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

I Cor. 2:2

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There was a Garden

In the shadow of the Cross,
Side by side with bitter loss,
Bloomed a garden, passing fair,
And they laid the Saviour there.
Sad, they thought His day was done,
But, afar, His rising sun
Flung a quenchless ray across
To the garden near the Cross.

Not for long the grave prevailed;
When the dreary night had paled
Into God's appointed day,
Angels rolled the stone away!
Christ, the Lord of truth and light,
Faring forth in robes of light,
Drove the fearful shades of loss
From the garden near the Cross.

Jesus, give to us to know:
Though in loneliness we sow,
We shall pluck the fairest flower
In the sacrificial hour.
Sorrow hides beneath her wings
Recompense her sufferings,
And the blessing waits for us
In the garden near the Cross.

Albert Osborn.

Easter Greeting to our readers with Luk. 24:34, "The Lord is risen indeed!"



Brother and Sister Henry W. Dueck and children Suzanne Grace, Robert Henry and Karen Ruth.

Appointees for Brazil

Brother and Sister Henry W. Dueck are worker appointees under the Board of General Welfare (Dienst am Evangelium), having responded to a call for service among our Mennonite Brethren Churches in Brazil. Their departure for Brazil is planned for the coming summer where their immediate ministry is visualized as Bible school teaching at Guarituba and serving in the Witmarsum church. At present the Duecks are residing in Kitchener, Ont., where they are members of the Mennonite Brethren Church and where he will finish his A.B. degree work at Waterloo College this spring. Our prayers in behalf of these folks as they prepare to depart for service in Brazil will be appreciated.

Brother and Sister Dueck served the Kelstern, Saskatchewan, Church from 1956 to 1958. They have also served in Sunday school, young people's work and the music ministry in several of our churches where they have resided or studied. Brother Dueck has been director of "Morning Blessings," the weekly radio broadcast of the South Saskatchewan Conference. He has studied in the Coaldale Bible School and Bible College in Winnipeg, where he graduated in June 1959. Sister Dueck has attended Herbert Bible School, Saskatchewan Teachers' College and the Bible College in Winnipeg and has taught school for two years.

Brother Dueck is the son of Brother and Sister J. P. Dueck of Coaldale, and Sister Dueck is the daughter of Brother and Sister B. F. Redekopp of Herbert, Sask. The Duecks have three children: Karen Ruth, 4, Robert Henry, 3, and Suzanne Grace, born last summer.

India RadioMinistry

By Henry G. Krahn
Radio evangelism has been carried on in India for many years over the powerful station of Radio Ceylon by such men as Billy Graham, Theodore Epp and Neil McCaulay. These doors have recently been closed by the Ceylon government. With the withdrawal of Radio Ceylon came the news that the Far East Broadcasting Company, Manila, had purchased new transmitters with a potential of
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Mr. Arthur assisting in the ministry of the Word of God.

County Line Baptism

County Line, B.C. — On Saturday evening five baptismal candidates gave their testimonies.

The topic of Rev. John Esau's Sunday morning address was: "The Local Church." He stressed the need and advantages of belonging to the local church, choosing the latter part of Acts 2 as his text.

On Sunday, 2:30 p.m., the congregation gathered at the Mennonite Brethren church on Ross Road

for baptismal services. Rev. G. G. Konrad explained the significance of baptism. He based his message on Romans 6:1-6. Following a brief testimony by each of the candidates, Rev. Esau performed the baptism by immersion in the outdoor pool. Rev. Herman Voth chose Matthew 26:26 as his text for the communion service which followed. Five applicants were received as members of

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County Line Baptism: Left, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Miskuski, Nell Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heppner, Rev. John Esau.

EDITORIAL

Resurrection Power

Of all the feasts which Christians observe, Easter has received the most prominent place because of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus on that day. Believers were not satisfied to be reminded of Christ's triumph over death only once a year and thus the Old Testament Sabbath gave way to Sunday as the day of rest on which Jesus rose from the grave. As a result of it, we observe the day of Christ's resurrection 52 times each year.

A lawyer began writing a book in which he intended to show that the resurrection did not happen, but he ended up by proving brilliantly and on logical grounds that the resurrection of the Lord Jesus had actually taken place.

True Christians know that Jesus rose from the dead, because they have experienced the power of His resurrection. Paul prayed that, knowing Christ, he might also know the resurrection (Phil 3:10).

Believers do not merely affirm with their intellect that Christ rose from the grave; they find resurrection power in their emotions, in their will, in their hope and in their meaning and purpose of life. Though Christians will not know physical resurrection until Jesus comes again, they do know, however, that their Saviour rose from the dead because they have experienced Christ's resurrection power in their inner man.

Christians are ordinary men, but they become extra-ordinary, because of the resurrection power which enables them to live radiantly. Our present age glories in power in space, in the air, on the ground, on the sea and in the depth of the sea. Most important, however, is the power of the resurrection as it finds application in the lives of God's children which makes it possible for them to be victorious over sin and to live a radiant life.

The resurrection power enables Christians to live as God's ambassadors in this world and constantly to keep spiritual values and our heavenly citizenship in mind. We are citizens of the country in which we are living, and at the same time we are children of God and members of His kingdom.

Christ's resurrection power dispels fear. Prior to the resurrection of the Saviour the apostle Peter was cowardly. But after Christ had triumphed over death, he (Peter) was delivered from the fear of man, and he was filled with holy boldness. Knowing that Christ was a living Saviour, he preached a powerful message on the Day of Pentecost, which resulted in the conversion of many souls. Being conscious of Christ's resurrection, he boldly proclaimed the gospel, even though it cost him his own life on the cruel cross. He knew that Jesus lived on after His death and that Christ's experience would be his own, too. Peter knew that the cessation of the temporal, earthly life was the beginning of eternal life in the glory of heaven and therefore he was bold and calm in the face of death.

May we realize that there is power in Christ's resurrection and may it also be applied in our own lives, in order to reap the full benefits of this marvelous power!

G. D. H.

DEVOTIONAL

Hope by the Resurrection

A little girl told a man on the sidewalk the story of the death of Jesus on the cross. As he walked on she suddenly ran to overtake him. Eagerly she cried, "I forgot to tell you, He didn't stay dead. He rose again."

Her second chapter was as important as the first. The story of Jesus' death for us in itself does not make the good news of the gospel. It is wonderful to know that Jesus was willing to die for our sins and that the atonement which He accomplished on Calvary brings peace to those who accept Him. But the cross is what it is in the Christian faith because Jesus did not remain in the grave. It took both Cal-

vary and Easter to give us a Gospel of salvation. Jesus both died and rose again. These two events are inseparably united as the basis and heart of the Christian faith.

Our Lord Jesus came to the world in fulfillment of God's promise that He would send a Redeemer. He claimed to be the Son of God and the expected Messiah. His words of truth and His deeds of power convinced many, and they believed in Him. But His enemies, who looked for a political redeemer, rejected Jesus and hounded Him to an ignominious death. To those who had believed in Him, the cross seemed to be a terrible tragedy. The divine effort to save them from their sins

had been only a futile gesture. Sin and Satan were still triumphant. There was no redemption from sin and death, no cure for human sorrow, no hope for a better day. The Messiah-Redeemer whom God had sent was dead. It was history's darkest moment.

But Easter morning changed all that. The glorious resurrection brought new hope. Redemption had been accomplished after all. Because Jesus rose from the dead and became the supreme conqueror of sin and death, He became the Lord of all history. His disciples came to see that here had been fought the decisive battle of the ages, and God had won. Here was signed the death warrant of all the enemies which were trying to defeat God's plan for man's redemption. It became clear that at Easter the New Age of the Messiah-Redeemer began. The resurrection of Christ was proof that God could and would accomplish all that He wanted to do. The future now belonged to Him.

The importance of the resurrection to the Christian Gospel is clearly seen in the preaching and writing of the apostles. Peter at Pentecost pointed out that God had raised up the one who had been crucified, and that by His resurrection Christ had been set on the throne promised to David's descendants. After that almost every sermon recorded in Acts mentions the resurrection of Jesus. Paul wrote that Jesus was declared by the resurrection from the dead to be the Son of God. He goes so far as to say that if Christ has not been raised, the Christian faith is a vain and empty thing. Peter wrote that God has begotten us to a living hope "by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (I Peter 1:3). He was no doubt thinking of those sad hours after the crucifixion when all their hopes had been dashed, but also how the disciples were brought back to glad hope when they knew Jesus was alive. John writes of Jesus as the first-born from the dead, as the one who died, but now lives forever and ever. He was thinking of the time when he looked into the empty tomb in the garden, and how, when he saw the graveclothes, there was born in his heart a faith that had come to possess him fully and to make him a worshipper and a preacher of the risen Lord. No one can read the New Testament without seeing how utterly the early church believed that the Lord Jesus after His death on the cross, had been raised from the dead and thus had become the Lord of life. It is clear that if there had been no resurrection, there would have been no faith, no preaching of Christ as Saviour, no church, no hope of Christ's coming again. There would have been only a sad memory of a wonderful man who was a martyr to a cause that He started but could not finish.

What makes the resurrection so important a part of Christian truth?

In the first place, it proves that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus during His ministry prophesied His death and resurrection. Now anybody can die. But only our Lord has ever conquered death. He is the first-born from among the dead. If He had not risen, He would have been proved an idealist, perhaps an impostor, certainly a mistaken martyr. But Paul tells us the truth: His resurrection proved Him to be what He claimed to be, the divine Son of God.

