

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2

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## A Faithful Friend



What a faithful friend is Mother,  
Loyal-hearted, brave and true.  
Not a thing you ever needed  
Was too hard for her to do.  
She has led you gently onward  
Down along life's winding way;  
For her tender, loving guidance  
Seek your mother to repay.

### God's Bountiful Blessings to Our Mother's on MOTHER'S DAY!

O what countless days of labour,  
O what anxious nights of care,  
O what endless grief and worry,  
For your sake she's had to bear.  
Patiently she's struggled onward,  
Bravely made each sacrifice,  
Are you fair and square with Mother?

Are you really worth the price?

Daily seek to bring her pleasure—  
Love and happiness and cheer.

Who deserves your thoughtful service

More than your own mother dear?

Tell her often how you love her,

How you need her every day.

Make her glad she is your mother.  
Thus you can your debt repay.

be formed into a strong channel for the witness of the gospel.

J. B. Toews

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At Nyanga in the Belgian Congo is Ecole de Moniteur Christien (Christian Teacher Training School) jointly operated by Congo Inland Mission and our mission. A new \$100,000 plant is under construction. When completed, facilities will include six classrooms, two dormitories for 160 students and a central dining hall and kitchen. The plant is to be ready for occupancy in September. The school has been operating in make-shift buildings since 1954 and has graduated 20 students to date. This year there are 13 in the senior class. The teaching staff includes three missionaries and three Congolese. Our representative on the staff is Sister Daisy Martens (Swift Current, Sask.).

Sister Anna Goertzen (Paxton, Neb.) writes from Lusumvu, Belgian Congo, that Chief Kingelema has professed to receive Christ as his Saviour and that 30 believers were recently baptized there.

The medical work at Kafumba, Belgian Congo, is progressing, according to a report by Dr. Vernon Vogt (Paxton, Neb.). Brother Vogt is now in charge of the medical

work at Kafumba where a medical center is being developed. Blocks are being built and ground leveled in preparation for construction. Writing on April 9, Brother Vogt indicated that since November 1, 2,500 patients registered for treatment who had never called for help before and that there were more than 60 major surgeries and about 100 minor procedures. God's blessings have been upon the work. Many bodies have been healed. A full-time evangelist has been engaged to work among hospital patients. During February and March there were seven recorded decisions to accept Christ as personal Saviour. With the combined prayers of God's people and the efforts of the medical staff, many more such decisions can result. Contributions by the patients for services have been very helpful in paying for operations. At present it appears that the operation of the medical work at Kafumba may eventually become self-supporting. Brother Vogt reports that cottages are needed at Kafumba for missionaries who come there for medical treatment. Present facilities for this purpose are inadequate, and the alternative is for them to make the long expensive trip to Kajiji at the other end of the field.

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## Statement on the Status of Missions in the Congo

The revolutionary changes in Africa are affecting every aspect of the political, cultural and social life of the continent. The Belgian Congo is to receive its independence on June 30. Inquiries have come to the Board of Foreign Missions office in Hillsboro as to whether the mission work in that country will continue after independence is granted.

Through consultations with the Congo leaders who are to assume responsibility for the new government, it has been established that the continuation of the work of missions in the Congo is desired. Some changes in the official status of missions are expected, but the ministry as such will continue. The relation of the mission to the nationals will also undergo some changes. More responsibility of leadership is to be transferred to national people. The missionary's position in the program will also experience some modification. The period of transition will create many and difficult problems; however, it is believed that the cause of Christ and the national church

will be strengthened through the changes. Much prayer is needed for our missionaries and the national brethren that the future work may



1960 Graduates of Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn, Sask. From left to right, back row: Lorenz Wiebe, Vancouver, B.C.; Henry Schmidt, Sexsmith, Alta.; Henry Siemens, Medstead, Sask.; Arnold Voth, Dalmeny, Sask. Middle row: Melvin Wiens, Beechy Sask.; Dave Schroeder, Drake, Sask.; Art Priebe, Flowing Well, Sask.; Abe Heinrichs, Glenbush, Sask.; John Dyck, Guernsey, Sask. Front row: Phyllis Siemens, Hepburn, Sask.; Lois Berg, Waldheim, Sask.; Rev. J. H. Epp, principal; Lillian Wiebe, Waldheim, Sask.; Elnora Janzen, Waldheim, Sask.

## EDITORIAL

### A Mother — Worth More Than Rubies

The Mother's Day Act was passed and approved by President Woodrow Wilson on May 8, 1914. He was also empowered to designate the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and to request its observance, and the Canadians have followed the good example of the United States.

Most people in Christian lands, where this day is observed, are looking forward to Mother's Day with great anticipation, because it is the day when they are especially reminded of the kindness and love of their mothers. Their feelings are expressed in the words of Prov. 31:10: "... for her price is far above rubies."

A husband, who sincerely appreciates his wife, is in full accord with this statement. She is his life partner, who is dearest to his heart and the object of his undaunted, deep-rooted, sacrificial and constant love.

Here we are reminded of the description which the late Prime Minister Chamberlain of Great Britain gave of his wife. He said, "She is the lady who knows all my secrets but never lets them out, who gently corrects my faults, who never forgets to praise me, who remembers all the things that I forget, and who, for now nearly 30 years, has been my best friend and counsellor." When Ex-President Harry Truman spoke of his home town, he gave vent to similar warm feelings. He said, "This is the place where I met Mrs. Truman so many years ago. And we have been sweethearts all our lives" (Life Magazine).

In the sunset days of life, Andrew Jackson, former president of the USA, was often found in his room with the Bible in one hand and a miniature of his beloved deceased Rachel in the other. He also composed a beautiful tribute to her which was engraved on her tombstone. Part of the inscription was as follows: "Her face was fair, her person pleasing, her temper amiable, her heart kind. A being so gentle and so virtuous, slander might wound but could not dishonor. Even death, when it bore her from the arms of her husband, could but transport her to the bosom of her God." (Macartney)

The love of a Christian husband toward his wife has not reached its peak unless Paul's admonition is heeded, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25).

Mothers are worth more than rubies, not only to their husbands, but also to their children. A long list can be provided of things which children must have. They need food, clothing, shelter, guidance, education, moral training, religious instruction, love, help, advice and many other things. A drawn-out list of things which children need can be summed up in one word, namely the word, "Mother."

A kind and pious mother will do all she possibly can to provide for her children. She is concerned about their physical, material and spiritual well-being. Her loving and positive influence is far-reaching. William Ross Wallace realized this and has expressed the idea of Mother's influence in the following words: "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." Though her influence is tender, yet it is tremendous.

The impact which a mother makes upon the religious life of her child cannot be overestimated. She struggles not only against her own weaknesses, but also against the evil influences and inclinations in the life of her child. Here we are reminded of Coleridge's conversation with a man who held the view that the child should not receive any religious instruction whatsoever, but when he came to years of discretion, he should be permitted to choose his own religious opinions. Coleridge said nothing. After a while his visitor came to see his garden. The man looked at Coleridge in surprise and said, "Why, this is not a garden! There is nothing but weeds here!" Coleridge replied, "Well, you see, I did not want to infringe upon the liberty of the garden in any way. I was just giving the garden a chance to express itself and choose its own production."

A true Christian mother will not permit the weeds of sin to grow in the life of her child, but will do her utmost to point her child to the Saviour, Who saves and keeps those who trust in Him.

There are these and many more reasons why a Christian mother is worth more than rubies.

G. D. H.

### Spontaneous Creativity

By Mrs. Esther Horch

#### God's Way of Healthy Development

In the 18th century Hazlett said that advances of civilization were unfavourable to a creative spirit. The more we explain things the less room there is for the creative imagination. I wonder what he would say about our modern civilization today with its radio, television and a scientific explanation for practically everything. Everything is analyzed. How can the imagination take hold? Maybe the best place to look for imagination is in the unspoiled mind of a child. Maybe we can even apply Matt. 11:25: "The heavenly Father has hidden deep truths from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes." Creative actually means to make something out of nothing—something that wasn't there before, be it a thought or be it translated into a song, poem, story or picture.

Why is it that when we page through a hymn book, even one exclusively used by Mennonite groups, that we find no Mennonite names as authors or composers of the hymns contained in the book, at least very few. I'm afraid that we have a tendency rather to discourage than to encourage creative thought and talent.

Everyone likes to create something new, but the acceptance of what is new is a very slow process and encouragement is essential.

Original spontaneity is especially rare among Mennonites and we even have a tendency to look with misgivings on people who display a little more emotional originality than is our custom. As long as we curb creative thought we will remain poor in the field of creative productivity.

1. a) Trends that tend to discourage creativity and their influence on parents.

Parents, and I think especially Mennonite parents, like to do the thinking for their children. We are very frightened by new ideas. They might disturb our way of life. When a child shocks a parent with an expression we may even say, "Don't say that." Why? Because it is easier for the parent not to know what goes on in the mind of a child. The course of action becomes complicated and there are responsibilities to assume if we know certain thoughts and acts of our children. What are we doing in the home and the church to encourage and develop creative thought and talent?

No doubt, radio, television and record players are in part responsible for our inactivity today in the creative field. We don't even take active part, we just sit and listen and let ourselves be entertained. Mother doesn't have to sing the nursery rhymes any more; she just turns on "Kindergarten of the Air" and "presto" its all done for her. It's good, but no substitute for active participation and personal con-

tact. Nothing automatic can ever take the place of personal contact and individual participation. In a survey recording conversion experiences, out of 5000 persons only 2 traced their experience back to a radio service. Personal contact is much more influential.

Creativity cannot be encouraged by impersonal impressions but requires action, thought and encouragement by personal contact.

1. b) Trends that tend to discourage creativity and their influence on children.

Experts tell us that we remember 10% of what we hear, 15% of what we see and 90% of what we do. No matter how wonderful all our modern listening and seeing devices have become, and no matter how well a child is supervised and permitted to listen and see only the finest, it can never replace participation. The child loves to sing, play an instrument, tell a story and recite a poem, and this in turn can lead to creative action. Participation can become a creative experience. However, there are some children who do not perform well in public. Some of these youngsters may be the most creative in mind and this is the only way they can be creative. Are we going to deny these children the opportunity of passing their ideas on to others?

Performances with children are often very stilted, too rehearsed and show little or no originality. The thinking has all been done for them. Nothing is left to the creative mind of the child who knows what is expected of him, and if he knows what's good for him he won't digress. We notice this in the stereotyped testimonies of our teenagers, and acceptance for membership in the church is based heavily on a certain type of conversion experience related in an accepted terminology.

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## A Visit to South America

**Winnipeg, Man.** — It was on a cold February early morning when we took off from Winnipeg's Stephenson Air-port. Our aircraft was a powerful 4-motor plane, comfortably equipped and well staffed with efficient personnel.

