seen. They had at last found darkness, absolute darkness. And making the horrible discovery broke into an eternal wail of lostness, of soul-hunger for "bread" that could never be found, of sightless eyes straining for the ray of light that could never be seen.

Eleven of the Twelve ate of the "bread of life." They lived day by day in the presence of their Master, never hungering, never thirsting, filled with the fullness of eternal life. Physical death freed from the constant conflict of light and darkness, they came to the place where there is no shred of darkness. They had found at last light, love, absolute love. And making the discovery broke into an eternal song of praises to the one who had offered Himself as "the bread of life" and nourished them to this day of discovery and joy.

Marie Snider  
(Gospel Herald)

### Dyck's 50th Anniversary

**Winkler, Man.** — The Winkler Rudnerweider Church was the scene of a golden wedding anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 23rd for Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Dyck, who have lived here in retirement since 1953.

Their son George Dyck of Steinbach was chairman and the items of songs, recitations and music were all furnished by members of the family except a short sermon which was given by Rev. I. P. F. Friesen.

The program was followed by a lunch in the lower auditorium after which the couple opened their gifts. A nice golden wedding cake decorated the head table.

Children present with their families were: John and Waldo of Winkler; Jake, Gnadenthal; George, Steinbach; Mrs. D. P. Peters, Reinland and daughter Rosa at home. Peter from Ontario and Mrs. D. Zacharias of Reinland were unable to be present.

Mr. Dyck came to Canada from Russia in 1902. He married Tina Wiebe in 1909. They lived in Saskatchewan for three years where Mr. Dyck was employed as store clerk. He was also active in youth work and was Sunday School superintendent.

Mr. Dyck took up school teaching as a profession and taught in differ-

ent Manitoba schools for 40 years, beginning the early days in a private school.

### Coaldale Bible School

**Coaldale, Alta.** — On November 1, the Coaldale Bible School had its official opening. The program of the day also included messages by competent brethren. The following topics were discussed:

1. Should young people go to university without first attending Bible School?
2. Should there be strict discipline in Bible School?
3. What are the reasons for the decline of interest in Bible School today?
4. How can our Bible Schools be improved to meet the needs of our young people today?

### Krahn Leaves 213 Descendants

**Altona, Man.** — John Krahn, native of Russia and an early day settler in the southern Manitoba area, died recently at the Salem Home at the age of 90, leaving a total of 213 direct descendants.

The large family includes 13 children, 93 grandchildren, 103 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Two children preceded him in death.

Mr. Krahn came to Canada with his parents in 1874 and farmed for many years. The funeral services were conducted at the Rudnerweider church in Winkler.

### Sask. Crop Unharvested

**Saskatoon (CP)** — The department of agriculture announced Monday an estimated 124,000,000 bushels of grain worth \$140,000,000 are lying in Saskatchewan fields.

Earlier estimates placed the unharvested crop at 110,000,000 bushels.

Agriculture Minister I. C. Nollet said Northern Saskatchewan was hardest hit by rain and snow that halted harvesting. In the Turtleford-Meadow Lake area only 15 percent of crops were threshed.

A breakdown in the crops wheat, 70,500,000; coarse grains, 47,740,000; and flax, 6,000,000 bushels.

### Indonesian Pastors Largest Conference

**Kupang, Indonesia.** — The largest gathering of pastors in the history of Indonesia assembled Oct. 1, at Kupang, on the island of Timor, for World Vision's seventh Pastors' Conference in Asia this year. Nearly 500 delegates heard Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision; Dr. Paul S. Rees, Vice-President at Large; Dr. Bernard Ramm, professor of apologetics at the California Baptist Seminary, Covina; Bishop Enrique C. Sobrepesa of the Philippines and Subodh Sahu who is secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of India. These men ministered in turn to clergymen who were "eager for help... anxious for blessing."

On the Moslem-held island, the team conducted the first large open-air evangelistic meetings ever known to the people there. Each afternoon during the fourday conference, between six and eight thousand local citizens stood under palm trees for two hours to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Nearly 300 people recorded decisions for Christ.

The team also held a Pastors' Conference in Solo, Java, on Oct. 6, during a time of intense national foment. Shortly before the meetings began, President Sukarno cut the rupiah by nine-tenths, resulting in tragic monetary loss for the people, mission boards and National churches. A Chinese businessman committed suicide when he received the news. A rebel government organized in 1958 by Dr. Sjafruddin Prawiranegara kept up a steady war of attrition in its goal of complete conquest of the 85 million Indonesians.

"We left Indonesia not knowing when we can return," said Dr. Pierce. "But we thank God for the faithful ministers of the Word keeping alive the witness for Christ there."

## Foreign Mission News

### Belgian Congo

The administrative committee of our Belgian Congo field met at Kafumba October 9 and 10 to review and plan various matters regarding the work on that field. Committee members present were: Irvin L. Friesen, chairman; H. D. Derksen, secretary; Henry Brucks, Ernest Dyck and Clyde Shannon. Considerations included the following: plans for construction of the new hospital at Kajiji were discussed with Arthur Wiebe; the administrative visit of the Brethren C. A. DeFehr, J. A. Harder and J. B. Toews in relation to the situation in the Congo was discussed; an application is to be made to the government for funds for classroom buildings at the Matende teacher training school; the opening of a bookstore in Kikwit to sell Christian literature and school supplies was approved.

Construction of the new hospital at our Kajiji center in the Belgian Congo is assured with the receipt of some of the funds from the government for this purpose. The Lord has answered prayer. Five years of negotiations and much labor have finally led to the point at which planning for construction can begin.

Brother and Sister Ivan Elrich and daughter Sandra have transferred from Matende in the Belgian Congo to the city of Kikwit. Brother Elrich is finding his assignment to teach Protestant students in the state schools in Kikwit a challenging one. The responsibility of the Protestant religious instruction has been given to our Congo mission. All students in the state schools are required to attend either Protestant or Catholic classes. A total of 375 children are enrolled in the Protestant classes. Serving together with Brother Elrich in this ministry are several teachers from Baptist missions. Brother Elrich is teaching 17 classes a week at present and anticipates other openings. He reports numerous challenging questions from the students such as: If God is more powerful than Satan, why did He not simply destroy Satan when he sinned instead of only casting him out of heaven? How can anyone hear the voice of the Holy Spirit if he is not a person but only a spirit? May we also include in our intercession this opportunity of witness which has opened to our mission in Kikwit.

