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New Congo Bible School Facilities Dedicated



Dedicated on January 31, 1960, were eight duplexes which provide housing for 16 married couples attending our Congo Bible school at Kafumba.

The staff of the Kafumba Bible School praises God and gives thanks to Him for you who have made these lovely duplexes of permanent material possible for the married families of the school. The eight houses include: four with four rooms (two rooms each for a small family) and four with six rooms (three rooms each for a larger family).

When we realized that the mud and pole buildings were not safe, any more and would soon have to be replaced, prayers went up to God in behalf of new permanent buildings. God heard our prayers and we can say: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."

Ground-breaking ceremonies took place in June, 1959. The buildings were completed in the beginning of 1960 and were dedicated to God on January 31, 1960. Praise God for answered prayer.

Pray for the students here, representing all of our six stations and others from neighboring missions, studying the Word of God. Pray for those who have completed the three-year course and are now serving the Lord. Most of them are serving as leaders at our regional church posts; others as teachers, and still a few others who have taken up manual work. When the students leave the school, we are reminded of the words in Luke 10:3:

"I send you forth as lambs among wolves." Your prayers are needed for this great ministry.

The Irvin L. Friesens
(Dinuba, Calif.)

Following is a literal translation of a letter of thanks for the new apartments from the students of the Kafumba Bible school:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

Thanks be to God and to you who are not refusing to help in the work of the Lord.

For a long time we have seen much pain in building and rebuilding again and again houses of red dirt and grass. Now we will not have to build again. Thanks to God! Thanks to God who put compassion in the hearts of His servants and you have built us very, very, very expensive buildings like these.

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks to you! Your help will not be forgotten by us, and when we look at these houses we will remember your names, and God will not forget that which you have done for us.

II Cor. 9:6: "He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." May the Lord bless you.

Students of the Bible school

Board of General Welfare

The annual, short-term Mennonite Brethren Bible school at Bage, Brazil, began on March 2 with an enrollment of approximately 30 students in four classes. Brother John Wall is serving as principal and teacher. Other teachers are Brother Johann Janzen of the Bage colony and Brother Peter Klassen

Sr., Fernheim, Paraguay, who has been able to join the school staff since Sister Klassen's health improved remarkably. Extra assistance is being provided by the Board for the operation of the Bible school because of another very limited harvest.

A total of 63 used telephones have



Brethren Ed Winter and M. A. Kroeker look over phones contributed at Hillsboro for shipment to Paraguay.

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

I Cor. 2:2

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been contributed by persons in the Hillsboro community for our Mennonite folks in Paraguay. These box-type phones became available when Hillsboro switched to a dial system late in 1959. The project was under the leadership of Brother M. A. Kroeker representing the Mennonite Brethren, and Brother Esko Loewen, representing the General Conference Mennonite Churches of the community. The phones were brought together and crated in the basement of the old building of the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church. On March 7 they were picked up by the MCC relief truck for shipment to an east coast port. The US government will provide ocean transportation and the Paraguayan government will allow the phones to enter duty-free.

Also enroute to Paraguay are several used pianos from Kansas. Several local parties made pianos available at moderate prices. The Board of General Welfare purchased them for the use of Mennonite colony schools, and the U.S. government will also provide ocean transportation for the pianos.

Brother and Sister John Wall, workers in South America from Kitchener, Ont., have consented to extend their present term of service until the early fall of 1961. The Board of General Welfare asked them to extend their stay to help meet the shortage of workers in our South American churches.

Brother and Sister Frank Peters and family, Winnipeg, have arrived safely and in good health in Monte-
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Home-Going of Rev. G. P. Regehr

Los Angeles, Calif. — Rev. G. P. Regehr, 93, went home to be with the Lord on March 14. His death occurred in Los Angeles, Calif. The funeral service was held from the M. B. church at Yarrow, B.C.

In Russia, Rev. Regehr resided at Nikopol, and in the twenties he came to America. Here he lived first in Mountain Lake, then in Minneapolis, then in Seattle and finally in Los Angeles, where he stayed with his daughter.

Rev. Regehr has left to mourn two daughters, three sons, and many relatives and friends. Mr. Jacob Regehr, owner of a printing press at North Kildonan, Man., attended the funeral of his father.

EDITORIAL

Dedication Address — MBCI Auditorium, Winnipeg

By Rev. Frank C. Peters (Printed upon special request)

Psalm 118:23-25; I Cor. 10:31

The church must always evaluate all its expenditures in the light of its mission. To invest approximately \$140,000.00 in such a project as this without the conviction that this money has been applied well, would be a sad commentary on our sense of stewardship. Need is always relative. One need must be judged in comparison with other needs, which might be even more pressing at this time. Each activity, though quite legitimate in itself, must still be evaluated in the light of what other activity it has possibly replaced.

The mandate of our church is to evangelize and bring men and women to Jesus Christ. The process of evangelism, however, requires well-trained witnesses, who "are able to teach others also." Teaching, then, is an important phase of our task as a church. Teaching is the means by which the present generation interprets the past in order to give direction for the future. The teacher, then, is the link between the past and the future and his mission is prophetic.

Our purpose today is to dedicate this gymnasium-auditorium to the glory of God. Before we do this we should spend a few minutes considering the justification of this act of dedication. Would we be justified in dedicating this building to God, if we were not convinced that the building itself had a place in the program of the kingdom of God?

It would seem to me that our being here today testifies to three basic convictions, which we, as a church, would want to witness to. These convictions, however, should be examined from time to time as to their validity. Allow me to present these basic premises for your consideration.

I. Our Philosophy of Education

A

We believe that we should prepare the student for life, for his life. "Education is the creation of useful changes which enable the individual to deal with life more effectively. Education is the apprenticeship of life."

There are some truths which we believe are basic for the life which our children face and without which we feel they would be inadequately prepared. Life is more than making a living. Fundamental to all adjustment is the "search for meaning," as Victor Frankl has called it. It takes more than mathematics, chemistry and history to lay a foundation in a person's life, which foundation will enable him to see meaning in his life. It is Christ, Who gives life its purpose and direction. "I am come," says Jesus, "that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Closely related to a meaningful life is the matter of values. It is so important to love the right things which are abiding and will not some day evaporate before our eyes, leaving us with nothing more than an empty, hollow feeling. John writes: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world . . . the world passeth away, . . . but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

B

We believe that we should integrate our Bible studies with the other studies necessary for life. The matter of compartmentalization in education is not a novel theme. Many have decried the almost unrealistic segmentation found in our presentation of knowledge. Certainly, for practical reasons alone, a certain division of labour in teaching is almost unavoidable. However, we dare not let our Bible teaching be an appendage to a program of studies otherwise entirely unrelated to our faith. This calls for a school where each teacher is a Christian and has a Christian point of view. The teacher makes the atmosphere Christian; it is not the subject matter alone which assures us the desired results.

We always face the danger of a dualistic ethic where our behaviour varies as the surroundings. We have a code of life for the church and another code for our everyday life. "Holiness is wholeness," says one writer, and Paul admonishes us that our "whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless." Such "wholeness" could come, in part, from a program of studies in which the entire curriculum is permeated by the Christian point of view. Christ is made relevant to all of life.

Many of the students will be keenly interested in chemistry because they hope to go into medicine. Why should the chemistry teacher be a Christian? This would in no way balance the equations in a different way. This would not change weights and measures? The teacher's Christian view of life will certainly influence the student's plans for the use of his chemistry. It can be used for the glory of God.

"The great end of education is to discipline rather than to furnish the mind; to train it to the use of its own powers, rather than fill it with accumulations of others." Ruskin has put it this way: "Education does not mean teaching people to know what they do not know, it means teaching them to behave as they do not behave." In order to do this, the Bible must exert its influence, through the teacher, on every phase of life in the school.

C

We believe that we should integrate the student into the group of which he is a part. It is probably correct that could be achieved at other levels and probably is being done by other agencies such as the youth program of the church, summer camps, and youth conferences. However, no institution can accomplish this objective as effectively as the day school.

Each person, in order to properly accept himself, must know who he is. "Nothing is really known, until it is known historically." We believe that in a free society such as ours there is a place for ethnic distinctiveness. We also believe that such distinctiveness does not necessarily militate against the loyalties which we should have toward the larger groups of which we are a part. To put it simply and clearly let me state it thus: It is possible to be a loyal Mennonite and also a loyal Canadian. The two are not mutually exclusive.

It would seem to me that loyalty to a smaller segment of society which does not stand in opposition to the larger group could actually make for greater loyalty to the larger group. As an illustration of this I would point to our interdenominational projects. Without exception, they tend to seek their support with those who are already loyal to a specific church. Although they seek the wider support, they must still solicit it in the denominations.

Our people have a contribution to make to our society, which, under God, we want to make as a group. In order to give a united witness, our children must become part of the group first.

(To be continued in next issue.)

DEVOTIONAL

The Mennonite Observer

By Rev. D. B. Wiens

Vancouver, B.C.

To observe means "to look at with attention." We therefore conclude that the Mennonite Observer is a paper which looks at the world with keen attention, and since it is the "Mennonite" Observer, it looks with particular attention at the Mennonite world. This the editor cannot do alone, and therefore he solicits the help of his readers. Now, since he has asked me to help him to observe, let me share with you some of the things which this Mennonite observer has observed.

The Mennonite (Brethren Church is observing its 100th anniversary. As we trace the pages of our short M. B. history, we are driven to observe, with keen interest, our present day M. B. Church. And as we carefully observe, what do we find?

I have observed, and no doubt many of you with me, that we in the M. B. churches are well versed in Biblical language. The fine points of terminology of our Christian language have reached an all-time high. We have the know-how of the doctrine of salvation. It must be by the blood of the Lord

"Accept Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour and Lord," are oft-repeated and well-worn phrases. Jesus Christ. "Repent and believe,"

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The MENNONITE OBSERVER
strives to have Christ at the helm,
the salvation of man as its goal,
and the essential unity of all true
Mennonites as its guiding principle.

