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

I Cor. 2:2

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Commencement Exercises of the M. B. Bible College



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To the strains of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" thirty-three graduates of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College walked down the aisle of the Collegiate auditorium to hear their last challenge as graduating students of the college. They were a promising group. Almost half of the class will go into teaching. Thirteen will serve in some church or church-supported project. Others intend to continue their formal education.

Two brethren of the class spoke of their experiences as students, revealing the many blessings which had come to them while studying the Word of God at the college. College life is not always easy, they agreed, but the experiences are rewarding and leave an indelible impression on lives. Paramount in the testimonies was the note of commitment on the part of graduating

students. God must come first, or we have failed as His children.

Rev. J. H. Epp of Heppburn was the commencement speaker. A Bible teacher with twenty-three years of experience, Mr. Epp challenged the graduates to unreserved obedience to the will of God. Using Acts 20: 22-24 as his text, the speaker mapped out the way to spiritual success. "We must be willing to follow Christ anywhere," he said, "not only in times of popularity when we are riding the crest of a wave, but also in times of deep testing."

Two alumni bursaries were presented to students intending to return next year. The president of the Alumni, the Rev. Victor Toews of North Kildonan, a former College instructor, presented the bursaries to Harry Heidebrecht of Coaldale, Alta., and Anne Loewen of Virgil, Ont., Mention was made of other bursaries which had been awarded

during the year. Two bursaries had been awarded by the Canadian Youth Committee, one by the Manitoba Youth Committee, one by a private donor from Kitchener, Ont., and one by the Canadian Conference.

President J. A. Toews, assisted by Registrar David Ewert, awarded the forty degrees and diplomas. Twenty students received the Bachelor of Theology degree and seventeen the Bachelor of Religious Education degree. Two students graduated from the General Bible course and one from the Sacred Music course. Seven students graduated in absentia.

In his closing remarks, Dr. F. C. Peters welcomed the graduates into the society of learners. "The people will look upon you as learned, you must convince them that you are learners. They will see you as the critical, you must show yourselves

as the concerned. They will expect you to be reformers, you must convince that you are the reformed."

A capacity crowd was on hand to witness the graduation. The A Cappella Choir presented several numbers and Mr. Victor Martens sang a solo. After the program the parents and friends of the graduates were invited to a tea in the college auditorium.

Rev. Abram A. Froese †

Rev. Abram A. Froese, 76, 303 Cheriton Ave., North Kildonan, Manitoba went home to be with the Lord, Saturday, June 4. Having suffered for some length of time, he died in the Concordia Hospital. The funeral service was held from the North Kildonan M.B. church on June 8, at 2 p.m. Brother Froese is survived by one daughter and five sons.

EDITORIAL

Walk in the Spirit — (Gal. 5:25 — 6:5)

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

Christians live in the Spirit. Christians are called not to obey a law but to experience an infilling of the life of God. We sometimes think of eternal life as that point in our future when life in the body stops. There is truth in this idea. It is also true that eternal life is now. Eternity exists now parallel with life today. This eternity has invaded our present sinful world. And Christians are raised from life in the flesh to life on the eternal plane of Spirit.

Life on this new plane is attained not by our own efforts. This transferal can come only by participation in the death and resurrection of Christ. Could you have raised the dead body of Christ to life again? Neither can you transfer yourself from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. Only by a miracle of God can one be raised from death into newness of life.

Life in the Spirit is a release from frustration. In the Corinthian church it was at first accompanied with speaking in tongues and other great emotional experiences. By some Christians the freedom in the Spirit was interpreted as living according to one's passions. But the message of Paul was, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

"Walk in the Spirit." To live in the new glory of the Spirit is to live according to the new inner principle of His life. The letters of the Apostle Paul often started with the great verities of this new life. Somewhere before the end, however, they always included the inevitable "therefore." To the Corinthians Paul insisted that the sign of the Spirit was not speaking in tongues, but love. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."

To walk in the Spirit is to turn one's back on a self-centered life. Paul described such a life in this passage (:26):

desirous of vain glory;
provoking one another;
envying one another.

Are these characteristics a part of the life of your congregation? of your life? Paul would say to you, "Walk in the the Spirit."

To walk in the Spirit is to become concerned about one's brothers. Paul says in this passage, that even "if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness..." (6:1). The self-centered man rejoices in the fall of another, thinking that he will rise on the body of the fallen. The spiritual man, however, must reach out in genuine concern for the one who has fallen. He bears another's burdens and so fulfills the law of Christ. He bears the fruit of the Spirit which is "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance..." (5:22-23). This last word "temperance" might be translated "self-control." So life in the Spirit is the very opposite of what some would suppose.

To walk in the Spirit requires effort. This is not self-effort, but effort which is a response to the grace of God. To make this point we must go outside the scope of this text... As the writer to the Hebrews wrote, we must "hold fast... (our) profession." This can be held as we "come boldly unto the throne of grace" in prayer (Heb. 4:16). It can be done as we provoke one another unto love and good works in the assembly (Heb. 10:24-25).

—M. L. in Herald Adult Bible Studies.

DEVOTIONAL

Jesus — the Light of the World

By John Boldt

In John 8:12 we read these words: "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying: I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." This is one of the great "I AM'S" in the Gospel of John. In these wonderful statements Jesus shows His sufficiency to meet the various needs of human beings who are willing to receive His help. In this particular "I Am" He shows

His sufficiency to help His people in their walk through life. I believe all our readers will agree that the business of living is not easy. So many people today are groping in darkness when they meet questions which they cannot answer and problems they cannot solve. To all such Jesus says today, "I am the Light of the world," not "I shall be," or "I was," but "I Am." Even natural light is a wonderful thing. Without

it we could not walk very far without endangering our lives. How much more wonderful is spiritual light, light on our problems of this life and the life to come. How comforting to know that we have access to the One Who is Himself the Light of the world.

Since man fell into sin he has lived in darkness. He cannot grope his way back to God. He does not understand himself and consequently does not live right toward himself. That is why we have so many grim occurrences to fill our daily papers. He does not know how to live with other men. One man seeks to rule over another, and strong nations mistreat weaker ones. All this is the result of darkness in the heart of man. It must be dispelled by the light which is Christ Himself. How precious to know that we need not walk in darkness but that we can have light on our way. Darkness brings fear and danger. There is no fear that is so painful as the fear of the unknown. We are afraid to tread into a room that is dark. We fear a dark future. There is real reason for this fear because darkness may cause our steps to stumble, and we may endure harm. Thank God we can have light on our way, and therefore we need not fear.