Members of the board of Ecole Belle Vue met recently to consider various matters regarding the work of this missionary children's school in the Belgian Congo. Board mem-

bers present were the following, representing our mission: William G. Baerg, Henry Brucks, Arnold Prieb, chairman, Arthur Wiebe and Vernon Vogt; representing Congo Inland Mission were Waldo Harder, secretary, and J. Zook. During their meeting the board met with the school staff which includes Brother and Sister Harold Harms (CIM), Sister Kunberger (Congo Gospel Mission), Brother and Sister Elmer Regier (CIM), Brother and Sister Walter Sawatzky (MB) and Sister Marcella Wiens (MB). A Bible conference is planned at the school for January 14-17, 1960, with Brother and Sister Waldo E. Harder as speakers.

Sister Daisy Martens and Brother and Sister Alfred Schmidt and family, who have been studying in Belgium, have arrived in the Belgian Congo and are entering into their work. Sister Martens serves in the teacher training school at the Nyanga Congo Inland Mission station and the Schmidts are learning the Kikwango language at Lusemvu station.

### India

In India the recently returned missionaries have been assigned as follows: Brother and Sister Ted Fast to Narayanpet and Sister Regina Suderman to the Jadcherla medical center.

India has a population of nearly 400,000,000. About 2 per cent of these are Christians, leaving a total of some 390 million persons in India without Christ. The task of world evangelism grows larger with the years for the increase in church membership does not keep pace with the population.

—J. D. Graber

The fifth India girls' camp was to be held October 15 to 19. Just before leaving for that camp, Sister Emma Lepp wrote the following lines regarding the boys' camp, which also suggest the spirit of prayer and concern with which the girls' camp was begun: "Another annual boys' camp is over. Seven boys from our Shamshabad station returned with beaming faces. It was a time of heavenly joy. Indescribable!" reported one boy. A seventh class lad relating his experiences to the school ended up by saying, "I haven't believed yet, but I want to believe. Pray for me." Last night under a beautiful tropical moonlit sky an eighth class boy gave his heart to the Lord. His radiant smile is ample reward for all your prayers and mine. So many children in school seem to be just one step from the boundary that divides light from darkness. Are you remembering to pray? One more fervent prayer may help someone else across 'the great divide.'

Youth camps have taken place in India during October. The program during the young men's camp was built around the main theme of "The Perfect Will of God." Let us join our India workers in the prayer that many a young man will learn to know the perfect will of God in his own life and in his relationship toward the call into Christian service. The young women's camp was held October 15 to 19. Let us pray for those who have made decisions for Christ during those days. A camp for married women is also being carried on and will be held at the Kalvakurty station this year.

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Fine rains in India are resulting in an average crop for the people. Harvesting is in progress and most people are gleaning an average yield so that from all indications the people will have bread to eat during this year although prices of grain have not been reduced.

### Japan and China

The Amagasaki work in Japan has developed to the extent that the church can assume more responsibilities. The church council consists of three of the men who are shouldering more and more of the work. One of the brethren has been preaching occasionally and will be doing so once a month from now on.

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A Canadian citizen who has been able to carry on the operation of a Christian bookstore in Shanghai was finally required to leave China this summer. She brought news of the believers there. True followers of Christ have been subjected to increasing pressure from the government. Many young people are now in prison or in labor camps, rejoicing that they are privileged to suffer for Christ. There have been reports of angelic appearances, seen not only by Christians but also by unbelievers. In the few churches that are still permitted to continue, the preaching is closely supervised by the government. Chinese Christians are praying for revival. Let us join them in this prayer, asking that God will strengthen them with all might according to His glorious power during the ordeal through which they are passing.

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### Brazil, Paraguay and Europe

At Curitiba, Brazil, our mission plans a Bible and New Testament distribution campaign during November. A large order of 5,000 Scriptures has been delivered at the mission by truck. Members of our national church at Curitiba are to have a vital part in this distribution, which will give ample opportunity not only to place the Word of God into the hands of many people who have never seen or read it be-

fore, but also to give a testimony regarding its message.

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A place of worship for our national church in Asuncion, Paraguay, has been secured several blocks away from the main thoroughfare. Recently the traffic in that part of the city has been rerouted so that now the main transportation lines have been shifted to the very street on which our mission chapel is situated. This constitutes a great challenge to the little group of believers because people stopping at that corner as well as many university students going by note the worship services, the singing and proclamation of the Gospel in the chapel. Our workers are keenly conscious of their opportunity as well as responsibility and request much intercession on behalf of this avenue of witnessing to many people formerly not within their reach.

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Brother and Sister Jacob Thielmann and family have arrived safely in Europe. They were met by Brother and Sister J. W. Vogt in Rotterdam, Holland, where they docked October 12. Let us pray for them as they enter the work in Austria.

### New High School Dormitory

Ecole Belle Vue, Congo. — May 10, 1959, was a memorable day for us at Ecole Belle Vue, the missionaries' children school in the Congo. On that day, 6:00 a.m., Brother Art Wiebe, AMBM builder, with a group of eager native workmen invaded our campus to begin the construction of a badly needed dormitory. In a short time, lines were drawn and workmen began to dig trenches for the footings of the building. No sooner were these dug, when a group of native masons began their task of pouring the concrete for the foundation. Each day brought the building closer to completion.

In a little over four months this beautiful school dormitory was ready and the happy students moved in on September 2.

Last year all the rooms were crowded with four or five students. The children and staff prayed for a new building, for we knew that with an increased enrollment we could not accommodate all the students that would be coming for the new school term. Today these prayers are answered. The building accommodates 28 students and in case of need even as many as 42.

Dedication service for this fine building is planned to take place at the Christmas program, during which time many parents and friends are expected to be present.

Thanks to all who have helped make this building a reality. The Ecole Belle Vue "family" certainly appreciates it.

Walter and Irma Sawatsky



# THE Young Observers

## Let's Visit a Minute

Hi, Boys and Girls,

Can you quickly curl up in your easy chair for a minute? I want to visit with you. There! Is that better?

Where do you like to walk these days, now that the weather is getting so nippy? Do you walk on the dull, shady side of the road? Or do you cross over the sunny side of the walk? Today I want to tell you about a boy who crossed over to the warm and sunny side of the road... of life.

It did not happen all of a sudden. Mac was just a terribly miserable fellow. He didn't get along with the other fellows. He always quarrelled. He'd just get mad at everything. Then he'd double up his fists and let the other boy have it. Poor Mac! After such fights he was just so-o-o miserable. He was so guilty and lonely and alone.

He didn't feel good in class either. He didn't do his lessons as he should, and so he just didn't like the teacher. Often he scowled and pouted and swore. Poor Mac!