Surely, we would never be caught with the Shibboleth of the Ephraimite. When the Ephraimite was asked by the Gileadite to say Shibboleth, he said, Sibboleth, "for he could not frame to pronounce it right" (Judges 12:6). We know our test and watchwords all too well! Our pronouncement of doctrine in the Mennonite Brethren Church today is good, very good, perhaps much better than that of our forefathers 100 years ago. We have no difficulty with the Shibboleth. But!—and this is what I have observed—not our pronouncement, but our practice is sadly lacking. We know the doctrine of repentance, but we ourselves fail to repent; saved by grace through faith is a well-familiar expression with young and old, but there is so little evidence of that grace and of the faith in our lives; we harp on the imperative of the new birth, but are we truly born again ourselves; we speak so glibly about full surrender, while the self-life was never as evident in the M. B. Church as it is today; we know all about the best methods of winning souls to Christ, but we are not winning them as we ought to, not even our own children; we speak of separation from the world, and in many cases we lead the van in worldliness; we condemn the theatre, but the TV antennae on our modern homes belie our convictions; we have the Shibboleth, but where, oh where do we stand in our practical everyday Christian living?

Furthermore, I have observed with great alarm that at this very turn of "our" century we are gradually giving way in the convictions which were so near and dear to the hearts of our fathers. According to the teachings of our fathers, a person who wanted to join the Mennonite Brethren Church had to come by the way of the cross, through death to self and sin, unto a life in Christ Jesus. This experience of death and life was shown forth in baptism by immersion, God's perfect picture of death, burial and resurrection. It is most significant that exactly at the turn of the century some of our brethren are beginning to waver on this important point. Are we seeking recognition by our sister denominations? Are we after their members? Have we lost out spiritually and cannot keep our own members? Surely the solution is not in widening the gate into the church! We are afraid to be called the narrow-minded folk. We do not care for the absolute: Thus saith the Lord! Tolerance is the slogan of our day. And it is "Toleranz zum Tode!" With all due respect to other denominations, let us hold forth the Word of Truth as God has revealed it unto us.

Of late we have been bombarded by press and radio with the subject of abolishing the death penalty, one of God's means of deterring crime. It would seem that we have become softer than God Him-

self. When the creature becomes more "loving" than the Creator you have a sure sign that deterioration has set in. The next item on the program of tolerance, as this Mennonite observer sees it, will be the abolishing of the eternal death penalty of God for the wicked. Surely, a loving God will not send His creatures to that awful place called hell, the place of eternal punishment, of gnashing of teeth and of tears. Many there are, who, on this very point have become softer than God Himself. Can we have the love of Christ in our hearts and condone the abolition of the death penalty? Let me answer with another question: Can God, Who is Absolute Love, condone eternal punishment of the wicked? Think this

matter through soberly. God has appointed the death penalty for the wicked (Romans 13:3-4). Let us not trifle with God's government of the nations. Let us beware of the "soft shoulder" on the Christian highway, for it will lead us into the ditch of destruction!

Summing up, I would like to pose the question: Have we fallen under the judgment of Christ which He pronounced over the scribes and Pharisees, when He spoke of them to the multitudes, "All, therefore, whatsoever they (the Mennonite Brethren?) bid you to observe, that observe and do; for they say (their Shibboleth is good) and do not"? God forbid! Lord, help us, the Mennonite Brethren, to be doers of Thy Word and not hearers only!

South American Churches Meet for Ninth Conference



Delegates to the ninth conference of the Mennonite Brethren Churches of South America. Seated, left to right, conference officers and guests: Tobias Foth, assistant moderator; B. J. Braun; Gerhard Balzer, moderator; J. B. Toews; H. B. Friesen, treasurer. North Americans among the delegates: H. C. Born, standing behind Tobias Foth and B. J. Braun; Erven Thiesen, face just above H. C. Born; John Wall, fourth from right.



Seated at the table, left to right: H. B. Friesen, secretary; Hans Wiens, assistant secretary; Peter Friesen, assistant secretary; Gerhard Giesbrecht and John Wall, resolutions committee; Andreas Balzer, newly-elected secretary.



Jubilee Sunday participants at the dining hall on the grounds of the Xaxim church.

By H. C. Born

Nestled among luscious grass fields and patches of native pine trees, about eight miles southeast of the Brazilian metropolis of Curi-

tiba (population 500,000), lies Guarituba—host church for the ninth conference of the Mennonite Brethren Churches of South America.

Since its official inception twelve

years ago, the conference has shown steady growth in size and organization. This ninth conference was a highlight in both respects. Membership in the conference now stands at 2,136 (not including the members of the national churches on the mission fields)—an increase of 21 per cent during the past two years. There are 13 fully-organized churches in the countries of Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

The work of the conference has reached the proportions where better organization and distribution of responsibilities became indispensable. Home missions, education, Sunday schools, music and youth work each now have a conference committee. Besides these, a board of trustees and a constitution committee were elected. This should certainly facilitate our conference efforts.

The conference executive consists of: Gerhard Balzer, Fernheim, moderator; Tobias Foth, El Ombu, assistant moderator; Andrew Balzer, Fernheim, secretary; H. B. Friesen, Fernheim, treasurer.

Highly-valued contributions to the conference were the messages given by the Brethren B. J. Braun and J. B. Toews on "Foundational Principles of the Apostolic Church."

A major concern was the care of those who follow the general urbanization trend into cities where there are no organized churches.

Fellowship at the Lord's Supper was a memorable event. The many participants who had come overflowed the church. Under tears of confession and joy the bread and wine were partaken of. The realization was forcefully conveyed to each one, that we are a brotherhood which seeks to take the Bible and the Holy Spirit as our guide, and to fulfill the world-embracing ministry that the Lord has entrusted to us.

Hesston College

New Staff Room

Hesston, Kans. — The transformation of the dungeon-like room in the basement of the Administration Building into a pleasant, relaxing staff room has now been completed. Teachers and staff donated funds and labor for the alterations. On Sunday afternoon, March 6, the faculty social committee served an open-house tea to teachers, staff and their wives.

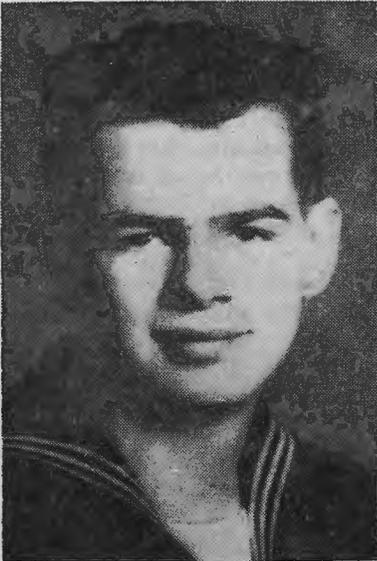
To Name Dormitory

The dormitory naming contest for which all full-time students are eligible reached its climax during the week of February 29 to March 5. From the names presented a faculty committee was to choose five and award the donors each \$3.00. The names were to be sent to the Board of Education and the final winner was to receive \$10.00.

No problem is too great for God's power or too slight for His love.

Faith is spiritual life in action.

Stabbed to Death



San Jose, Calif. — Hans C. Thiessen, 22, son of Nikolai Thiessen, San Jose Court, San Luis Obispo, California, was stabbed to death by a patient at the Atascadero Mental Institution in California.

Mr. Thiessen was attending a college and in the evenings he was serving in the said institution. He and four other staff members were to transfer a patient from one ward to another. The patient, against whom there was a three-fold murder charge, was in the institution for observation. Suddenly the criminal patient laid hold of a sharp table knife, stabbed Thiessen to death and injured the other four staff members.

The funeral service was held from the Willow Creek Mennonite Church, Calif. Rev. J. R. Duerksen served with a message.

Mr. Thiessen has left to mourn his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nikolai Thiessen, three sisters and two brothers. His brother, Walter, was stabbed to death in the park of his native town in 1955.

Death of J. F. Klassen

Matsqui, B.C. — Funeral services were held for John F. Klassen of Matsqui, B.C., on March 17 in the Matsqui M. B. church. Rev. H. Neufeldt officiated and was assisted by Rev. G. Thielman of Chilliwack and Rev. A. Rempel of Abbotsford.

Brother Klassen was born on October 29, 1901, in Southern Russia. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Klassen. At the age of 17 he was saved and upon confession of his faith was baptized and received as a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church. He was a firm believer in Christian principles. Brother Klassen served the local church as leader for some time.

In 1923 he was married to Maria Braun, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Isaak Braun. The young couple with their infant daughter came to Canada in 1926. In October, 1927, his first wife died. Then in 1928 Brother Klassen married Maria Martens, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Martens. This marriage was blessed with three daughters and two sons.

Brother Klassen's health had been failing for some time. On March 14 he passed away quietly in the MSA Hospital.

He leaves to mourn his wife, 4 daughters, 3 sons-in-law, 10 grandchildren, 1 brother in Saskatchewan and 5 sisters in Russia.

Activities at the Herbert M. B. Church

Herbert, Sask. — "Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever" (Psalm 106:1). We can truly testify to this fact and we praise God for His enduring mercy.

The women of several of the churches of the Herbert district assembled in the Herbert M. B. church on March 4 at 7:30 p.m. to observe the Women's World Day of Prayer. It is a unique thought that thousands of women the world over, regardless of color, language or race join together for the purpose of prayer and with the same object of prayer. Surely God will honor such a prayer meeting.

On Sunday morning of March 6, we had the privilege of having visitors in our midst. A group from the Hepburn Bible School, consisting of a choir of about 40 voices with several of the teachers served us. Rev. J. H. Epp spoke on Heb. 9:11-22, stressing the fact that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. The choir sang appropriate songs. This group visited a number of other churches of southern Saskatchewan.

March 13 was missionary day for the Junior Ladies of the Herbert Church. In the evening of this day these ladies brought a missionary program consisting of missionary songs and a play depicting the great need of workers in the various heathen lands of the world. It presented a challenge to go out and answer the call of the Lord, to serve Him where He would use us. The command of Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," still holds true today. After the play, Mrs. A. Brown, missionary on furlough from Africa, gave a brief talk on Luke 10:25-37. Here again we were challenged to help those who are in need. There is still much suffering, much ignorance, and much work to be done.

Quite a large group had assembled for this evening and the Lord spoke to us. After the program, lunch was served in the church basement.

Virgil Group Visits Port Rowan

Port Rowan, Ont. — Sunday evening, March 20, the Virgil M. B. male choir, under the direction of Mr. Rudy Bartel, visited the M. B. Church at Port Rowan. The theme for the program was, "What Shall I Do With Christ?"

The Scripture reading was taken

from Matt. 27:11-25. Rev. David Neumann also spoke on this portion, stressing especially verse 22.