His resurrection made Him the author of eternal salvation. Easter is proof that the Father accepted the atonement made on Calvary. Paul says we were reconciled by the death, and saved by the life. Christ Jesus, raised from the dead, is at the right hand of God making intercession for us. And so Paul told the Corinthians that if Christ is not risen, we are yet in our sins. He was raised again for our justification, the Bible tells us. Peter says God according to His promise raised unto Israel a Saviour. A dead Saviour does no one any good. Only a living Lord can give us eternal life. Because He lives, we shall live also.

Secondly, it is through Christ's resurrection that we have deliverance not only from the guilt, but also from the power of sin. When we believe in Christ, we accept both His death and resurrection. This becomes an actual experience in our lives. As we see that He died for us, we die in Him. In our thinking we go with Him to the cross, dying there to sin and self. But that is not all. As we think of Him rising victorious, we rise with Him also in newness of life. Sin has been defeated in Him, and through His power and grace it is defeated in us. Paul told the Ephesians that the same power which raised Christ from the dead is available to us who believe. Think of it! Does the power of sin seem too strong for (Continued on page 11-1)

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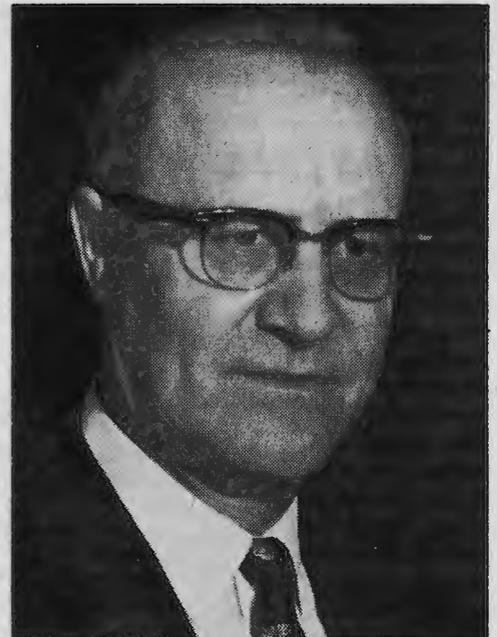
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Sunday, May 22, 1960

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MORNING SERVICE — 10 a.m.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Speakers:

Rev. J. H. Quiring, Pastor of Winkler M. B. Church and Instructor at Pniel Bible School.

Rev. G. W. Peters, Pastor of Buhler M. B. Church, Kans., USA, and former Dean of M. B. Biblical Seminary, Fresno, Calif.

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AFTERNOON SERVICE — 3 p.m.

HISTORICAL EMPHASIS

Speakers:

Rev. J. A. Toews, President of M. B. Bible College, and former Moderator of the Canadian M. B. Conference.

Rev. H. S. Bender, Dean of Goshen College, and President of the Mennonite World Conference

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EVENING SERVICE — 7 p.m.

YOUTH EMPHASIS

Speakers:

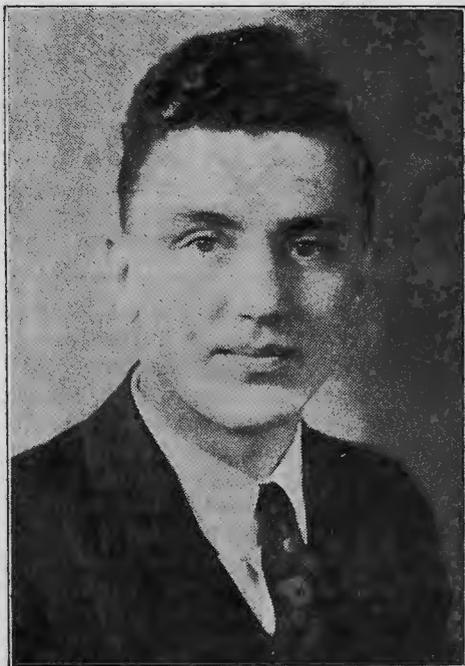
Rev. H. Lenzmann, Instructor at Pniel Bible School, Winkler, Man., and former pastor of Yarrow M. B. Church, B.C.

Rev. Frank C. Peters, Instructor at M. B. Bible College, and Moderator of Manitoba M. B. Conference.

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REV. J. A. TOEWS



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DR. FRANK C. PETERS

County Line Baptism

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the church. Their names are: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miskuski, Neil Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin D. Klaassen, who were married on March 19, have taken up residence at the corner of Roberts and County Roads. Mr. Klaassen has been asked to be the musical director at the church. Friday evening he held his first practise with the choir.

Because our church group is so small, we have our mid-week prayer meeting in our homes. This week it was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Born. A short church business meeting followed the prayer.

On Tuesday the Women's Work and Prayer Group are meeting at the J. Willms' home to practise their play for the Missionary Bazaar, which is to be held at the County Line Gospel Chapel on April 26.

Youth Workers' Conference at St. Catharines

St. Catharines, Ont. — With the challenging words of II Tim. 2:15, the Ontario Youth Committee, pastors, chairmen of Christian Endeavour, youth leaders and assistants met in St. Catharines for a study conference. The purpose of this meeting was to study papers on the aims and purposes of the M.B.Y.F. handbook.

During the morning session, Rev. John G. Baerg of Virgil gave an outline of "The Purpose and Aims of Young People's Work in Relation to Christians and Unsaved." The discussion that followed centred chiefly around the need for and establishing young Christians in the faith, giving them the Biblical basis for the various phases of life. Different ways of getting the unsaved under the sound of the gospel were also discussed.

During the afternoon, "The Purpose and Aims of Young People's Work in Relation to the Local Church and the Conference" were discussed by Rev. H. Warkentin of Leamington. These could be summed up as follows: winning of the young people, church membership, and service which would help train them for future responsibilities. Young people, too, must realize that their body, mind, personality, time, talents and possessions are not their own, but a sacred trust for which they are responsible to God! In relation to the total conference program, their interest should be stimulated, they should be informed and led to intercede for and invest in the Conference program.

Rev. Wm. Schmidt of Kitchener read a paper on "The Aims and Purpose of Young People's Work in Relation to the Social and Recreational Life," during the evening sessions. Our position in each case

must be evaluated according Phil. 4:8,9. A vigorous discussion followed. We were cautioned that our social and recreational life must be kept under personal control in order to glorify God.

The conference had given the workers much spiritual food for thought, reminded them to reconsider former planning and challenged them anew to render every service only for God's glory.

John Derksen

Assistance to Mennonite Hospitals in Paraguay

According to a report dated March 8, 1960, from Mr. Peter A. Epp, Mennonite Central Committee representative in Asuncion, Paraguay, a valuable shipment of supplies for the Mennonite hospitals has safely arrived in Asuncion.

The shipment contained one anesthesia unit and the anesthesia unit's oxygen and nitrate-oxide tanks for the Neuland hospital, also one crate containing 14 cartons of surgical instruments and hospital supplies. All the physicians' and hospital supplies contained in the 14 cartons are donations of the Fisher and Burpe Co., Winnipeg, and several medical doctors, also of Winnipeg, Canada.

All items arrived in good condition and promptly, because the voyage was shortened considerably by using the new Paraguayan harbor, Paraguana, located on the Atlantic coast of Brazil. The distant route via Buenos Aires was thus avoided. From Paraguana, Brazil, the goods are shipped by truck on the new highway to Asuncion.

The above mentioned donations of surgical instruments and hospital supplies had to be distributed to the hospitals of the Mennonite colonies in Paraguay. Br. P. A. Epp writes: "We have followed the suggestions given in a letter from the Mennonite Central Relief Committee of Canada. Representatives from the three colonies, Neuland, Volendam and Friesland, were in the MCC Centre where we had all the supplies on tables. With the exception of a very few items, the hospitals did not have any of the items. The representatives of the hospitals asked me to relay their sincere thanks to the donors.

The crate containing the anesthesia unit as well as the crate with the oxygen and nitrate-oxide tanks were sent direct to Neuland Hospital by air freight. I would also like to thank Br. C. A. DeFehr for giving a detailed list of the contents of each box.

The bales and boxes containing bandages, nurses' uniforms, doctors' outfits, were also distributed with the towels in all 5 hospitals: Fernheim, Menno, Neuland, Volendam and Friesland. The wheel chair was sent to Friesland, the name being on it.

C. A. DeFehr
Secretary-Treasurer

Recording Studio Dedicated

By Jake Friesen

The opening of a radio program recording studio and dedication of special recording equipment took place at a service in Mahbubnagar, Andhra Pradesh, India, Sunday, February 28, at 4:30 p.m.

Radio program director, Brother Henry G. Krahn, led in the opening Scripture and prayer, and gave a summary of the radio ministry being carried on by the India Mennonite Brethren Church under the auspices of the Evangelical Radio Fellowship of India. Brother M. B. John, pastor of Bethel Mennonite Brethren Church in Mahbubnagar, and Brother Ted F. Fast spoke on the opportunities for evangelism through the radio ministry. Brother John recalled how 18 months ago the first recording had been made and how the Lord had blessed this venture. Until now the recording has been done in Secunderabad with the capable assistance of Brother Bill Tarter, regional director for South India of Evangelical Radio Fellowship. Brother Fast pointed out avenues by which local Christians may support and participate in this ministry. He said that many with talent may be used in the production of the programs, and that all may participate in prayer for

those making the programs and for those who listen to the programs on their radios.