Now it is the function of light to expose as well as to heal. A room that is flooded with light cannot hide dirt or shabby furniture. All is apparent, and changes can be made to existing conditions. The Light of Christ does the same in our hearts. It exposes wrong things so that they can be dealt with. After that we can see His wonderful guidance in our lives. The New Testament gives us examples of people whose darkness was enlightened by the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the first chapter of John we are told of a man whose darkness consisted of prejudice. When Philip came to Nathanael with the wonderful news that he had found the Messiah, Nathanael said, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" He judged the Lord Jesus by the town from which He came, not by real facts which he knew about Him. This is the nature of prejudice. It does not take all things into account, and forms a mistaken judgment. The result is darkness and unhappiness. The prejudiced individual needs light to rid him of his trouble. In Nathanael's case this is what happened. Philip invited him to come and see for himself. When Nathanael met Jesus, he found that Jesus knew all about him, and that Jesus' eye pierced into the deepest longings of his heart. He forgot all about despised Nazareth and, completely conquered by the One Whose divine knowledge penetrated him and understood him, he burst out in the words, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God, thou art the King of Israel." His prejudice was gone, dispelled by the Light of the world. Nicodemus was another man who

lived in darkness. Although he was a religious leader of the Jews and probably a man of good moral character, he was in darkness as to the nature of the kingdom of God, and particularly about entrance into that kingdom. Very likely he lived according to the usual outward regulations of the Pharisees, and based his hope of entry into the kingdom of God on the performance of these things, as well as on his descent from Abraham. Jesus cut through all these things with His final word on the only grounds of entry into the kingdom of God for Jew or Gentile: "Ye must be born again." Nicodemus had to know that what is born of the flesh is flesh, and cannot enter into God's kingdom. Then he heard these words, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." What a flood of light he received from the Saviour!

The woman by the well of Samaria lived a life full of moral darkness. She had persisted in it for so long that her conscience was stilled. Then she met the Light of the world. In His presence all the wrong condition in her life was exposed, and she saw herself as she was in reality. She did not rebel against the light, but accepted Him in faith, Who could also heal that wrong condition. She heard from His own lips the wonderful declaration of His Messiahship: "I that speak unto thee am He." When she left Him her life was filled with light instead of darkness.

Is your life filled with darkness or with light? Remember, you do not need to walk in darkness, whatever your need. In Christ you have light, and you can have it now.

The Bible tells us that God is a very present help in time of trouble. We can accept or refuse this help. We can drift with the winds of adversity or make use of their power.

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A Great Project Presented

Foam Lake, Sask. — It was our privilege to have a group from Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn, Sask., serve us with a program on May 29. The quartet consisted of Melvin Wiens, Beechy, Art Priebe, Flowing Well, Viola Willems, Vine-land, and Clara Andres, Hepburn. Rev. C. Braun, teacher, accompanied the group as speaker.

The program opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Melvin Wiens, followed by a quartet number and a story for the children by Art Priebe. Next came a male duet, a brief testimony from Clara Andres and a trio. Melvin Wiens then sang a solo, followed by another male duet.

Rev. C. Braun told of the work of the Bethany Bible Institute with the aid of several charts, which had been prepared by the students. They showed the statistics of the student body from the beginning in 1927 to the present time. Several missionaries, ministers, and teachers have been trained at the Institute.

Another chart showed the proposed new building, which will cover 14,000 square feet and will house 5 classrooms, offices, dining hall, kitchen, library and chapel. The estimated cost, \$100,000, is to be paid over a 5-year period, with \$25,000 now on hand and \$25,000 pledged for November 1, of this year. The building program is to be started within 6 weeks, the Lord willing.

Rev. Braun brought a brief message on I Peter 3:13-17, his theme being, "Being an Effective Witness." He said that Peter had not always been an effective witness, but in his epistle gives advice to others on how to live for God. Verse 15 states: "Sanctify the Lord in your heart." Does the way we live glorify God? Are we ready with an answer as to why we do or don't do certain things, or don't we live any differently than the worldly people? Do we practice what we preach or do our actions make our witnessing ineffective? May we humbly submit ourselves to God that He may use us more effectively.

Student Recital at Morden

Morden, Man. — The Morden Collegiate Auditorium was the scene of one of the most pleasant student music recitals held here on Saturday evening, May 28. The stage, artistically decorated with plants and flowers, added to the effect of music by Handel, Bach, Chopin and other composers. Performers were the students of Mrs. Olga Friesen, winners in the Southern Manitoba Music Festival, and those scheduled to have examinations this June.

A special feature at the recital was organ music played by Dr. F. C. Niermeier, Mus. Doc., F.C.C.O., Winnipeg organist and music teacher. By his choice of composers, Dr. Niermeier helped to round out the

program for more mature music lovers.

Miss Patricia Hyde of Winkler, trophy winner in the vocalist class, was guest soloist. She sang several songs beautifully, well-suited to her clear soprano voice.

The harmonious effect of the decorated stage with the slogan, "Music Study Exalts Life," the youthful performers and the music itself was a credit to Mrs. Friesen. The auditorium was filled to capacity. To end the delightful evening, refreshments were served.

Frank J. Friesen

A Letter from Jordan

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Redekopp and Members of our home Church:

It has been a long time since we were in contact with you which fact we regret. I kept telling my wife Elfrieda, to write to Mrs. Redekopp, but she just didn't get around to it. Now I am sick with Hepatitis (joundice) in bed most of the time so I can do it myself. It is a great field for work here with many opportunities, but many hardships too. We work in three frontier villages, serving some 6000 people monthly, which works out to about 90-170 people daily. This is a great contrast to seeing 10 or at the most 30 patients at home. The people live in great poverty. Their homes are made of earth; their diet is mainly Arabic bread and their income almost nil. This year they have had nearly a drought and crop failure, so there will be great need, the farther we get into the winter.

Besides this there are the great spiritual needs of the masses. There is no real freedom to proclaim the gospel, so that we are depending almost entirely on personal work and witness. Pray daily that these countries would open their doors to evangelists. It is hard to imagine how difficult it is to work under these circumstances. We are, thanks be to God, overcoming many difficulties and have even risked having one meeting in our house with Bible pictures. However, Hebron is very strictly Moslem and we haven't continued the meetings.

Thanks for the bulletins — Greetings to the entire church and all the young people.

In Christian love,
Elfrieda and John Krahn
The Hashemite Kingdom
of Jordan.

Provincial M. B. Conference Held at Steinbach

218 delegates and about 50 guests were present at the Annual Manitoba M.B. Conference, held at Steinbach on June 3 and 4. Rev. H. A. Regehr, pastor of the local M.B. Church extended a hearty welcome to all present. The hospitality of the Steinbach M. B. Church was greatly appreciated.

Reports were given at the Con-

Bible School Graduation Exercises



Seated, left to right: Erika Thiessen, Port Rowan; Elizabeth Doerksen, Port Rowan; Ethel Whitney, Hampshire; Ida Gowanlock, Hampshire. Standing: Gerhard Enns, Kitchener; Leonard Huebner, St. Catharines; Edward Klassen, Regina; Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, principal.

Kitchener, Ont. — The graduation exercises of the Bible School of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches took place in the M. B. Church in Kitchener on Sunday, May 29, at 7 p.m. Herb Swartz, missionary in Toronto, was the guest speaker. Members of the local church and many visitors filled the church to capacity.

In his address to the graduates Mr. Swartz gave out the challenge to "abound more and more." Using the text from I Thess. 4:1-12 he indicated the areas in which to abound: in the Christian use of the body, in love to man, in a life of usefulness.

Gerhard Enns of the graduating class gave the valedictory and Jake Wiens of the Juniors responded for his class.

During the course of the even-

ing's program Rev. William Schmidt, chairman of the Board, presented Mr. Henry Esau with a token of appreciation for his services in the school for the past two years. Mr. Esau directed the choir, and Mrs. Esau taught music theory. Mr. Esau will be teaching in Eden Christian College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, next year.

Rev. Schmidt also announced faculty appointments for next year. Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, principal, and Rev. Walter Wiebe will continue in their previous capacities. Edward Boldt of Kitchener will be directing the choir. Mrs. William Baerg will teach music theory.