God's Word was made dear to us by the singing of the choir and a ladies' trio, consisting of wives of some of the choir members. The children enjoyed a story told by Mrs. Olga Janzen.

The evening turned out to be one of particular blessing. We definitely felt our own personal need to follow Christ more closely.

Mrs. Linda Penner

Three Highlights in Regina

Regina, Sask. — The Regina M. B. Church experienced three highlights lately. The first of these was the Bible conference at which Rev. N. Janz and Rev. J. J. Thiessen of Herbert ministered to us. Repentance, Faith, and Prayer, as found in the book of James, were some of the topics considered.

The second highlight was the young people's program, presented the first Sunday in March. This was in the form of a missionary biography on the life of Doctor Katharina Schellenberg. Both the readings and the many fitting special musical numbers challenged us to yield our life completely, as Doctor Schellenberg did, to the service of God.

The other special event was the program rendered by the students of Bethany Bible School on March 11. The 18-voice choir under the direction of Mr. J. K. Schroeder is to be congratulated on the splendid rendition and choice of songs. Included in the program were "The Lord Is My Shepherd," "The Lord's Prayer," "How Great Thou Art" and many others. Information on the school, which is sometimes an uninspiring part of the program, was given in the form of a skit with various students making inquiries about the school from the "principal." Rev. C. Braun concluded the program with a very brief and challenging message on "Choosing God's Best."

Frieda Neufeld

Tabor College

Tabor Choir on Western Tour During Easter Holidays

The 42-voice Tabor College Choir, currently in its 35th concert season, will leave Hillsboro on April 9 for a 13-day tour which will see them appearing in churches and schools in Colorado and California.

The choir, in its twenty-fifth year under the direction of Professor Herbert C. Richert, has been carefully selected from a large number of auditions and includes several smaller vocal ensembles in its membership. Two juniors, Perry Klaassen, Weatherford, Okla., and Suzanne Siemens, Buhler, Kans., will serve as speakers for the group.

Tabor Ensemble to Appear in South Dakota, Nebraska Churches

The Singing Ensemble of Tabor College, a 14-voice group under the baton of Professor Larry Feil, will be heard in a series of sacred concerts in churches and schools in South Dakota and Nebraska during the Easter vacation. Professor Walter F. Kleinsasser, instructor in sociology, will travel with the group as speaker. Also included in the group are a trumpet trio, cornet and flute soloists, and several vocal soloists.

WEDDINGS

Warkentin—Martens

Miss Helen Martens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jakob Martens, Aldergrove, B.C., and Mr. Albert Warkentin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jakob Warkentin, Clearbrook, B.C., were married in the East Aldergrove M. B. church on March 19, 1960.

Rev. Herman Voth officiated, assisted by Rev. A. H. Wieler. The "Wedding Prayer" was sung by Mr. Stochans, a relative of the groom. The pianist was the groom's sister, Mrs. Herb Jantz. Guests had come from Alberta, Prince George, Vancouver and many other parts of this province. Friends of the couple served at the reception.

Loewen—Suderman

Miss Marina Loewen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Loewen of Matsqui, B.C., and Mr. Henry Suderman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Suderman, also of Matsqui, were married on March 18 in the Matsqui M. B. church. Rev. H. Neufeldt officiated, assisted by Rev. Nick Dyck of McConnell Creek, B.C.

The bridesmaids were Arlene Loewen, sister of the bride, and Ruth Suderman, sister of the groom. John Suderman, brother of the groom, and Victor Neufeldt were best men. Frank Quiring and Ernest Loewen were ushers for this occasion. The church was gaily decorated. A reception followed in the basement of the church.

The young couple will reside in Vancouver, B.C., where the bride is working in an office and the groom is completing a course in electronics.



Mrs. P. D. Engbrecht †
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FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Furloughs and Returns

Furloughs for the following missionaries during 1960 were approved by the Board of Foreign Missions at its recent winter meeting: Belgian Congo—Ivan Elrichs, Abe Esaus, John Esaus, Irvin Friesens, John B. Kliewers, Harold Krugers, Sarah Peters, Clyde Shannons, Arthur Wiebes; Colombia—Ernest Friesens, Martha Kroeker; Ecuador, HCJB—Hugo Jantzes; India—G. J. Froeses, Helen Harder, Emma Lepp, Katie Siemens, Rosella Toews.

The return of the following missionaries to the fields during 1960 was also approved by the Board of Foreign Missions: Belgian Congo—George Fauls, Arlene Gerdes, Martha Janzen, Benjamin Klassens, Mary Toews, Katheryn Willems; Ecuador—David Nightingales, Sally Schroeder; Europe—H. H. Janzens, Abr. J. Neufelds; India—Anne Ediger, Henry Poetkers; Japan—Sam Krauses; Mexico—Dan Petkers.

Belgian Congo

The administrative committee of our Belgian Congo missionary staff will meet during the week preceding Easter to regulate various details of the missionary program. Let us continue to pray in a special way for our missionaries and brethren and sisters in Africa as the Congo moves toward independence during these months. The importance and seriousness of current developments in the Congo are reflected in the following report of our brethren who visited various mission stations enroute to the meeting of the Congo Protestant Council.

Our brethren making the study trip to the CPC meeting included William G. Baerg, Ernest Dyck, Irvin Friesen, Jean Kioma, Arnold Prieb and Vernon Vogt. Leaving Kafumba on February 5, they visited the fields and work of seven mission societies. They found it most profitable to learn of the current responses and approaches of the various missions. The general trend of most missions is integration of the mission and church. One elderly missionary told them that unless missionaries are willing to turn over responsibilities to the Congolese, their services may come to a sudden end; and if they do, the missionaries may be able to continue as counselors.

Our brethren also report that the national spirit of independence is much in evidence in the church. The spirit of and desire for independence seem to be growing daily. In the CPC sessions, the Congolese Christians indicated they desired to continue working with missionaries, yet at the same time expressed their desire to govern not only the

church but also all missionary activity. While speaking for autonomy and independence, they have been careful not to separate themselves from foreign subsidy. A missionary spoke briefly on Biblical principles relating to church autonomy. When he said that autonomy meant eventual self-support, the meeting nearly broke up. Our missionary brethren expressed the wish that God will help them to be ready to permit the Congo church and its members to increase and they to decrease.

The Congo Protestant Council will have a Congolese chairman next year and a Congoman has been elected who will eventually assume the general secretaryship of the Council. The integration of Congolese churches into the Council was also considered at the meeting held February 21 to 28 at Kumbya in Ruanda Urundi.

Sister Kathryn Willems submitted to surgery in a Wichita hospital in February. Let us pray that she may have an early and complete recovery so she may return to the Belgian Congo this summer.

Sister Arlene Gerdes is taking a three-month course in Chicago to perfect her professional training as a nurse for further missionary service in the Congo. She is specializing in anesthesia.

The Mennonite Brethren Nurses Fellowship of Winnipeg has instituted a 10-day vacation for missionary nurses on furlough. The first beneficiary was Sister Arlene Gerdes, missionary nurse on furlough from the Belgian Congo. In January she spent 10 days in Winnipeg with her colleagues in the profession as her hosts. Mennonite Brethren nurses in the greater Winnipeg area are estimated at 75.

Mexico

Brother I. M. Alaniz writes that revival services are to be held at Piedras Niegas, Mexico, during Passion week. Let us intercede that many may respond to the call of the Lord during those days.

The small group of believers at San Miguel, Mexico, has purchased a lot on which to erect a church building. This action is indeed a commendable one for this small group of folks whose income is limited. In line with Board of Foreign Missions policies, this church will be assisted in its building program with the understanding that it provide a share of the costs. Brother and Sister Alfredo Villarreal have recently been joined in the work at San Miguel by Brother and Sister Herman Contreras.

Paraguay

Brother J. H. Franz reports from Paraguay that on February 27 there was another large baptismal service at Yalve Sanga at which time 51 Lengua Indians were baptized upon the confession of their faith. At Lengua Iputa a baptismal service was to be held on March 13. Praise is due unto God for the fruit

of the gospel among these Indians of the Paraguayan Chaco. Later, perhaps during the month of May, there will also be a baptismal service among the Chulupies among whom the J. H. Franzes, Gerhard Heins, and Walter Rennerts are working.

Another item of thanksgiving is the recent written authorization from the government of Paraguay to operate the school for Paraguayan children in the Chaco. Forty students have been accepted for the school year which is to begin in March for its second year of operation. Teacher Abram Klassen will again be the main member on the staff to be assisted by one or two other teachers.

India

From India comes the good news that the Paul G. Hieberts arrived at Bombay on February 26. They report that the weather was very favorable along the whole trip, but that Sister Hiebert and little Barbara became ill along the way. They received the first medical help from a doctor while in port at Karachi. Both cases were diagnosed as amoebic dysentery. In the American hospital in Karachi, Sister Hiebert and the baby were given strong doses of antibiotics so that by the next day they were again able to board the ship and continue their journey to Bombay. Because of some time required to see the various items of equipment through customs, Brother Hiebert sent his family ahead to Hyderabad by plane where they were met by P. V. Balzers. Brother Hiebert followed them by train after the baggage had all been taken care of. We're thankful that the Lord protected them on the way and that they are now safely in India and among the people to whom the Lord has called them.

Sister Anne Ediger, on furlough from India, has enrolled in Tabor College for the spring semester to complete her A.B. degree before returning to the field.

Brother and Sister Henry Poetker, on furlough from India, are attending Wheaton College, where he is majoring in Christian education.

Brother Henry G. Krahn reports that the Lord has provided the necessary equipment for a radio ministry in India. A number of programs with messages on salvation have been prepared. Approximately 40 person from different parts of India and a Telegu in Indonesia have responded.

Europe

German Bible work and commentaries, such as Lange and Daecksel's Bibelwerk, can be used to good advantage in our churches in Europe. Persons interested in contributing such books for this purpose should first correspond with the Board of Foreign Missions Office, 315 South Lincoln, Hillsboro, Kans., before sending them.

Brother and Sister H. H. Janzen are scheduled to sail from New York early in April to return to their evangelistic and Bible-teaching ministry in the countries of western Europe. The Janzens will again have their headquarters in Basel, Switzerland. Let us pray that the Lord will grant the Janzens health and protection and another fruitful term of service.