Brother Baghavan Dass, program announcer, mentioned that the response from listeners has been gratifying. Letters have been received from Telugu-speaking people in all parts of India and Indo-China. Each of the letters receives careful personal attention and a reply is sent back together with Gospel literature and tracts. The programs are prepared by various groups of the India Mennonite Brethren Church. They are recorded on tape and sent to the Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila for transmission on their 50,000-watt Christian station, which beams the programs to India every Monday night from 8:15 to 8:30 p.m.

The former printing press building which has been remodeled into a new studio will be a great asset and convenience for the production of the programs. Dedicatory prayers for the new studio and recording equipment were spoken by Brother Franz Joshua, headmaster of Hughestown school, and Brother J. Friesen of Jadcherla. The service was concluded by giving all present an opportunity to see a program being prepared for broadcast.

India Radio Ministry

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50,000-watt power to be beamed to India. The Evangelical Fellowship of India was used of the Lord to see the opportunity of radio evangelism, and the Evangelical Radio Fellowship was organized to arrange for special programs which could be beamed to India.

In 1958 the call to assist in this radio evangelistic ministry came to our mission in India. "Can you give us original, sparkling, India-slanted, Christ-centred programs? Then you are the people we want," was the appeal. The brethren of our India mission realized the great opportunities of radio evangelism and appointed Brother Henry G. Krahn to explore the possibilities

and make a report to the brethren of the Missionary Fellowship and Board of Foreign Missions.

It was a venture of faith, but God was with us from the beginning, and we were able to prepare our first tapes for broadcasting in August, 1958. Since then, we have prepared a weekly program in the Telugu language. We as missionaries assume the over-all responsibility of directing the radio work, but the actual broadcasting is done by nationals only.

At present we have a small soundproof studio at the Mahbubnagar station. Required equipment for recording has been provided by those who are interested in radio evangelism. The opportunities are unlimited and we depend upon the prayers of you brethren and sisters for this new spiritual outreach.



Brother and Sister Henry G. Krahn and children, Murray, 3, and Valerie, 5.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Brother J. B. Toews plans to attend the National Association of Evangelicals Convention to be held in Chicago April 25 to 29, which will also include sessions of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. On April 29 and 30 he plans to attend a special meeting called by EFMA at which developments in the Congo will be discussed. Also to be considered will be ways and means by which the evangelical testimony in the Congo may be preserved and unified in the face of various pressures being exerted upon the life of the church. All mission leaders and executives have been strongly urged to attend these special sessions.

Colombia

From Cali, Colombia, Brother Ernest H. Friesen reports a recent baptism as follows: "The Mennonite Brethren Church in Cali, Colombia, had the joy of witnessing the baptism of 15 candidates on March 20. It was a day of great blessing for the church to see young people and older brethren and sisters follow the Lord in obedience to His Word. We praise the Lord that He is building the church with brethren and sisters from various walks of life. One brother, who was baptized with his wife, is a carpenter and furniture-maker. Another brother is a well-trained electrician, and one young man a college student and only Christian in his family. We rejoice in seeing these fruits of our evangelistic campaign of some months past. It is our prayer that the harvest of souls may continue through the faithful witnessing of the members of the church. It was a milestone for the church when in one day the Lord doubled the membership. Two sisters were received into the church by transfer of membership also on the same day, which increased the church membership by 17. We solicit your prayers for each member in the church so that it may continue to grow spiritually and be instrumental in the salvation of lost souls in Colombia."

Brother and Sister G. J. Froese and family left India on April 2 for Europe enroute to the homeland on furlough. In Europe they will transfer to another ship which is scheduled to arrive in Montreal on May 9.

Brother and Sister Paul G. Hebert, after visiting some of our India stations, proceeded to Kodaikanal to begin studying the Telegu language. Intercession on their behalf will be appreciated as they study the language.

Brother Henry G. Krahn writes that the Indian government has granted 182 scholarships to students attending Mahbubnagar high school. This is of substantial assistance to the church as well as to her young people. A time of special spiritual meetings are planned for

the high school staff and students. Brother Krahn also writes that the health of Sister Krahn has improved somewhat. Intercession in her behalf will be appreciated.

Sister Anna Suderman wrote that schools in India would be closing around April 1. "Pupils writing the government exams will start at the end of March. The 18 who are to write from Deverakonda school are working feverishly to be ready for March 30 to April 6. The high school students start on March 31. More than 50 will write high school finals in Mahbubnagar high school. A number of those are Hindus and day scholars, though there is a sizeable group from all the mission stations. Deverakonda has three in that group and a number here in the local government school as well. With new school arrangements and consolidation programs for the coming school year, there will be new problems as well as opportunities. May the Lord guide very definitely, is our prayer."

Sister Rosella Toews and Katie Siemens are to leave India in April for furlough in the homeland.

India

The literacy rate in India has risen since 1951 from 16.6 per cent to nearly 41 per cent, according to a government survey. The greatest advance has been among women. Despite this notable advance, it has been discovered that as recently as 1958 no more Bibles and Scripture portions had been distributed throughout the country than in 1908. By way of contrast, Communists are aggressively disseminating their propaganda everywhere in India.

Brother Lim Khi Thin writes that 22 persons who accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior were baptized before Christmas 1959. He also reports that Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Friesen paid him a visit during March and that he was glad to show them the work of the churches in Java. The Friesens were doing medical work in Indonesia under MCC and will return to America in April.

South America

Brother John J. Klassen writes from Brazil that preparations are going ahead for opening the Bible school in the early part of 1961. At present, library books are being selected, faculty members being chosen and curriculum being worked out.

Sister Mary Esther Martens writes from Asuncion, Paraguay, that she enjoys teaching the group of American children in Asuncion. She also indicates that a fine group of Paraguayan adults and children is attending our Spanish mission, and love to sing gospel hymns.

Brother J. H. Franz reports that 43 students have been accepted by our mission school for Paraguayan children at Yalve Sanga. A new classroom building with three classrooms for approximately 100 students has been completed. But be-

cause of limited staff and board facilities, it has been necessary to limit the enrollment this year to 43. The missionaries write that if \$1,500 would be available from North America in addition to what the Paraguayan churches are in a position to do, it would be possible to construct a new boys' dormitory for this important institution.

Europe

An evangelistic campaign in Neustadt, Germany, is planned for May 8 to 22 with Brother H. H. Janzen as evangelist. Brother and Sister Corny Balzer will assist in the campaign with the music and children's work. Brother and Sister G. H. Jantzen as well as the Board of Foreign Missions request the fervent prayers of God's people for His blessing upon this effort. "We believe the future of the work here in Neustadt may depend much upon the outcome of this campaign. We believe the Lord has called our conference here and wants to establish a strong work here, for this place needs a strong spiritual testimony. We do not believe the Lord will fail in His purpose. Only let us pray that He will work it all out for His glory."

An urgent need in our conference work in Europe has been additional workers. Several workers are now in prospect. Among them are Brother and Sister Corny Balzer, who have responded to an invitation from the Board of Foreign Missions to enter fully into the work in Europe. During this time they have made a good contribution to our conference work by serving in the musical ministry and children's work. The Lord's blessing has been upon their work and the spiritual response to their ministry has been encouraging. The Balzers are to be fully incorporated into our European work as of July 1.

Belgian Congo

Among Congo missionaries returning for furlough this year, the following plan to leave the Congo on approximately these dates: John Esaus, June 14; Edith and Eleanor Baerg, Harold Krugers and Ivan Elrichs, June 25. Daughters of William G. Baergs, Edith and Eleanor are returning to continue their education in the homeland. Other Congo missionaries returning for furlough expect to leave before June 30.

Sisters Mathilda Wall and Martha Willems and 13 natives were involved in a car-truck collision in the Congo on their way from Kipungu to Vanga. No one was seriously injured except Sister Willems who suffered a broken foot and was hospitalized in Kikwit. Let us thank the Lord that the injuries were not more extensive and pray that Sister Willems may soon be restored to her work.

The Missionary Administrative Committee of our Belgian Congo field was to meet from April 12 to 16 to work out definite principles for the continuation of the work in

the face of independence to be granted to the Congo on June 30. The rising of nationalism presents problems unknown to missionaries in the past, and the intercession of God's people for this period is especially needful.

With independence and a new government in the Congo, the recognition and registration of all missions and organizations under the present government is being terminated. Now it is necessary for all missions to reapply for official recognition. Brother Henry Brucks, our legal representative in the Congo, is making these negotiations on behalf of our mission at this time. Such negotiations require many detailed efforts.

In the Belgian Congo, a special commission has been called by the Governor-General to re-study the whole educational program. Brother Henry Brucks reports on this development as follows: "Catholics and Protestants were asked to work together with government officials seeking to establish a new basis for the new Congo. Much work has been done and we are trying to look into the matter to determine how it will affect us as missions. Teachers may likely be paid directly by native officials. Teaching material, except religion, is being prepared and sent out from Leopoldville. The teacher-training program has been advanced to three years and the primary school program will be a six-year program."