With two in-between landings, we reached Florida at 6 p.m. in the evening. What a sudden change it was—from 15 below to close to 90 above. While snow fields of the north were changed to green meadows and blooming flowers, the howling of the cold north-west wind gave way to a mild breeze from the ocean and sweet singing of the birds. People walked in shorts with a brown sun tan and in the buildings cold air ventilation was in operation.

It was Miami, where we had to change air lines. We now left North Western Air Lines for the Real, a Brazilian airline. Since our plane on this line left the next day about 2 p.m., we rented a room in a motel situated about 2 miles from the air-port.

On Thursday, February 25 at 3 p.m. we took off from Miami to cross the great Gulf and after 5½ hours our plane reached Caracas, the capital of Venezuela. Now we were on South American soil and were curiously interested in the different changes which we noticed. The average people were of smaller stature, dark complexion and very excitable. The police-men are very young men. There were even boys among them, who appeared unreliable and inefficient. A sense of uncertainty creeps over the traveler and things take a slower and more impractical course. There is much time, and "patience," as a slogan, finds its practical application.

Belem was our next stop, it was the first city of Brazil on our journey. As we left the plane, we noticed the humid air, and many water pools, for it had rained. They claim Belem has just as much rainfall as there are days in a year. From Belem we set out to Rio, the capital of Brazil and on Friday at 5 p.m. we landed at Sao Paulo, a city with a population of over three million people. Here we made a stop for a day in the Girls' Home, which is well directed by Mr. and Mrs. A. Dyck. It is a home which takes care of the Mennonite girls who work in the city of Sao Paulo. Girls, who seek work and change places, stay in this home and are physically and spiritually helped by the Dycks as home parents. This is a highly essential and appreciated work in a large city, with its dangers and difficulties.

It was a 2-hour flight from Sao Paulo to Curitiba. On Sunday morning our first visit was to the Orphan Home, directed by Mr. and Mrs. Thiessen. It was a thrill to see how this work branched out into

different departments of mission work. All children were neatly dressed and well fed. They were friendly and courteous. We had the privilege of visiting Curitiba for four days. We conducted a few meetings and visited various homes. The people were friendly and hospitable. Most of them are engaged in dairy farming, which seems quite profitable.

On Thursday, March 3, we visited Asuncion. Here we stayed over night in the MCC quarters and on Friday we boarded a small two-engine plane for the Chaco, Fernheim Colony, the town of Philadelphia. The plane took off at 12 p.m. and kept a low elevation. Nothing came in sight except bush and clearings. After one hour and forty minutes, we approached the colony. We could clearly see buildings, villages, roads, cattle and people. Our plane made one more great dip and then landed on the meadow runway.

When it came to a halt, we were met and greeted by our friends with a warm welcome.

After three weeks of a very interesting stay in Paraguay, we visited Uruguay and Argentina and met many fine people and saw many interesting things.

To sum it up, the trip through South America made the following impression upon us: Socially, there exists a depressing insecurity. Economically, many suffer from inadequate supervision and distribution. Morally, there is a great need for training and education. Spiritually, there is a great need of light, light from our God in Christ Jesus.

We are thankful to God and the people for this long trip which stimulates us to thankfulness and greater efforts to redeem our opportunities which many people do not have.

W. Falk

(Rev. and Mrs. Falk left for South America on February 24 and they arrived home on April 9.)

## The Nurse Is Needed

By Mabel V. Brunk, R.N. MCC Korea



**Pusan Children's Charity Hospital.** The Christian nurse at PCCH is challenged to translate the love of God into understandable actions—malnourished bodies need nutritious food; malnourished emotions need extra large doses of "TLC"—tender, loving care. Photo by Mabel Brunk

No doubt needs ever exist in the Pusan Children's Charity Hospital nurse's mind that her patients really need her. Their malnourished bodies need nutritious food, and sometimes patient persuasion is required to coax dulled appetites to accept more than the familiar diet of rice. The high incidence of infections means these patients need many antibiotics carefully administered. Emotionally starved from the impersonal, routinized atmosphere of orphanage and hospital life, these children also need mothering and need to be shown that they are loved.

Most pediatric hospitals in North America are allowing parents to visit their children more often, recognizing that separation from parents at this time of hospitalization produces an unnecessary emotional trauma. Our orphanage patients lack parents who could visit them and thus need substitute mothering for the interim of hospitalization.

As these apathetic children are given some attention, they begin reacting emotionally, with crying

often being the first sign of response. Some children manifest their emotional malnourishment by clinging desperately to anyone who holds them. Thus, along with providing high-protein, high-vitamin diets and antibiotics, nurses at PCCH are challenged to give these children extra large doses of "TLC" (tender, loving care).

A PCCH nurse is also challenged by the responsibility of helping find the best "home" for these homeless children. Rarely this might be a real home, when a Korean family comes looking for a child of a certain age and sex, or when a Eurasian child is sent to an adoption agency. An abandoned blind baby was brought to the hospital for examination, but nothing could be done to save his vision. He was placed in an orphanage where he lost weight and became sick. Then a home was fortunately found for him in another part of Korea, where several blind babies are together in a baby home; here he will be able later to attend a school for blind children.

Another patient helped to a brighter future was Chung Chun Ja, a 15-year-old girl who came to PCCH nearly blind from cataracts and exceedingly depressed. She had been living in a very poor institution for mentally ill adults. After diabetes was diagnosed and controlled and after cataract extraction, she showed an amazing personality change. She learned to give her own insulin and showed such interest and aptitude in helping to care for the toddlers in the hospital ward that one of the orphanages hired her as a worker. Illiterate when she was first found, she now is able to attend literacy classes near the orphanage in Seoul where she is employed.

A PCCH nurse is challenged to continue learning as she sees textbook descriptions come to life. She sees malnutrition more vividly than any illustration and finds that the sponge count during surgery may also include a count of ascaris (roundworm). She learns to translate the basic seven foods of a balanced western diet into available, inexpensive Korean foods. She learns to appreciate the value of preventive medicine when caring for many children who evidence long-standing neglect that leaves permanent damage. One boy with severe bone destruction in a leg had had no treatment except insertion of needles (one of the forms learned from the Chinese) during a whole year of illness.

A Christian nurse at PCCH is challenged to translate the love of God into understandable actions, since language is not acquired readily. She depends on the Korean Christian nurses to add their witness by word. Certainly she needs an abundant portion of God-given love and humility and patience to work with nurses from a quite different background and to help these nurses share her belief in the importance of giving the best possible care to these children who have known so little love.

## Rev. J. Pankratz Lectures on Prophecy

**Coaldale, Alta.** — Rev. Jacob Pankratz, pastor of the Niagara-on-the-Lake M. B. Church, gave a series of prophetic lectures in the Coaldale M. B. church on March 28, 29 and 30. Rev. Pankratz, who has had extensive experience with the Jewish nation, stressed the importance of God's promises to the Jews. These promises will be fulfilled. In outlining God's plan with our world, Rev. Pankratz also mentioned the destiny of Christ's church.

Rev. Pankratz's visit was part of a lecture series in churches of the Alberta M. B. Conference. These lectures were sponsored by the Alberta Conference Executive.

J. B. Huebert

## M. B. Bible College Oratorio Choir Sings Bach's St. John Passion

Culminating a choir conductors' conference and co-incident with another year of activity for the M. B. Bible College Music department, the College Oratorio Choir again presented their annual performance of Bach's great St. John Passion to a large and receptive audience in the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren church on Thursday, April 21.

Together with members of the Mennonite Symphony Orchestra, soloists heard were Breaa Krahn and Marina Dick, sopranos; Margaret Pauls and Elsie Boese, contraltos; with individual solo choir members singing the secondary roles of Peter, Pontius Pilate, the maidservant and other minor parts.

The use of 'continuo' in the musical tradition of the work was supplied by Peggy Sampson, well-known CBC cellist. Joyce Redekopp played the piano in lieu of a harpsichord.

William Reimer, well-known bass soloist and CBC artist in his own right, sang the words of Christ with a real sense of dignity and utter simplicity. Earlier in the week Mr. Reimer was featured as outstanding recitalist at the Canadian M. B. choir conductors' conference and he then culminated his stay in Manitoba as guest soloist with the Steinbach Choral Union's performance of Handel's Messiah.

For the Passion itself, Bach has assigned the most demanding role to the narrator, sung magnificently by the well-known tenor and CBC artist Peter Koslowsky. Mr. Koslowsky's singing gave the whole performance a wonderful sense of dramatic urgency that permitted the total musical forces under the steady hand of the conductor a range of communication that was at times quite overwhelming in contemplating anew the immense human drama revolving around the person of Christ.

Brilliant choral singing (scaled at times to a much larger auditorium) pictured passionate outbursts of the mob's participation in the intense 'rejection' scenes. Over and against this, familiar 'chorales' (that didn't always resist a tendency to romantic coloration) and other large choruses, intoned with sincerity and conviction the participation of the congregation of believers to stir the hearts and minds of all those present.

Musically speaking, the performance was much more satisfying with an orchestra in preference to an organ, even though the former sounded a bit unrehearsed at times. This was especially made manifest in some of the solo arias requiring an ensemble type of support from the instruments rather than orchestral.

The overall performance was

marked by a high degree of musical intelligence and understanding for a work bristling with all kinds of archaic demands circumscribed by an exacting baroque style. Against this the choir's young musical director, Victor Martens, balanced a sure knowledge of the con-

## 47 Nurses Receive Pins and Diplomas

**Winnipeg, Man.** — The graduation ceremony of Grace Hospital took place in Young United church on Monday, April 25. Many relatives and friends had come to fill the auditorium to capacity. The audience paused in silence as the graduates entered, each dressed in white and carrying 18 red roses.

The hospital report for 1959, read by Dr. N. D. McCreath, praised the high standards of the hospital and the excellent enthusiastic work of the staff. There were 4000 births at Grace in 1959 with no maternal death. An important event of the past year was the opening of the new maternity wing. Dr. McCreath also mentioned that the proposal by the city of St. James that the Salvation Army erect and operate a new 500-bed hospital in that city is at present being considered.

Dr. M. B. Elliot, deputy minister of health, greeted the class. Miss B. Seeman, the educational director, led the graduates in the Florence Nightingale Pledge.

The reward of the three years' of hard work came when the graduates were presented with their diploma and hospital pin.

The long awaited and perhaps most exciting moment came with the presentation of awards. The award winners of Grace Hospital 1960 graduating class were: Lorna Caldwell, Hamiota, general proficiency medal; Lillian Muir, Oxbow, Sask., highest standing in theory award; Arlene Cotton, Kenville, Man., general proficiency; Eunice Frost, Minnedosa, Man., award for kindness, tact and sincerity.