Quito and Colombia

Sister Sally Schroeder was to fly from Miami, Florida, on March 15 for Quito, Ecuador, where she is re-entering missionary service in HCJB's German department. On furlough since last September, Sister Schroeder has spent these months with her family at Steinbach, Man., in deputation work and in study at the Bible College in Winnipeg. Our prayers in behalf of her ministry at HCJB will be appreciated.

In Colombia our mission has begun a Bible school program to prepare believers for Christian service. The beginning enrollment is 10 students. The school is to be developed into a three-year program with the second and third year levels to be added in succeeding years. Present instructors are Brother and Sister Wilmer Quiring and Sister Annie Dyck. Other instructors will be added to the staff as the school program is enlarged. The school is being conducted in facilities arranged for this purpose in the new property in Cali. In addition, separate kitchen-dining hall facilities have been erected for the school.

Four of the 10 students in the Bible school in Cali are from the Choco. Among them is Jose Antonio Mosquera who wrote to Brother Vernon A. Reimer expressing his joy for the privilege of attending the school: "I consider myself one of the most privileged regarding studies which are being developed from the Holy Text. I didn't believe I would participate in these marvels of the Word of God, but thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through His son Jesus Christ. Especially now I desire to prepare myself well and worthy for the work. It is my desire before God that your work may grow in the Choco. I pray to God constantly that He may help you, giving you the necessary wisdom for His work. The work of God needs courageous persons to carry the good news to the lost souls. Now then, I want to prepare myself well, spiritually and intellectually, in order to carry the standard of life to many people who don't know Him. These the my desires, and I covet your prayers, that I may fulfill this purpose."

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Trouble with a skeleton in the closet is that it does not stay there.

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Tact is the ability to shut your mouth before someone else wants to.



THE Young Observers



Let's Visit a Minute

Hello, Boys and Girls,

Today I want to visit with all my little friends! How are you keeping? Are you also having happy days at work and play?

Do you ever think of it how much the Lord God loves YOU? I just had to think of all our little friends the other morning. Jimmy brought in a frozen sparrow. The night had been too cold for the little thing, and he was dead cold! Now the Bible says, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." Mind you, God's Word tells us that God has His eyes upon the sparrow and not one of them shall fall without Him knowing and caring about it. Here was a dead bird. God knew it had died. And God cared about that little thing! Then I thought how much more precious a boy and a girl are to the Lord God! I just had to tell you of this wonderful care and love He has for YOU.

There might be times when you are feeling lonely. Do you ever think nobody loves you? Well, God says that to Him you are far more precious than all the sparrows! And so I want to share again the little song we all love so well:

God sees the little sparrows fall, it meets His tender view;
If God so loves the little birds, I know He loves me too!
He loves me too, He loves me too, I know He loves me too;
If God so loves the little things, I know He loves me too!

Now, good-bye, little friends of mine. Remember you are very precious to your Lord God, even if you are only a little boy or a little girl!

Love, Aunt Anne

Marilyn's Surprise

It was at the tiny table in the new breakfast nook that it happened. Marilyn had eaten her egg and toast, but her milk stood untouched at her plate.

"Drink your milk, dear," said Mother, "and then get ready for school."

Marilyn's dimples disappeared, and a naughty frown came to take their place.

"I don't want any horrid milk," she said stubbornly. "It doesn't taste good."

"Marilyn," said Daddy sternly from across the table, "drink your milk immediately."

Marilyn knew that when Daddy talked to her that way she had to obey. When she was naughty, he didn't talk in his nice, deep, purry voice as he did at bedtime, when he said, "Goodnight, little Puss." No, this was different—she would have to drink that glass of milk!

Slowly she lifted the milk to her lips, drank a tiny sip, made a very wry face, and set it down.

"Marilyn!" said Daddy more sternly than before.

She picked up her glass again. "I wish there wasn't any milk in this whole world!" she cried.

Daddy looked at Mother, and then said quietly, "All right, Mother, we'll not have any more milk until Marilyn wants it."

"I'm so glad, Mother," she said, as she picked up her books and started for school.

When Marilyn came home from

school that night, she ran into her mother's room and found her getting ready to go out and buy the groceries for supper.

"Mother," she said, "can I invite Bertha for supper? She doesn't like milk, either, and she would like to come to our house to eat with me."

"Why, certainly, dear. What would you like to have for your supper?"

"Oh, can I have anything I like? Well, I would like tomato soup and cocoa and toasted cheese sandwiches and French fried potatoes and ice-cream." Then Marilyn ran off to find her little friend Bertha and tell her the good news.

Mother smiled to herself, but said nothing.

When suppertime came, Marilyn and Bertha were seated at the table with their soup plates before them, waiting for the tomato soup. There were two very surprised little girls when it appeared. It didn't look like their favorite soup at all—just tomatoes with water and salt and pepper.

"Why, Mother!" cried Marilyn, "is this really tomato soup?"

"Certainly, Marilyn," answered Mother. "Of course, I couldn't put milk in it, because you don't like milk, you know, and Daddy promised we wouldn't have any more until you wanted it."

Marilyn's face fell. She looked at Bertha, then at her plate of soup. Suddenly she began to laugh.

"O Bertha, isn't it funny—we two saying we didn't like milk? Why, it's awful good in tomato soup."

Then Mother served the cocoa and toasted cheese sandwiches and French fried potatoes. The cocoa had no milk in it, and the sandwiches were just dry toast, for Mother didn't put either butter or cheese in them.

By this time it wasn't funny any more. Cocoa just didn't taste right without milk. It had a queer, bitter taste. Dry toast was hard to eat, too.

When the ice-cream came, the dishes had just a frozen bit of something yellow and sticky in them.

Marilyn looked at her father. "Daddy," she said, "after this I'll drink my milk without fussing—always!"

"All right, Puss—milk for breakfast!—said Daddy in his deep, purry voice.

This and a number of other stories are contained in the booklet, "Fire-side Tales" which can be purchased for 50¢ from

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Forgotten Sled Ride

"Larry, will you help me with these dishes before you go out? I've been baking today and have these pans as well as the lunch dishes."

"Aw, Mom, the fellows are outside waiting for me. We're going sledding over on Saddleback Hill. Can't you get along without me for once?"

"For once? Why Larry, I don't often ask you to do anything for me after school. Tell the boys you'll come later."

"Doing dishes after going to school all day long. I don't see—"

"Never mind, Larry," Mother said softly. "Go on. I don't want you to help if you feel that way."

Quickly Larry left the room and joined his pals in the front yard. Soon they were all speeding down Saddleback Hill on their sleds. Larry forgot all about Mother at home doing all the dishes alone.

The next day was Saturday. Larry did not like Saturday morning. Mother usually had some work for him. How could he get out of it? He wanted to go sledding as often as he could while this first snow was on the ground.

Larry knew the kitchen floor needed to be scrubbed, and the basement needed to be cleaned. But before Mom could give him a job, he was out the door with his sled.

"I'm going sledding. Be back at lunch!" he had called over his shoulder.

As Larry hurried along the road, he suddenly stopped. There was Mr. Ogden, his Sunday school teacher. He was standing beside a grave in the Cedarcrest Cemetery. What could he be doing there?

Larry walked over to him and said, "Hello, Mr. Ogden."

"Oh, hello there, Larry," Mr. Ogden replied. "Say, how old are you?"

"Ten."

"Ten—hmm." Mr. Ogden was thinking. "Larry, this is my mother's grave, and I was just ten when she died."

Larry thought of his own mother. He did not know what he would do without her.

"You must have felt terrible," Larry said.

"Yes, I did. Worse than you think. May I give you a tip?"

"Sure, Mr. Ogden."

"See those flowers?" Mr. Ogden pointed to some bright flowers half buried in the snow. "I put them there. I often put flowers on Mother's grave. But listen, Larry, the time to give your mother flowers is while she is living."

"I've never thought of that. Dad sometimes does."

"That's not all I mean," Mr. Ogden went on. "When I stood by this grave for the first time, I knew Mother had gone to be with Jesus. I was saved, too. But I knew I had not been a good Christian. I cried when I thought of all the unkind things I'd said to Mother. I thought of all the times I'd refused when Mother had asked me to help her. Mother died suddenly. She was sick only two days. And just a few days before, I had sneaked out of the house, leaving her with a lot of work to do. Now Mother is gone and there is nothing I can do for her. So that's why I say give your flowers to Mother while she lives."

Then Mr. Ogden stopped. For a little while no one spoke. Then Larry said, "Thanks for the tip."

Larry turned back home. He had forgotten all about going sledding.

"Hey, Mom. I'm not going sledding. Want me to scrub the kitchen?—Larry had put away his sled. Now he stood in the kitchen.

He waited. There was no answer. He thought of Mr. Ogden. Suppose something had happened to his mother? He rushed upstairs. But she was not there. He looked out the window, and there was Mother talking to Mrs. Henry across the street.

When Mother came home, she found Larry scrubbing the floor. "I thought you went sledding, Larry?"

That day and the days to follow were full of surprises for Larry's mother. He did not grumble when he was told to do something. And often he did jobs without being asked. Mother was so thankful to have such a helpful boy as Larry.

And Larry found it was fun to surprise Mother. He could not think of life without her, so he decided to obey Exodus 20:12 while he could, and honour his father and his mother.

(The Young Soldier, Sky Pilot)

Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

14th Installment)

CHAPTER IX

True to Steve's prediction, Aunt Molly Haley appeared at their door the next morning with the milk. As if eager to get acquainted with them she lingered to chat about the memories she had of Virginia's little-girl days and of the other Martins who had been her friends and neighbors for most of the years of her long life. After that first morning she always sat awhile in the old rocker by the dining-room window, and somehow it became a custom with the girls to bring to her their problems or difficulties. She started Kit on an "Irish chain" quilt. She gave cooking lessons to Virginia, and encouraged Sherry to hunt through the pile of magazines that had accumulated on the table and find material for several different scrapbooks that she was making. She had several other customers on her route, but eventually Sherry took over the other deliveries, so that Aunt Molly could rest longer in the old rocker. In a short time she seemed to be an indispensable part of their lives.

One gray day in December she had spent the morning teaching Virginia the secrets of baking "salt risin' bread." Then she had been persuaded to stay for lunch, and, later, to help Kit with the sweater she was knitting for the dog she hoped to acquire some day. Sherry was arguing with Kit about the impracticability of making a sweater for a non-existent dog.