The Belgian government last year announced a schedule whereby the Congolese would gradually assume more responsibility in their own administration, leading to independence within three or four years. During 1959, however, the cry for self-government grew so clamorous that an agreement has now been made to give Congo "provisional independence" by June 30 of this year. Most missionaries and many thoughtful Congolese wonder if the colony is actually ready for this step, and fear that independence will merely unleash bloody warfare among the Congo's 400 some tribes as they vie for power. While Congo has a higher literacy rate than almost any other territory in Africa, very few of its people have a high school education, and there are almost none with university training. This, of course, means "the almost total absence of an educated elite with any administrative experience." One naturally inquires about the future of missions in the Congo. Already the relationships between Christian Congolese and missionaries have become strained in some areas, as even Christian workers have fallen victim to the general spirit of rebellion and greed. Pray for a genuine revival within the Congo Church that will give to leaders and people alike a godly perspective and Christ-like conduct in these days of crisis. Pray for much tact, patience and above all wisdom for the missionaries in their dealings with the Africans.

THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Hello, Boys and Girls,

Happy Easter to all of you! It is one of the most thrilling things in life to tell about a real Saviour and God! We often see crosses used as pins on people's clothes. Some crosses even have the body of Jesus on them. Today, however, I am so thankful that we can tell you boys and girls of a LIVING JESUS!

Susan had often gone to Sunday school. She liked it. She heard how the Lord Jesus made blind men to see. This Sunday the teacher finished the story and said, "Boys and girls, the Lord came not only to make the eyes of our body to see, but also to open the eyes of our heart to see Him as Lord and God."

How Susan looked and listened! She had heard this before. How she wanted to have her heart opened for the Lord. She wanted to love Him. She wanted to be made clean from all her selfish sin. Soon the class was out, but Susan did not go out right away. She sat quietly till the others were gone. "Miss Brown," she said to her teacher in a low voice, "I have much sin in my heart. I have not lived for Jesus until now. But I want to. I want Him to open my heart, too. Please, Miss Brown."

Of course, Miss Brown was not the only one hearing Susan say that. Jesus was right there in that Sunday school room. He had longed for Susan to open her heart to Him. Now He was so happy to see her come to Him. He was right ready to wash her sins away and help her to see the Lord God as her own! A little while later a happy little girl went down the street quietly singing to herself:

"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today;
He walks with me and He talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart;
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart!"

And this is the Lord Jesus we want you, dear fellows and girls, to take as your God this Easter, for He lives today, for YOU! Will you have Him?

Love, Aunt Anne

Cindy's Egg Money

Cindy was a very business-like little girl. Joanne, her dear friend, was helping her count the eggs out of the hen's nests into the basket. "There are eleven eggs. Yesterday there were fourteen. That makes two dozen eggs and one over," Cindy figured, her blue eyes lighting up happily.

Cindy's Easter gift had been twenty soft, yellow baby chicks. She had taken care of them all by herself—"almost as good as a mother hen," her father said teasingly. Now they were grown chickens, laying eggs.

Cindy's father offered to buy chicken feed until the hens began to lay. After that Cindy was to sell the eggs and buy the food. The rest of the money she got from the eggs was hers.

Cindy had five customers, besides her mother, whom she supplied with eggs. She counted her money at the end of the week. First of all she took out her gift for the Lord's work. Then she took out enough to pay for the chicken feed. What was left she divided in half. One half she put in the bank, the other

half she saved for some special thing she wanted to buy.

Cindy and Joanne were planning to buy roller skates.

"Grandmother gave me money for my birthday," said Joanne, skipping gaily home from school, her brown "pony tail" bouncing. "I have almost enough money to buy the skates."

"I have only half enough," Cindy said disappointedly. "I wish I had a birthday soon, or the hens would lay two eggs a day, or something!"

"I promise I won't buy my skates till you can buy yours," said Joanne loyally.

"Let's go and talk to Mother," Cindy said.

Mother put down her knitting to listen.

"Do I have to give my gift to the Lord's work every week?" asked Cindy, very much troubled. "If I do, I won't be able to buy my skates for three more weeks."

"You don't have to give the Lord anything. If every Christian felt as you do right now, the churches would close their doors and the missionaries would have to come home.

It is entirely up to you, my dear. God wants you to give willingly and faithfully, then He will bless your gift and you," explained Mother.

"I do want to give my gift to God," admitted Cindy, truthfully. "But I thought maybe He could wait until I got my skates."

Two thoughtful little girls went out to deliver eggs. Their first stop was Mrs. Hill's house where Cindy sold a dozen eggs. The girls were invited into the house to sample some freshly baked cookies.

"I just received a letter from my daughter who is a missionary in India. It is so interesting I would like to read it to you," said Mrs. Hill.

The letter told about her experiences in telling the story of Jesus to the children and grownups of India. Many had accepted Jesus as their Saviour. Then it asked that the friends in the church back home be thanked for their gifts. Without them the work could not go on. "God is using and blessing their gifts every day," it read.

As Cindy and Joanne walked to the next customer's house they were very quiet. Finally Cindy remarked: "I am ashamed for ever thinking of using God's money to buy skates when people need to hear about Jesus and missionaries are depending on our gifts. I will wait till I have saved enough money for the skates."

"I'm glad you decided that the Lord's work is more important than skates," said Joanne.

Cindy rang the doorbell at Mrs. Taylor's house.

"Come in," greeted Mrs. Taylor.

After the girls had thanked her, Mrs. Taylor said, "Cindy, I've been thinking that your eggs are so large and fresh, they are worth more than you charge. I am going to give you ten cents a dozen more."

On the way home, Cindy's eyes lighted up the way they always do when she is happy. "It won't take quite as long to save enough money for my skates. And I'm glad I discovered how much more important it is to give to keep God's work going than for me to have all the things I need."

"God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7).

What a Child Did

A good many years ago, a Sunday school superintendent asked each one present to bring a new scholar to the school on the next Sunday.

Little Mary Paxton went home and asked her father to come to the school. He was nearly forty years old and so ignorant that he could not read. He was rough in appearance and rude in speech. He hated the preaching of the Word of God and despised Sunday schools and everything good. But he loved his little Mary, and when she took him by the hand he did not resist. He was led to Sunday school, and bet-



The Children's Saviour

"What has happened to Your hand?"
Anxiously the children stare,
Trying hard to understand
What has made those nail-prints
there.

Tenderly the Lord replies
As He draws them to His knee:
"Unbelief, and hate and lies
Nailed your Saviour to the Tree.

"But My Father, hating none,
Loved all people—black and white,
And He gave His only Son
To redeem them from sin's night.

"In these selfish, heedless times
Will you give Me all your love?
Help the folks in distant climes
Find the way to Heaven above?"

"Will you, out of gratitude
Share with them you little all?
Help them in their solitude?
Will you heed your Master's call?"

"Self-denial, and sacrifice
You are not too young to learn;
Offer them—at any price—
And God's blessing you will earn!"

H. P. W.

ter still, he was led to Christ. Then he learned to read, for Christ's sake, that he might better serve Him, and he finally came to be a Sunday school evangelist. He was useful in his work, for he founded fifteen hundred Sunday schools, into which seventy thousand children were gathered and out of which sprang abundant blessing.

When little Mary was leading her father to Sunday school, she little knew that she was leading a train of thousands up the shining way that leads to God.

Will you seek to bring someone to the Sunday school or gospel preaching? Who can tell what the result may be?

When Peter came to the Lord Jesus, he at once went to his brother Simon, and he brought him to Jesus, and they both followed Jesus.

"Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" John 4:29

Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(17th Installment)

The old house grew quiet. Outside, the storm raged. The drifts piled higher and higher, and the wind blew until the big maple tree by the porch groaned and creaked. Inside, the occupants snuggled into the warm blankets and let the wind lull them into dreamy thoughts. Aunt Molly hoped Ed Harnish had bedded the cow well, then thanked God for His care in the day just gone, and added a prayer for Allie May Martin. Kit hoped it was warm and comfortable where Mother and Daddy were, and planned the letter she would write to them tomorrow. Steve recalled the lonely years he had spent in a boardinghouse and thought how nice it was to be part of a family circle again, even if only as an uninvited guest. Virginia, lying quietly that she might not disturb Kit, mused on the conversation in the kitchen and grieved that anyone so dear as Sherry could be, when she wanted to, should avow herself openly an unbeliever. On the cot across the room Sherry pulled the covers over her head and sobbed into the pillow with longing for the letter she had burned. While a hundred miles away Don Carlson and his parents knelt and prayed with tearwet eyes, "Oh, God, keep our Sherry and bring her back to us and Thee."

During the night Virginia heard Steve putting coal on the fire. It must be a terribly cold night if he has to do that, she thought. She was glad there was a man in the house to do it. Lying awake a while after that, she found her thoughts returning to Allie May. Wouldn't it be wonderful if they could find her before Dad got home? That is, if he ever did get home. She put that thought away and tried to picture how her cousin would look now. One thing was sure. She would be beautiful, like a dark-eyed little doll. She remembered that the ten-year-old Allie May had been smaller than eight-year-old Virginia. Yet the force of her personality had made her the leader of the Martin trio. Every game or plan had its roots in her fertile brain. And when they got into trouble—as they frequently did—it was her powers of persuasion that prevented the deserved punishment. She and Jim had had a childish love affair that last summer, and had planned to marry and live in the "crow's nest" in the big tree by the bridge. Virginia remembered how left out she had felt when she heard them planning to lower buckets to draw water up from the creek and to hang cradles on the branches to swing their babies to sleep. They wrote letters to each other and

she never could find out where they hid them. Even now, Jim wouldn't tell. They had often talked since of what a lovable little minx Allie May had been.