Rev. McGown addressed the graduating class and drew a parallel between the characteristics of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the qualifications of a nurse serving others. The qualifications are: sympathy, aptitude for studying, friendliness and a sense of humor, physical fitness, keen sense of responsibility, and calm serenity even in the face of a crisis.

The valedictory address was given by Miss Kay Froese, Elm Creek. She compared nursing to mountain climbing. For both the heart must be right and there must be a goal. In closing the address, the speaker quoted from the Bible: "And whosoever is the chiefest among you, the same shall be the servant of all." She reminded us that if it seems that the nursing profession has lost some of its original glam-

ducting skills required for such a performance to communicate with singular faithfulness the central theme, the Passion of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The listeners were stirred anew with the wonder and magnitude of God's great plan for our redemption made manifest in the flesh through the agony of Gethsemane and the uplifted Cross of Calvary.

Ben Horch

our and thrill we should remember that Christ regarded the one who serves as chief.

Mennonite nurses who graduated this year were: Annie Wall, Helen Peters, Margaret Wiebe, Minnie Janzen, Elizabeth Dueck, Elvira Voth, Anne Falk, Bertha Toews, Kay Goertzen, Louise Reimer, Matilda Wohlgemut, Alma Rapske, Grace Driedger, Kay Froese, Lydia Giesbrecht.

Beth Froese and Anne Toews

## Child Evangelism in Saskatchewan

**Regina, Sask.** — Mrs. Melba Derstein recently addressed the Regina Ladies' Missionary Circle. She outlined for the group the work of Child Evangelism in this province.

The city had 40 Good News Clubs with a total enrollment of about 1200 children during the past winter. Realizing that after the age of 20 only one out of a thousand accepts Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Derstein, Saskatchewan Directors of Child Evangelism Fellowship, are very anxious to reach as many boys and girls as possible. Statistics show that the majority of these children came from completely unchurched homes, and only a very small percentage attended a fundamental Sunday school.

Aims are high for the Summer Program. Child Evangelism hopes to have eight summer missionaries who travel to various towns and cities and hold five-day clubs. They would like to see 60 such clubs in the city of Regina alone. These five-day clubs are held for five consecutive days usually on some lawn and are very well attended. Many decisions for Christ have been made at such clubs in the past and that is their purpose again this summer. The program is then followed up in the winter by Bible Reading courses.

Mrs. Derstein concluded by saying, "All children want to know, all can know, all will know. It depends on me."

## Serving and Being Served

**Foam Lake, Sask.** — Sixteen young people of the M. B. Church at Foam Lake put their time, talent and effort into the preparation and presentation of an Easter cantata, "From Gloom to Glory," under the able direction of Rev. J. H. Kehler.

This cantata was presented in 5 different churches starting at the Mennonite church near Watrous on April 10. On the morning of Good Friday they motored to Wynyard Gospel Mission. Rev. Ben Friesen had invited them. The same evening they brought the cantata in the home church here with many townspeople attending. On Monday evening, April 18, they presented the program at the Springside Baptist church. The final rendering took place in the United Church at Foam Lake on Sunday evening, April 24. Many favorable comments were made wherever this cantata was presented, but the desire and aim of the group was not to entertain, but rather to present the gospel of salvation and the Christ whom they serve.

It was our privilege to see the Billy Graham film "Southern Cross Crusade" in our church recently, shown by Mr. Buhler, Billy Graham Film Association representative of Regina. It pictured the work of the Billy Graham team in Australia and New Zealand, where many thousands attended each meeting and God truly worked His miracles of salvation in many hearts.

## Three Special Occasions at Steinbach

### The Messiah Presented at Steinbach

The Niverville and Steinbach M. B. Church choirs under the direction of Mr. Ben Horch sang *The Messiah* at Steinbach on April 23. The soloists were Irmgard Braun of Niverville, Viola Falk of Winnipeg, Peter Koslowsky of Niverville, and William Reimer of Vancouver. Mr. Filmer Hubble was guest organist, this being the first major performance since the installation of a new organ in the church. The sixty-five voice choir sang to a capacity audience. The program was a challenge for the choir and proved a real spiritual inspiration for listeners and singers.

### Farewell for Abe Neufelds

A farewell service for the Abe Neufelds was held in the M. B. church on Sunday, April 24. It is nearly a year since the family returned home to Steinbach. They have been a real challenge to all of us here as we have seen them face problems with unflinching faith and praise on their lips, and then humbly thank God for answered prayers as He saw fit. Mr. Neufeld was away on speaking engagements most of his stay in Canada, but his ministry transmitted to us something of the freshness and vitality he shows in mission work.

### Evangelistic Services at Steinbach

Rev. J. J. Toews was the evangelist at a campaign held in Steinbach from April 24 to May 1. Personal cleansing and prayer are conditions for fruit-bearing and any effective outreach to the unsaved, he said. The services were well attended.

Henry Toews

## FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

### Paraguay

In Asuncion the Paraguay Mennonite Brethren Church has been able to purchase an adjoining lot around which a retainer wall and fence need to be built. This ground is to constitute part of the site on which a new church building is to be eventually erected in this strategic part of the city. We request much prayer on behalf of this gospel outreach in that great city.

Our missionaries in Paraguay greatly appreciated the visit by Dr. Eugene Nida of American Bible Society, who has given them valuable help with translation work in the Lengua and Chulupie languages. This will provide a more permanent and practical basis for future use of the Indian languages which will be constantly more exposed to the Spanish language by younger generations.

### Costa Rica

Brother and Sister Walter Pastre, now in Costa Rica, have been appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions to go to Brazil to assist in the further development of the church extension program. Their transfer to Brazil is dependent upon the securing of the necessary documents.

### Ecuador

The German-language broadcasts prepared by our staff at HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, can be heard in North America as follows (time indicated is Central Standard Time): 11:30 p.m. daily except Monday, 19 metres 15.115 megacycles, 25 metres 11.915 megacycles, 31 metres 9.745 megacycles, 1.9 meters 6.05 megacycles; 5 p.m. daily except Monday, 16 metres 17.89 megacycles, 19 metres 15.115 megacycles; 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 16 metres 17.89 megacycles; 19 metres 15.115 megacycles.

### Brazil

Brother John J. Klassen (Fresno, Calif.) writes from Campinas, Brazil, where he and Sister Klassen are in Portuguese language study, that they have located a Christian book store which handles useful books and materials for Bible students. Brother Klassen is obtaining a supply of books and materials in the Portuguese language to be placed in the library of the Bible Institute which is to open its doors for students in the spring of 1961. The first unit of the Bible school is now under construction. It really was a God-send that the students of Mennonite Brethren Bible College at Winnipeg had made the new library of this Bible institute a project during their last missionary conference. The funds raised during that time now make it possible to provide the anticipated library with the proper reading materials and

study materials which are so essential in the preparation of qualified Christian workers.

Brother and Sister Peter Huebert are completing their Bible school and language study and are returning to Curitiba in preparation for an evangelistic ministry in San Mateus. May we remember the Hueberts in prayer as they enter this ripe harvest field. Special prayer is also requested for the new group of national believers at San Mateus. This work was begun through the testimony of a Brazilian couple saved through the mission work at Curitiba. Extension evangelism in Brazil under the direction of Brother Huebert has also been instrumental in starting work in a number of other little cities in the province of Parana west of Curitiba. We are praying and trust the Lord that these groups of believers will constitute the nuclei for the building of national churches in these places.

### Colombia

The Colombia field administrative committee met in March to pray for, review and plan the work in the following areas: church and evangelism, education, stations, medical work and missionary personnel. Members of the committee are Brother Ernest Friesen (Dinuba, Calif.), chairman; Brother Ebner J. Friesen (Fresno, Calif.), secretary; Brother Wilmer Quiring (Fresno, Calif.), Brother Vernon Reimer (Orland, Calif.), Sister Herta Voth (Virgil, Ont.). Considerations included the following: The conducting of short-term Bible courses for the training of believers in their faith and testimony is to encourage the various churches, and Brother Quiring is to serve as coordinator for teaching material. A new evangelistic center is to be opened in Dagua with the national church assuming responsibility for this work. The bookstore formerly operated in the Istmina missionary residence has been moved down town where it is more accessible to the public; the new book store is operated by a national brother, is doing well and has been named "El Faro" (lighthouse). The Board of Foreign Missions has approved the building of additional living quarters at a different location for missionary personnel serving at Istmina, and preparations are being made to erect these facilities. The present location of the Istmina missionary residence at the harbor where two rivers meet is inadequate and does not provide satisfactory living quarters. Sister Elizabeth Tieszen (Mountain Lake, Minn.) is to go to the Choco to assume responsibility for supervising the educational program; this responsibility has been carried by Sister Martha Kroeker (Marion, S.D.), who is returning for furlough.

Brother Vernon Reimer (Orland, Calif.), Istmina, Colombia, reports that special meetings were to be held at Andagoya April 14, 15 and

17. He also writes that believers in the village of Platinero are experiencing severe testings and desire our intercession.

### Europe

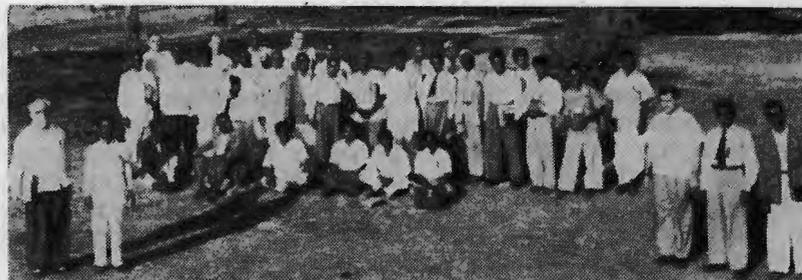
Our church in Linz, Austria, observed a baptismal service on April 10 at which five believers were baptized. The five included four women and one man. Four are from Wels and one from Linz. Brother Jacob Thielmann (Port Rowan, Ont.) reports that these candidates had clear, positive testimonies. Brother Thielmann spoke on the meaning of baptism and Brother J. W. Vogt (Corn, Okla.) spoke on the meaning of the church to the newly-baptized believers. The baptismal service was well attended with other folks present from Linz and Wels. Reception of the new members and observance of the Lord's Supper in the evening concluded this day of blessing.

Brother and Sister H. H. Janzen (Winnipeg, Man.) were to dock at LeHavre, France, on April 20, where they were to be met by Brother J. W. Vogt. Plans were for the Janzens to serve at Neuwied,

Germany, on Sunday, April 24. Other recent visitors at Neuwied have been Brother and Sister G. J. Froese (Winnipeg, Man.), enroute from India for furlough in the homeland, and Brother and Sister Paul Bartel, returning from Hong Kong to the homeland for service.