The Bible school enjoyed a good year under the blessing of God. Prospects for next year appear bright with a wholesome interest for this work in the constituency in evidence.

ference on missions, Bible school, Public Welfare, Sunday school, Youth work, Preachers and Deacons Conference work, on work in the field of music, on the activities of the Board of Trustees, radio service and other areas of conference activities. The income for the past conference year was about \$325,000.

At Portage la Prairie steps are to be made toward the erection of a house of worship. The petition of the Brandon Mission group to be accepted as a regular church of the M.B. Conference, was granted.

The question of receiving taxation grants for our private schools, as offered by the Royal Commission of Manitoba was discussed at some length. The result of the discussion was an expression of gratefulness to the government for its concern, protecting care and freedom no intention of asking for the above mentioned government grants. stated government grants.

Rev. B. B. Fast, chairman of the S. S. committee of the M. B. Church of Manitoba, presented an

informative report about Sunday schools in the province. The 22 M.B. churches of Manitoba have 3944 S.S. pupils and 536 teachers. Of the latter there are 136 who have a S.S. diploma. The S.S. students divide as follows: Cradle Roll — 213; Nursery — 264; Beginners — 440; Primaries — 505; Juniors — 438; Intermediates — 397; Seniors — 262; Young People — 417; Adults — 908. Total 3944.

The total amount of the S. S. collections during the year is \$19,414 or an average of about \$5.00 for each person.

Two churches are doing all their S.S. work in English, eleven have 85% of it in English, and nine have about 50% of it in English.

During the past year, Rev. F. C. Peters was moderator of the Conference; Rev. F. H. Friesen, assistant and Rev. H. Regehr, secretary. For the conference interim before us the election of officers was as follows: Rev. I. W. Redekopp, moderator; Rev. David Ewert, assistant and Rev. D. K. Duerksen, secretary.

Closing Exercises of the M. B. Collegiate Institute



Front row left to right: Elenore Friesen, N. Kildonan; Hanneliesel Unruh, N. Kildonan; Evelyn Ruth Labun, Roland; Erna Falk, E. Kildonan; Irmie Enns, Winnipeg; Eleanore Warkentin, E. Kildonan; Esther Wohlgenut, Niverville; Rita Matthies, Winnipeg; Margaret Klassen, Winnipeg.

Second row left to right: Jake Kasdorf, Niverville; Lillian Rempel, N. Kildonan; Leona Martens, Lena; Irmgard Wiebe, Niverville; Anne Marie Dick, Culross; Louise Fast, Manitou; Wanda Friesen, Winnipeg; Victor Thiessen, N. Kildonan.

Third row left to right: Bernard Foth, Winnipeg; Peter Klassen, N. Kildonan; Gerhard Strempler, Winnipeg; Cornelius Martens, N. Kildonan; Herb Buller, N. Kildonan; John Unger, N. Kildonan; Herb Klassen, N. Kildonan; Alfred Enns, Domain.

Fourth row left to right: David Enns, Manitou; Bill Wilms, N. Kildonan; Frank De Fehr, N. Kildonan; John Wiens, E. Kildonan; Melvin Toews, E. Kildonan; Harold Redekopp, Winnipeg; Harry Goerz, Snowflake; Henry Neudorf, Winnipeg; Hans Nass, St. Andrews; Arthur Bueckert, N. Kildonan.

Winnipeg, Man. — The closing exercises of our school have reminded all of us, at the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute, that the end of the school year is fast drawing near.

As we view the school year in retrospect many high-lights stand out. Bible Emphasis Week, participation in the Festival, the school drama, and especially also the Spring Concert, have all made the school year more meaningful.

Possibly the most eventful day of the year for the Grade XII class was Graduation, Friday May 29. Though, in former years, graduation always fell on the Sunday of the "Schulfest" it was decided that because of the many preparations necessary for such an occasion, Friday would be more suitable.

For a few hours the graduates forgot about school, homework and final examinations and concentrated on higher purposes in life. The class had chosen as their motto, "He will be our Guide" (Ps. 48:14). Later in the program, in harmony with their motto, they sang, "Each Step I Take." It is certainly uplifting to hear thirty-four graduates testifying to the fact that they want to walk with their Savior and rely upon Him to lead the way. The Grade X Girls helped reinforce the theme of the evening with two additional songs, "Lead On O King Eternal" and "Weiß ich den Weg auch nicht." The Commencement Address was brought by Dr. Frank C. Peters. He gave practical advice to the graduates and all others in attendance. We must not forget the highlight of the evening. The event each graduate looks for-

ward to — "The Presentation of Certificates" gave each individual graduate an opportunity to see in part the result of twelve years of work. Each graduate also received a Bible verse with the diploma. This should remind us all that true bearing cannot be separated from Scripture.

The Graduation Banquet followed the service. There teachers and graduates fellowshiped with the

parents and board-members. The Grade XI students had prepared a delicious turkey dinner, much to the admiration of all present. A number of after-dinner speeches and a number in song concluded the banquet.

The annual "Schulfest" was held on May 29, at 2:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. I suppose this was the first time in many years that all students (two hundred and

forty in number this year) have been on the stage for such an event. The school sang two songs led by Rev. John Regehr, "Wie groß bist Du" and "Great God of Wonders." The Concert Choir, under the direction of Mr. John Thiessen, sang, "The Whole Wide World for Jesus" and "Wir haben einen Felsen." A male quartet sang, "I Hold His Hand".

Of special interest is also the announcement of scholarship winners. The winners for the respective classes were: Grade VII — Ann Loewen; Grade VIII — Elizabeth Friesen; Grade IX — Norma Penner; Grade X — John Toews; Grade XI — Robert Wiens; Grade XII. Eleanore Friesen.

Mr. Henry Dick, principal of the school, explained why the three teachers, Mr. Froese, Rev. Henry Regehr and he, himself were leaving. He was happy to announce that replacements had been found. Mr. Peter Klassen, former teacher at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna, who was studying for his Doctor's degree in Education, will be the new principal. Mr. John Doerksen, a graduate of the Bible College this year, and Mr. Abe Friesen will also join the staff.

In the address of the afternoon, Rev. Henry Regehr spoke on the topic: "Es ist der Herr." He pointed out how the Lord had led him throughout his whole life, and through the past school year. Rev. Regehr believed that the school needed the Lord in the future as well.

May the Lord bless each one who has in any way contributed to making this school year 1959-60 a year of blessing and success.

A Call for Intercession from the Congo

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27).

The above-quoted word is a source of special strength and confidence to us as we are together with our missionaries in these eventful days in the Congo. Upon the request from the field we followed the direction of our Board of Foreign Missions and travelled to the Congo for the purpose of counsel in the far-reaching decisions for the future of our mission program. Since May 13 we have been in the fellowship of our brethren and sisters who represent us in this large mission field.

Our writing to you constitutes a call for intercession. The demanded independence to which the present colonial government has responded becomes the occasion for much unrest. The suppressed spirits of pagan enmities, tribal hatreds and demonstrations of devilish cults appear to rise with new vigor and demand. In several locations there has been rivalry and bloodshed. Threats and counter-threats from opposing forces are not uncommon.