Virginia drifted off into sleep again, to be wakened hours later by Sherry and Kit calling to each other across the room.

"Look, Sherry! It's almost to the top of the window!"

"I'll say it is! No wonder it's so dark. I wonder if it's so deep everywhere, or is that just a drift?"

"Let's go see. We could. It's almost eight o'clock."

Virginia joined them and the three, in bathrobes and slippers hurried out to the dining room. Here, also, was the strange gloom that made an eerie twilight in the daytime. Steve and Aunt Molly heard them and came in from the kitchen where Steve had built a fire in the range.

"We're snowed in for sure," said Steve. "And there's more coming. There's a drift on the front porch that's so high a fat girl like Kit would get stuck between it and the roof!"

"I'm going to see."

But when they cautiously opened the door they looked in amazement at the sight that confronted them. A white wall reached almost the entire height of the door frame. Kit turned to Steve in consternation.

"Is it so deep on every side? How will we get out?"

"We won't get out. We'll have to stay in," said Virginia.

"Not on your life!" cried Sherry. "I'll go upstairs and climb out on the porch roof and take off from there."

"That might work with a long-legged shikepoke like you," conceded Steve "But don't let Aunt Molly or Tubby here try it. They wouldn't be found till the spring thaws."

"Oh, for some snowshoes." Virginia sighed. "Kurt got some skis for Christmas last year and we had a lot of fun with them. If I had them, I'd go to Aunt Molly's barn and get some milk for breakfast."

"Well, you ain't got skis, nor yet snowshoes. I'll have to admit I wouldn't tackle crossin' that pastur' for love nor money. The drift in that hollow will be ten foot deep."

"There's still a quart of milk in the pantry," said Sherry, "so you won't have to sally forth in search of vittles yet a while."

"My, how funny to have the lamps lit at nine o'clock in the morning!" exclaimed Kit as they gathered around the table to eat the bowls of oatmeal that Aunt Molly was putting before them. "Isn't it queer how anything as white as snow is can make a house so dark? I wish I

had two good legs and some snowshoes, and that Jack and Fran Fields were here. We'd have some fun! Oh, I don't like being a cripple!"

"Being a cripple doesn't make much difference this morning," said Virginia from her station at the front of the stove where she was making toast on forks before the open grate. "We're all snowed in together, and instead of thinking about winter sports we'd better be checking on our supplies."

"What's the matter, cook? Provisions low? If I'd known I was going to stay indefinitely, I could have brought some food."

"There's plenty to eat—of a sort. I bought a bushel of potatoes and one of apples from a farmer the other day. He said they'd keep fine in the cellar here. I didn't dream I was laying in supplies for a siege. I have plenty of sugar, flour, shortening and spices. But I have only seven eggs, no milk except in cans, and no fresh meat. There's lots of canned vegetables and tuna and salmon, so we won't starve. But if we stay here long we'll probably yearn for milk and meat!"

"You're a pretty good provider," commended Steve. "Having unexpected guests is apt to cause any hostess some anxious moments. Don't worry, as long as the potatoes and apples hold out we won't lose weight. And when the storm is over I'll give you a pantry shower that will leave you prepared for another blizzard!"

Hour after hour the snow continued to fall. The wind still blew a gale, but the snow, piled high around the old house, kept out the blasts, and the prisoners did not feel the bitter cold. That day seemed twice as long as a usual day. Virginia, saying that they must conserve kerosene, put out the lamps, so they sat around in the half-light, playing games that Sherry invented and making plans for the time when they could get out into the world again. Prompted by sheer boredom, they ate an early supper, then delayed their retiring lest they endure a sleepless night.

They were grouped around the one lamp on the dining-room table, Aunt Molly reading her Bible, Steve and Virginia playing checkers on the old board Steve had found in the parlor, Sherry and Kit working on the dog scrap-book. None of the young people had zest for their pursuits, for the inactivity of the day had wearied them of such pastimes. Sherry made frequent trips upstairs and looked out of the windows, hoping each time to report a diminishing of the snowfall.

"I never saw so much snow!" she said after one of these excursions. "Aunt Molly, did it ever snow so much as this before?"

"Oh, sure," answered the old lady. "About ever' ten year or so we have to have a storm like this. Guess God knows we need to stay in and think a few hours instead of rushin' round like mad. It gives us a chance

to kinda get acquainted with ourselves if we have to stay home and be quiet a spell."

"I don't want to get acquainted with me, no more so than I am now. I know too much about me now. Further acquaintance would breed even greater contempt."

"That may be true for you, young lady, but some of the rest of us are not so fearful of a bit of introspection," said Steve, taking two of Virginia's men by a clever bit of strategy.

Sherry flipped a piece of paste-smear paper in his direction, and both she and Kit giggled when it landed in his hair. Aunt Molly, as if sensing an incipient storm, hastened to remark, "Not that this ain't about the worst storm I ever saw. And it ain't through yet. It may be lots deeper than this 'fore it quits."

"Did you really ever see a bigger snow than this, Aunt Molly?" asked Kit, laying down the scissors and stretching her cramped fingers. "When was it? Were you shut in your little house all alone?"

"Well, the biggest snowfall I remember was when I was ten year old. That was an awful one. Yes, I was livin' in the same little house, but I wasn't alone, by any means. There was eight of us there that night. I never will forget it."

"Was there something special about it? Tell us, Aunt Molly. Was it much worse than this?" begged the little girl.

Aunt Molly put aside her Bible, moved her chair away from the light and closer to the stove. Propping her feet on the hearth at the front of the old-fashioned stove and folding her hands in her lap, she seemed to be preparing for a long story. The young people forgot their game and magazines and listened with Kit to a story of more than sixty years ago.

Aunt Molly vividly told the story of her early home life and how members of her family were led to Christ through varied circumstances.

The silence that followed Aunt Molly's story was broken by Kit, who had an instinctive aversion to silences.

"I think that's the best story I ever heard!"

Virginia soon insisted that Kit go to bed, for the hands of the clock were pointing to ten. Aunt Molly folded her quilt pieces, closed the Bible and let Steve help her upstairs. As Sherry watched them go, she turned to Virginia with a sigh of exasperation.

"Isn't she the dearest bit of nonsensical gullibility you ever met? Almost she could make me believe that tale. She should have been a novelist."

Virginia did not answer. What would have been the use of battling such deliberate perversity as Sherry's?

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Proceeds from Community Sales



Part of the group of 1000 persons who attended the fourth relief sale at Morgantown, Pa., April 2, 1960. The sale is sponsored by the Tri-County Relief Committee for MCC. \$3750 was received from the 1000 items sold and contributions at the lunch stand.

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Two community inter-Mennonite relief sales have collected nearly \$8,000 for distribution of surplus foods overseas, with proceeds from the food stand sales at one sale to be used for the purchase of New Testaments and Bibles.

The relief sale at Congerville, Ill., sales barn March 12, netted \$4,100. John Roth, secretary for the Congerville Inter-Mennonite Relief Sale Committee reported that about 800 people attended the Congerville sale:

"Some of the first items sold were quilts, bringing from \$9 to \$36. Many new items, donated by area businessmen, brought more than market value. In all there were more than 800 items sold. The total amount of the sale was less than last year because there were fewer items of farm machinery and livestock. Four auctioneers conducted the sale, selling in two rings. Their services, as well as the use of the sale barn, were donated. Bidding was generally brisk because people knew they were donating to relief of the needy. A fine spirit of Chris-

tian cooperation prevailed. People from many Mennonite churches as well as other churches worked untiringly. We pray God's blessing on the results of our efforts."

The second relief auction sale was held at Morgantown, Pa., at the Ralph S. Hertzler farm, April 2. About 1000 attended this Tri-County Relief Sale.

An estimated 1000 items were sold. Items solicited for the auction included farm equipment, livestock, feeds and seeds, hardware and household items. About \$3,750 was collected. Proceeds from food sales will be used to purchase Testaments and Bibles to be sent along with overseas food distribution. Like at the Illinois sale, the service of auctioneers and other assistance was donated.

In charge of the Morgantown sale was the Tri-County Relief Committee: M. C. Sensenig (New Holland), president; Ralph S. Hertzler (Morgantown), vice-president; Allan Musser (Bowmansville), secretary, and Paul Hoover (Hinkletown), treasurer.



Clarence Yordy, Morton, Ill. (center), was sales manager. An estimated 800 attended the second Inter-Mennonite Relief Sale, March 2, 1960, Congerville Sales Barn, Morton, Ill. Bidding was brisk as four auctioneers conducted the sale in two rings. \$4100 was raised for Mennonite Central Committee relief work. More than 800 items were sold. Many new items, donated by area businessmen brought more than market value. A fine spirit of Christian cooperation prevailed. People from many Mennonite churches as well as those of other churches worked untiringly.

MCC News Briefs

From Vienna, during the month of January, 10 clothing packages and five medicine packages were sent to Bulgaria. This was MCC's first shipment to Bulgaria. One clothing package was sent to Yugoslavia and five to Hungary. In February, 56 packages went to Poland and one to Yugoslavia. A total of 2,257 pounds were sent to needy individuals outside Austria.