### China

Brother Lim Khi Thin requests prayer for the Chinese Christians of Java who apparently will need to leave that place. He is concerned that they may remain true to the Lord after being displaced and scattered. Missionary Mandate reports the following about Chinese who are being returned to China: "The government of Red China has sent four ships to Djakarta, capital of Indonesia, to transport back to the mainland numbers of nationals who fled the country earlier. Among those being repatriated are several who have become Christians during their time in Indonesia. Pray that God will use these Christian deportees to bear a courageous witness to their relatives and former friends as the Bamboo Curtain closes down behind them."



Pictured here are members of the Governing Council of the India Mennonite Brethren Church. Standing in the front row from left to right are: P. V. Balzer (Hillsboro), former chairman; B. S. John, secretary; standing at the right: Henry G. Krahn (South Abbotsford, B.C.), treasurer; Willard, assistant treasurer; M. B. John, newly-elected chairman. Other missionary members of the Council standing in the back row are: A. A. Unruh (Winkler, Man.), Jake Friesen (Fresno, Calif.), and J. J. Kasper (Chilliwack, B.C.). Not pictured is Ted Fast (Dallas, Oregon), who is a Governing Council member and who took this picture.

### India

The Governing Council of the India Mennonite Church met recently. Brother Henry G. Krahn writes from Mahabnagar that the missionaries had a blessed time of fellowship with the brethren of the India Mennonite Brethren Churches during the Council meeting. Much maturity and growth in this organization have been noticed, he says. The council is made up of three representative national brethren from each of the eight field associations of the India field plus six or seven members of the missionary staff. The number of missionary representatives on the Governing Council will decrease as time goes on and as the India Governing Council is taking over additional responsibility for various phases of the work. The new officers of the Governing Council are: P. V. Balzer, former chairman; B. S. John, secretary; Henry G. Krahn, treasurer; Mr. Willard, assistant treasurer.

The sister of India missionary Margaret Suderman, Mrs. Klassen

of Burbank, Calif., passed away on April 4 at her home at Burbank. Our sympathy and compassion go out to the bereaved family and also to Sister Suderman (Winkler, Man.), who has lost her sister while serving on the India field. Sister Margaret Suderman has now gone to the hills for a few weeks during the very hot season on the plains of India. Her native helpers in the medical work are out in the villages during this time giving medical aid to the people in need and also proclaiming the gospel of salvation to all.

Brother Paul Hiebert (Minneapolis, Minn.) writes from Kodakanal, South India, that while they are in language study he has also had an opportunity to visit the remote Munardee Hill tribe to learn more about these people, customs and language. This hill tribe can only be reached by foot-paths since there are no roads that make them accessible by vehicle. Let us pray that these people may receive the gospel message during this time of grace.



## THE Young Observers



### Let's Visit a Minute

Boys and girls, have you ever seen deer in trouble because of being blinded by the strong headlights of a speeding car? Well, I have, and let me tell you, it was no fun!

I saw the first deer when we had gone but a little stretch down the highway. There it lay quietly beside the road. Its long slender legs would run no more. Its ears would be pricked up no more to listen to approaching noises. It lay there perfectly still and helpless, this fine animal, for it was dead! Just a little farther down the road I saw another one lying, also killed! There it lay cold and useless, the poor thing. Well, boys and girls, I felt miserable. But when a moment later we came upon a third deer lying dead, I became very much upset, to say the least. There they were, three deer killed in such a short while.

As soon as I came to the next stop, I went to talk to the man in charge. "Really," I said to him, "three deer lying killed along the road. How come?" "Blinded!" he said, and I could hear the disgust in his voice. "Blinded by the lights of speeding cars on the highway. The deer don't know there is trouble for them when they head for those bright, glaring lights. They go for them and stare right into them, blinded, till they are struck down dead: Hundreds die that way every year." I knew that he was no more happy than I was about those blinded animals, killed along the road.

As I went on along the way, I could not help thinking about the many precious boys and girls, dear to so many mothers and fathers, and certainly dear to the Lord, who by and by are blinded along life's highway and often get into trouble, perhaps even die, because Satan, the devil, has blinded them! The Bible says, "And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." Well, we know perfectly well that Satan is not an angel of light, and if he sends things into your way which look wonderful, don't be fooled. Don't be blinded, like the deer, by those exciting lights! All Satan wants is to get you into trouble, to be sure.

Perhaps he is blinding you today with very exciting, yet wicked stories. Perhaps it is with some ugly gossip someone wants to tell you. Whatever it is, it will seem fun and wonderful, at first. No one may even know about it. But deep in your heart you know that the Lord is grieved and far from happy with you. You tell yourself that you don't care, it doesn't matter. Listen, that's just what Satan would have. Close your eyes to the wicked One, and turn to the Lord. You need not drop by the wayside, blinded, helpless, and dead, for Jesus is there to save you and to enable you to say, "Once I was blind, but now I can see. Praise God for the light in Christ Jesus!"

Love, Aunt Anne

## "When You're a Mother"

"Clup, clup, clup-clup-clup!" Jane could hear it clearly as she reached the kitchen door.

Goody! she thought, Mom's making a cake for dessert tonight. Perhaps the thought made her greet her mother even more cheerfully than usual. Mother smiled as she looked at Jane but went right on mixing her cake.

"Was school O.K. today?" she asked.

"Oh, I guess so." The smile slowly disappeared from Jane's eyes.

"Any thing wrong, dear?"

Jane sat down and looked at her mother as if she had a problem.

"Look, Mom. Sunday is Mother's Day and this is Friday. I still don't have enough money to buy a really nice present."

"Oh, Jane, presents are the last thing a mother looks for from her

children on Mother's Day—or on any day," she added.

"Well, what's Mother's Day for if you don't give your mother something nice?" Jane looked really troubled.

"Giving a present isn't the only way in which a child can honour his mother. What makes a mother happiest is just having kind and loving children."

Jane looked wonderingly at her mother, who by now was pouring the cake batter into the pans. When she left the kitchen a few moments later, there was a new look in her eyes.

Friday evening was usually a special night. Since there was no school the next day Jane was allowed to stay up an hour later than usual. Most often she spent the time with a new library book, but

tonight she couldn't get interested in it. She had a plan, and she wanted to talk it over with someone. Finally Mother left the living room for a while.

"Dad, will you listen to me?" Jane seated herself on the arm of his chair. He looked up at her surprised.

"Of course, Jane."

"Do you think Mom would let me be the mother Sunday?" Jane's eyes were sparkling with excitement.

"You be the mother? What do you mean, Jane?" Dad laid down the paper he had been reading to give her all his attention.

"Well, if you'd kind of give me a hand here and there, maybe I could run the house, make the meals—oh, you know. Be mama so that Mother could have a vacation."

"That sounds like a swell plan," Dad said enthusiastically. "Let's give it a try."

It was a surprised Mama who walked into the kitchen that Mother's Day morning. There before the sink stood Jane, scraping what looked like a rather dark piece of toasted bread.

"Happy Mother's Day!" Jane managed a rueful smile as she kissed her mother.

"Thank you, darling." She looked around questioningly. "What is going on here?"

"Well, this is your present." Jane pointed at the ready-set breakfast table. "You can have a vacation today, and I'll be the mother."

"What a wonderful idea, dear. I'd love a vacation."

Breakfast went along fine, and when it was over, nothing was said about Sunday school. Jane tackled the breakfast dishes like a busy beaver with Dad helping on the wiping. Then there was a bit of tidying up to do.

Meeting time came. "You and Dad just go along, and I'll have the dinner ready when you come back," announced Jane firmly.

Mother's eyes found Dad's, but the look he gave her made her keep quiet. Dinner was ready when Dad and Mother got home from the hall. It's true, the potatoes were a wee bit lumpy, and the roast seemed drier than when Mother fixed it, but everyone agreed it was a fine meal. The busy beaver seemed to have lost some of her zest at this dish-washing, but she stuck to it. As Jane sloshed the soapy water around she couldn't get rid of the feeling that something was wrong. There seemed to be something missing. What was it?

When it was time for the Sunday night supper snack, Jane greeted with relief Dad's suggestion of going out to eat.

It was a weary Jane who later said good-night to Mother and Dad. Mother thanked Jane over and over again, but Jane still had the feeling something was lacking. Lying there on her bed in the dark, she twisted and turned this way and that. What was wrong with her Mother's Day

gift. She had worked so hard to do something nice for Mother.

The door opened quietly. "Jane are you asleep?" It was Mother.

"No, Mama. I can't sleep."

Softly Mother crossed the room to sit at the foot of Jane's bed. "Poor Jane, you worked so hard for me today. It was a wonderful present. I hope you're not too tired."

"It's not that." Jane sat up dejectedly. "It's—oh, I don't know what's wrong. Something was the matter with my present, but I don't know what."

"Jane, dear, you tried so hard, but you did forget one thing." Jane straightened up.

"What? This was Sunday, and I shouldn't have been working all the time. You always say that on Sunday—" she stopped short and stared at her mother in the dark.

"Yes, Jane?" Mother's voice urged her on.

"Do you mean, Mama, I forgot about God in my present?"

"I'm afraid you did. No Sunday school, no church! It was kind of you to work so hard preparing food for our bodies, but a mother must never forget the food with which God feeds our souls."

Gently Mother's hand pushed the hair back from Jane's face. "Dear little girl, you will be a mother yourself some day. You will love your family. You will try to do as much as you can for them. But never, never forget that the greatest good comes from God."

Jane reached up and tenderly squeezed the hand resting on her head. "I guess I'll never forget this Mother's Day," she whispered, and from the hug her mother gave her then, Jane knew that neither would she! —From the Salvation Army Publication, *The Young Soldier*.

### My Mom

She never taught in any school,  
She never went to college,  
But let me tell you she's just full  
Of every sort of knowledge!  
She never studied medicine,  
And yet she always knows  
The best and quickest thing to do  
For cuts and bumps and blows.  
She never studied law a bit,  
She hasn't a degree,  
But when it comes to settling scraps  
My Mom's some referee!  
She's a dandy cook, Mom is,  
And when we want to sing,  
Why, she can sit and play for us  
As fine as anything.  
Yes she can make my clothing, too,  
And make herself a gown,  
Or trim a hat that's just as swell  
As any hat in town.  
She'll mend a thing as good as new,  
And drive a nail in straight,  
Or help a fellow with his sums  
To save him being late.  
I have my doubts if any man,  
As far as I've heard tell,  
Can do as many things as Mom,  
And do them all so well.

## Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(20th Installment)

After the house was quiet and Sherry's even breathing from the cot in the corner told that she was asleep, Virginia lay wide awake.

I can't imagine what could make her so desperately sad, she mused. Steve says her folks all love her and she hasn't lost anyone dear to her, by death. Perhaps some so-called Christian proved unworthy. Maybe she loved some man and found out he wasn't true. But that wouldn't make her angry at her parents and brother. Well, whatever the trouble is, it could be overcome if she only knew God. If I could just show her—

She felt very much ashamed of herself as she realized that in all the twelve years since she had become a Christian she had never thought of her duty as a witness for Him. Now, with the spiritual need of Sherry Carlson crying out to her, she was eager to begin her task.

She would not talk or argue with Sherry. She would, instead, show her the joys and perfections of the obedient Christian life. She would be lovable, kind, gracious and thoughtful. She would not be annoyed at Sherry's perversity and would be patient with Kit's petulance. She would do so well the work that was hers to do that Sherry would have to acknowledge that Christianity had to be true. With a sigh of relief at having reached this satisfactory conclusion, Virginia fell asleep.

### CHAPTER FOURTEEN

For a few days the campaign of demonstration went along smoothly. The roads were open again, mail was coming regularly, and Virginia was able to get out to church and into the village for supplies. Steve was occupied with an intensive search for Allie May and they seldom saw him. There was little to annoy Sherry, and as Kit was feeling unusually well there was no friction. Virginia felt that a few obstacles would be welcome as an opportunity to show her new understanding of her task in life. Perhaps Sherry felt that something was needed to liven them, for one afternoon when Aunt Molly and Kit were asleep she tried to start again the argument about the Bible. But Virginia would not rise to the bait even when Sherry accused her of being afraid to argue without Steve's assistance. Then Sherry endeavored to "stir up a more invigorating atmosphere," as she said, by attacking Virginia's favorite theories of teaching. But Virginia listened in silence and when Sherry had finished propounding her absurd doctrines, said, with a laugh, "I hope you get a chance to try out your theories some time.

It would be very interesting to note the results."

Sherry gave up the effort then, but, as if she sensed what Virginia was trying to do, she began a campaign of her own to tease and irritate as much as possible. She shirked her share of the work, teased Kit until she reduced her to tears, ceased to help Aunt Molly with her sewing, spent hours grumbling at any real or imaginary grievance she could find, and made herself so generally disagreeable that Steve tried to get Virginia to ask her to leave.

"I could get Mrs. Tucker in the village to take her for awhile. Her niece that has been with her has gone. I'm going up to Uncle's again soon and I will try to work at that end of the tangle again."

"I don't want her to leave. I don't mind her at all. I am trying to show her that a Christian can keep sweet and true under fire, and I think she has caught on and is trying to break me. Let us alone, Steve, and see if I can't make a demonstration that will win her approval."

After two weeks of this, however, Sherry lost interest in such an unavailing project. Christmas was coming and there was so much of pleasant activity about that she was drawn back into the midst of it before she was quite aware of what was happening. Kurt arrived, laden with typewriter, books, skis and skates. He found in Sherry a playmate who could keep up with him on the longest hike and who did not fear the steepest hill. Kurt's coming was as if a door had opened and let a fresh, invigorating breeze into a stuffy, closed room. The small bickerings were forgotten.

When Jim drove down the day before Christmas he brought Dr. Sawyer with him. Kit was taken to the office of Dr. Hardy in the village, and for an hour she underwent an examination that overlooked no possibility of hidden trouble. After it was over the doctors looked at each other, then at Kit, then at Jim and Virginia, and back to Kit.

"Do you want a nice present for tomorrow, Kit?"

"Oh, yes!"

"If you'll be careful—real careful—and not go skiing or cut any fancy figures on the ice, you can put your cane in the closet and forget about it."

"Really?"

"Yes, really. Mind, though, I said you'd have to be careful. But you've done so much better than I thought you could that I almost think that by summer you can be back on those skates again."

It was hard to think of this holiday as a merry Christmas with the knowledge of Dad's condition hanging over them. But they tried. Steve was invited to dinner and insisted on furnishing the biggest turkey he could buy. Aunt Molly's house was not yet repaired, for the carpenter's examination revealed rotten beams that would have to be replaced and this work would require additional time and more favorable weather, so she was still with them, and they secretly hoped she would have to stay as long as they did. But Sherry was not at the Christmas feast. She had gone to bed the day before with a sore throat and her dinner had to be carried on a tray to the room where she lay surrounded with a pile of the old magazines of which she was so fond.

"You just go ahead and have a good time and forget about me," she said when Kit stood in the door and lamented her illness.

"But I wanted you to see Jim!"

"Yes, I know you did. But Jim will probably be just as happy not to meet me. He'll never know what he missed."

So Kit went back downstairs frowning about her disappointment. But with Kurt playing Christmas carols on his mouth organ and with Jim giving her bits of news from her friends in the home neighborhood, she could not stay sad. Then, at the dinner table Jim upset all her plans and announced his engagement to Dot Blackwell. Kurt and Virginia exclaimed in pleasure as Kit, herself, would have done a few months ago. But now she could only stare in sick amazement until Jim saw her and asked, "What's the matter, Puss? I thought you liked Dot."

"Oh, Dot's all right. But I wanted you to marry Sherry!"

"Well, that's too bad. But you see, I love Dot and I've never even seen Sherry."

"That's the trouble. If you'd seen her you couldn't help but love her."

"Oh, couldn't he?" groaned Steve. "Then for his sake I'm glad she had tonsillitis."

"I'll tell you what, Kitten," said Kurt, "I'll marry Sherry if she'll wait until I'm through college and have made my fortune."

Kit considered this and said reluctantly, "I guess that'll have to do. But I never thought of you as anybody's husband."

"Give me time, kid. Give me time."

So Kit's dream of getting Sherry into the family had to be stored away until such time as she could dust it off and use it on Kurt.

When Virginia came into the parlor after the dishwashing was finished, Steve and Jim were discussing the search for Allie May.

"I thought I had my hands almost on her a few days ago. I wrote to all the colleges and universities in these five states, and they sent

the names of many Martins who had graduated in the last ten years or were still enrolled. Among them was one Alice M. Martin. I held me to the little backwater college that had sent me the name, and dug out her present address and name. I had all sorts of anticipatory thrills as I drove to see her. I remembered Virginia's description—'small, dark and petite,' and I felt I would recognize her immediately. Well, I found her. She was large, blond and blue-eyed and had never been in this state. So—exit Allie May. I'm back at the beginning.

"Did you ever figure out the name of the town you wrote me about—the one she mentioned in her note to Gramps?" asked Jim.

"No, I've looked up every place resembling it, and none of them click."

"Let's look at it again," said Kurt eagerly. "No little old berg can get away from me."

They studied the penciled scrawl once more. The word had been written just where the paper was folded and had worn away until part of it was completely gone.

"K- -ow," read Kurt. That ought not to be so hard. Can't we get a gazetteer and look up all the names that begin with K and end with ow? Or maybe she couldn't spell any better than her cousin Jim. The name might begin with C. We could try."

"That we could," said Jim, overlooking the reference to his weakness. "Do you suppose there's any atlas here that would help us?"

"The only atlas here has been studied from cover to cover. While we were snowbound we made a game of it and went through it on an average of at least twice a day," answered Steve. "I don't know where to turn next. I've advertised in papers all over the country. I've looked up Martins in every state in the Union. Ormand isn't an ordinary name, but I can find no trace of it."

"Have you looked in the buryin' ground?" asked Aunt Molly.

"Yes, I even did that. I thought that Neil or his wife might have passed away by this time and been buried over at Sparta. Neil's parents were buried there and many people like to return their dead to lie among old home scenes. But I couldn't learn a thing. There were three graves that had no markers on an adjoining lot, and the sexton thought they were Ormands, but all the records were burned three years ago when the office caught fire, so he couldn't be sure. I think the lot must have been sold to someone else. I wanted to hunt up some old resident to see if he might remember, but Sherry was with me that day and she insisted she had to get home. She called me a ghoul, and made such scornful remarks about grave robbers that I rather lost my zeal for that part of the search."

(To be continued)

## "Dienst am Evangelium"

World Refugee Year is being observed from July 1, 1959, to June 30, 1960, to make the world conscious of the plight and suffering of its homeless people. The heart-rending story of the world's present refugee situation is well presented in the 1960 winter issue of **Report**, MCC quarterly publication. Members of congregational relief committees and others in the local churches who wish to become better acquainted with the refugee problem may obtain copies through the pastor or from the offices of Mennonite Central Committee, 10 Union Street East, Waterloo, Ont., Canada, or from the Board of General Welfare and Public Relations, 315 South Lincoln, Hillsboro, Kans., USA. Following are brief comments on the world refugee problem taken from the recent issue of **Report**, featuring World Refugee Year:

"Although the Mennonite refugees of World War II have been settled in the Western Hemisphere, there remain great concentrations of other refugees in the focal points of Korea, Algeria, Hong Kong and Calcutta. The information in this issue of the **Report** will disturb us because we must be concerned for the homeless, the hungry and the dispossessed of this world. It is almost as difficult for us as North Americans to understand the hopeless situation of the refugees across the world as it is for them to comprehend how well off we are with our homes and families intact and with hope for our children's future. Last summer I visited the refugees in the tenements in Hong Kong, in Sealdah Station in Calcutta and in the camps near Jericho. Each time I gave thanks that behind the work of the Mennonite Central Committee in these places of indescribable need is a praying and giving church. God alone knows how much the help of Christian people has meant to these people. Let us not lose our sense of mission in demonstrating that the people of God have compassion for them! May the Lord bless each of you who have or will participate in this ministry either through personal participation or financial support."

—William T. Snyder, MCC Executive Secretary

"A question frequently asked is: 'In the light of the enormous number of homeless people, what can I do to help?' One of the best ways in which you can lend your support to World Refugee Year in its closing months is by backing the efforts of Mennonite Central Committee under whose auspices your representatives transform dollars into love and concern for the homeless in Austria, India, Jordan; in Algeria, Germany, Korea; in Greece, Vietnam, Hong Kong."

Mr. Harold Dick and Miss Bernice Fast have been invited to come to Cali, Colombia, to serve in Colegio Bolivar for 1-W service be-

ginning with the 1960-1961 school year. These folks anticipate graduation from Tabor College this spring and marriage this summer before departing for Cali where they will serve in this private school attended by children of our missionaries serving in Colombia. The procedure for our young people entering this service in Cali is that they express their interest to the conference offices which in turn recommends them for service in Cali to our missionary staff and Colegio Bolivar. Harold is the son of J. J. Dicks, returned missionaries from India, and Bernice is the daughter of Allen Fast, now serving our Bessie Church, Cordell, Oklahoma. Our prayers in behalf of Harold and Bernice as they prepare to depart for two years of service in Colombia will be appreciated. Upon arrival they will be the second couple to enter this mission-related 1-W service. The first couple is Menno and Alice Isaac who are nearing the successful completion of their first school term.