The multitudes of ignorant masses are swayed to confusion by the bid for loyalties of various political parties. The church in the midst of these tossing waves of uncertainties is anxiously asking for the way to face the present test and chart its course for the future.

Our missionaries seek to stand firm in the midst of these demands, uncertainties and in some instances threats. They are committed to the cause of Christ and are confident in His sufficiency. The pressures of such times, however, cannot be underestimated. The next three to six months will have a determining influence upon the future of the church in the Congo.

For several days we have sat in counsel with our missionaries and national brethren seeking together the leading of the Lord for the next steps. The administrative pattern of the mission program is to undergo a reorganization. The national church must assume many areas of responsibility which heretofore rested with the missionary. The leadership of our African brethren

in the Congo will be severely tested by such changes.

The political and tribal unrest at this time endangers a normal transfer from the colonial to an independent sovereign Congo government. The church in some areas of this land is severely affected by such conditions.

From the land of the Congo, in the very heart of the vast African continent, we send greetings to our churches at home, requesting a great measure of intercessory prayer. Our national church, your missionaries and your mission administration are in great need of faith, courage, wisdom and guidance.

Your brethren,
J. B. Toews
John C. Ratzlaff

Boris Pasternak

a great Russian poet and writer, who has been called "a Russian exile in Moscow," and who won the Nobel Prize for his novel *Dr. Zhivago*, a prize he was not allowed to accept, died in Moscow in his sleep recently.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Glimpses of China

(Following are excerpts from an article, "The Window on China," by Leslie T. Lyall appearing in *The Millions*. Let us thank the Lord for revealing His keeping power in the faithful, but let us fervently remember in prayer the many suffering in Communistic lands.)

Family maintains witness. They are three sisters whose parents are earnest Christians. Under the incessant barrage of materialistic propaganda, the Christian defenses of the eldest girl crumbled. She was a medical student and lost her faith entirely. She joined the youth organization of the Communist party and tried to forget her religious upbringing. Communism had won another convert. But her parents and sisters never ceased to hold on to God in prayer for her. At last she qualified as a party member, but success brought her no satisfaction nor joy. A hollow philosophy had proved a pitiful substitute for life in Christ. In penitence she came home to the Father's house. Under discipline she was ordered to a hospital in the north where, although she was a doctor, she was put to work, first as a ward maid and then as a probationer for a year, after which she was allowed to practice medicine. Her sister was also a medical student and so strong in her faith and such a source of strength to other Christians that she was degraded to college servant in her third year of medicine. There she continues to witness joyfully for the Lord. She is to have said, "If my sufferings would hasten the coming of the Lord, I would gladly die."

The youngest sister is only 11. That is the age when children are taught the duty of accusing their "reactionary" parents to the authorities, and it can be extremely difficult for Christian parents to bring up their children in the faith without being critical of the regime and its basic materialistic beliefs. But this 11-year-old is not ashamed of her Christian faith and has sometimes even taken tracts to give to her school friends.

Happy is the Christian home that is such an anchorage in the storm and such a haven from the adverse winds of materialism! The tragedy is that homes like this one will become fewer and fewer if deliberate breaking up of home life in the communes proceeds on its popular way.

Commune system modified. In the great leap forward for increased production in China, Christian workers have been recruited to work in the fields or factories. Production is to take priority over everything else and it is regarded as highly patriotic if city churches suspend all their activities during

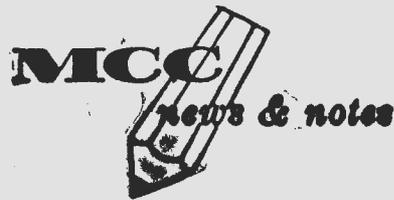
the busy farming season so as to release Christians for the maximum number of work hours. But in spite of the enormous effort made by the people of China—which has brought them to the verge of exhaustion—China's leaders, after a long conference in Kulin last summer, frankly admitted that production figures had not reached the targets set. Future production targets are to be lowered. It seems that China is facing a considerable modification of the commune system which has not been working very smoothly.

Natural calamities. Pests on a serious scale have wrought ruin in a land which had boasted the elimination of pests. The worst floods in a hundred years have devastated extensive areas in the south. Two million people are dead, destitute or homeless in spite of the claim that China's great rivers had been tamed and rendered harmless. In the northeast, drought has led to famine or serious food shortages. Locusts and destructive hailstorms have also contributed to the general grain shortage.

God still has His witnesses in China. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Knight, who formerly used to be missionaries in China and are now doing missionary work in Java, Indonesia, write the following news of abiding fruit:

"The other day we were rather startled when a progressive man said to us: 'There is no God in China now.' But praise God there still are those in China who still fear His name. After our arrival in Java, we unexpectedly met a Chinese friend from our old station in Chengtu, West China. We had no idea she was here although she and her mother, a fellow laborer in the Gospel, once lived with us in China. Through force of circumstances her mother still remains there. In spite of heavy duties and difficult surroundings, we learn that she rises at 4:30 each morning to meet with her Lord. Recently she sent greetings to us through her daughter. Our friend, this daughter, was very young when she left China and a somewhat indifferent Christian. Today she is a keen believer and the wife of a fine Christian pastor here in Java. She has told us of young people in China who turned back, but others are still faithful and serve the Lord."

China. There they stand, that blood-bought throng, facing the fury of fanatic suppression—bending to the impact of fanatic suppression—bending to each impact as each blow falls—but still standing. Hundreds of pastors imprisoned, many earning the crown of life, the rest scattered. No gatherings for worship, just the stark bleakness of Communism's final triumph—up to 600 million people in slave labor communes. Pray for all who "must through tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).



Seedtime and Harvest in Greece

(As MCC Pax enters a new era in northern Greece, Area Director Peter Dyck here analyzes the outreach program both in retrospect and prospect. In a religious setting which is Eastern Orthodox, Paxmen are attempting to relate to the Greek people by a positive Christian witness in word as well as deed through projects in agricultural and village development.)

Leaving the villages of Panayitsa and Tsakones in Macedonia, Northern Greece, after eight years of MCC Pax work and witness is in some respects like harvest time. Not only does the corn actually grow taller now because hybrid seed has been introduced and better methods of agriculture demonstrated, not only are there bigger chickens and pigs and better cows in the villages, but something else has happened that makes us thankful, as at harvest time.

We were sitting in the street in front of the coffee shop, visiting with some villagers when one of them, with great earnestness, began a little speech thanking MCC Pax for all they had done in his village and pleading that we not desert them now. "Please stay with us," he said. "We know you want to go and start work in other villages. That is good, but could you not leave us two boys. Just leave us two Pax boys." Those around us, including local policemen, endorsed this sentiment and the man went on to say, "Since you left us, people in the village ask each other every day when they meet in the street, 'Have you seen an American boy today?' We need your presence."

That afternoon the local priest told me privately, and a little later made the same statement at a public meeting, that in the last year there had been a "revival" in the village. People come to church more, there are more confessions, there is a better life in the community. "I am sure that your gift of Bibles to all the families has something to do with this," he concluded.

Again we felt thankful, as at harvest time, when professors of the Seminary at Salonika (Thessalonika) approached us, asking whether it would be possible to have a few seminary students join our Pax team for several months during vacation time to work alongside our fellows and to learn from them at the personal level.