Frankfurt MCC office entertained the Frankfurt Mennonite congregation at an open house March 27. In the regular morning service Peter Dyck gave the message, "In the Name of Christ," and the MCC unit sang. At noon the 56 members of the congregation present were

served dinner by MCC personnel. The afternoon program included short talks and slide reviews presenting the European MCC program, followed by the opportunity of a tour through the house. Coffee and fellowship ended the day's program.

A Pax chorus will sing in German Mennonite congregations during Easter season, April 15-18. Along with the chorus, directed by Bob Good, will be Pax Pastor Clarence Hiebert, who will present the spoken message. The itinerary is being arranged by Richard Hertzler from Weierhof, and nearly all the programs will be given in churches in the Pfalz and Hessen. Most of the music will consist of German Easter hymns.

Frank Peters Reports from Uruguay

We would like to share with you some of the experiences of our trip as well as some of the first impressions from the South.

Our plane, "442 North West," left Winnipeg at 6:15 p.m. on February 22. In St. Paul we transferred into a C.A. plane. Since we arrived late, very little time was left to board the next plane. The flight was delayed because of us. On February 23, we left Chicago and arrived in Wichita, where one of the severest snowstorms in years greeted us. Visibility was almost nil. The officials at the airport told us that for a while they had been debating whether the plane was to land or to go on to the next airport.

The car ride from Wichita to Hillsboro was treacherous and slow. The question came to my mind, why we had to encounter so many storms. While doing deputation work in Alberta we were almost forced to cancel some of the meetings. Again, while visiting the Niverville church in Manitoba, at times we could not see ten feet ahead of the car. And now again difficulties arose. But the words of Sister Anne Voth of Winnipeg, before we left, were an encouragement. She reminded us of the words spoken by Jesus to His disciples: "Fahret über den See," whatever storms we may encounter while obeying His command.

It was our privilege to be in Hillsboro February 22 to 26. Here the secretary-treasurer of the Committee of Welfare and Public Relations, M. A. Kroeker, took us to the airport. The plane, which was scheduled for 6 p.m., took us via Kansas City and St. Louis to Miami, the gateway to South America. Since our tickets were made out as far as Miami only, we had to find out when our next flight would take place. I was told that the office of the Real Co. would open in about half an hour. But can those South Americans (and this was our first encounter with them) stretch half an hour. After I had waited for over three hours the first

official arrived and told me that I could come back after three hours and check again. I realized I stood at the gate of a continent where "manyana" (tomorrow) is a good word to keep in mind. At 3:30 p.m. on February 27, we took off from the Miami airfield in the Super-H Constellation of the Real Co., which has over 140 planes and is the largest flying company of the Southern Hemisphere, leaving good North America behind us.

Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, was our first stop-over. A sharp contrast from North America greeted us. First of all, we had only a few hours ago left a country of snowstorms, now we found ourselves in a country where the temperature registered between 80 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit. With mixed feelings we were treading on foreign soil, with a different language, which would have to be learned. Then too, our country of peace and freedom had been left behind and we were now in a country where unexpected things can happen. Everywhere we saw soldiers with weapons. One South American traveller told me that these young soldiers didn't know why they were carrying guns, in fact most of them were afraid of their own weapons.

From Curitiba to Asuncion we travelled together with Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Falk from North Kildonan, Man. On this stretch we saw gorgeous and majestic Iguassu Falls from the air. For two days we stayed in the MCC home in Asuncion, where we had fellowship with the Frank Wienses. Brother Wiens took us to Albert Enns, missionary to the Spanish speaking people. I had met Brother Enns in Germany about 11 years ago.

Saturday night we left Asuncion on a jet plane, which flew the distance to Montevideo, in only 2½ hours. Montevideo is a beautiful city. Mrs. John Wall, in the absence of her husband, who had gone to Bage to teach Bible school, bade us welcome. At last we had reached

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WEDDINGS

Dyck — Martens

Miss Sue Martens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Martens, Aldergrove, B.C. and Mr. Edward Dyck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Dyck, Clearbrook, B.C., were married in the East Aldergrove M. B. church on April 2, 1960.

Rev. Herman Voth officiated, assisted by Rev. Gallop. Miss Esther Klassen was the pianist. The choir sang, "Each Step I Take" and "O leg' aufs Haupt mir deine Segenshände." The young couple made a wedding trip to Seattle.

Klassen — Peters

Miss Charlotte Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Peters, Winnipeg, Man., and Mr. Cornelius Klassen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Klassen, Winnipeg, were married in the South End M. B. church on April 9, 1960.

Rev. J. P. Neufeld officiated, assisted by Rev. J. M. Schmidt. Mr. Richard Horch played the organ and Mr. Frank Funk served with special solos. The reception followed in the basement of the church, after which a program was presented. Special items of music were rendered by the brothers of the bridegroom and by the Gospel Light quartet.

Spiritual Refreshments in April

Saskatoon, Sask. — The month of April has again been a time of many blessings for the Saskatoon congregation.

April 1 to 3, Dr. F. C. Peters completed the exegesis on the book of James, which he began with us in January. During the Sunday morning service, Brother Peters also delivered a centennial message, outlining the special events preceding the inception of our brotherhood as we know it today. In his message he stressed the vision our forefathers had when they saw the need for the separation of believers for holy communion. They wanted a pure church, each member walking according to the Word of God. They also felt a deep responsibility to witness to others.

In the year 1960, our churches need vision in order to face the problems of a new era. We must receive it from the same source as our forefathers received theirs, that is, through Scripture study and prayer. We need a deeper concern for personal holiness and a sense of regard for our spiritual state. We must also have a greater need for missions.

During the second weekend in April we had a special Youth Workers' Conference, for which the speaker was Rev. J. J. Toews, instructor at the M. B. Bible College.

The young couple went for a wedding trip to the United States, after which Mr. Klassen will continue his work as radio technician and Mrs. Klassen as receptionist in a doctor's office in Winnipeg.

Braun — Duerksen

Miss Helen Duerksen, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. K. Duerksen, Winnipeg, Man., and Mr. Leonard Braun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Braun, Winnipeg, were married in the Elmwood M. B. church on April 9, 1960.

Rev. D. K. Duerksen, father of the bride, officiated, assisted by Mr. D. D. Duerksen, brother of the bride, and G. D. Huebert, uncle of the bridegroom. Miss Frieda Duerksen, sister of the bride, played the organ and Mr. Helmut Janzen served with appropriate solos. Miss Alice Braun, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid and Joan Duerksen the flower girl. Walter Huebert, cousin of the bridegroom, was the best man.

The reception took place in the basement, after which the young husband thanked all guests for their expression of love and their presence. Rev. Duerksen then briefly addressed the congregation and Mr. Henry Braun led in the closing prayer.

The young couple made a wedding trip to the United States, after which Mr. Braun will continue his studies and Mrs. Braun her teaching in a city school.

There were also messages by Rev. A. J. Neufeld, who has been serving in Austria, and Rev. D. Nightingale of the German department of radio station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador.

Sunday evening the church choir rendered an Easter program which included excerpts from both Handel's "Messiah" and Haydn's "Creation." Rev. J. J. Toews presented a message and stressed the fundamental reasons "Why We Know That Our Redeemer Liveth."

F. V. Klassen.

"Truth, Dwell Not With Us"

Kitchener, Ont. — On Friday, April 1, and Saturday, April 2, the young people of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Kitchener, Ont., presented the play, "Truth, Dwell Not With Us." The play was written and directed by Mr. Jake Dueck. The theme of the play was about the foolishness of nominal Christianity.

One son, sick of a meaningless existence, joins the airforce in order to break away from all the ties of money, popularity and people's opinions. This son dies in an airplane crash, but he has found the right way of life as the letters he has written to his older brother Bill show.

Bill, a medical student, has just been forced into a life of study by

his prestige-enslaved mother. Disgusted with mere form of religion as his parents and many other Christian church members practise it, he tries an earth-shaking experiment. For two weeks, Bill plays the role of a prophet of old. Under this disguise he tells his parents that they are hypocrites and white-washed tombs. He holds before them the doctrines they say are the truth, but which they do not practise.

The scheme is discovered by the doctor, who tells Bill that the right way of life is to do the job one enjoys. Bill does not agree, because he has found the truth, and determines to live it. Foolishly, however, Bill goes to a mining town to practise his beliefs instead of staying at home.

The verse, "If ye shall seek me with all your hearts, ye shall surely find me," was experienced by both brothers. They sought Christ and found Him.

Two Young People's Groups Have Fellowship

Aldergrove, B.C. — The Young People's Endeavor of the East Aldergrove M. B. Church was invited to visit the Vancouver M. B. Church at 43rd and Prince Edward. After several postponements, this visit was finally made possible on April 3.

The central theme of the program was Easter: Mr. George Warrentin, leader of the Aldergrove young people, led in the invocation. The program was divided into three parts: Christ in Gethsemane, the crucifixion and the resurrection. Each of these sections was introduced by a Scripture reading by Miss Anita Rahn. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Herman Klassen, sang three songs. Further the program included two songs by the male quartet, one song by a ladies' double trio, a story for the children by Mrs. Abe Wiens, a stirring poem recited by Dave Esau, depicting Christ carrying His cross as Simon of Cyrene viewed it, and a message by the pastor of the Aldergrove Church, Rev. Herman Voth. Again we were reminded of all that our precious Saviour has done and suffered to redeem sinful humanity.

A lunch prepared by the Vancouver young people, was enjoyed by all. We thank them for the warm reception they have given us.