"Why don't you knit a sweater for yourself? You surely need one more than the little dog that isn't there does. Or knit it for one of your brothers. A man can always use one more sweater."

"There are perfectly good reasons for doing it this way," answered Kit defensively. "This is my first sweater and I don't want to make such a big one. And," looking at it critically, "I don't think Kurt or Jim would wear it. It looks funny in some spots."

"Give it to Steve, then. If you made it, it would be perfect in his eyes."

"I want to make it for my dog. I know I'll have one some day. Mother will buy me all the sweaters I need but I don't think she would buy a dog sweater even for my birthday."

"O.K. Have it your way. When it's done, suppose you'll use it as an argument to prove that you need a dog."

Kit gave a gasp of pleasure. "That's a perfectly splendid idea, Sherry. I hadn't thought of that!"

Sherry laughed and went back to her clipping. In looking for the

articles that Aunt Molly wanted she found so many other things to interest her that the magazines, when she had finished with them, had the appearance of having been the playthings of a destructive puppy. She had not decided what she would do with the poetry, pictures, recipes and other clippings, but she was saving them, "just in case," she said.

Virginia, at the other end of the table, was trying to reconcile her checkbook with the bank statement that had just come. This was a task that always required all her attention, for she was notably weak in mathematics, and her addition and subtraction were liable to produce some disastrous mistakes.

The afternoon was so dark that when they had finished lunch and settled to the afternoon's occupations, Virginia had already pulled down the shades and lit the lamps. None of them noticed the flight of time until Aunt Molly, looking up from the sweater in which she had been picking up dropped stitches for Kit, said in dismay, "Why, it's almost ha' past four. My fire will be out and it's high time I was startin' the chores."

She started for her wraps, and Sherry rose to assist her. A sharp rap at the door startled them and when Virginia opened it they all exclaimed in amazement. The world outside was a whirling mass of snow so thick that the fence across the drive was invisible. As Steve came stamping in looking like an arctic explorer, Aunt Molly frantically struggled with her wraps.

"Oh, I must get on home. I didn't sense it was snowin' so hard!"

"No, you can't, Aunt Molly," remarked Steve. "You couldn't make it in this blizzard."

"But I have to," she cried in distress. "The milkin's to do and the chickens to feed!"

"Can't help it. You'd never make it. I'd be afraid to try to cross that pasture myself."

"Well, you ain't crossed it as many times as I have, young man. I'm goin' right now."

"No, Aunt Molly! I mean it. You can't."

"But the milkin'—"

"I'll call Ed Harnish. He'd only have to cross the road. He can milk for you."

Aunt Molly listened dubiously as he rang for her neighbor, but when Ed had answered and had agreed to milk the cows and feed the chickens, she became resigned to staying until the storm passed.

"Oh, goody!" squealed Kit. "Goody! Goody! We can have a house party. Steve will have to stay, too!"

"I'm half afraid you're right," he said ruefully. "I thought I'd never get here. But I couldn't turn around to go back, and I wanted to assure myself that your fuel supply was sufficient for a spell of bad weather."

"Did you ever hear of that little gadget called a telephone?" asked Sherry sarcastically.

"I wanted to see with my own eyes," he said defensively, with a blush deepening the red that the wind had put into his cheeks. "I didn't think you girls would realize what you're in for. If the coal pile is low, I can split some of those logs in the shed."

"I'm glad you won't have to," said Virginia appreciatively. "I had a load of coal delivered last week. So let the blizzard bliz!"

"That's what it's doing!" cried Kit from the window where she had her nose pressed to the pane. It's so funny out that I feel lonesome inside me. I'm glad you're all here. I'd feel queerer if Ginny and I were here alone."

"Where did you leave your car, Stevy?" asked Aunt Molly. "It'll be snowed under till we have to shovel it out."

"I drove it into the old machine shed, so it'll be O.K. If the snow quits soon, I may be able to get back to town. I have a shovel and can dig myself out of drifts. I don't mind it if I can see where I am going. But it kept getting worse as I came along, and the last few rods were pretty rugged. I would not have been surprised to find myself in the creek. I was glad to see the old shed loom up."

They had an early supper, for the darkness outside made them feel that night had come though the clock did not confirm the reaction. Then they gathered around the dining-room table. This room, shut in on three sides by the other rooms of the house, was the warmest place they could find. Only when they were close to the windows could they realize how furiously the wind was blowing and how fast the snow was drifting across the drive by the porch.

"I think this is so much fun!" cried Kit after a stay at the window where she had tried in vain to catch sight of some landmark amid the whirling snow. All she could see was the white wall that shut them in, and she turned back to the heat and light of the room.

"It's cozy to be all here together around the stove. I like stoves better than furnaces, anyway. They're much more friendlier."

"Oh, your grammar!" moaned Sherry. "But I agree with your sentiments. I'm even glad Steve got here. It's comforting to have a man on hand if we have to be dug out."

Virginia smiled across the table at Steve and said, "I'm glad, too. You said you would be out today, and if you weren't here I'd be worried for fear that you were stuck in a drift somewhere."

"In that case he'll have to stay," said Sherry flippantly. "We can't have you lying awake all night worrying about him."

"I very nearly didn't get home in time to come out. My train was late at the Junction and I only caught the other by the tail as it pulled out. I am lucky not to be marooned in that little station tonight."

Sherry looked up inquisitively. "Where have you been on a train?"

"It's really none of your business, Miss Pry. But I'll tell you, anyway. I've been out on the trail of a certain Allie May Martin, and one swell chase she's given me."

"Are you really on her trail?" asked Virginia eagerly. "Have you found out something about her?"

"No. I shouldn't have said that, for I haven't a thing that could help in the least. I went to a small town up north where some Ormands are living, but they've never heard of Neil Ormand. So I came home no wiser than when I went."

"I'm sorry," said Virginia. "I keep hoping that we can find even one little clue so that when Daddy comes home we can tell him. It would make him happier than anything else could, I believe."

"Why should he care so much?" asked Sherry in her abrupt way. "He hasn't seen her since she was a little girl, and he can't be very fond of her after all this time. You said that if she weren't found soon, the whole farm would go to him. If she doesn't want to make herself known to you I think you should let her alone. Then everybody would be happy!"

"Dad would never take it, and he'll never be real happy until she's found. The whole affair has been the big heart-break of Dad's life. It was hard enough for him to lose his only brother, but to be separated from Uncle Fred's wife and child has hurt him terribly, too. Always when we've planned some treat or surprise for Dad we've wished that we might, instead, return Aunt Alice and Allie May to him."

"Can you remember what made them leave here? I've heard several tales of some trouble between Neil Ormand and your grandfather, but there isn't a thing in all the papers I have that tells the truth of the matter," said Steve.

"I never could get it straight what the fuss was all about, for I was only eight years old and the talk I heard had little meaning to me. And Dad would not talk to us about it. But it was something about some money. Aunt Alice took Allie May back to live with her parents, and then they all moved away from here. That winter Grandpa died. We've been hunting for Allie May ever since, because half of this farm is hers. That's all I know."

(To be continued)

In order to have a circle of friends it is necessary to be on the square.

You have to get out of the hay if you want to get into the clover.

EIRENE Moves into Agadir

Agadir, Morocco (MCC) — Paxmen serving with EIRENE in Morocco have been assigned to assist earthquake survivors in the extensively destroyed Agadir, Morocco, area. Four MCC Paxmen, in addition to Brethren Service Commission fellows and a German and Swiss conscientious objector, are with EIRENE. In the team are Paxmen Don L. Oesch (Kalispell, Mont.), Gabriel Ebersole (Middletown, Pa.), Harvey Martin (Ephrata, Pa.) and William Babcock (Perkin, Ill.).

At midnight, February 29, a severe earthquake struck Agadir, an ancient city of nearly 50,000 in southwest Morocco. Immediate reports indicated that as many as 1,000 persons had died; present reports, however, estimate that between 10,000 and 12,000 were killed.

Within hours after the quake disaster, church agencies throughout the world were alerted to the assistance which was immediately necessary. MCC promptly informed the European MCC office at Frankfurt, Germany, that funds and supplies would be available for the critical emergency; Frankfurt responded that an EIRENE representative had been sent to assess needs and services that the men could help with, both immediate help and long range projects.

On March 7, Peter Dyck (European MCC director) reported of EIRENE's initial assistance: "EIRENE chairman, Kurtis Naylor, went to Morocco immediately after the earthquake and found upon arrival that our team had already moved into action. He reports that they had done everything right. They had contacted the American consul, offered their assistance, registered and gone directly to Agadir."

At first, headquarters of the EIRENE team were set up in a room at the Marhaba Hotel, Casablanca. Now the men have been transferred to a deserted sea-front tourist center about 15 km outside the sealed-off city and port. From here, because Agadir is closed to all but medical and demolition men, team members are engaging in their rehabilitation work. First, accommodations (the Mediterranean winds still blow cold at night), clothes, basic food, disinfectants and vitamins must be distributed to the victims. Then will follow the provision of temporary tent schools, medical centers and other permanent features.

Recent financial contributions will make increased assistance possible. In the early stages after the incident, the World Council of Churches contributed \$5,000 for disaster work in Agadir. About a week later an additional \$10,000, with the possibility of \$25,000 more, was given to EIRENE by WCC. The

Mennonite Central Committee has sent \$2,000, which Dyck suggests may be used to buy supplies for the unit's work.

Twenty-five thousand people are homeless at the roadsides and in the fields around devastated Agadir. Emergency tent villages have mushroomed. Ten tent towns, with feeding and first aid centers accommodate 2,500 each.

After four days in the area, Naylor reported, "Agadir (I guess very few had ever heard of the place before March 1) is in shambles. Of the more than 50,000 population, at least 10,000 are dead. About 5,000 have already been buried. There were 1,400 in one grave bulldozed five feet deep to take the bodies. It is anyone's guess how many people are left in the city. There is a stifling stench at times. The day temperature is 95 degrees, and this creates a real health problem.

"Yet in the midst of death there is life. The amount of relief that has come from all over the world is startling. The mobilization is amazing. Planes of the German, American, Dutch, French, Norwegian and Russian air forces have brought help and then flown out with the injured and homeless."

Summer Service 1960

Summer Voluntary Service projects in the United States and Canada are being offered in five major areas—medical research, community service, mental health, correctional institutions, and various projects with children. These projects, distributed across the US and Canada, help meet the needs of colored migrant workers in New York, of mentally ill in several state or provincial hospitals, of physically retarded children in institutions, and of youngsters in homes for delinquents, emotionally disturbed or abandoned children.