But just as the Lord sees when flowers and trees need rain and sunshine, and sends it to them in His good time, so He also sees when fellows, like Mac, need the sunshine of his love, and He comes right in good time to warm them and cheer them and win them with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Macie heard about Jesus. He heard that Jesus loved him. Oh, how his young heart longed for such love! He listened more and more eagerly. He wanted this love! He needed it, poor Mac! He was so bad. Nobody loved him, he thought. Yes, Jesus did. Slowly, very slowly, Macie came to know that Jesus did love him for sure. Wonderful! It happened! He crossed over. Warmth came into his heart. He felt so different now. He knew that somebody loved him. Yes, Jesus really cared for Mac. What joy! What delight! He just opened his heart and life to the Lord Jesus and all the warmth and sunshine of God's love filled his soul. Mac was a new fellow. Do you think he went on with those miserable fights? You think things were better in school? You think he was still the pouting, scowling Mac? No, Mac had crossed over to the warm and sunny side of life when he came to know that Jesus loved him.

Listen, before you run off again, are you still walking in the shade of selfishness and sin? Why not cross over into the sunshine of His warming love? Let Jesus love you today, won't you?

I am so glad that our Father in Heaven  
Tells of His love in the book He has given;  
Wonderful things in the Bible I see,  
This is the dearest that Jesus loves me!

I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves even me!

'Bye, now, Love, Aunt Anne.

## Spoiled Through Neglect

During the war I had to evacuate from my house and live many miles away. The windows of the house were all boarded up, and the keys given to a local man to "Keep his eye on the place" attend to the garden, cut the grass, trim the hedges, and do what was necessary for the flowers and fruit, so that everything would be ready for me on my return. I paid him liberally at regular intervals for his work.

You can, therefore, imagine my surprise and grief when I returned unexpectedly one day just "To look round," and found the garden absolutely over-run so much that a stranger thought it had not been

touched for a year. The grass was feet high, the shrubs were overgrown, the garden beds covered with weeds, the flowers gone to seed or shrivelled up. And it had all come about by neglect, as I learned later that the man to whom I had given the care of my garden, had, through illness, passed this on to someone else who, though receiving payment, had left the garden to look after itself.

This reminds me that I am "the property" of someone, even of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the Apostle tells us, "Ye are not your own. Ye are bought with a price" (I Cor.

6:20). The price was His own precious blood.

What does the Lord Jesus see as He looks at His property, that is you and me? Does He see the fruit of the Spirit as mentioned in Galatians (chapter 5, verse 22), love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Or, through neglect — neglect of daily prayer and the reading of the Bible — does He see only those things which displease Him?

Can you not realize how grieved He must be when He sees that although He died to save you, you refuse to trust Him as your Saviour, or neglect the very simple means of developing the fruit of the Spirit, namely daily prayer and daily Bible reading?

The "Garden of your life" can be either one of ugliness with weeds of sin, or one of beauty with flowers of loveliness of character. Which is it to be? Ask the Savior to help you begin today to cultivate the latter; He is waiting for you to ask Him, and ready to commence.

H. C. Taffs.

vation depended on good works, his condition was hopeless.

The speaker's words came to him again. Yes! he knew he was a sinner, and how he longed to know the Saviour. He knelt down by his bedside and the cry came from his lips, "Lord Jesus, save me." That cry of faith was heard, and Tommy knew deep down in his heart the peace and joy of sins forgiven. And though he has now been grown up for quite a number of years, the same peace and joy are his daily portion.

Dear young reader, wherever there is a seeking sinner, there is always a seeking Saviour. His own words are, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

A.C.T.

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## But Not Forsaken ☆

by Helen Good Brenneman

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(33rd Installment)

"Did you like Brother Thiessen's sermon, children?" Maria asked. They had discussed everything about the simple but impressive ceremony, from the songs the choir rendered, to the pine-decorated chairs in which the wed-ding couple sat during the service. But they had not discussed the earnest words which Brother Thiessen had spoken to the pair.

Rosie giggled. "Honestly, Mother, I didn't hear a thing Brother Thiessen said. I was just all the time saying my poem over and over in my head. I was too scared to think of anything else."

Maria smiled. One of the customs connected with a Mennonite wedding in Russia was that little girls or older friends would recite poetry of good wishes to the couple immediately following the ceremony. Rosie and Frieda's little sister, Sarah, had been given this honour, and both girls were thrilled. Maria had felt sorry for Sarah, though, for realizing the separation this marriage would mean for their family, she had been unable to finish her recitation.

All this time Hansie had been silent, too silent. Maria had noticed it all the way home and now that the boy sat dully uncommunicative in his corner, she felt she should probe through the thin shell of his reverse.

"Hansie, what's bothering you? You act as though you have been to a funeral instead of a wedding."

"Yes, what is the matter with you anyhow?" Rosie asked.

"Now, Rosie, you keep quiet. You always want to have your nose in everything."

"What is it, Hansie?"

The boy stared dismally at the row of cups and plates across the cubicle from where he sat.

"It's just that everything goes wrong at once. Franz goes and gets married and you have to go back to the hospital and—"

"I hope I won't have to be in the hospital long this time." Maria was determined not to cry, and the aggravating lump that wouldn't stay swallowed annoyed her.

"It's for our good in the long run, children. Herr Peters said that if I can just get built up, maybe I'll pass the physical the next time the Canadian officials come. We have a lot to be thankful for, that you children are in such good shape."

"I know," Hansie replied, "but what are Rosie and I going to do while you're gone?"

"The Hausvater just told me today, children, that you will probably live with the Guenters. They are an older couple without children. And, of course, Hansie, you will look after Rosie and be a real brother to her."

Maria grinned and gave his ear a playful pull. "You know, you quarrel with Rosie when we're alone, but just let anyone else say anything about your sister, and you are her best friend."

Yet, that night, when the lights were out and Maria lay awake on her cot, she did not feel so sure. What might happen to the children while she was hospitalized? That she had failed to pass the physical requirements for entrance to Canada, and that she had once more to be separated from her family, was hard for her to understand.

She did not need to worry about Rosie. Conscientious and punctual, Rosie would roll out of bed on time, wash her face, braid her own hair, and keep her lessons up to date.

But it was different with Hansie. Good, nutritious food and the stability of the camp environment had helped to make him the husky, unpredictable boy that he was intended to be. Never were two days alike when one lived with him, for he was both curious and impulsive, and his inquisitive disposition sometimes led him to investigate matters which were most assuredly none of his business.

And to make matters more difficult, there was this foolish triangle. To Hansie's chagrin, Rosie kept Maria posted on which of the boys, Anton or Hansie, had walked Irmgard home from school. Then Hansie would say very uncomplimentary things about the little half-Russian chap. He still had not forgiven Maria for befriending Anton's ostracized mother.

It would be different were not Franz married. Even then Maria would have called Franz and Elfrieda in and asked them to keep an eye on the boy, but Elfrieda's family was to sail for Canada in only two weeks, probably never to see the young couple again. It would not be fair to take any of their precious time.