Esther Klassen

The Drama "Job" Presented

Morden, Man. — The Morden M. B. young people presented the drama, "Job," on Sunday evening, April 3.

The drama is based on the biblical story of Job and is presented in two acts. Act I depicts Job as a rich man. God is well pleased with him. This causes Satan to desire his downfall. Act II: God grants

Satan his request. Job has lost everything. Now Job's friends turn against him, too, but in spite of adverse circumstances, Job remains true to God, finally crying out, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

The costuming and the setting were very fitting for the presentation. The part of Job was played by Henry Neufeld while the narration was done by Abe Riediger. A background of organ music played by Mrs. Olga Friesen, greatly helped to make it an effective presentation.

The evening proved to be one of real blessing, as many Bible truths were vividly depicted. May God also have received honour through this evening.

Frank J. Friesen

News Items

Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor of the North Kildonan M. B. Church, and Mrs. Falk returned from their 6-weeks' South American tour on April 9.

Miss Herta Voth (Virgil, Ont.) was transferred to another place of service. Her present address is: Casa Evangelica, Istmina, Choco, Colombia.

The Steinbach "Evangel Book Shop" was totally destroyed by fire on April 10. The former owner was Rev. P. D. Friesen and later it was owned by Mr. Peter Martens. The total loss is about \$25,000.

The Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Manitoba has a membership of about 2,200 in 18 local churches. Up till now it had two elders. Recently another three were elected, namely: Rev. Ernst Wiebe, Winnipeg; Rev. D. D. Klassen, Homewood, and Rev. Jacob F. Pauls, Morden, Man.

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Frank Peters Reports

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our destination. Next afternoon we were introduced to the M. B. group in Montevideo, whom we served in the evening. The attendance is gratifying. The people shake hands with all present when they arrive as well as when they depart. The boys bow when they greet. Their behaviour speaks of European customs. Two rooms in the MCC home are taken up by four young men, of whom two will attend the Mennonite Seminary here in the city. Four boys who have come from the colonies to attend the Spanish school, occupy another room. The other rooms are available for guests. At present, two families from the colonies are staying with us, getting their papers ready in order to leave for Canada. They are the Janzens and the Funks. We are sorry to see them go since both are ministers and ministers are scarce in Uruguay. The ladies help in the kitchen and in house cleaning.

The standard of living here presents many contrasts. Many things are cheaper than in North America, others costlier. A new car costs about \$10,000 in Canadian currency. Many people work for 30 cents an hour. You can well imagine that the owner of an old Model-T would be more proud of it than an average American of his Buick. Sometimes the whole family shines a car which would be thrown on the junk heap in North America. Potatoes are expensive while fruit is cheap. We can buy 12 bananas for 15 cents.

Our responsibility for the next three months is to look after the spiritual and physical needs of the home, serve the M. B. group on Sundays, conduct week-day gatherings and visit the colonies. At present I am taking a four-hour per day three-week Spanish course at the Mennonite Seminary. I am in a class of 12 students, most of whom have studied Spanish for a number of years in public or high school. The second day we were greeted with an examination.

The family has rested up from the strain of the trip. Helen had a few difficult days as a result of the trip. The children felt miserable for a whole week. Now they play nicely.

We believe the Lord has already shown us that He wants us out here. A man from one of the colonies in Paraguay was saved when I spoke to him. In his prayer he thanked God for having brought us to the South in order to show him the way of salvation. Our prayer is that many more might follow. May we lift up the cross of Jesus and thus bring glory to our matchless Saviour's Name. We thank you for your prayers. Please keep on praying for the Lord's cause in South America and for us.

Frank and Helen Peters
Pedro F. Berro 1114
Montevideo, Uruguay, S.A.

With Billy Graham in Africa

By Tom McMahan, Religion Editor

Tel Aviv, Israel. — People pushed past harried ushers in a Haifa church and in the Jerusalem YMCA as Billy Graham's Holy Land pilgrimage almost became a major preaching crusade.

Others knocked again and again at the church doors which were locked to prevent really dangerous overcrowding. Inside, many stood for half an hour in a stuffy balcony while some climbed atop school desks to watch the American evangelist speak.

In Tel Aviv's twin city of Jaffa, twelve hundred people jammed into a church which normally seats six hundred. One hundred and fifty others listened via a loudspeaker in the garden outside.

It was here that the widely publicized controversy arose over the Israeli officials' refusal to let Graham's sponsors rent the large public auditorium for a meeting. TIME magazine reported that the auditorium issue was referred to Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, who was in America. According to TIME, the old Zionist cabled that he had no objection providing Graham would refrain from mentioning Jesus Christ before a Jewish audience.

Graham said repeatedly that he had come to Israel primarily as a pilgrim and incidentally to preach to the Christian community, but, if Jews came to the services he would not keep them away. And they did come. Of the six thousand who heard Graham at four different places, well over half were Jews and the rest were mostly Arab Christians.

The newspapers gave excellent coverage to the meetings, including accurate summaries of Graham's key theme that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and man's only Saviour. The same message went out over an Israeli radio station across "no-man's-land." Radio Jordan broadcasted the entire sermon which Mr. Graham had preached a few days earlier to a standing crowd in the Lutheran church in Old Jerusalem.

Christian meetings on this scope have not been held in the Holy Land in modern times. Observers said they pointed up a great spiritual hunger in a land where the great majority are totally without formal religious faith and where pristine zeal of Zionism is dimming among the youth.

There is limited religious freedom in Israel. Graham recognized that the background of persecution in so-called Christian lands accounts for much of the social and economic pressure brought to bear on Jewish converts to Christianity in Israel. He told his audiences that these persecutors were false Christians. He also emphasized that Christ was crucified by the Romans and not by the Jews, and that we are all partly responsible be-

cause our sins helped nail Him to the cross.

The Israeli government went all out in its welcome to Graham as "a true friend of Israel." President Ben Zvi invited him to his residence for a fifteen minute visit and kept him for an hour. Mistress Golda Meier, Israel's Foreign Minister, entertained Graham and several other Christian leaders at a luncheon. Graham had a half hour conversation with the Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Toledano.

Graham was careful to avoid being involved in the political differences between the Israelis and the Arab world. He told interviewers that he was a representative of the Gospel and not a political spokesman in any sense. However, he pointed both Arabs and Jews to the words of Christ about love and forgiveness.

In Haifa, the beautiful seaport near the Lebanese border, Graham invited his hearers to remain after the meeting if they wished to accept Christ. In Nazareth, where the meetings were held under the trees on a beautiful hillside, inquirers were asked to walk away from the main crowd and gather on a knoll for further counseling. Three or four hundred responded at the two services. Among them were several dozen Jews.

At Jerusalem and Jaffa Graham followed the advice of local Christian leaders and gave no public invitation, but he preached forthright Gospel messages and asked interested persons to write to the United Christian Council which had invited him to Israel. Bone-tired from nine weeks of campaigning, mostly in Africa, and troubled with insomnia, Graham left for Paris by air and boarded the Queen Elizabeth at Cherbourg. He hoped to get some rest before arriving in America, where interest in his African tour, already considerable, has been whetted by current major stories in three magazines—LIFE, TIME and NEWSWEEK.

Charlotte, N.C. — A green carpet was rolled across the railroad tracks as Billy Graham returned from his African tour to his home town where he used to milk cows and dream of a baseball career.

The famous evangelist, tanned and rested after a voyage across the Atlantic, was met by his 70-year-old father and several dozen well-wishers, among them an old negro who wept as Graham clasped his hand. An informal press conference was held in a roped off area of the station platform. Then Graham drove to his boyhood home to see his mother who was unable to meet the train because of a foot ailment.

Later in the day Graham and his lovely wife, Ruth, who had met him in New York three days earlier, motored 100 miles to their mountaintop home where he saw their

children for the first time in three months. Graham told newsmen he hopes to relax a bit after one of his most strenuous campaigns. But he has consented to write articles this month for two of the nation's largest magazines. And he also hopes to prepare a statement for a major wire service on the new anti-segregation movements in the South.

Questions about the racial situation dominated several well-attended news conferences in New York and Washington. Graham condemned South Africa's apartheid policies as un-Christian and un-workable. He declined comment on the wave of southern lunch counter sit-ins until he has had time to learn about the situation at first hand. He also said he would wait until he returned to his native southland before speaking to the South on her problems.

In Washington Graham saw President Eisenhower, lunched with Vice-President Nixon and went to the State Department, where Secretary of State Herter assembled several of his top aides for an informal briefing that lasted several hours.

The President expressed interest in Graham's suggestion that he visit Nigeria next October when that most populous African nation will receive its independence. Such a gesture would demonstrate America's solidarity with the new African nationalism, Graham said.

In New York Graham gave impressions of his African tour at a luncheon given in his honor by the chairman of his 1957 New York Crusade, Roger Hull, an insurance executive. One of the guests, an investment broker who has long been a leading lay Bible teacher, said he wished every Christian leader in the nation could have heard Graham's report. "I was never challenged so much in my whole life, he explained. As Graham spoke, two hotel waiters stood at one side and listened intently. Here are some highlights of his talk:

1. "The race problem has not hurt America in Africa materially as yet, but if it continues unsolved, it will hurt us badly. Somehow we've got to set an example or we will lose the friendship of one of the strategic parts of the world.