Two other 1-O men will be taking up church-related 1-W service assignments this fall. They are Howard Fast, Corn Oklahoma, and Paul Wiebe, Hillsboro, Kans. These men have been appointed to the staff of Eden Christian College, the high school operated by our Ontario conference at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Eden has been approved for 1-W service. Howard's teaching field is English and Paul's is science and mathematics.

The young people of the Mennonite Brethren Church, Blumenau, Brazil, under the leadership of Brother Hans Kasdorf planned to present programs in the five Mennonite Brethren Churches around Curitiba, Brazil, over the Easter weekend. The theme of these programs was: "What Does the Cross Mean to You?" This was also a special experience for the young people since a number of them had never been out of Santa Catarina. It was the desire of the group that the Easter message in song, sermon and spoken word would strengthen believers and help redeem the unsaved. Brother Kasdorf also reports that a baptism was anticipated at Blumenau in the near future.

The theological course for workers of our South American churches is being offered in the form of evening classes this year. Eleven students are enrolled in the evening theological course in Filadelfia, Paraguay, taught by the Brethren H. C. Born and Hans Wiens.

The Volendam Mennonite Brethren Church in Paraguay held a baptismal service on March 20 at which five individuals were baptized upon confession of faith in Christ as personal Saviour.

The K.M.B. Peace and Welfare Committee met at Doland, South Dakota, March 30 and 31 in connection with meetings of K.M.B.

committees, ministers and deacons. Members of the Peace and Welfare Committee who were present were George L. Classen, chairman, David P. Gross, secretary, Paul S. Gross and Tobias Wedel. Paul S. Gross was appointed K.M.B. representative on the new inter-Mennonite 1-W Coordinating Board. The committee decided to provide some support for Mennonite Brethren Bible schools in South America. This action was based upon a K.M.B. Conference decision that 10 per cent of K.M.B. relief funds during this conference year be channeled to a project of mutual K.M.B. and M.B. interest and administration. Brother M. A. Kroeker was thanked for his recent deputation ministry in South Dakota K.M.B. churches in the interests of relief work. Brother Classen reported on the merging of K.M.B. and M.B. relief and service efforts. The committee noted receipt of a German art print received through MCC.

This was one of the prints which the German people sent to the American Mennonites in appreciation for relief extended to them.

Brother and Sister Frank Peters, Board workers in Uruguay stationed in Montevideo, ministered to our folks in Gartental and El Ombu colonies during Passion Week. The Lord's blessing rested upon their ministry. Several individuals accepted Christ, and others were convicted. It was regrettable that they could not continue services in Gartental, but services were scheduled in El Ombu for Thursday and Good Friday. In El Ombu the young people made a fine presentation of the seven words of Christ on the cross. On May 1 Brother Peters planned to serve in Colonia with a group of young people from Montevideo who had prepared a program on the passion of Christ. The group had also been invited to present a service in the MCC center in Montevideo.



### News Briefs

**MTS To Begin in Africa** — Menno Travel Service is making plans to establish a branch office at Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, in late 1960. Action to take over operation of the Union Mission Board Home in connection with the Congo office was taken by the MTS Board of Directors on April 14 after hearing reports from Managing Director Paul Ruth and President O. O. Miller who had just returned from Africa. The mission home is owned and maintained by six cooperating mission boards serving in the Congo.

**Holsteins to Honduras** — Twenty-eight Holstein heifers, donated by Mennonite farmers in the Hagerstown, Md., community, have arrived by air in Belize, British Honduras. MCC representative Adam Martin of Maudsenville, Md., initiated the shipment and is now in Belize arranging for placement of the cattle among Mennonite settlers from Mexico who are seeking to become established in their new homes.

### Healthy Growth in Indian Churches

To determine the needs and avenues for peace work and witness in India and Vietnam, Paul Peachey, peace representative stationed in Tokyo, visited these two Far Eastern countries January 20—March 21 on behalf of the MCC Peace Section.

Peachey's itinerary took him to the following areas in India: Calcutta, Madhya Pradesh, Nagpur, Yeotmal, Sevagram (Gandhi's vil-

lage), Hyderabad, Madras, Bangalore, Kottayam, Maramon (Mar Thoma Syrian Church), New Delhi, Banaras and Bihar. He was able to contact all five of the Mennonite related missions serving in India—General Conference, Mennonite Brethren, (Old) Mennonite, United Missionary Church and Brethren in Christ.

### Missions Have Transformed India

"There appears to be a healthy growth in the Indian churches," Peachey indicated. "I was deeply impressed with the impact of missions on India, particularly in education and medicine. A veteran language teacher, an Indian, told me soon after my arrival that the missionary effort had transformed the whole outlook of India; as I traveled I became inclined to agree with him."

"More than this one must note the miracle of the Indian church. That the church should ever find root in non-Christian soil is always a miracle and India is no exception. Though there are many blemishes, the church is there and God is at work."

During his India visit, Peachey spoke at about 50 meetings, some with as few as a dozen people, others with several hundred in attendance. The messages dealt either directly with peace matters or with related areas of Christian faith and discipleship. He indicated that there were many opportunities to converse with missionaries and Indian Christians regarding the life and work of the churches.

Although there is much in India that could lead one to despair, Peachey observed, the tremendous achievements of only 13 years of independence must be noted. The nation is standing on its own feet with a unified national administration and a national program of

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## M. B. Bible College

### College Graduates the Largest Class in its History

The largest graduating class in the history of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College will receive degrees and diplomas at the 17th commencement exercises of the college. Forty graduates will hear Rev. J. H. Epp of Hepburn deliver the commencement address. Twenty will receive the Bachelor of Theology degree, seventeen the Bachelor of Religious Education, two will graduate from the General Bible Course and one from the Music course. Twenty of the graduates have completed university studies and eight have completed or almost completed degrees in arts.

#### Graduates Accepted for

#### Home Missions Appointments

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Friesen of Virgil, Ont., have been accepted by the Manitoba Conference for work at Winnipegosis. A graduate of Eden Christian College, Mr. Friesen has attended Teachers' College and has taught in the elementary schools of Ontario. A graduate of the Th.B. course, he has participated in various college functions and was the vice-president of the student body during the current school year. Mrs. Friesen is the former Viola Warkentin of Virgil, Ont. The Friesens will replace the Frank Peters who left for service in South America.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Isaac of Winnipeg, Manitoba, have been called to serve under the Home Missions Committee of Saskatchewan. Mr. Isaac attended the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute and was enrolled in the Th.B. course at college. Mrs. Isaac is the former Esther Konrad. They have two children. Before coming to college, Mr. Isaac worked for the Manitoba Telephone Co. He has been active in the youth program and Sunday school of the Elmwood M. B. Church in Winnipeg. They will serve in Swift Current, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Willms of Matsqui, B.C., will serve as city missionaries in Winnipeg. A former teacher, Mr. Willms graduated from the MEI and the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute of Clearbrook, B.C. While at college he was active in various extension projects. Mrs. Willms, a school teacher, is the former Louise Klassen. They will begin their work in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Goosen of Virgil, Ont., will replace the Lawrence Warkentins at the Brandon Gospel Light Mission. Mr. Goosen is presently completing his B.A. degree at Tabor College and will graduate with a Th.B. from this college at the spring commencement. Mrs. Goosen is the former Agatha Unger. They have two children. The Goosens expect to begin their work in Brandon in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Quiring of Namaka, Alta., have been called to work under the Saskatchewan

Home Missions Board. Mr. Quiring attended high school at Carseland, Alta., and attended the Coaldale Bible School. Mrs. Quiring is the former Nettie Pauls, a graduate nurse. They will begin their work in Saskatchewan in July.

#### Graduates and Students

#### Accept Teaching Appointments

Mr. Paul Fast of St. Catharines, Ont., has accepted a position on the staff of the Bethany Bible Institute. A graduate of Eden Christian College, Mr. Fast attended Bible school and Teachers' College in Ontario. He taught in the elementary schools of Ontario for four years. Mrs. Fast is the former Betty Baerg of Coaldale and has attended the college for two years.

Mr. John Doerksen of Vancouver, B.C. will teach science at the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute of Winnipeg. A graduate of MEI, Clearbrook, Mr. Doerksen received his B.A. from the University of British Columbia. Before coming to college he operated a furniture business in Vancouver. During the war he served with the medical corps. The Doerksens have four children.

Mr. John D. Klassen of Port Rowan, Ont., will teach mathematics at Essex, Ont. A B.A. graduate of Waterloo College, Mr. Klassen has attended Eden Christian College.

#### Instructors to Speak at Commencements

Rev. Ewert will serve as commencement speaker at the graduation exercises of the Steinbach Collegiate Institute. President Toews will serve as speaker at the graduation exercises of the Winkler Collegiate Institute, and Frank C. Peters will address the graduates and guests during the graduation exercises of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute of Winnipeg.

#### Librarian Receives

#### Canada Council Fellowship

Mr. Herbert Giesbrecht, college librarian, has been awarded a Canada Council Fellowship for further study in library science at the University of Minnesota. The awards of the Council are available to Canadian university graduates pursuing advanced study or engaged in research.

## Canadian Mennonite Bible College

All the students are again concentrating on classes, mid-term exams and term work, after nearly two weeks of Easter vacations. For the thirty-six voice A Cappella Choir, its director and accompanist, Mr. and Mrs. Wiebe, and the speaker, Mr. W. Janzen, this time was spent on a tour in Ontario to nine Mennonite congregations. It was felt that the services rendered and the contacts made will contribute to the work and growth of this our Conference College.

During the weekend of April 30,

orientation lectures were held at the college for approximately forty-five young people, who plan to do summer service in various units. Speakers were Mr. Harvey W. Taves, MCC Director at Waterloo, Ont., and Mr. Waldemar Janzen, instructor at CMBC.

Dr. D. Schroeder spent some time in Henderson, Neb., to speak at the pre-Easter services held in the Bethesda Church.

Since spring has arrived and outdoor sports again look appealing, the sports committee is active preparing volleyball and tennis courts outside. Some of our students paid an interchange visit to the MBBC for volleyball and basketball games.

We were fortunate in having Dr. Victor Peters, who has just returned after two years of study in Europe, speak to us in chapel. He gave us a brief sketch of life in Mennonite settlements in Germany.

The radio choir plans to present programs at Springstein and Pigeon Lake on May 1. Rev. J. Adrian will accompany the group.