One afternoon, quite unexpectedly, 10 teachers of neighboring villages knocked at the door of the MCC Pax house and explained that they had come to Tsakones on an

excursion with their classes and wanted to take this opportunity to find out who these Americans were and what they were doing in Greece. It was a wonderful opportunity for sharing, and our guests were most attentive and appreciative. When they rose to leave, one of them commented that this had been an unforgettable hour and another said that she felt she had listened to first-generation Christians and had seen a portion of the early church in action. These are compliments we like to hear, but there is, as always, another side and this is perhaps not so encouraging.

At harvest time the thin spots in the fields also show up and the mistakes of the past are revealed more clearly. One of these is in connection with our dairy project. Discussing this with our unit leader, Larry Eisenbeis, and the other fellows there, one of them candidly remarked, "We talk a lot about the educational value of the dairy project; the time has come when we ask ourselves the question, 'What have we learned through this experience?'"

Spring is seedtime also in Greece. Leaving the former villages, our team is now in the process of relocating in a new territory but still in Macedonia. There will be, and are already, many new beginnings, new contacts with people and new projects. An experimentation and demonstration station is being set up on the edge of Aridea, the largest of the villages and marketing center for the valley, which has some 40 villages. Members of our team will live at this center but work in the various villages, going out by land-rover, bicycle and on horseback. Fellows will have their special assignments and projects, some carrying responsibility for the poultry program, others for pigs, fruit canning, and others again will be in charge of crop improvement. "If you could only send us a cheesemaker," said an official of the Greek Agriculture Department, "we would provide the equipment and everything else needed to make it."

These are new beginnings, this is the seedtime of our program in Greece. We are confident that if we are faithful now, the Lord will give the increase and one day there will be another harvest. May it be to His glory.

Germany

Leaders of the Evangelical Church of East and West Germany united recently in special services to mark the 80th birthday of Germany's highest ranking Protestant clergyman, Bishop Otto Dibelius, who had announced earlier he would resign from all offices by the end of 1961. He is Bishop of Berlin and the East German province of Brandenburg and chairman of Evangelical Churches in both East and West Germany.



Let's Visit a Minute

Hello Boys and Girls,

Have you ever thought how wonderfully well our Lord God has provided for us in sending the Holy Spirit? You know that fifty days after Easter and then days after Ascension Day comes Pentecost. Pentecost is the experience Jesus spoke of just before the cloud took Him into Heaven again, and which came to His disciples at Jerusalem acc. Acts 2. God, the Lord Jesus, had died and was now going away, but had promised not to leave man alone in his terrible need and helplessness. He promised to send the Comforter, His very own Holy Spirit, to finish the work he had started here on earth among the people!

And so at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was "poured out" upon those early Christians.

Today when we become Christians we say we have taken Jesus into our hearts. That is true, for we too have then experienced Pentecost! God through His Spirit called us and worked on our hearts till we finally gave in to Him. Then He, God's own wonderful Holy Spirit, moves into our hearts and lives... **AND WE ARE CHRISTIANS!**

Once we yield ourselves to accept Jesus as our Saviour from our sins and as our Lord for our life, the Holy Spirit goes on working in us to make us clean day by day from the sinful, selfish thoughts, feelings, and actions. Ephesians 5:18 says, "Be filled with the Spirit;" and just above in verse 9 it says, "For the fruit of the Spirit is ALL GOODNESS and RIGHTEOUSNESS and TRUTH." Can you see how wonderfully God has provided for our Christian lives? It just thrills me that He did not leave us alone, boys and girls. Here, then, lies the answer for true Christian living. In Jesus' prayer for His own He prays, John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy Word is the truth." Do you and I want to live clean and godly lives, true to our new Lord, then we must stick to God's Word. So simple, yet very effective! You see, God not only tells us which is the good way, but right away also leads us in it, and this all by His Spirit. That was Paul's great message to all the world, "the mystery, which is Christ in YOU!"

"Christ liveth in me; Christ liveth in me;

O what a salvation this that Christ liveth in me!"

And so the Spirit lives in us and through us as we go about our daily work to fit us to serve our Great God IN ALL THINGS; and to be true to Him AT ALL COSTS; and to be ready for Him, AT ALL TIMES! How wonderfully well God has provided for us. Any reason why we should fail? No, and again, no. Let's give the Spirit a chance, a real chance, in our lives. God bless you!

Love, Aunt Anne

The New Boy

"My little boy hasn't been well," said Benjamin's mother to the teacher at the new school. "He doesn't know his lessons and he's not very clever. Please be patient with him."

Yes, it was true, Benjy was not clever. It took him a long time to use the coloured counters as he should. Teacher helped him to pick out three red ones and two blue ones, and then asked him how many counters there were. But Benjy couldn't understand how to count at first.

Stringing The Beads

Benjy liked playing with beads, but he didn't enjoy putting them in twos. He was pleased to thread them on a brown cord, but he didn't like shouting out, "I have

one bead on my string. I have two beads on my string," and so on.

He eagerly clutched the cardboard pennies and went to buy things at the school shop, but he didn't want to show how many he needed to get a four-cent book and a threecent pencil, and when he received the book and pencil, he thought he should be allowed to take them home for keeps.

The other boys and girls made fun of him. They thought he was very stupid. Teacher heard them and was very grieved. But she didn't say anything.

One day the children were surprised to see teacher take a violin out of its case, and they listened as she talked about it. But they were sorry when she shook her head and said she couldn't play the instrument.

"Would you like to hear it played?" she asked.

"Oh, yes, please!" they cried.

Then a surprising thing happened. Teacher beckoned to the new boy. Benjy left his desk and picked up the fiddle, tucked it under his chin and began to draw the bow over the strings. This was something Benjy loved to do and he played well.

Wonderful music, sometimes loud and fierce, sometimes soft and whispering, filled the room and the other pupils listened enthralled. At last teacher nodded to the young violinist, and he finished his tune and laid down the instrument. He bowed gracefully and went to his seat again.

The Children Applauded

Nobody laughed at him now. They all clapped their hands and smiled at him and Benjy, seeing their pleasure, smiled back.

"Benjamin has won many prizes for violin playing," said teacher. "He doesn't mind appearing on platforms and playing to crowds of people. None of us here could do that, and yet Benjy doesn't make fun of us because we are not so clever as he is."

The children understood and were sorry that they had made fun of the new boy. In the days that followed, they treated him kindly. They let Benjy see that they were his friends, and they gladly helped him with his school work. Their kindness and sympathy helped more than anything else could have done and Benjy's school work soon showed signs of great improvement.

Little Lost Fluff

Mae was standing in the shade of the large tree, watching the little chickens. She laughed until tears came into her eyes. They looked so funny trying to scratch and pick in the soft ground, just like the old mother hen. But they were so tiny, they would get their feet all tangled up and tumble over, then jump up and try it again.

It was summertime, and Mae was visiting on Grandfather's farm. A very busy girl she was, too, helping to feed the calves and pigs, taking her little basket and gathering the eggs each evening. But the most fun of all was playing with the little chicks.

All too soon it was time to go back to her home in town.

Grandfather came in with his hands cupped together, and something inside them. "Shut your eyes and hold out both hands," he said.

A Pleasant Surprise

Mae caught her breath as something warm and soft was put into her hands. When she opened her eyes there was a little yellow chicken.

"You have been so much help that you may take him home with you," Grandfather said.

Mae jumped up and down with

happiness. "Oh! thank you Grandfather. I am going to call him Fluff, because he is just like a little ball of yellow fluff."