Last summer 203 volunteers served in the Mennonite Central Committee summer service program. Over 100 were in US projects; nearly the same number served in the Canadian Voluntary Service program. This summer, again, there is a call for young people to spend nearly three months, from mid-June to late August, assisting individuals and groups of people listed on the MCC Summer Service folder:

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. There is still a need for 15 young men to assist in the normal control program of the National Institute of Health's medical research. An important factor in research is to discover how and to what degree various parts and processes of the human body are affected by disease, drugs or treatment. To do this it is frequently necessary to study what takes place in normal, healthy people. At

Naylor discussed the dying Moroccan city with Dr. Leslie Cooke, Director of the WCC's Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees. WCC immediately decided to send financial support for the EIRENE team's relief work to call for supplies of wheat, sugar, milk, flour and soap, and to ask Protestant churches in France (through CIMADE, their relief agency) to make available supplies of chlorine of lime for water purifying and warfarine for rat poisoning.

WCC has requested that EIRENE continue full-scale relief work irrespective of race, color or creed as long as the team thinks necessary. If needed, additional Paxmen serving in Europe may be temporarily transferred to Morocco. Of EIRENE's immediate assistance availability, Dyck wrote: "It is certain that our being in Morocco at this time with the unit was most fortunate."

An International Christian Service for Peace, EIRENE—the Greek word for peace—was organized in Europe in August, 1957, as an outgrowth of a conference involving the Historic Peace Churches and Andre Trocme, European Christian pacifist leader, to provide a channel to give voluntary service as Christian pacifists in places of need and national tension.

the National Institutes of Health, young people help curb and eliminate human illness by serving as control subjects for medical tests. There is also opportunity to give an informal Christian witness by making friends with hospitalized patients. The total unit will number 25.

New York Migrant Camps. Two units of 10 volunteers in each are needed to assist the Migrant Committee of New York in setting up religious, education, recreation and health programs for the migrants in that state during the course of the summer. The two service units work with approximately 1,000 of these migrants. Each unit may visit from seven to twelve different camps.

Minnesota State Hospitals. Units of ten each are being planned for this summer's program in the beautiful lake country of Fergus Falls and in Hastings. There volunteers will serve as psychiatric aids.

Brookland Plantation, Edisto Island, S.C. Two men and two women are needed to participate in a correctional program with Christian emphasis.

Wiltwyck School for Boys, Esopus, New York. Four volunteers to assist in treatment center program for emotionally disturbed boys, and religious life activities, are needed for this school.

Institute of Logopedics, Wichita, Kans. Ten volunteers will assist in classrooms, relief duty and recrea-

tional activity, helping children with speech and hearing defects.

Junior Village, Washington, D.C. A unit of four is needed to help children from broken homes or abandoned by their parents.

Camp Paivika, Crestline, Calif. Ten camp counsellors to take part in recreational and devotional programs for crippled children are needed for this western project.

Canada. Serving in mental hospitals, tuberculosis sanatoriums, polio hospital and a farm for boys are among the projects for summer Voluntary Service in Canada. Ten units will be placed in Ontario, Manitoba and the Canadian Arctic. Project dates with variation run from May 1 to **September 1.** For further information on the Canadian projects write to the Mennonite Central Committee, 10 Union Street East, Waterloo, Ont.

Service, duty and love: a fusion of these is afforded by serving in Summer Voluntary Service. With Christian love, young people can use their skills, their training and develop their interests by helping at least a limited segment of society's neglected or by making themselves available for projects related to medical improvement. Because a Christian life involves concern, helping is an integral part of the Christian involvement. Young people who are willing to participate in the religious, educational and recreational program provided by MCC service projects are invited to join the summer program.

For information on the above projects, or about new projects under consideration, interested persons are encouraged to write to Summer Service, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pa.

Disaster Filmstrip Available

The Mennonite Disaster Service filmstrip, "Greater Works Than These," is now available. A 22-minute, long playing record provides the story explaining the 93 color frames which describe MDS. Norman Derstine, Mennonite Hour announcer, narrated the record; Virgil Vogt (Leo, Ind.) wrote the script. Inquiries regarding the filmstrip purchase should be made to Emma Schlichting, MDS office, Akron, Pa.

Mrs. David Balzer Serves in Anglican Church

Coaldale, Alta. — The World Day of Prayer Service held March 4 in the Anglican church was attended by approximately 35 women. The guest speaker, Mrs. David Balzer, wife of returned missionary to Japan, stressed the Scripture, "We are workers together with God," and inspired us to go on being such. Mrs. Vera Lloyd was the organist and a ladies' group of the Conference Church brought a special number, "Thine for Service."

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video, Uruguay. On Sunday, March 6, he preached to the congregation in the Mennonite Brethren Church center in the city. He writes that the Lord has provided open doors to the hearts of the people and that their common experiences in Europe have given them a feeling of being closely bound together.

Brother Hans Kasdorf, assisted in his work in the Blumenau Mennonite Church in Brazil by the Board, conducted evangelistic services in our Uruguay churches February 21 to March 6. Following that, Brother Kasdorf and Brother John Wall were to minister in a week of Bible expositions in the Bage Mennonite Brethren church in Brazil as well as in a youth retreat. Brother Kasdorf reports that the Lord's blessing has been upon the work of the Blumenau Church during the past year. Church membership is 37. Eight souls were saved. Sunday school attendance has increased from 40 to 60. The Lord opened another door for service in the city. Every second Sunday afternoon the young people serve in the municipal home for the aged with songs, music, Scripture reading and tract distribution.

Brother B. B. Janz, Box 175, Coaldale, Alta., is hospitalized at present and will appreciate our prayerful remembrance.

Brother Jacob August and family left Paraguay late in February for Buenos Aires where he is attending a Baptist seminary. A former theological student and teacher of the Fernheim Bible School, Brother August is assisted in his studies by the Board. Another of our church workers in Paraguay attending the seminary in Buenos Aires is Brother Hans Pankratz.

The new Mennonite Brethren Church at Witmarsum, Brazil, has a membership of 59. Included in the membership are 16 persons who were baptized on February 14 upon confession of faith. Brother Peter Penner also reports that the congregation has 32 young people and that a young people's organization is to be formed soon.

Mennonite Medical Association

Archbold, Ohio. — The Mennonite Medical Association now has a membership of approximately 120, according to a report by Dr. Robert Ebersole of Archbold, secretary-treasurer of the association. Most of the members are practicing doc-

tors of medicine in the United States or on foreign fields, but membership is also open to medical students and interns. The association holds regular meetings and publishes the "Mennonite Medical Messenger," in which the doctors share their experiences.

Conquest Youth Rally

Vancouver, B.C. — The final program in the current series of Conquest youth rallies was held in the Vancouver M. B. church on Saturday, March 19. Accordionist Len Holland provided the special music. Lloyd McMahon gave his personal testimony: "From Skidrow to Christ." Calvin Buehler, pastor at Vanderhoof in northern B.C., spoke and showed slides.

Eric Ratzlaff

Two Young Men Penalized

Winkler, Man. — Isaac Martens, 21, and Peter Fehr, 18, both of Winkler, were charged and convicted for the beating of two juveniles from the village of Chortitz, on Friday, March 4, at the magistrate's court in Morden.

Each was penalized \$50 or 15 days in jail as well as full restitution for medical expenses and glasses. Both have had previous convictions.

The fight took place on South Road allowance at Winkler recently. The two victims were said to have been beaten with beer bottles resulting in severe head injuries including a multiple nose fracture.

ON THE HORIZON

March 20-27. — Evangelistic services to be held in the Fort Rouge M. B. church, 760 McMillan Ave., Winnipeg 9, Man. The evangelist is Rev. Art Martens, Saska-

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toon, field director of the Mennonite Brethren Mission of Saskatchewan.

March 25 and 26. — The drama, "The Carpenter" will be presented by the students of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute in the large new auditorium, 172 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg 5, Man., at 7:30 p.m.

March 25-27. — Annual Mennonite youth conference at Swift Current, Sask.

March 27-April 3. — Evangelistic services in the South End M. B. church, corner of William and

Juno, Winnipeg. Rev. J. J. Toews will conduct the meetings.

April 19-22. — Canadian M. B. Conductors' Conference to be held at the M. B. Bible College, 77 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.

April 22-24. — Canadian M. B. Sunday School Convention in the North Kildonan M. B. church, Winnipeg.

May 22. — Centennial services of the Manitoba M. B. churches to be held in the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium at 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Peter D. Engbrecht

Steinbach, Man. — Funeral services for the late Mrs. Peter D. Engbrecht were held in the M. B. church, Steinbach, on Sunday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m. The brethren H. A. Regehr, Steinbach, Wm. Wiebe, Morden, and J. P. Epp, Steinbach, served with challenging messages from the Word of God. The choir rendered two songs, "Fragt er danach" and "Hier auf Erden bin ich ein Pilger."

Our dear mother and grandmother, Mrs. Katharina Engbrecht, nee Heinrichs, went to be with the Lord March 11, 1:30 a.m., after suffering a stroke on Monday, March 7, from which she did not regain consciousness.

Katharina Heinrichs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Heinrichs, was born March 31, 1881, at Sovronowka, Crimea, and spent her childhood and teen-age there. On September 20, 1900, she was united in marriage to Peter D. Engbrecht. In 1904 both, she and her husband accepted Christ as Saviour, were baptized and joined the M. B. Church.

In 1925 Mrs. Engbrecht, her husband and family left Russia and came to Canada via Mexico. They settled on a farm near Brookdale, Man., later moving to Altona, and finally to Steinbach. They lived in Steinbach until the death of Mr. Engbrecht in August of 1953. Mrs. Engbrecht then went to live with a daughter, Mrs. Henry Shier, Winnipeg, for five months; then returned to Steinbach and lived with another daughter, Mrs. John Pankratz, for almost four years. Having suffered a stroke, it became increasingly difficult to give her the needed care, so upon her wish Mrs. Engbrecht went to live at the Tabor Home, Morden. Her last two years there were happy and pleasant ones. She has reached the age of 78 years, 11 months and 10 days.