Maria's faith had come a long way since that terrible night in Kornrade when she had learned of Lenie's death; when she had battled

it out on her knees, finally surrendering Lenie to God; when she, like Job, had accepted the higher wisdom of a loving heavenly Father. Never again had she jaywalked so far from the path of trustful dependence upon God as she did that night in Kornrade. Yet, there were times, like tonight, when she found it hard to lay her hand in God's, to turn over everything to Him and let Him overrule her desires according to his own good pleasure.

And then she knew where her trouble lay.

It was her own persistent will again.

She had not surrendered.

Her heart was set on Canada—the home they would make while waiting for Hans to come—the farmer Rosie would marry—the education Hansie would get—the new clothes they would all have. A real home, security, stability, rest.

She had never surrendered this hope to God.

Nor had she surrendered her present to His faithful hands. Fear, like the mercury in a thermometer, went up in camp whenever world conditions looked especially ominous. Maria had to admit that she had allowed herself to be influenced by the hysteria of some of her neighbors.

Would not the God who had watched over her until this day continue to care for her and her children? Again, she recalled Herr Peters' wise words, "Canada is not heaven." You could not run off and escape from yourself in Canada, for you would have to take your own miserable, doubting self wherever you went. If she could not trust God in a refugee camp in postwar Germany, Maria knew that she would not be able to live by faith in a new world.

Perhaps her impatience in waiting for Hans was also part of her trouble. Not a day passed that she did not pray for his coming. The thought that he might have gone into Siberia to look for her was so dreadful that she had been afraid to face the possibility of it. It was time that she stopped closing her mind to this fear and faced it squarely. For they had been here almost a year, and the MCC had never been able to find a trace of her husband anywhere. His love for his family may have driven him to give his life in an attempt to save them.

Suddenly Maria sat up in her bed. Worry, after all, was a failure to face reality. Had God ever given her any experience without the grace to bear it? He had not, and He would not.

Closing her eyes, Maria lay back in the everlasting arms of her Father, a new peace settling over her being. She would live one day at

a time, with God; she would stop dodging her fears and would face them.

Her sleep was sweet.

### CHAPTER XXVIII

To the school children who practiced their parts each day for the most wonderful season of the year, Christmas did seem a long time in coming. To many of them, it was their first real Christmas. For Marienchen, the little curlyhead now reciting her piece, her face a study in childish excitement, seven tragic Christmases had passed, each sadly lacking in peace and good will toward men. And for the tiny blond Dietrich, life seemed just to have begun. Mentally he went over the difficult part again, always mindful of the large audience who would hear his discourse on the shepherds. Little would one have guessed that only two months before, Dietrich and his mother had shivered from cold and fright in a miserable hovel, where they had been shelved by a selfish farmer.

Children are good forgetters. A look into the schoolroom where the refugee children were practicing for the great week revealed the joy and expectancy that is found in the faces of children everywhere during the Christmas season.

Hansie bent over the part he was to play, reviewing precisely the great drama with which he would voice his,

"Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him—"

The part of a wicked man intrigued his soul, for, though he had every intention of being good like his mother, this role gave vent to some of the revengeful moods he felt inside him lately.

He waited patiently for the three Wise Men to march sedately in from the side door, their hands glued stiffly to their sides. With how little expression Anton asked the question, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" Hansie himself could have done so much better.

Almost fiercely Hansie swung his way to the front of the room, swaying proudly, commanding the attention of every member of his class. His mother had read to him the story, and he knew that he must be troubled and provoked in a beastly way. Throwing his shoulders back, peering down his nose with the effrontery and brassiness of the wicked ruler he was portraying, he demanded of the Wise Men to find the child, that he might worship Him also. His voice dripped with sarcasm and hypocrisy. For a moment the "Wise Men" were stunned. They looked at Fräulein Bartel, wondering if Hansie were not overdoing his part. But her sense of humor, carefully guarded beneath a look of dignity, was well under control.

(To be continued)

# National S. S. Convention

**Atlanta, Ga.** — In the conclusion of the 14th annual National Sunday School Convention in Atlanta an inspiring message entitled "Now is the Hour" was delivered by Dr. Charles E. Blair, pastor in Denver, Colorado.

Taking his scripture from John 12:23-27, the speaker put the urgency on the phrase, "The Hour is Come"—the words of Christ.

"The greatest hour of a man's life is when an idea takes hold of him," Dr. Blair declared. He cited the big hours in the lives of several Biblical characters and great men of generations leading up to the present. Among these were the disciples, the apostles, Thomas Edison, Einstein, Dr. Jonas Salk, Dr. Von Braun, and many others.

The speaker quoted Victor Hugo in saying, "There is nothing so powerful in this world as an idea whose time has come." And he added that Christians must realize "our time has come."

Dr. Blair set forth his formula for taking advantage of this hour. He outlined 5 points, 1) visualize, 2) organize, 3) deputize, 4) supervise and 5) evangelize.

Dr. Blair's Church has been notable in its Sunday school work, having climbed in enrollment from 79 to 3,684 in the past 12 years.

More than 2,000 people attending Thursday night's session of the Convention were deeply moved by a message from Dr. Bob Pierce who dynamically stressed the need for "a more devout Sunday school in the world of today." He also revealed the latest statistics on what the Christian world is doing globally.

As president of World Visions Inc., Dr. Pierce has had contact with missions the world over. He only recently returned from Asia where he spent time in Indonesia during their governmental crisis. He also visited India, China and Japan prior to flying home to the United States to attend this Convention.

"One of the world's greatest needs today is a greater emphasis on the teaching and training among our Christian youth. While during the 2,000 years since Christ delivered the great commission, the Church has grown 800 million strong (and this includes all cultural Christians and anyone bearing the Christian title), in Russia Communism has spread in 42 years to incorporate more than 950 million," Dr. Pierce said.

He pointed out that this 800 million is compared to 2,800 million people in the world. He told of his visit to Russia and declared "There is not one Sunday school in all of Russia because the government will not permit a youth under 18 to join the Church or participate in its

affairs. There is no Sunday school literature. The government controls the press and will not allow what they call 'propagandizing' through the teaching program. Therefore, while there are devout Christians in Russia, they are allowed only to worship—they cannot evangelize. There are thousands in Russia who would give everything they own to have the Christian freedoms we sadly neglect.

"Among the 18,000 students in Moscow University, there is not one Christian. This is because in order to enter the schools of higher learning in Russia, a student must be verified by his former teacher and Christian students are readily marked. Russia demands all children to be in school between the ages of 7 and 17, and they are filled during these years with a devotion for Communistic beliefs and taught to beware the 'fallible Christian faith.' Therefore, they cannot have faith and have no means whereby to practice it. This means that the churches are filled with adults who are allowed only the privilege of worship."