When she got home, Daddy fixed a little box to keep Fluff in. There were so many things to do, all her playmates to say "Hello" to, and show her baby chick.

Sunday morning when Mae ran to give him his breakfast, Fluff was gone! She remembered that she had forgotten to shut the little door. Mae looked everywhere, under the stove, under the chairs and even in the closet, but no Fluff.

"Mae, it's almost time for Sunday school," called Father from the front hall.

"Mother, I can't find Fluff anywhere," wailed Mae as she took another look around.

"I'm sorry, Mae, but Father is waiting."

"Coming, Mother," she sighed as she turned for one last look at the empty box.

"If only Fluff were in there now I wonder where he could be?" thought Mae. "Mother is always reminding me to pick up my things after play, but this is the first time I ever had a toy that could run away."

Now it was time for Sunday school. "I know he must be hungry", she thought, blinking back the tears. "He's so little to be lost, and maybe I won't ever find him."

Soon they were at the church, and Mae slipped into her chair in Sunday school as the class started singing her favourite song.

"If I sing my best maybe I will forget about Fluff," she thought. "When to church I go. Though—" Mae stopped singing and looked up in surprise. "I thought I heard Fluff," she whispered. "Oh, but that couldn't be."

When the song was ended the teacher said. "Let us bow our heads and thank God for the offering." Mae opened her bag to get her pennies, and there sat Fluff peeking out at her. Mae was so happy she laughed right out loud.

"Cheep, cheep," chirped Fluff, as the children all gathered around.

Then Mae remembered. She had left her drawstring purse open on the floor. Fluff must have crawled in, looking for something to eat and finding it nice and warm, had cuddled down and gone to sleep.

"Who ever heard of a babychick going to Sunday school?" said Bobby.

Even Mrs. Brown was glad Fluff had come to church. She told the class a story; and they learned a song, all about a baby chick.

When the children bowed their heads to thank God for all their nice pets, Mae added, "Thank You, God, for taking care of my Fluff", and she gave him a loving squeeze.

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Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(25th Instalment)

Dr. Sawyer was very happy over the opinions of the other doctors. They all agreed that the infection was localized and could be rather quickly eliminated. There need be no long period of convalescence nor the use of cane or crutch. Two weeks under treatment and observation should be sufficient.

It was on the last day of their stay, when Kit was walking around the hospital and making great plans for the trip in Jim's car next day, that Mr. Hudson came back from a trip to Mexico with the word that unless some unexpected complication should arise Mother and Dad would leave Mexico in two weeks. Reservations had been made in a New York hospital, and as quickly as possible Dad would undergo another operation which, they hoped, would determine the cause of that strange coma in which he lay—determine it and correct it.

It was decided that Jim should go on to New York and meet them in order that Mother should not be alone for the ordeal. After much discussion of the subject they agreed that the situation at home must be frankly told to Mother. Kit was well on the road to complete recovery and Mother would not have the strain and worry of those weeks when the outcome seemed doubtful. After Dad's operation (they did not let themselves consider the eventuality of its not being successful), plans must be made for his and Mother's return. The house on Monterey Boulevard was rented until October. That had seemed best, for by signing a lease for a year they had obtained a much higher rental, so the Martin family would have to live on the farm until then.

"I'll be relieved to have Mother know it," said Virginia as they drove along the highway later in the day. "The secrecy has been one of the hardest parts of it all. Every letter I have written has seemed shallow and insincere. I'm eager to write a real letter to Mother. I want her to know Aunt Molly and Sherry and Steve even before she gets here. I think I'll start a letter tonight and make it a book by the time she arrives!"

"Oh, I will, too!" cried Kit. "I want to tell her how we're going to find Allie May, and about the dog I think Steve is going to get for me, and about stoves in place of a furnace, and about the smelly lamps and the organ I pump with my feet. I'll tell her about how good Steve is to us, and how much I wish he was my brother—"

"Oh, do stop for breath," pleaded Virginia hastily.

Jim, glancing at her flushed face, queried laughingly, "Why the blushes? Has the country lawyer replaced the city prof in your—shall we say 'friendship'?"

"Each of my friends has a place of his own," she answered testily. "They don't have to replace someone else."

"But sometimes they do. I wouldn't grieve if Steve replaced Howard Willis. I never liked that would-be intellectual. I hope you're not carrying a torch for him!"

"Indeed I'm not! He's going to marry Rae Terrant next summer and I'll gladly give them my heartiest best wishes. I meant it when

I told you the other day that I didn't feel a bit bad when I met him. I'm not grieving in the least, Jimmie. Not about that."

"About something else? Can I help? We don't stop being pals, do we, just because I've got me another girl?"

"Of course not. I've missed you a lot and I'm glad for this ride that gives me a chance to talk to you. Do you remember the night last August when Dr. Connor preached the sermon on sacrificing ourselves willingly?"

"Yes. I'll never forget it. Dot and I talk about it a lot. It changed things for us. We aren't ready to tell of our plans yet for they aren't thoroughly crystallized. Just now my family problems have to come first. But our future prospects were turned upside down by that sermon. We'll tell you about it when we know definitely what God's will for us is."

"I'm glad for you! I knew that both you and Kurt stood, and I've been wondering how it had or would affect your lives. Dot and I have had almost no time alone since I came up to the city, and most of our talk has been of wedding plans. I'm glad that sermon meant something to you. It must be wonderful to plan your future with some one 'of like mind'."

"It is. I keep thinking of how good God is to give such a great happiness at a time when I needed it so desperately. There's no denying that this winter has been tough."

He spoke diffidently, for they had not been accustomed to speak easily of spiritual things. Virginia's answer came quickly.

"Of course it has. I've known that I wasn't carrying all the load. You've had a tremendous job, shouldering the responsibility of the family and Dad's office and living in that six-by-nine room at the lab."

"I don't live there." He grinned. "I just go there occasionally to sleep and change clothes. I really live at the Blackwells'. I'm ashamed to hang out there so much, but I can't seem to help it. But let's talk about you. Why did you ask about that night? What did it mean to you?"

"It meant so much that when I had to make a decision about Kit I felt that was my call to sacrifice. It was a real sacrifice, too, Jimmy. None of you knew how much my work meant to me, and how much it still means. I did like Howard Willis more than I was willing to admit. But that doesn't bother me now. Maybe my standards of manhood have changed. I know I would never have grown to love him as a person should love the mate God intends for him—not as Mother loves Dad or as you love Dot."

"Or as you love the country lawyer?"

"Steve?" said Virginia in amazement, glancing toward the back seat and noting with relief that Kit was asleep with her head pillowed on her suitcase. "Why, I've never thought of love in connection with Steve. He's been the kindest friend one could desire, but he's just a friend."

"Then why the blushes?"

"You know why. You can always make me blush just by looking at me. Ever since I've been knee high you've done that to me, and you know it!"

"True, my pal. Many a time you took punishment deserved by me because you looked so guilty. For that I apologize. But I am not quite convinced on the subject of Steve. Anyway, I'm glad about your attitude toward Howard Willis. I was afraid he had hurt you."

"He didn't hurt me permanently. The friendship died before it had time to ripen into anything deeper. But one thing does hurt, Jimmy. That was what I wanted to talk about."

"The job?"