On April 1, our student body met for an assembly meeting, at which officers were elected for the student council and the various committees. These have now organized and will be responsible for the projects and work carried on by them throughout the coming year. A highlight of this meeting was the puppet show which portrayed in a humorous way the duties of the members of the student council.

M. Klassen

## Belgian Congo

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Our mission in the Congo is becoming a member of LECO—the largest evangelical printing establishment on the African continent. Situated in Leopoldville, this intermission publishing agency is dedicated exclusively to the publication of religious literature and periodicals. For many years our mission has had contact with LECO and benefited by its services. At this time our mission has applied for active membership which has been approved by the LECO association. The initial membership contribution is \$1,000. Membership in LECO will facilitate our literature work in the Congo and provide a vital channel for our continued work in Africa.

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## Healthy Growth in Indian Churches,

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social and economic development. To a remarkable extent much of the bitterness evoked by the long decades of colonialism has disappeared.

### India Faces Problems

"Despite these encouraging features of Indian life there are many serious, if not overwhelming, problems," Peachey asserted. "For example, India is faced in virtually every public sector with a deficiency of people with both competence and integrity." The problems of integrity, justice and poverty, Peachey was told, are far more immediate than the questions of peace and war.

Peachey reported that the institutional burden with which the young churches were endowed by the Western missions is unquestionably a complex problem. A foreign mission movement was of necessity initiated or accompanied by a strong medical and educational effort, he said. Directed as it was, however, to the poor villages of India, and coming at the time when health hazards for Westerners in India were still great, both the living arrangements of the missionaries and the medical and educational institutions are quite out of proportion to the spiritual and usually the numerical strength of the Indian churches.

"Where and what is the church in this complex situation?" Peachey asked. "Evangelism through institutions and institutionalized churches tends to obscure the real character of the church to people newly converted to the faith. They see the church as an organization to be run rather than as a common life under Christ to be lived. Under these circumstances nonresistance quickly comes to be regarded as an optional adjunct rather than as the very essence of the Christ life in the midst of a broken world."

Although Peachey was encouraged to find most Mennonite missionaries thoroughly committed to nonresistance, he noted that because neither conscription or war are actual issues in India, it is quite understandable that the Mennonite churches have done little specific work along peace lines. Other problems are far more immediate. And yet it is evident, Peachey pointed out, that the apparent remoteness of military issues is deceptive.

Already, National Cadet Corps gives a kind of pre-military training and exerts psychological pressures in the schools. There is also considerable agitation at the present time in India to set up a compulsory military training program for all men. The China border question has brought a strong clamor in some quarters for greater military preparedness, and it is distressing to see the Western orientation of many Indian Christians crop up in the view that India should

now throw her lot unreservedly with the West, Peachey said.

### Vietnam Provides Unique Opportunities

In Vietnam, Peachey visited Saigon, the MCC leprosarium-hospital project at Banmethuot, the Bible School of the Evangelical Church in Vietnam at Tourane and the headquarters of the church with its orphanage and new seminary in Nha Trang.

Peachey noted that Vietnam provides a unique opportunity of relationship between Mennonites and a national church, which until recent times has been limited to a single denomination. He observed that MCC and Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities workers have done an excellent job in church diplomacy, in establishing wholesome relations under considerable difficulty and in developing a fruitful cooperation with the Vietnamese Christians.

### Tabor College

#### Three Named to Tabor College Faculty

The president's office at Tabor College this week announced the signing of three instructors to the Tabor faculty for the coming school year.

#### Hertzler to Teach Education, Psychology

Dr. Silas Hertzler, well-known educator of Goshen, Ind., joins the Tabor staff as professor of education and psychology, filling a vacancy left by the resignation of Dr. Ben J. Wiens.

Dr. Hertzler received his early teaching experience at Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Manitoba and at Hesston College in Kansas. From 1927 until 1958 he was chairman of the education department at Goshen College. Since 1958 he has been on the staff of the Elkhart, Ind., public school system.

Hertzler received his undergraduate education and A.B. degree at Goshen College. After attending a number of universities and seminaries, he was awarded the B.D. degree by Yale Divinity School in 1917 and earned an M.A. degree at Teachers College, Columbia University, the following year. He was named a Sterling Scholar by Yale University in 1925 and was granted the Ph.D. degree by that school in 1927.

#### Nellie Rost Named to Elementary Education Post

Working with Dr. Hertzler in the department as instructor in elementary education will be Miss Nellie Rost of Manhattan, Kans. She succeeds Mrs. Mary Wiens, whose resignation was announced recently.

Miss Rost is a graduate of Eldorado Junior College and of Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, where she received the degree B.S. in Education in 1955. Her graduate study was done at Colorado State College, Greeley, where

she will receive the degree Master of Science this coming August. She has also done graduate work at Kansas State University.

For the past few years Miss Rost has taught at the Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Manhattan and has had valuable experience in the teacher education field, serving as a supervisor of student teachers.

She is an active member of the Christian Church, during her undergraduate days serving as state treasurer of the Kansas Disciples Student Fellowship, college student religious organization of the Christian Church.

#### Wiebe Appointed to Speech Position

Dwight Wiebe of Akron, Pa., comes to the Tabor faculty as instructor of speech. He joins the staff on a half-time basis, dividing his services between the College and Mennonite Brethren Conference headquarters in Hillsboro.

Wiebe spent four years in Europe from 1954-58 as director of the European, Near East, and African Pax program of alternative service sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee. Since 1958 he has been the director of MCC's voluntary service and 1-W section at Akron.

Wiebe was reared in Kansas and is a member of the Gnadenu Mennonite Brethren Church of Hillsboro. He attended Tabor College three years and received an A.B. degree from Taylor University, Upland, Ind., in 1951. His graduate work was done at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., which awarded him the degree Master of Science in 1954.

Wiebe was influential in developing a varied program of rehabilitation in several countries during his years as Pax director. During the Hungarian crisis of 1956 he was one of thirty church leaders invited to a Vienna meeting with Ambassador Thompson (now in Moscow) and Vice-President Richard M. Nixon to discuss emergency assistance to refugees.

### Appointed for Alternative Service

Brother Dwight Wiebe has responded to a call from the Board of General Welfare for service in the Mennonite Brethren Conference in the area of 1-W (US government alternative service) and Christian service for young people.

His service and duties will be shared by the Board of General Welfare and Tabor College. At the college he will be serving as instructor of speech. He is expected to begin his duties in Hillsboro September 1.

Brother Wiebe comes to Hillsboro from Akron, Pa., where he has been director of Mennonite Central Committee Voluntary Service and 1-W Services since 1958. Previously he served as director of the MCC Pax program in Europe.



Brother Dwight Wiebe

Brother Wiebe is a member of the Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church. His parents, Brother and Sister F. V. Wiebe, served as missionaries in China. His mother serves as spiritual counselor in the Home for the Aged in Hillsboro. His educational preparation includes graduation from Tabor Academy, attendance at Tabor College, graduation from Taylor University with an A.B. degree and graduation from Purdue University with a master's degree.

Dwight is married to the former Margot Stauffer of Ludwigshafen, Germany. The Wiebes have two daughters.

Brother Wiebe is entering conference 1-W work as changes are being effected in the total Mennonite 1-W setup. As a result of the 1-W program review, the various Mennonite conferences are intensifying their 1-W services and seeking to relate 1-W personnel and interests more closely to the concern and witness of the church. In line with this emphasis, Dwight is to assist Mennonite Brethren churches, pastors and prospective 1-W personnel in preparation for and participation in the Christian witness of 1-W service.

It is hoped that in the future more 1-W assignments can be arranged directly in the various branches of the conference program. Related to this has been the several-year interest and concern of the Board of General Welfare and Public Relations that opportunities for Christian service be developed for young people in the conference. It is also hoped that Christian service opportunities can be developed and emphasized to include both US and Canadian young people. It is these challenges which the Board has presented in extending this call to Brother Wiebe. The brethren of the Board have noted and appreciated his emphasis upon church outreach through 1-W service, his concern for Christian service to help needy people in our world today and his interest to help youth serve Christ and grow in their spiritual experience.

## Spontaneous Creativity

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Undoubtedly this makes it very simple for the church. It creates few problems, but it squelches creative thinking and productivity. Remember, we also owe a debt to non-conformists.

1. c) Trends that tend to discourage creativity and their influence on teachers.

Do teachers encourage creativity? Many do. Is the teaching that we do creative? Some of it is. Creative teaching is the most likely to stimulate creativity in the students. It is so easy to just sing a hymn, isn't it? We have fine pianists and enough hymnals. Why then should the teacher spend creative effort to make the hymn meaningful?

Suppose we are going to teach a hymn to juniors. What is the purpose of teaching this hymn? Or don't we know? Certainly it is to help juniors become familiar with the great hymns from our Christian heritage and to lead them to grow in their appreciation of hymns as a source of inspiration and guidance for Christian living. Consider the hymn, "Thy Word is Like a Garden, Lord," as an example. Here we have a hymn that stimulates interest in the Bible and how it inspires us to live as Christians.

The metaphors used in this hymn to describe the Word of God are very suggestive: "a garden," "a deep, deep mine," "a starry host," and the teacher can make them significant to the children with a bit of creative ingenuity. We might ask juniors to pick out the metaphors in this hymn and show how the author applies them to the Bible, and how the application is made to our own life. In learning the hymn don't do everything for the children. Juniors know quite a bit about music notation and they can readily pick out the parts of the tune that repeat themselves and show where they differ. The boys and girls will certainly be able to relate this hymn to a verse of Scripture they know. Don't suggest the verse even if you have Psalm 119: 105 in mind (Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my way"). Creative teaching ideas will give rise to creative thought and pupils may surprise you with their application of Scripture. Trends that tend to discourage creativity may lie in the teaching.

2. a) Lack of creative material among Mennonites makes for dependence on other people.

I would just like to touch on this once more. We, as Mennonite people, are entirely, at least almost entirely, dependent on other people for creative material. In comparison to other people there are very few creative productions in the field of literary and musical materials that can be attributed to Mennonites. We have contributions to make because we have certain concepts that could prove of ethnic and spiritual benefit to other peo-

ple. Why haven't we created hymns that express our concept of conscientious objection? There is very little in the hymnary that expresses the universal Christian brotherhood of man. "In Christ There Is No East or West" is probably one hymn on the subject, but we borrowed it from another denomination.

So it remains that we are dependent on other people to express our own concepts of faith. We are willing to do this, but we also want to contribute and belong to those who contribute.

2. b) Lack of creative material by Mennonites gives rise to feelings of inferiority.