In the statistical information given by Dr. Pierce, it was noted that Europe's missionary effort has vastly declined during the past 23 years, while on the other hand, in the United States and Canada there has been in this period a 110% increase in the Protestant missionary effort. The speaker made this differential to the decline of Sunday schools in Europe and the large growth in North America. He declared that in 1955 33,607,212 were enrolled in Sunday schools in the United States, showing an increase of 63% since 1936. This, he noted, is comparable to the 6,697,033 in Sunday schools of Europe in 1955, a decrease of 14% during the same period.

By the same token, in the support of world missions, North America supplies 83% of all finances for missionary work around the world while the remaining 17% comes from Europe, Dr. Pierce said. Dr. Engstrom declared that the "Teen-Age Market" represents 10 billion dollars per year in America. He said, "Every week is youth week as far as national business is concerned. Every week is youth week as far as Communism is concerned. Every week is youth week as far as the devil is concerned. Why then should not every week be youth week in the Church."

In the climax to this great Convention where 54 denominations from 30 states were represented and the registration exceeded 1,000, Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association read salutations by telegram from Billy Graham, J. Edgar

Hoover and other nationally known men.

The third and final convention in the 1960 series of National Sunday School Association Conventions will be held at Columbus, Ohio, November 11, 12 and 13.

## Nationalism in the Congo

Greetings with Eph. 5:16: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." These words have forcefully thrust themselves upon us during the past months. The rapid rise of nationalism in the Congo has brought bloodshed and tension where previously all was peaceful and serene. During the past few weeks there have been uprisings and strife in three different parts of the land. Some twenty-five to thirty people have been killed. Houses have been ransacked and burned in the villages surrounding Luluabourg where two tribes fought each other as did their fathers in the distant past, with arrows and spears. A great number of people have been injured in these riots and authorities have arrested many agitators and detained them in jail.

Some of the eruptions in the Congo have been between Congolese and government troops and police who are endeavouring to maintain order wherever tension crops up. The Luluabourg incidents, however, show plainly that war may break out between the many tribes in this land as primitive people strive for independence through the implementation of the laws of the jungle.

These swift moving events in the Congo are shaking our total mission work to its foundation. With people's hearts and minds filled with thoughts of independence and the money they hope they will gain thereby, the gospel impact upon the multitudes has been weakened. Uppermost in the hearts of many poor blinded individuals one finds the desire for independence, money and education.

During our Field Conference we were again assigned to Matende, where we labored during our first term of service. We have been made responsible for our E.A.P. (a teacher training school) as well as the primary school on the station, and the schools in the villages of our area. We have the opportunity together with national Christian teachers to present Christ to many young lives. There are 65 students enrolled in our teacher training school and some 500 children in our station primary and village schools. Ernest Dyck

## In Japan

Initial relief activity in the form of clothing and blanket collections and distributions to Japan typhoon victims was reported already. Another response to the plight of these unfortunate Japanese people has been the forwarding of several

hundred dollars for relief purposes by the Board of Foreign Missions Office. These funds are to be channeled through our national churches in Japan and are to augment the assistance which they will be giving.

According to letters from our missionaries, our churches in Japan are planning to collect and send more relief goods and to participate in rehabilitation work. With much material aid coming in from welfare and governmental agencies, most of the emergency relief work has been completed, but the work of clean-up and rehabilitation remains.

The following thinking has been shared with the Board of Foreign Missions Office by one of the missionaries after spending three days in the Nagoya typhoon area: "We plan to send volunteers to help the flood victims settle after the flood water recedes. We might set up working headquarters in a tent or trailer, distribute goods collected by our churches in Japan and do clean-up work in a localized area. Tracts are being sown to clothes which will be distributed. It would be wonderful for our local Christians to be able to provide direct assistance, and such a project would be the means of their giving a testimony for Christ.

"It will be weeks and even months before the dikes will be repaired. Many homes will remain in ocean water for some time. Unfortunately this is also the time of year when the tide is the highest so the water is deeper now than it was right after the typhoon.

"Many never-to-be-forgotten experiences have been my portion these few short days. Nagoya was to have celebrated its 75th anniversary with great festivities few days after death and injury came to 5,000 persons. There have been tremendous losses of property, not to mention the mental and emotional trials which many have experienced; and ahead are the cold, damp, dreary winter months of reclamation and rebuilding."

## Mennonite Broadcasts

**Aibonito, Puerto Rico.** — The Spanish broadcast, Light and Truth (Luzy Verdad) was begun 12 years ago by Rev. Lester Hershey on one Puerto Rican station. Today it is heard on 25 stations throughout South and Central America, the Caribbean, Spain, and in numerous Spanish-speaking areas in the United States. Headquarters for this broadcast is in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

The Spanish broadcast is one of seven language programs produced by Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc. A total of 230 weekly programs are sponsored by this broadcast organization. The Mennonite Hour is the English program heard throughout the United States and Canada. Rev. Hershey visited ten churches in Ontario in the interest of this radio work.

## CANADASCOPE

### Government Expenditure

An examination is to be made into the efficiency of operation of the country's biggest business, the federal government. Including classified civil servants and other full-time workers, but excluding staffs of Crown corporations, Ottawa now employs about 200,000 persons. Payroll is about \$60 million a month. All told there are more than 70 government departments, boards, commissions and other agencies.

It is expected that the inquiry will not be conducted by a Royal Commission but rather by a special commission similar to that headed by former president Herbert Hoover in the United States. Appointed in 1947, it reported to Congress in 1949, was reappointed in 1953 and sat for two more years. The Hoover Commission found extravagance waste and duplication. Most of its nearly 600 recommendations have been adopted and an estimated \$8 billion has been saved as a result. One avenue of saving found by the Hoover Commission was staffcutting and a re-organization of jobs. Prime Minister Diefenbaker has said that the civil service would not be interfered with in the investigation.

It might be suggested that, if he can be persuaded to serve, Watson Sellar could be a most useful member of the special commission. Mr. Sellar has just retired after nineteen years in the office of Auditor General. In that job Mr. Sellar had the right to examine all files and documents relating to government spending. He was required to report annually to Parliament, noting any irregularities or abuses in the financial operations of government departments and agencies. He left his post with the highest possible reputation.

It was nearly two years ago that Mr. Diefenbaker told the House of Commons that the government was considering the investigation that now seems imminent.

### Gold Medal Winners

**Winkler, Man.** — A dozen shiny 10-carat gold medals were mailed October 23, from the provincial government's department of education, along with letters of congratulations from Hon. Stewart E. McLean, minister of the department.