"Yes. I love teaching. It wasn't my first choice as a life-work—at least not teaching English. But when I couldn't go to Clearwater but had to take City College, where they had no real music department, I chose teaching English as my career, and I think I made good!"

"You did. Mr. Blackwell said the other day that Superintendent Hamlin told the board you were the best teacher they had ever had in that department."

"Really? I'm glad. That helps a lot. But that won't save my job. Howard Willis is the new principal, and his wife will want the position—and she will get it. Even if I wanted to go back (which I don't under the circumstances), he wouldn't want to be embarrassed by my presence. I would probably be sent to head up the work at junior high. A year ago I would have been elated at that. Now it

would definitely seem a demotion." "That's a rotten deal! They know you were on leave because of Kit's illness."

"I know it. But even that isn't bothering me now. The question that comes to me, and I've wondered about it a lot in the last few weeks, is the why of it all. I mean—why was the work I loved taken away from me? I was doing well in it, and after Dr. Connor gave us that sermon I gave my work to God, thinking that it was my way of serving Him. I thought I could be an inspiration to my boys and girls. A thoroughly consecrated teacher has a wonderful opportunity to show her Master to her scholars. Why, then, did I have to give it up? Why do I have to be buried in a tiny village, building fires, cleaning lamps and washing dishes? Am I not yet fit to serve Him? What is He trying to teach me?"

"I don't know. One thing you said just now is worth thinking about, however. You said that you gave your work to God. Then it is His, isn't it, to do with as He sees fit. This winter I've been learning that I'm not my own and that my Master has the right to use me and my life as He deems best. I must not even question."

"I know that's right and true. But none of us wants to be thrown away as useless scrap. And that's what I seem to be."

"You're wrong! One who died for you will never discard you. Maybe it seems to you that you are counted as scrap. But I am inclined to believe that God saw something especially promising in you and is just polishing you a bit to make you more fit for service."

"You're sweet, Jimmy, and a wonderful comfort. No wonder Dot thinks you are a honey. You are! I'm not always so gloomy. But having made my sacrifice, I guess I want to see a few results."

"I could name a few. Kit has been helped back to strength again, Kurt has been kept in school, Mother and Dad have been kept from the worry of our problems, and I'm sure Aunt Molly and Sherry Carlson have been helped—not to mention the sunshine you've brought into Steve Barrett's life."

"Now you're trying to be funny. I'll admit some of the things you mention. But I'm afraid you'll have to cross Sherry off the list. The good I've done her, if any, is purely physical. She's had a shelter, but perhaps if she hadn't had it she would have returned to her parents and brother. That's where she should be, and maybe my help has just encouraged her in her willfulness."

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It is useless to pursue happiness for happiness is never an object of seeking; it is rather a by-product of a well spent life.

Business Men's World Tour with a Missionary Objective

Dave Redekop

Our next stop was Paris. This was a completely new experience. Here we were faced with the language problem and we had to speak with an interpreter. We were happy to meet David Affleck at the airport, who, along with some other men, took us to our hotel, and after a brief time we were taken to the restaurant where we met with some 60 Frenchmen for a dinner meeting. We were pleased that, although we did not speak the same language, we were one in Christ, and we experienced a common bond of fellowship. These brethren, too, were interested in what we had to say, and they agreed that they needed something similar in their city. In the evening we took part in two church services both of which were well attended. They told us, there are only three evangelical churches in Paris of which they knew, and we were in two of them. We also saw the home of the European Bible Institute in Paris. These teachers are doing good work.

The next morning, the airplane took us to Brussels, Belgium, where we had a meeting with Christian business men and visited a Bible school. As in Paris, there were good prospects of forming a Christian Business Men's Committee in Brussels. The same day we left for Amsterdam, Holland, where we were met by a group of CBMC members and friends, including our CBMC representative, Mr. and Mrs. Van Katwijk. These people took us about 25 miles out of Amsterdam to Katwijk-on-Sea, a beautiful place facing the open sea. This was our home for the next few days, visiting Rotterdam on Saturday for some meetings and returning for a conference on Sunday. Being of Dutch descent, I found that I had many things in common with these people. My knowledge of Low German helped me more than the High German. Here it was also my privilege to attend a service in a Dutch Reformed Church. The church, which seats 1200 people, was filled to capacity that Sunday morning. I was told that this is the regular practice in Holland, a large percentage of the people attend church every Sunday morning. However, as in many other countries, Holland is in need of real personal man-to-man evangelism. Our committee was greatly strengthened, and we trust that new committees will be formed there. On Monday, it was my privilege to visit Philips Factory Endhoffen, the world's largest radio plant of this nature, where they employ over 36,000 people.

From Holland we went to Berlin,

Where reason commands, obedience is easy.

where we met with a group of business men. In Germany I had the advantage of being able to speak the language, whereas the others could not, and so a large part of the discussion and interpretation was left to me. We found the situation in Berlin quite different from that in other areas. Here the people were not so hopeful. Some of the men had recently fled from East Germany and had lost everything. They were glad to be in West Berlin, but they did not know what the future held for them. It was our privilege to have a very interesting interview with the reconstruction minister of Berlin, who told us many interesting experiences. Being a Jew, he had suffered much under the hands of the Nazis. We asked him whether he believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. He said that he did. Having spent some years in America during the war, he spoke a good English. That evening I took a taxi to look up a refugee centre and our MCC centre. I met the Janzens, who are looking after our office there. After hearing some of their stories and seeing the condition of the refugees I was very thankful to be living in a free country.

We left Berlin that morning and went to Copenhagen, to Gutenberg and to Oslo, Norway. Going to the Scandinavian countries was a new treat for us. We had been warmly receive on the trip so far, but nothing could excel the warmth and friendliness with which the people in Denmark, Norway and Sweden accepted us. These countries have no organizations which are affiliated with us, but a very strong CBMC in Sweden consists of over 900 men, who operate in a manner similar to ours. In all of these places they had everything well organized. We had large meetings with business men from all walks of life, generally including government men. In Denmark, we were impressed by the fact that they have no poor people. There are no beggars on the streets. The food is tremendous.

In spite of all this, we were told that Denmark has the highest suicide and divorce rate of the countries of Europe, which shows that man does not live by bread alone. We were happy to witness for our Lord. In Sweden a baron accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour. In Sweden a convention in the Saltsjobaden Hotel had been arranged. It is one of the finest hotels in the country. Here a large group had assembled, and it was a pleasure to participate in the convention. As in many other places, the language barrier did not prevent us from feeling as one in Christ. We heard some outstanding singing, for the

Swedes have fine musical talent, especially commendable when used in the service of the Lord. We were served with real good Swedish "smorgisbor."

Having been well taken care of in every respect, both body and soul, we were reluctant to leave the Scandinavian countries. But our schedule demanded that we go on and so we went to Düsseldorf, Germany, where we separated and went to Solingen, Essen and Wuppertal.

Germany is spoken of as the "industrial miracle" of Europe, and truly a miracle it is, for a country that was practically reduced to rubble fifteen years ago, is already the greatest industrial nation of Europe. Here we found a very beautiful picturesque countryside, from where some of our forefathers came. Here the people work hard and take things seriously. We found many Christian business men who were concerned about the spiritual welfare of their country. They told us that it was much harder to do spiritual work in Germany today than it was ten years ago. I had the privilege of meeting a man who was a member of a Christian business men's committee which had been formed in Germany before the first world war. Their aims were identical to ours. They, too, had gone out to win other business men for Christ, but with the coming of the Nazis, their organization had more or less fallen by the wayside.