The feeling of belonging has never quite materialized for our people. There is no reason why we should feel inferior to other people. In Russia the Mennonites probably did not have this feeling of inferiority, because both materially and culturally they stood on a higher plane than the Russian people. They brought with them a certain sense of security, at least cultural security, to this country, and those of us who did not come from Russia almost resented this at first, but soon recognized the possibilities within us and learned a very worthwhile lesson. However, we still fall far short of making the grade in the creative field. True, we do have a few artists, some books are on the market written by Mennonite authors, but in the field of music we haven't much to show for. We have, to a large degree, experienced our sense of belonging and contributing in the performance of music, at least here in Canada. I hope that in the not too distant future our Mennonite hymn books will have a goodly number of hymns from the pens of people in our own denomination and that these will be good enough to find their way into hymn books of other denominations. Then people the world over will sing hymns written by Mennonites as well as Baptists, Lutherans, Catholics, Presbyterians, etc. Then we need not feel inferior, because we are contributors, too.

3. a) Encouraging Creativity by teaching children to think for themselves.

Does the way we teach our children make for creative ideas and independent thought? Evelyn Witter has some practical suggestions on how to stimulate creative thinking with children. She says: Mrs. Edstrom, our primary department song leader might have announced: "Now we will sing 'Jesus, Friend of Little Children.'" Instead she said, "I have a picture here that reminds me of a song we know very well. See how many of you can tell me which song it is." Then she held up a picture entitled "Jesus and the Children."

Hands went up immediately. Sue, a first grader, said, "I think that's about 'Jesus Loves Me.'" "Why do you think so, Sue?" the teacher questioned. "Can you say the words of 'Jesus Loves Me' so we can see

if the picture fits." Sue repeated the words meaningfully. She spoke slowly and deliberately. Then she said: "See, in the picture, how nice He is to the little children all around Him. He looks like He loves them very much."

Then there were more hands and more ideas. Bobby thought it illustrated "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old," and told why he thought so. One 8-year-old thought the picture told the story of "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," and carefully explained the words of the song to back up his ideas. Even quiet Marcia ventured her opinion. She thought the picture best illustrated "Jesus Calls Us," and told what the song said as a reason for her opinion.

Not one child named the song the teacher had in mind, "Jesus, Friend of Little Children," but that was unimportant. The songs they mentioned and the reasons they gave did apply to the picture. And most important of all the children had been thinking through the words of six or seven familiar songs that perhaps most of them had never thought through before.

The word meanings are the most important reason for teaching songs in Sunday school. After all, in these words are the promises, admonitions, truths, hopes, prayers and stories from the Scriptures. Why not teach the child to think about what he is singing?

The hardest part of learning new songs is grasping their meaning and fitting this into the rhythmical pattern. So Mrs. Edstrom uses pictures for new songs, too. Says the superintendent of Mrs. Edstrom's department: "Thanks to Mrs. Edstrom, we feel that the songs we teach our primary children are not simply well-learned songs with pleasing melodies, but we believe the children learn to think when they sing these songs."

Some time ago there was a very interesting article in the Mennonite Observer that captured my attention. It told of an 8-year-old girl coming home from a Gospel meeting saying, "Mother, I don't think that hymn ended right, because it left the Saviour outside the door. She quoted the lines: "Yes, the pierced hand still knock-

eth  
And beneath the crowned hair,  
Beam the patient eyes so tender  
Of a Saviour waiting there."

The little 8-year-old repeated: "I don't think it should end like that, Mother." Later she came out of her room and showed her mother the following lines, saying, "I think it should end this way, Mother." "Enter, enter, heavenly Guest! Welcome, welcome to my breast. I have long withstood Thy knock-

ing  
For my heart is full of sin,  
But Thy love has overcome me,  
Blessed Jesus enter in."

This mother was interested enough to send the altered verse to a religious paper and the altered

hymn was published. How do we react when our children show signs of originality and creativity? Do we ignore it?

When Frances Ridley Havergall was only a girl she wrote the hymn that represents the Saviour as speaking to our soul—

"I gave my life for thee,  
My precious blood I shed  
That thou mightst ransomed be  
And quickened from the dead.  
I gave, I gave my life for thee,  
What hast thou done for me?"

She showed the verses to her father and he was interested enough to compose a tune for her poem.

One of the greatest of English hymn writers, Isaac Watts, was only a teenager when he gave vent to his original thought and told the elders in the church that the hymns they were using were not adequate. He wasn't encouraged because a teenager's complaints are not usually taken seriously. When they mockingly said, "If you don't like our hymns, why don't you write something better," this was a challenge for him and he began a hymn writing career which resulted in hymns found in every hymnary and translated into almost every language. Without Watts we would not have "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "O God Our Help," and many others. Watts' talents revealed themselves early in life. When he was asked by his father, when just a little boy, why he had giggled during family prayers, his reply was: "A little mouse who lived upstairs ran down the rope to say his prayers."

We have many other examples of children who were encouraged to be creative and thus we have a Mozart, Milton, and many others. What are we doing to encourage children to think for themselves in order that creative activity is possible?

## A PRAYER

I'm thankful for so many things:  
Our shade tree where the robin  
sings,  
The friendly sun that shines all day,  
A little yard where I can play,  
I'm thankful too for all of these:  
The moon and stars above the trees,  
Our garden where the flowers  
bloom—  
And for my cozy little room.  
But most of all I'm thankful for  
A lovely mother whom I adore;  
She is so kind and loving too,  
She makes me think, dear God, of  
You;  
She does so many things for me,  
She's just as thoughtful as can be,  
She always answers when I call  
And never seems to mind at all.  
I'm glad today is Mother's Day  
So I can go to her and say:  
"I love you, Mother; you're such a  
dear—  
Not just today but ALL THE  
YEAR."

Elizabeth B. Jones

**Announcement**

The declamation, "Die Hochzeit des Lammes," is to be presented by the Senior Sunday school class of the South End M. B. Church, corner of William and Juno, on Sunday, May 15, at 7 p.m. (DST). Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

J. P. Neufeld

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Main theme: "My Profits—Your Gain." 2:30 p.m. (MDT): "Values Constituting True Profit." 7:30 p.m. (MDT): "Investing Our Profit." Place: M. B. auditorium, Hepburn, Sask. Music: Special Alumni choir and Gospel Light quartet.

W. J. Toews

**Baptismal Services**

Winnipeg, Man. — On May 1 the Elmwood M.B. Church baptized Brother Jakob Boldt and received him as a member in the church. The Fort Rouge M.B. Church baptized 11, and the South End M.B. Church 23. All these confessed personal faith in Christ their Savior and were added to the church.

**Dr. O. E. Sanden to Speak in St. Catharines**

Special services are to be held in the M. B. church, Scott and Vine Streets, St. Catharines, Ont., May 12-15. Dr. O. E. Sanden, evangelist, educator, pastor and author, who comes from St. Paul, Minnesota, is to be the guest speaker.

The evangelical churches of the Niagara district are sponsoring the meetings.

A. Redekop

**Missionary Letter to the Mennonite Observer**

We would like to inform all readers of our change of address from Kafumba via Kikwit, Congo Belge to 414 Ave. H South, Saskatoon, Sask. We have certainly appreciated the Mennonite Observer the years we have spent in the Belgian Congo. It has served as an avenue of keeping in contact with the home churches. In just a matter of weeks now we plan to leave Congo

for the homeland. It is with joy that we anticipate meeting the many loved ones and friends who have stood faithfully behind us in prayer. May God continue to bless you in your work.

With Christian love  
Harold P. and Susan Kruger

**Three-Fold Summer Opportunity**

There is still an opportunity for young people, especially college students, to enter a church-related summer program which combines:

- 1) significant service to persons in need;
- 2) experience of fellowship in unit life with other youth;
- 3) opportunity for modest earnings.

MCC Summer Service has openings for six men to serve as normal controls in the medical research program at the National Institutes of Health. Both men and women are needed as psychiatric aides at Fergus Falls and Hastings State Hospitals in Minnesota.

Volunteers are also needed in other service projects including child welfare work and the ministry in migrant laborers. Details and application forms are available from Summer Service, MCC, Akron.

**Change of Address**

Former Address: J. B. Dick, M.D., Leprosarium de la Evangelique, Banmethuot, Viet Nam.  
Present Address: Box 41, Nhatrang, Viet Nam.

**Drama, "The Silver Cord," Presented**

East Chilliwack, B.C. — Several of the East Chilliwack young people have been very busy during the past weeks practicing a drama entitled "The Silver Cord." The actors were Jenny Froese, Helen Willms, Frieda Wiens, Wilma Wiebe, Harvey Toews, Ray Kornelson, and Henry Janzen. The play was directed by Rev. Jacob Penner and Abe Esau. Harvey Toews was responsible for the lighting. John Dick and Harry Willms looked after the stage scenery and sound effects. The play was presented in the East Chilliwack M. B. church, Laidlaw Gospel chapel and Harrison Gospel chapel.

Wilma Wiebe

**Bethany in Retrospect**

Hepburn, Sask. — During this past year we have learned to know

our Lord better. We have experienced His working power in our midst. May we as students continue to feel His supreme presence even during the summer months.

The graduation banquet hall was beautifully decorated with daffodils and green sprigs. Among the sprigs and greenery gushed a fountain, representing the motto, "Springs of living Water."

There were 13 graduates in whose honour the banquet was held

Bethany had a three day closing conference in which Missionary D. Nightingale of Quito Ecuador, and missionary Abe Neufeld of Austria, were the main speakers. Accompanying ministers took part as well. The Lord richly blessed us through the talks that they presented to us.

Lois Berg.

**Future Subscribers**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Engel of Woodrow, Sask., on February 2, a daughter, Candice Doris.

**ON THE HORIZON**

May 14. — Haydn's "Creation" to be presented in the M. B. Collegiate Institute auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg, by the Altona Community Choir under the direction of Ben Horch.

May 15. — Senior Sunday School Class of South End M.B. Church, corner of William and Juno will present the declamation "Die Hochzeit des Lammes" on Sunday at 7 p.m. (Daylight Saving Time).

May 8-22. — Evangelistic meetings 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 20. — M. B. Collegiate Institute Graduation Exercises on Friday at 8 p.m. (Daylight Saving Time) in the M.B.C.I. auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg.

May 22. — May Day Rally of the Bethany Bible Institute Alumni Association in the M. B. auditorium at Hepburn, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (MDT) with Rev. J. M. Schmidt, Winnipeg, as special speaker.

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.

May 29. — Mennonite Brethren Bible College Graduation exercises to be held in the auditorium of the M.B. Collegiate Institute, 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg. Graduation speaker Rev. J. H. Epp, Hepburn, Sask.

May 29. — "Schulsschluss" of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (Daylight Saving Time) in the M.B.C.I. auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg.

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