The packages were received by 12 young Manitobans who earned top marks in Grade 11 for 1959. The medals represent the government's wish to recognize and commend the scholarship shown by these students, Mr. McLean said.

One of the winners was Miss Helen Shirley Plett of Winkler.

### Giving Up Driver's License

**Krestova, B.C. (CP)**—A segment of the Doukhobor sect, opposed to

violence, plans to give up their driver's licences to avoid bloodshed on the road.

Five members of the Spiritual Leaders for Christ sect in this east Kootenay area turned their licences in Sunday to John Lebedoff, whom they have frequently described as their leader.

"The Doukhobor faith, being against sacrifice and violence, does not allow us to use the modern vehicles which result in hundreds of young lives sacrificed in violent highway deaths," said Mrs. Helen Demonsky, a spokesman for the group.

### MCC Clothing Drive

This fall the Mennonite Central Committee is sponsoring a fall clothing drive. We are eager to receive clothing for the foreign relief programme that the various Mennonite and affiliated Churches are sponsoring through our Committee.

#### What is needed?

Good used clothing with at least six months wear can be contributed. New clothing can also be used. All types of clothing are needed including men's, women's, children's and infant's clothing for dress and for work, for cold climate and for warm weather. Clothing should be clean and mended if possible.

#### How is clothing distributed?

Last year MCC collected and distributed 305 tons of clothing in six countries, Austria, Germany, Jordan, Korea, Hongkong and Vietnam. Clothing reaches needy persons through hand to hand distribution at relief stations, institutions such as orphanages, schools and hospitals and bundles mailed to Iron Curtain countries.

Sometimes people wonder if there is still need in the world for the sort of work that is being done through MCC. I would like to quote a letter which our office received this month which will answer this question.

"Today I received through a local relief agency a can of meat, milk powder, rice, beans, and a piece of yardage material. And all of this "In the Name of Christ"!

I am no Mennonite, but I am a child of God too, and love the Lord. I have known the Lord for many years, but then I left Him. I had to be taken by force all the way to Siberia to find Him again. I have many difficult things behind me. Early in our marriage I lost my husband, and had to remain alone with my two little children; and to leave my home without being able to take anything along. But God did not forsake me, He gave me all I needed to survive. I must thank Him daily for this.

We are even now living in barracks, but when God's hour will have come, we too will have a home, of this I am certain.

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## Weddings

### Bergen — Thiessen

Miss Margaret Thiessen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Thiessen of Aldergrove, B.C., and Mr. George Bergen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bergen of Winnipegosis, Man., were married in the East Aldergrove M. B. church on October 24, 1959. Rev. Herman Voth officiated.

The young couple will reside at Aldergrove, B.C.

### Durksen — Koop

Miss Erna Koop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Koop of Campden, Ontario, and Mr. Peter Durksen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Durksen of Beamsville, Ontario, were married in the Vineland M. B. church on October 3, 1959.

Rev. John G. Baerg of Virgil officiated. Special visitors were the bride's grandparents, W. G. Neufelds from Winnipeg. The groom is a student at the McMaster University. The bride is a teacher. The couple spent their honeymoon at Algonquin Park, Quebec, and in Ottawa. They will reside at Grimsby, Ontario.

### Willms — Koop

Miss Marion Koop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Koop, of St. Catharines, Ontario, and Mr. Ronald Willms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aron Willms, St. Ann's, Ontario, were married in the Vineland M.B. church on October 10, 1959.

Rev. George Epp officiated, with Mr. Henry Wiebe, junior, also giving a message. Mr. Jake Pauls was the soloist. After a wedding trip to Washington, D.C., the young couple made their residence in St. Catharines, Ontario.

## Future Subscribers

Mr. and Mrs. Jakob Isaac of Clearbrook, B.C., were blessed with a daughter on October 30, 1959. They named her Geraldine Anne.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peters of Mt. Lehman a son was born on October 28, 1959. They named him Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Klassen of Mt. Lehman, B.C., were blessed with a daughter on October 13, 1959. They named her Rhoda Ellen.

## Obituaries

### Last Rites Held for Mrs. W. M. Enns

Winkler, Man. — Funeral services were held in the Bergthal church on Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Wm. M. Enns, nee Margaret

Loewen, who passed away on Saturday, October 24, at the age of 63 years. She was admitted to hospital on October 23.

She was born at Rosenbach, 5 miles north of Winkler, on Nov. 7, 1895, joined the Bergthal church in 1914 and married William M. Enns of Greenfarm on October 19, 1916.

Left to mourn her passing are her husband; two sons, Manfred and Percy in Winkler; three daughters, Betty, Mrs. Menno Kroeker, Winkler, Hilda, Mrs. Harold Wonnick, Winnipeg, and Cleona, Mrs. Geo. Froese of Trenton, Ont.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Loewen and 13 grandchildren. Five brothers, Jacob, Peter, Bernhard, Abram and Henry; five sisters, Anna, Mrs. John Braun, Maria, Mrs. F. M. Enns, Mrs. Lena Wiens, Mrs. Ida Toews and Tien, Mrs. Bill Hiebert.

Rev. J. M. Pauls, Winkler, officiated at the service, assisted by Rev. H. Gerbrandt of Altona and Mr. Harvey Taves, representing the MCC.

### Death of Mrs. Reimer

Winnipeg, Man. — Mrs. Marie Reimer, 65, of 489 Craig St., died in Grace Hospital. She came to Canada in 1931 and had lived in Winnipeg for the past ten years. She as a member of Christian Fellowship Chapel and worked in various organizations of the church.

Surviving are her husband Henry; three sons, Alvin, Harry and William; two grandchildren and one brother, George E. Fast. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Christian Fellowship Chapel, Rev. J. Eveland officiating. Burial took place in Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens. Park Lawn Mortuary was in charge.

### Funeral for J. W. Neufeld

Didsbury, Alta. — Funeral services were held in the Bergthal Mennonite church at Didsbury on October 19 for Mr. J. W. Neufeld, 48, of Didsbury. He died in the Didsbury hospital on October 16 after a 2½ week illness.

Rev. J. J. Sawatzky of Calgary officiated, assisted by Rev. Peter Unger of Calgary. Mr. Neufeld was born at Didsbury, Alta., on September 7, 1911. He is survived by his wife Susan, three sons, Edgar, Menno and Dennis, one daughter Norma. He will also be sadly missed by his three brothers and seven sisters as well as many other relatives and close friends.

### Instant Death

Sardis, B.C. — Mr. Cornelius C. Heppner, 44, a truck operator of Sardis, B.C., was killed October 21 on the Fraser Canyon Highway near Boston Bar, B.C., when the

brakes of his truck failed. RCMP said he either jumped or fell from his truck and met instant death. The truck continued on down the Canyon Highway for about 600 yards and overturned.