She leaves to mourn her passing 2 sons, John and Jake; 3 daughters, Mary—Mrs. John Pankratz, Lydia—Mrs. John Andres of Steinbach, Katie—Mrs. Henry Shier of Winnipeg; 24 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren; many relatives and friends. One son, Peter, predeceased her at the age of 18. Another son, Henry, remained in Russia.

We mourn, but not as those who have no hope, because we know we shall one day see our beloved mother and grandmother face to face with our Lord.

The Family

Mr. Henry Isaac Born

Kelowna, B.C. — Our dear father, Henry Isaac Born, who passed away on March 11, 1960, was born on February 17, 1894, in Lichtfelde, Russia. In 1904 our father, together with his parents, brothers and sis-

ters, moved to the Terek settlement. Here he completed his elementary education, high school in 1914. He accepted a position in a school at Nickolajewka, Tererk. In the same year he was drafted into the service, working for 2½ years. In 1917 he was released and he took upon himself the responsibility as a municipal secretary in Nickolajewka. Here our father met our beloved mother, Elizabeth, nee Rogalsky. In 1918, the rebellious Mohammedans forced many residents to leave this area, a large number moving to Millerowa. Here our parents were united in marriage on February 27, 1921.

In the winter of 1920-21, our father found peace in his heart through faith in the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. In 1923 he was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church.

Two years later father and mother came to Canada, here they settled in Alberta. In 1932 they, together with their five children, moved to Glenbush, Sask. Here our parents experienced many hardships, yet God blessed them abundantly.

In 1955, our parents moved to Kelowna, where our beloved mother preceded father in death by 6 months and six days. On March 11, 1960, our dear father went to be with the Lord, having reached the age of 66 years and 23 days. He has finished the battle, and henceforth there is a crown laid up for him in glory. He leaves to mourn 4 daughters, 7 sons, 3 daughters-in-law, 2 sons-in-law, and 18 grandchildren. We say with Job, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

The bereaved children

We laid to rest our beloved deacon on Sunday, March 13, 1960. Many friends attended the funeral held at the M. B. church, Kelowna, B. C.

The congregation sang a song he loved so well: "Bald, ja bald." Rev. A. J. Sawatsky related a dream he had had. In his dream he saw Br. Born climbing a narrow path up a mountain. He shouted to Br. Born, "Where are you going?" The reply came back, "I am going to heaven." Upon this, brother Sawatsky answered, "Wait, I want to come, too." Brother Born had often referred to the dream Rev. Sawatsky had told him and wondered if it had any meaning. Now it seemed so real.

Rev. A. Sawatsky then read Titus 2:11 and stated that death is the unfolding of a mystery; an appointment that cannot be broken; a reunion with loved ones; and a resting from temptation. Rev. Nick Pauls then spoke on the theme, "Meine Gedanken sind nicht eure Gedanken." His way is a holy, a righteous and a blessed way.

Rev. J. J. Unger, who was visiting us, spoke on "Kostbar in den Augen des Herrn ist das Sterben der Frommen." He closed the service with prayer.

Tokyo Pastors' Conference Called Japan's Largest

A record of 1,575 Japanese pastors and church workers gathered at Hakone, near Tokyo, for World Visions's first Pastors' Conference of the year on March 1-4.

Delegates, representing 60 of Japan's 72 denominations, met together seven times daily for inspirational messages and seminar studies conducted by the World Vision team of ministers.

Included on the team were Dr. Bob Pierce, President of World Vision; Dr. Richard C. Halverson, First Vice-President; Dr. Paul S. Rees, Vice-President at Large; Dr. Bernard Ramm, Professor of Apologetics at the California Baptist Seminary, Covina; and Dr. Frank Warren, President of Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington. Ellsworth Culver, Executive Vice-President of World Vision, served as Conference Coordinator.

Each morning, at six, Dr. Armin Gesswein of the Revival Prayer Fellowship, Pasadena, Calif., led in a prayer meeting for the delegates and opened the sessions with a devotional thought. Dr. Halverson lectured morning and afternoon on "The Use of the Bible in Preaching," interspersed with Dr. Ramm's morning and afternoon seminar sessions on "The Problems of Modern Theology." Dr. Rees stressed the subjects of pastoral theology and stewardship and Dr. Warren addressed delegates on a devotional theme. Dr. Pierce's messages of challenge and inspiration capped the daily conference activities.

The Japanese Christians participated avidly, using the occasion to become acquainted with fellow ministers of other denominations and to take advantage, many for the first time, of study courses in theology and pastoral psychology.

The Asian Conference, designed to deepen and enrich fellowship among ministers of the world where opportunities to assemble are restricted, was World Visions's 27th in six years.

New Requirements for Student-Teachers

Hon. Stewart E. McLean, minister of education, has announced revised minimum entrance requirements for teaching trainees entering Manitoba Teachers College and the elementary Teacher Training Course at Brandon College.

Effective September 1, 1960, entrants must have clear Grade 11 plus four Grade 12 subjects. (Complete Grade 12 standing is six subjects.)

Up to the present, applicants were considered with junior matriculation plus two Grade 12 subjects. The new entrance requirements could form the intermediate step in meeting a recommendation of the Royal Commission on Edu-

cation calling for teacher trainees with full Grade 12 standing by 1961.

Prior to the establishment of secondary school divisions throughout the province many prospective teachers from rural areas could only study Grade 12 subjects at the rate of two each year, at summer school. The school division plan provides for at least one school teaching Grade 12 in each division.

The new requirements, specifying four Grade 12 subjects, makes it possible for graduates of teacher training courses to attain a complete Grade 12 standing by the time they start teaching in the autumn following graduation. The two subjects can be taken at summer school immediately after completion of teacher training.

Mr. McLean noted that the Royal Commission recommended entrance requirements for 1963 of complete senior matriculation (Grade 12 including a language). The general Grade 12 course does not specify a language. Students entering high school in the fall of 1960, and who are planning a career as an elementary teacher, must therefore arrange their courses in accordance with future requirements.

Glenbush News

Glenbush, Sask. — The M. B. Church here experienced a time of blessing and fellowship on March 6, 7 and 8. Rev. David Wiens of Vancouver, B.C., visited us and served us with two messages daily, morning and evening. The weather was fairly good and the meetings were well attended.

On February 13 and 14 a group from Bethany Bible Institute served us in word and song. The highlight in their program was a drama, "As a Thief in the Night." This was a real warning for us to be ready when Jesus comes.

Brother Sam Willems also visited our district recently in the interest of the building project of the Hepburn Bible School. He reported of a widespread interest in the project and good financial support.

Henry Bargaen

An Important S. S. Conference

Steinbach, Man. — "Sunday School for Christ" was the theme chosen for the sixth southeastern Manitoba Sunday School Convention held in Steinbach on March 17, 18, 19 and 20. The guest speakers were Dr. Frank C. Peters of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg; Mrs. Alta Mae Erb, Christian Education author of Scottsdale, Pa.; and Wilbert Regier, practical work director at Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Neb.

General sessions and workshops were held in the auditorium of the E.M.B. church as well as in the Emmanuel Mission church. This convention was sponsored by various churches in the Steinbach area.

Schools and Colleges

**M. B. Bible College
News Release**

Faculty at CMBC

The faculty of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College and their wives were invited to be the guests of the faculty of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College on March 16. Rev. J. J. Toews brought a devotional message and Rev. David Ewert spoke on the topic: Maintaining a Theological Balance. Mr. Victor Martens sang.

The discussion which followed emphasized the need of maintaining a theological balance in a world which tends to produce extremes. The value of an historical orientation which could serve as a corrective was underscored.

Choir Tour Announced

President J. A. Toews announced the dates and destination of the annual choir tour. The A Cappella Choir under the direction of Victor Martens will visit the North Saskatchewan churches, May 6-8. Other churches will be visited by smaller groups as time permits.

Summer Courses Announced

Two courses have been announced for the coming summer school session at the MBBC. The dates have been set for July 11-19. Life of Christ, a survey of the historical environment in which the New Testament roots and the historical events of the life of Christ, will be taught by Frank C. Peters. Old Testament Interpretation, in which a study of the book of Genesis will be undertaken, will be taught by David Ewert. Bulletins are being mailed to the churches for distribution.

**Churches Vote in Favour
Of Lot Purchases**

The churches of the Canadian area of the Mennonite Brethren Conference have voted in favour of purchasing the three houses adjacent to the college campus. According to Rev. D. K. Duerksen, conference secretary, the positive votes thus far received represent more than ninety per cent of the Canadian constituency.

Leadership Conference at Vauxhall

Rev. H. R. Baerg, Dean of Students at MBBC, will conduct a leadership conference at Vauxhall, Alberta, on March 26-27. The conference, sponsored by the Alberta Youth Committee, is intended for the Youth Workers of the local churches. In addition to the lectures given by Dean Baerg, discussion sessions will be held.

**College Students Compete
at Music Festival**

Several voice and piano students were contestants at the Annual

Music Festival of Manitoba. Miss Margaret Pauls, a freshman from Coaldale, Alta., won the Tudor Bowl. Miss Katie Froese, a graduate of 1959 and presently studying at the Manitoba Teacher's College, was a contestant for the Rose Bowl. Several other students received excellent ratings in their class.

**Instructors to Attend
Summer Schools**

Rev. J. J. Toews and Rev. H. R. Baerg will attend the summer sessions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, where they will be taking courses in Religious Education. Rev. David Ewert will continue at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Paul and President J. A. Toews will attend the summer sessions at the University of Minnesota. Frank C. Peters will teach one two-week term in the Summer School of Associated Seminaries of Elkhart, Indiana, and a second term at the MBBC. The remaining time Mr. Peters will devote to evangelistic work in the churches. Rev. Cornelius Wall will return to Hillsboro for the summer and spend some time in the churches.

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**Alberta Mennonite
High School**

Coaldale, Alta. — The members of the AMHS are all in a dither these days doing the last minute jobs in the preparation for the presentation of the drama, "Steadfast in Hope." This touching and challenging story takes place in the mighty city of Rome and in the catacombs beneath the city about 200 years after the birth of Christ. It displays very vividly how brave and steadfast the followers of Christ were in their faith despite horrible persecution. Thousands died because they refused to deny their Saviour in the critical hour which determined whether they would live or die. How many Christians, old and young, gloriously and gladly gave their life here on earth to receive the martyr's crown which awaited them in eternity. How many today would stand so firmly and die so bravely if persecution should come our way? Would we be willing to give our all to the One Who died for us?