2. "Many have criticized Mr. Nkrumah (Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana). I'm not one of his critics. Africa has a tradition of tribes and chiefs. Mr. Nkrumah has held his country together by building himself up as a new chief. African leaders would be leaders in any country.

3. "What we saw and experienced gave me a tremendous new appreciation for missions. Every dollar we have invested in missions has paid off many times over.

4. "The African Church is warmly evangelical in its message. The closer to the frontier you get, the warmer your message has to be.

5. "In all my travels I never saw

people more eager to learn. The students almost rebel against vacations. Many walk seven to ten miles to school.

6. "Africans want social acceptance and equality as much as political freedom. They respond to a smile and a simple exhibition of courtesy and friendship."

Hope by Resurrection

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you? Are your temptations more than you can master? Just reach out by faith and lay hold on the power God has made yours through the risen Christ. Life in the Holy Ghost is daily participation in the miracle of what happened to the body of Christ and what can be happening in the realm of the spirit even now in us.

Third, it is through Christ's resurrection that we have the hope of our own bodily resurrection. A future resurrection is a distinctively Christian teaching. Other religions believe in immortality. The ancient Egyptians believed in a life beyond death. The Greek philosophers taught existence beyond the death of the body. Hinduism teaches the migration of the soul from one earthly life to another. Christianity teaches, not an immortality separate from our present bodies, but the resurrection of the bodies of all the dead. Jesus said that all that are in their graves shall come forth, the good to the resurrection of life, and the evil to a resurrection of judgment. Those who believe in Christ will be raised to a completion of redemption which will include the physical body. Christianity does not teach, as did the Greeks, that the body is an evil thing in which the soul is imprisoned, and that death is for the immortal soul a happy riddance. It rather teaches that man is body and soul, a total person who may be totally redeemed, in both soul and body, through the power of God through Christ.

"I am the resurrection and the life," said Jesus. The one who believes in Him, though he dies, yet shall he live. The Christian lives already so far as spiritual privilege and newness of life are concerned. He has even now eternal life, a life that shall never be hidden under the eclipse of death. We have the sure promise of our Lord, "If a man keep my word, he shall never see death." And yet we hold this treasure of life in bodies which are hastening toward the grave. John died and Paul died and saints of all the centuries have died. There is none for whom eventually the bell has not tolled. Unless the Lord comes to stop this funeral procession, we shall all lie down in dust. The new life which Christ brought exists in a realm of death.

Now death was defeated when Jesus rose from the dead. Having risen, He dieth no more. But it was defeated only in Him, not yet in us. There is a period of time between

the deathblow which was given at Easter and the full effects of that deathblow in our resurrection at the second coming of the Lord.

But though the time of the ultimate victory over death has not yet come, it is not for that reason uncertain. The assurance of our resurrection is found in the certain fact that Jesus rose from the dead. God both raised the Lord and will raise us. Christ is the first fruits, as we shall be the harvest. "In Christ shall all be made alive." "He that raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also with Jesus." He will fashion anew the body of our humiliation and conform it to the body of His glory.

When believers die, they go to be with Christ in conscious blessedness. Their bodies return to the elements from which they were made. But full redemption looks forward to being clothed upon with the spiritual body in which we will be found when Christ comes. This spiritual body will be related to the present body, even as the plant is related to the seed from which it sprang. But it will be changed and transformed to serve the purpose of a fully redeemed nature. Christ's resurrection body, recognizable to those who knew Him, and yet able to appear behind locked doors and to disappear behind the clouds, is the pattern of what we may expect. Of course, there is mystery, as God's ways are beyond our understanding. We can leave the working to Him who is able to accomplish all He has promised. Of this the resurrection of Christ is a constant assurance.

What is your hope? Is it only that present heartaches will soon be over? Are you limited to the unbelieving hope of Swinburne, "that no life lives forever, that dead men rise up never"? Are you satisfied with the immortality of the Greeks, that somewhere, beyond this mortal life, there may be something better? Or does your faith stand on the sure ground of Easter truth as God has given it to us in His Word? Do you believe that Christ came forth from a tomb which was unable to hold Him? Has this risen Lord given you eternal life, which is ever the source of unending peace and joy?

Do you have a living hope that Christ at His appearing will redeem you in body as He has now redeemed you in spirit? This is the hope God offers you.

Paul Erb (Gospel Herald)

M. B. Bible College

Instructor Reads Paper at Theological Society

Rev. David Ewert read a paper entitled "The Righteousness of God" at a recent meeting of the Winnipeg Theological Society. The paper traced the concept of judgment through the Old Testament and related it to similar concepts in the

New Testament. The paper was greatly appreciated by the Society and it was agreed to have the paper sent to the Canadian Theological Society meeting in Ontario. Most of the members of the Winnipeg Theological Society are faculty members at St. Johns College and United College. Others are ministers of the city of Winnipeg.

President to Address Commission of N.A.E.

President J. A. Toews will address the Social Action Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals at their annual meeting in Chicago April 25-29. The paper will present the view of evangelical biblical thought on the Peace position. A second speaker will be Dr. V. Raymond Edman, President of Wheaton College. A member of the Peace Committee of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, Rev. Toews has written two books in this area. During World War II he served as spiritual advisor to the C.O. boys stationed in British Columbia.

Missionary Candidate Leaves College

Miss Viola Janz, recently accepted by the Foreign Missions Board for service in India, withdrew from classes to begin preparation for the field. The daughter of Rev. Nick Janz of Herbert, Sask., Miss Janz is a graduate of the Foam Lake High School and has attended Bible school at Three Hills and Hepburn. She received her nurse's training at St. Paul's Hospital at Saskatoon. According to present plans, Miss Janz will leave for India some time this summer.

Students Present Drama

The students of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College presented the drama, "Steadfast in Hope" on April 9 in the MBCI auditorium. Written by a former graduate, John B. Toews, presently at Fuller Theological Seminary, the 3-act play depicts the trials and martyrdom of the early Christians. An offering was taken at the door.

Instructor at Youth Conference

Rev. J. J. Toews was the main speaker at a Youth Workers' Conference held at Saskatoon on April 9 and 10. Speaking on the topics, "Your Community—a Mission Field" and "Church Loyalty," Rev. Toews challenged the audience to invest time and talent in witnessing for Christ.

Ewert at Steinbach Conference

Rev. David Ewert will address the Annual Missionary Conference of the Steinbach Bible Institute. The Conference constitutes the closing exercises of the Institute. Serving with Mr. Ewert will be several missionaries from various foreign fields. Rev. B. D. Reimer is the principal and will be in charge of the rally.

Mr. Ewert served as graduation speaker at the closing exercises of the Winkler Bible School.

Missionary on Furlough Visits Us

Linden, Alta. — Sister Mary Toews, who is home on furlough from the Belgian Congo, visited the M. B. Church here on April 3. In the morning Miss Toews told the children a very interesting story which was enjoyed by all. Sunday evening she gave us a full report with slides of her work on the mission field.

Sister Toews taught public school in the Linden district for several years before she went out to the mission field. She is very well known to most of our congregation. We were all very happy to meet her again. We wish her God's richest blessing as she continues her service in the many churches.

J. K. (Correspondent)

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Invitation to Youth Workers' Conference

The annual Youth Workers' Conference of the M. B. churches of Manitoba is to be held in the Mor-den M. B. church on Sunday, May 1, at 2:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. (Standard Time) The main fea-tures on the program are two ad-dresses by Brother Walter Wiebe, Bible school teacher and journal-ist, of Kitchener, Ont., on the themes: "Your Calling As Youth worker in the Local Church," and "Building an Effective Youth Pro-gram." All youth workers and everyone interested is invited to attend.

Wm. Schroeder, Chairman,
Manitoba M. B.
Youth Committee

Greetings from Neustadt, Germany!

We are grateful for the possibil-ity of reading the "Mennonitische Rundschau". Our brethren and sis-ters here are reading it with inter-est and they thus become more familiar with our church life.

Now we come with a request. God willing, Rev. H. H. Janzen will con-duct evangelistic meetings here

from May 8 to 22. Brother and Sister C. L. Balzer will assist in the work by singing and serving the children. A thorough work with God's blessings is to be done here and we urgently ask our home churches to remember these serv-ices in prayer. Pray also for these local Christians.

God gives many opportunities for service. The work consists of preaching, of expounding the Scrip-tures, and of distribution of Chris-tian literature. Tracts are being sent to various points in Germany, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, East Germany and even to Brazil.

We are grateful to you for inter-cessory prayers. Yours in Christ.

G. H. Jantzen

Coming Events at Stein-bach M. B. Church

1. Handel's Messiah to be pre-sented on April 23 by the Stein-bach and Niverville choirs under the direction of Mr. Ben Horch.

Solists are: Peter Koslowsky, Bill Reimer, Mrs. Viola Falk and Irmgard Braun.

2. Evangelistic meetings to be conducted by Rev. J. J. Toews on April 24 to May 1.

ON THE HORIZON

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

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

April 24 to May 1. — Evange-listic meetings to be held in Panzi via Kenge, Belgian Congo. Rev. H. D. Derksen (Boissevain) is to be the evangelist. Brother Derksen is asking for intercessory prayer of our home churches.

May 8-22. — Evangelistic meet-ings to be conducted in Neustadt, Germany. The speaker is to be Rev. H. H. Janzen and the gospel singers, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Balzer. Special prayer is requested of the home churches.

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

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