Mr. Heppner was alone in the truck when he realized the swiftly approaching danger. His wife, whom he had asked to accompany him on this trip, had been riding with him until a few moments prior to the accident, when she joined Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Taylor, sister and brother-in-law to her husband, in the following truck.

Mr. Heppner was born in Russia in January of 1915 and had resided in the Sardis district for the past 29 years. In 1936 he was united in marriage to Miss Aliena Reimer of Sardis.

Many friends and relatives were present at the funeral in the Sardis M. B. church to extend their love and sympathy to the grief-stricken widow and her four daughters ranging in age from 2 to 16.

Mr. Heppner was predeceased by his mother, who died in July of this year. He is survived by his young wife Aliena, and four daughters, Joyce, Pearl, Peggy and Bonnie; his father, Cornelius D. Heppner; three brothers, Peter, Edward and Henry; and four sisters, Mrs. Harry (Anne) Hooge of Haney, B.C., Miss Mary Heppner, Mrs. Leo (Betty) Dueckman, and Mrs. Ernie (Irene) Taylor, all of Chilliwack, B.C.

### Maria Giesbrecht's Home-Going

Coaldale, Alta. — Mrs. Maria Giesbrecht went home to be with the Lord on October 5. Her funeral was held in the Coaldale Mennonite church.

Rev. D. Pankratz delivered a sermon based on Psalm 109:21-27. A male quartet served with several appropriate songs. Then Rev. Franz Dueck presented a message for which he read John 14:1-6. At the cemetery Bishop Schellenberg read I Cor. 16:54-57; Heb. 4:9-11 and prayed.

Mrs. Giesbrecht was born at Osterwick in South Russia. She lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jakob Klassen, at Osterwick till 1928. Then she was married to Wilhelm Giesbrecht. After seven years her husband became ill and died. The Lord blessed the Giesbrechts with four children. In 1943 Mrs. Giesbrecht and her children went to Germany and in 1949 to Canada. Here they made their home in Coaldale.

Mrs. Giesbrecht has suffered severely during the last few years and when the hour of death struck, she was ready to go and see her Savior. She is survived by her three sons, three daughters-in-law, five grand children, two sisters and three brothers, two of whom are in Russia.

### Missionary Auxiliary

Herbert, Sask. — The ladies of the M. B. Missionary Auxiliary from South Saskatchewan gathered in the Herbert M. B. church on October 21 for a time of fellowship and discussion. In spite of the miserable weather a large number of the sisters from the various churches had come out.

Throughout the devotional part of the afternoon the two, a) the importance of prayer, and b) the part women may have in the service for God, were stressed. Mrs. J. J. Thiessen, Greenfarm, read Luke 10:38-42 and pointed out the part women may have in serving God, by having a) an open house, b) an open hand, c) an open heart. A number of suitable songs from the different groups were rendered. Two of the church groups reported on the work their women were doing.

After the devotional part, a number of business problems were discussed as to how we could try to serve better and more faithfully in the future. Mrs. Wm. Wirsche, Kelstern, led in closing prayer. Lunch was served to all present.

The afternoon was well spent. We felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. Meetings of this nature tend to draw us closer to each other and enable us to work more efficiently and cooperatively for the Lord. We were able to share many blessings and we are looking forward to having similar meetings in the future. Hertha M. Falk.

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## Colleges and Schools

### Record Enrollment at SCBI

**Swift Current, Sask.** — October 25 marked the opening day for 46 students attending the Swift Current Bible Institute. Due to lack of dormitory space, five girls are accommodated in two nearby homes.

Opening exercises were held in the Elk's Hall in the city. The principal, Rev. Werner Zacharias, was chairman for the afternoon meeting. Several trios, solos and duets completed the musical portion of the two sessions.

Rev. J. J. M. Friesen of Rhine-land, a board member, briefly addressed the student body with II Tim. 2:15. Mr. John Bergen of Drake, now appointed to the teaching staff, used Romans 8:28 as a basis for his testimony.

Oliver Heppner, board chairman, thanked all who had contributed money, work, canning and other services to the benefit of the school. Friends may be interested to know that as of this fall SCBI is free of all debts.

Guest speaker was Rev. D. P. Neufeld of Rosemary, Alta., who admonished us to work hand in hand in order to increase our witness.

The evening service was under the direction of Mr. Peter Letkeman, one of the teachers. Students were introduced to the congregation followed by a short testimony period of former graduates. Rev. Neufeld reminded us to be steadfast in the faith (I Cor. 16:13,14).

Two additions have been made to the staff members for the coming year: Mr. Bergen, as mentioned formerly, and Mrs. Mary Klassen, who has replaced Margaret Pankratz in the kitchen.

Mrs. Elwin Epp

### Bible School Opening Service

**Kitchener, Ont.** — The Bible School of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren churches held its opening program on the evening of October 25 in the Kitchener M. B. church. Many interested friends and visitors from St. Catharines, Vineland, Port Rowan, Virgil and other points united with the local congregation in this special service marking the beginning of another Bible school year.

Rev. Wm. Schmidt, recently installed pastor of the Kitchener M. B. Church, welcomed the Bible school family and the friends who had gathered for the occasion. Then Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, principal of the Bible school, directed the program.

The entire student body formed a choir under the direction of Mr.

Henry Esau. Together with a male octet and a ladies' double trio they furnished the music for the evening in the singing of appropriate selections.

Other items of interest on the program were testimonies given by two students. Ethel Whitney of New Hampshire, a member of the senior class, told of the value and meaning of Bible school to her life. Henry Klassen of St. Catharines, a first-year student, expressed his gratitude for being able to come and study God's Word in this institution.

Brother Schmidt, guest speaker for the evening, based his remarks on the words of Christ, "Search the Scriptures." This command is still valid because of the relevance and value of God's Word in our lives today.

Registration and classes began this year on October 13 and 14. The thirty-three students come from Virgil, St. Catharines, Vineland, Port Rowan, New Hampshire, all in Ontario, and Henderson, Neb. Members of the faculty are Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, Rev. W. Wiebe, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Esau.

The program of instruction of the Bible school is carried on in the educational wing of the Kitchener M. B. church. These are excellent facilities, admirably suited to the work of a Bible school. The students eat their meals at the school, the food being prepared in the kitchen facilities of the church. Rooms for the students are found in private homes of the city.

This project is an undertaking of the Ontario Conference of M. B. churches. The Board of the school, having come for the evening program, met for a period in the afternoon. It is composed of elected representatives from the supporting churches.

### Bethel College To Give "Schiller Abend"

The German Language Department at Bethel College will present a "Schiller Abend" Nov. 10, in observance of the bicentennial anniversary of Schiller's birth.