This play, "Steadfast in Hope," was written by a former student of AMHS, Johnny Toews. Although it does not have as much drama as some plays have, it proclaims a tremendous message and offers much "food for thought" and many lessons on unselfishness, devotion, and faith which truly make it a worthwhile entertainment.

Its first presentation was on Friday, March 18, the second on March 19. All the members of the cast, with one exception, are attending the AMHS. The director is Mr. P. Loewen, our principal. Everyone

must admit that he did a splendid job of directing the play. All actors did very well in the performance, which was quite well attended. Due to lack of extensive advertising and the nature of the play, the crowd was not as large as it was at last years drama. The next performance will be in the near future. May it again prove a blessing.

Elsie Bensler.

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Goshen College

Goshen, Ind. — The chemistry department of Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, has just been awarded a \$6,145 grant from the National Science Foundation for a special institute for high school chemistry teachers which will be held this summer.

A group of high school chemistry teachers will be selected to join the staff of the department as Research Assistants in a research program, June 7 through August 12, 1960. The teachers who are selected will assist the chemistry staff in various research projects.

Two other parts of the program will be involving both participants and staff, and a series of lectures presented during the ten weeks by visiting scientists from local industries. The seminars will be held to discuss research problems and the lectures will deal with specific research being done by the lecturers.

This program is open to any high school science teacher with an undergraduate major in chemistry. To qualify, the applicant should have completed at least one course in inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry, and desirably, a course in either biochemistry or physical chemistry.

Each participant will receive a \$75.00 per week stipend plus a \$15.00 per week allowance for each dependent, up to a maximum of four.

On Sunday, April 3, the newly completed Church Chapel Building of Goshen College and the College Mennonite Church will be dedicated. Paul Erb of Scottdale, Pa., will deliver the dedication sermon.

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Bethel College

Newton, Kans. — Paul Wiebe, senior at Bethel College, was selected for a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship as announced by letter. The Fellowship, made possible by the Ford Foundation, gives prospective college teachers \$1,500 plus family allowances and a year's graduate tuition to any university in the United States or Canada.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Wiebe of Aberdeen, Idaho, Paul was married to the former Eleanor Sawatzky last May. Mrs. Wiebe is employed in secretarial work in the dean's office at Bethel. Wiebe has not decided whether to accept the Fellowship in full, pending development of other possibilities.

Recreation at the Steinbach Bible Institute

Steinbach, Man. — The outdoor recreation has proved refreshing to the students this winter. Football games have of late been more fully organized and therefore more successful. About 25 students are participating in three teams led by John Kornelson, Bert Hiebert, and Victor Hildebrand. It seems that these teams are fairly evenly matched, therefore it is an advantage to have one or two of the opposing players washing the dishes while the rest of the team endeavours to hold up the banner.

We are grateful for the wonderful weather we have enjoyed this winter, and for the good field conditions that resulted.

Volleyball has been a strong choice for others. We have up to 40 students taking part in four different teams led by Walter Hiebert, Dorothy Martens, Elvin Klassen, and Rose Thiessen. Two courts enable all of them to play at the same time.

These forms of recreation have brought many students out for fresh air and hearty exercises which we all need.

Victor Hildebrand

One of the highlights of our second semester was a fellowship night held February 22. The program usually presented by the students was given by the teachers instead. There was a family song by the principal and his family, a duet, "Ganz gestrost," by Rev. and Mrs. Ben Hoepfner, and solos by Mr. Henry Hiebert and Miss Agatha Fast. Mr. Hiebert sang "There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy," while Miss Fast sang "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know." A challenging missionary story was read by Dean Rev. Edward Reimer. Two unforgettable experiences were related by Rev. Archie Penner, and "Dormitory Life at Goshen College" was recounted by Mr. Edwin Plett. After a light lunch, the evening reached a climax with the showing of a challenging film, "Angel in Ebony."

On Wednesday, March 3, a group from the Mennonite Brethren Bible College came to our school for a fellowship night. We were challenged by their testimonies, the quartet songs and other special numbers. The closing message was brought by Rev. Henry Baerg.

These are only a few of the evenings that will be remembered by all the students of the Steinbach Bible Institute.

Margaret Loepky

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The world owes you a living only when you have earned it.

Bible School Missionary Conference

Coaldale, Alta. — Rev. David Nightingale, together with Rev. Abe Neufeld, ministered at Coaldale on March 13, 14 and 15. Both are active missionaries. The former is presenting the gospel over HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, and the latter is doing mission work in Austria. Those of us who had the privilege of attending the conference were greatly challenged to a more consecrated Christian life.

Both missionaries had very interesting reports to render of work on their particular fields. Accompanying their reports were enlightening pictures. Mr. Neufeld had some very appropriate and interesting slides concerning their work and the people in Austria. Mr. Nightingale showed two films portraying the need of the gospel and the changes evident since the people have accepted it. The one, entitled "Medicine the Magnet," showed us how much physical strife there is, and what an opportunity presents itself to give spiritual help together with physical aid and comfort.

Everyone attending the services was deeply moved; we saw how God uses consecrated men. During the conference we also heard of the difficulties involved in these partic-

ular families. We saw the problems involved in family life, especially in Austria. Would we be willing to sacrifice what is so close to us and serve God on the mission field?

It was also mentioned that missionary activity has actually decreased during the past few years. Is it that God does not need workers in foreign countries any longer, or have some of us been disobedient to the call of God? Certainly God is a God of order and would not desire His kingdom to be so lopsided. As we heard of the hearts so ready to accept the gospel, we were confronted with the question: What are you going to do about the harvesting of souls?

Louise Schmidt.

Announcing

an inter-Mennonite Conference on Peace promotion, sponsored jointly by the Manitoba Mennonite Conference and the Manitoba Mennonite Brethren Conference.

Place:

Winkler Berghaler Church,

April 8, 7:30 p.m.

April 9, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

North Kildonan M. B. Church, Wpg.

April 10, 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Erland Waltner, Elkhart, Ind.
Dr. F. C. Peters, Winnipeg, Man.

The program will be announced at a later date. Come and share the blessings.

S.S. Convention Invitation

We extend a hearty invitation to all the churches of our Conference to send their representatives to the Annual Canadian M. B. Sunday School Teachers' Conference to convene, God willing, April 22-24 in the Mennonite Brethren church, 217 Kingsford Ave., North Kildonan, Winnipeg.

To facilitate preparations, we request every Church to send the names of their delegates, the method of transportation, and the expected time of arrival to our Sunday School Superintendent, Br. J. D. Friesen, 157 Helmsdale Ave., Winnipeg 5, Man.

For the host Church,
Victor D. Toews

Sunday School Convention Program

of the Mennonite Brethren Churches of Canada

to be held at the North Kildonan M. B. church, April 22-24, 1960.

Theme for the Convention: "Eternal Values Through Christian Teaching."

Friday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.

1. **Message:** "Worship in Sunday School and Home Made Meaningful Through Music." Dr. Paul Wohlgenuth.

2. **Workshops:**

1. The Selection and Supervision of S.S. Teachers (workers).
2. Conserving results in the Church from Camp Work. Rev. H. R. Baerg.
3. How To Plan and Lead a Young People's Social. Dr. V. Wiebe.
4. Aims for the Teacher in the Pre-School Departments. Miss. Nettie Kroeker.
5. Enlisting the Home for Healthy Enthusiasm in the S.S.. Mr. Victor Pankratz.

Friday Afternoon 2:00 p.m.

1. **Message:** "Leisure: Curse or Birthright?" Dr. V. R. Wiebe.

2. **Workshops:**

1. Suggesting a Unified Teacher Training Program in Our Canadian M. B. Conference. Rev. I. W. Redekopp.
2. Evangelism in the Junior and Intermediate Departments. Rev. H. R. Baerg.
3. Teaching Missions in the Lower Departments. Miss Nettie Kroeker.
4. How to Conduct a Successful Parent-Teacher Meeting. Rev. John Epp.
5. How to Plan and Organize Church Suppers and Picnics. Dr. V. R. Wiebe.

Friday Evening 7:30 p.m.

Two Messages:

1. "Die Zukunft der S.S. in Südamerika im Lichte unserer Möglichkeiten." Rev. G. Sukkau.
2. "The S.S. Teacher a Bible Student for Personal Growth and Richer Teaching." Rev. D. Ewert.

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 a.m.

1. **Message:** "Getting the Whole Church to Go to S.S.:" Rev. H. R. Baerg.

2. **Workshops:**

1. How to Plan for Efficient Grading and Smooth Promotion of S.S. Pupils. Rev. P. P. Wiebe.
2. Efficient Organization for M. B. S.S." Dr. V. R. Wiebe.
3. Realizing Fundamental Needs as the Key to Successful Teaching in the Adult Department. Rev. G. Sukkau (German)
4. Methods of Teaching for the New S.S. Material. Miss Nettie Kroeker.
5. Making Music Meaningful for the Children in the Church and Home. Mrs. E. Horch.

Saturday Afternoon 2:00 p.m.

1. **Message:** "Monuments in the Teaching History of the M. B. Church." Dr. F. C. Peters.

2. **Workshops:**

1. The Cradle Roll, a Means of Outreach for the S.S. Miss N. Kroeker.
2. Successful S.S. Workers' Meetings. Mr. J. Penner.
3. Helping Intermediates to Appreciate Personal Bible Study. Mr. R. Heidebrecht.
4. Spontaneous Creativity—God's Way of Healthy Development for the Child. Mrs. E. Horch.
5. Neglected Truth in the S.S. Teaching of the M. B. Church.

Saturday Evening 7:30 p.m.

1. **Message:** "Principles of Christian Recreation." Dr. V. R. Wiebe.

2. **Demonstration or Kit:** Wisdom and Folly of S.S. Teaching in the M. B. Church. Winkler Bible School.

Sunday Morning.

Worship Services in the Various Churches. Topics suggested for this occasion:

1. "Die christliche Lehre im Heim, ein Bewahrungsmittel."
2. "Das christliche Lehren, ein Bauen in der Gemeinde."

Sunday Afternoon 2:00 p.m.

Two Messages:

1. "Essential Tools for Growth of the S.S. Teacher." Rev. D. Ewert.
2. "Frontiers in Christian Recreation." Dr. V. A. Wiebe.

Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.

To be decided by the Winnipeg Churches and S.S. representatives.

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