A dramatization of Wilhelm Tell with songs and readings all in the German language will use talents of many of the 95 students currently enrolled in various German classes. Professors directing on the program will be Dr. Cornelius Krahn and Dr. Jacob W. Nickel.

### Goshen College

**Goshen, Indiana.** — Britain's famous post-war Prime Minister, Earl "Clement" Attlee, will appear November 12 in the second number of the 1959-60 Goshen College Lecture Music Series. His subject will be "The Future of Europe."

Attlee served Britain as Prime Minister from 1945 to 1951, resigning from the House of Commons in 1955. At this time Queen Elizabeth

conferred upon him an earldom and he has since elected to be known as Earl Attlee.

Author of several books and articles on political affairs, his autobiography, "As It Happened," was published in 1954. He is a man with a pleasant wit and an appreciation of wit in others.

Earl Attlee was Prime Minister of Britain during the crucial years following World War II. During this period his government gave India, Burma and Ceylon their independence among other significant developments.

His present tour marks his first visit to the United States since 1952. He is undertaking a limited number of public speaking engagements in America this fall.

### Tabor College

#### Concert Band Grows

One of the fastest growing music organizations on the Tabor College campus is the Concert Band directed by Larry Feil, instructor in instrumental music who came to Tabor from Sac City, Iowa, this past September.

At present the band consists of 30 members. "While this is enough for a well balanced nucleus," says Feil, "we are looking forward to a group of at least 40 next year." Several new instruments have been ordered to fill existing gaps.

The band is hard at work in preparation for its first concert in late November. The occasion will mark the first time that a Tabor band has played a full concert, and represents a fine addition to campus music organizations, which were largely vocal groups in the past.

Members of the group make up special small ensembles including a trombone quartet, trumpet trio, and soloists.

#### Fifteen Named To Ensemble

Fifteen students have been selected to membership in this year's Singing Ensemble, a choral group directed by Prof. Larry Feil. This group, together with the larger college choir, represent the major vocal groups on the campus. Both will be heard in programs in the churches throughout the school year.

#### Evangelists Visit Campus

Recent visitors at Tabor were the Janz Brothers evangelistic team from Canada, presently on furlough from their work in West Germany, where they are engaged in religious broadcast work and in evangelism.

Speaking to a chapel audience about their work, they stressed the importance of laymen's movements. "The greatest hope of the Church in Europe is the trained layman. It is he who must supplement the work of the pastor if the Church is to be revitalized," said the speaker.

### Hesston College

Famous Boys' Choir Coming to Hesston

The Little Singers of Paris, who bring to this country a reputation as France's best loved choral group, will offer a concert in the Hesston College Hess Memorial Hall on Nov. 13.

Currently touring America for the eighth time, the Little Singers are famous the world over for their performance of great sacred music—Gregorian chants, 15th century French church music, Palestrinian masterpieces and contemporary religious works. They also sing Christmas carols of many nations.

Each song is rendered in its original language. Thus, these youngsters, who range in age from 10 to 16, sing in twenty different languages besides their native French.

### Gratefulness to God

**Foam Lake, Sask.** — The annual Thanksgiving and Mission Festival was observed in the Foam Lake M. B. Church on Sunday, October 11 with the regular service in the morning by Rev. J. H. Kehler, speaking on I Samuel 11. He remarked that he couldn't remember a Thanksgiving such as this when much of the crop is under a heavy blanket of snow and unless God intervenes there is not much prospect of harvesting it. However, we have many material and spiritual blessings to be thankful for in a country such as this.

The ladies served dinner in the basement. Many came from Parkerville in spite of snow and unfavorable road conditions.

The afternoon program was brought by a quartet from Spring-side, Sask., with Rev. B. Milner as speaker. The opening Scripture was read from Acts 20: 17-27, by one of the group, followed by prayer. The men's quartet sang several special numbers during the service.

Rev. Milner based his missionary theme on Acts 21:13, 20-27. "I am ready." Ready for what? The first step a disciple must be ready to take is to be "ready to go"; the second is being "ready to suffer." Missionaries suffer many hardships and trials such as "The Small One," a lady missionary of China who led 200 orphans out of the war zone over mountains and rivers to safety. Many daily hardships are encountered in missionary life, doing without many material things in order to preach the gospel.

The third step is, being "ready to die" serving the Lord. Examples of this are the five martyrs, who gave their lives reaching the Auca tribe in Ecuador, also the new tribe reached recently in New Guinea. Known to be fierce headhunters, yet missionaries were willing to go, suffer and die if need be to bring them the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Thanks from Buckingham to Mennonite Grandmother

Kitchener, Ont. — Mrs. Aaron Weber of Rural Route 4, Elmira, Ontario, who with her husband retired from farming eleven years ago, has been spending much of her time writing poetry for which she has gained considerable recognition. She has written approximately 700 verses, most of which can be set to music.

While she has not received much remuneration for her work, she has nevertheless brought comfort to many who have read her poems in the three volumes she has published under the titles "Unto the Hills," "Beside the Still Waters" and "Pictures of Memory and Bible Gems."

Among the verses she penned are those dealing with the opening of Parliament by Queen Elizabeth, Princess Margaret's visit to Canada and the Queen's appearance in Kitchener. For the Queen Mother's visit, she sent a poem written during the Royal Tour in 1939 and has received letters of thanks from Buckingham Palace and from Clarence House.

She is a member of the Elmira Mennonite church and belongs to the Sewing Circle. She is the daughter of the late Thomas Reesor, one of the Old Mennonite ministers who played a principle part in the coming of the Mennonites from Europe in the early 1920's.

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The grant will make possible the continuation of a research project begun by Dr. Smucker several years ago under a Research Corporation award. It will be used to purchase equipment and for part-time salary, permitting his release from some teaching duties.

The research is directed toward isolating an enzyme, maltase, for the first time. This substance, found in the intestine of human beings and animals, plays an important part in the digestive process.

### On the Horizon

November 6 and 7. — Manitoba M.B. Preachers and Deacons Conference in the Elmwood M.B. church, instead of at Newton Siding as announced before.

November 7. — South Saskatchewan M.B. Preachers and Deacons Conference to be held in Kelstern M.B. church.

November 7. — A meeting of representatives of the Ontario M.B.

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churches to be held in the Port Rowan M.B. church.

November 8. — Mennonite Teachers' Fellowship Meeting, to be held at North Kildonan M.B. church.

November 8. — Conference Peace Sunday.

November 14. — Alberta M.B. Preachers and Deacons Conference to be held in the Linden M.B. church.

November 21. — Beginning of Vancouver M.B. Youth Rally.

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