We went on to Frankfurt, where we met the John Peters and 60 to 70 missionaries, assembled at Lindenfels, a picturesque little town in the hills. We were invited to participate in the program that morning, and we enjoyed hearing of the experiences of the missionaries among the German-speaking people. The Mennonites in particular have an open door, but it is already starting to close. May we remember these missionaries and do everything possible to bring Christ to Germany. John Peters had arranged a business men's meeting for us in Frankfurt, and we trust that something will come out of the meeting with these fine brethren, that they might organize and be a real testimony in that city.

Elliot Stedelbauer and myself left Frankfurt for Stuttgart, where we had the pleasure of meeting Professor Maier and his sons, who had organized a meeting for us. The little town Ettlingen is about three miles from Karlsruhe, where Professor Maier had been language teacher for about 30 years. He told me that Dr. B. Unruh's son had been his pupil. Recently I had a letter from his son, Dr. Maier, stating that they were organizing a Christian Business Men's Committee in that area. Karlsruhe is right on the edge of the Black Forest (Schwarzwald) and, being much farther south than Dusseldorf, the trees were already in blossom and the country-side most beautiful.

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MCC Help Still Needed

Nurses, leadership couples, normal control patients and Paxmen are needed as personnel replacements or additions to numerous overseas and domestic MCC projects. The Personnel Office lists the following selected openings:

Psychiatric Nurses are needed at Brook Lane Farm Hospital, Hagerstown, Md.; Prairie View Hospital, Newton, Kans.; and Kings View Hospital, Reedley, Calif. Salary comparable to community norm. Voluntary Service openings and unusual training opportunities also available.

VS Leadership Couples without children for assignments to Hartland Forestry Project, Badger, Calif.; Hoopa Indian Reservation Hospital, Hoopa, Calif.; Prince Galitzin State Park Development Project, Patton, Pa. (1-W Approved).

Single Men and Women between the ages of 20-24 to serve as volunteers in the normal control patient project at the National Institutes of Health Research Hospital, Bethesda, Md. (1-W Approved)

Paxmen with good mechanical skills for assignments in the roadway project in Paraguay and at the R. G. LeTourneau project in Liberia, Africa (1-W Approved).

Single Mature Women with ability to handle the German language well, to work with refugees at the MCC West Berlin Refugee Center.

Write to MCC Personnel Office, Akron, Pa., for more information concerning these as well as other service opportunities.

176 MCC Volunteers

One hundred and seventy-six people have volunteered to serve in the Summer Service program in Canada and the United States. In Canada 96 VSers will work in nine projects: Winnipeg Municipal Hospital; Manitoba Hospitals, Brandon; Clearwater Lake Sanatorium, the Pas, Manitoba; Manitoba Sanatorium, Ninette; Manitoba School, Portage la Prairie; Bethesda Home, Vineland, Ont.; Camps for Mentally Retarded Children, Lake Belivard, Ont.; and Students-in-Industry, Toronto, Ont.

Eighty young men and women will serve in US projects. Arrangements have been made for five categories of summer voluntary service with medical research at the National Institutes of Health taking the largest number of volunteers (23). Others will help in community service immigrant labor camps in New York State and Camp Camohmila in Mexico; in mental health service in Fergus Falls and Hastings, Minnesota State Hospitals; in correctional institutions at Brookland, S.C., and Wiltwyck School for Boys, Esopus, N.Y.; and in child welfare work at the Institutes of Logopedics, Wichita, Kans.; Junior Village, Washington, D.C.; Camp Paivika, Calif., and the Woods School, Langhorne, Pa.

WEDDINGS

Esau—Rahn

Miss Anita Rahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rahn of Aldergrove, B.C., and Mr. Dave Esau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jakob Esau of Mt. Lehman, B.C., were married in the East Aldergrove M.B. church on June 2.

Rev. Herman Voth officiated, with Rev. John Esau, brother of the groom, also giving a message. The choir rendered two songs. Mr. Herb Voth was the pianist. Attendants were Regina Rahn, sister of the bride and Eunice Esau, niece of the groom. After a brief wedding trip, the couple will reside here on Le Feuvre road.

Peach Picking in California

Reedley, Calif. — Harvest season in this central California fruit growing region began the second week in May as growers began picking early peaches. Picking of plums began about June 1.

A good crop of the early Spring-time peaches was in prospect, and first reports indicated prices were good. In general, the market outlook for the coming season is quite favorable.



Accidents Kill 59

Accidents took a total of 59 lives in Canada during the May 28, 29 weekend. A Canadian Press survey showed that 30 died in traffic and 21 drowned. Other fatal accidents included a fall, an electrocution, a suffocation, two fire deaths, an accidental shooting and a two death plane crash.

Special Women's Projects

Reedley, Calif. — Plans for several special projects were reviewed at a meeting of officers of the West Coast Mennonite Brethren Women's Missionary Service, held at the

home of Mrs. M. S. Gaede here.

Funds are now being received from mission groups for classroom chairs and draperies in the new building of the Pacific Bible Institute and Junior College at Fresno, it was reported by Mr. Al Bartel, educational chairman. It was voted to send money for linnen at the mission hospital at Jadcheria, India, and plans were made for a women's meeting at the M. B. centennial observance here in November.

Randall Giesbrecht †

Horndean, Man. — Randall Giesbrecht, 16, son of Mrs. Justina Giesbrecht of Horndean died at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg on May 31, during a heart-operation.

He underwent an operation in Toronto nine years ago, but it did not improve his condition very much. Then he contracted polio on his right side.

He started school at the age of 10, and attended whenever he was strong enough. Much time of his short life was spent in the Children's Hospital. He knew the Lord Jesus as his Savior.

Funeral services were held from the Winkler M.B. Church on June 5, at 2:30 p.m. Pallbearers were his cousins, Ray Stoesz, Tony Penner, Harry Enns, Johnny Dueck, Edward Giesbrecht and Willie Giesbrecht.

Randall has left to mourn his departure, his mother Mrs. Justina Giesbrecht, three brothers: Harry, Alberta; Allan, Winnipeg; Marvin, still at home; three sisters: Elma, Mrs. George Loewen, Winkler; Lorina, Winnipeg, and Esther, still at home; one brother-in-law; one sister-in-law; one niece, and one nephew.

Mrs. Anna Elias †

Winkler, Man. — Mrs. Anna Elias, nee Thiessen, died at the age of 67. Funeral services were held from the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church on May 28. Mrs. Elias is survived by five daughters and three sons.

Frank Harder †

Frank Harder, 72, of Steinbach, Man., died recently. Funeral service, with Rev. H. K. Schellenberg officiating, took place at Steinbach, with burial in the local cemetery. Mr. Harder, a retired farmer, moved to Steinbach 17 years ago. Be-

fore that he farmed at Lowe Farm. He is survived by his wife, Nellie; five sons, Frank, Abe, Ben, John, Peter and five daughters, Marie, Mrs. Abe Lemky, Mrs. Peter Giesbrecht, Mrs. John Goertzen and Nora.

Mrs. Anna Winters †

Winkler, Man. — Mrs. Anna Winters, 85, of 534 Wordlaw Ave., Winnipeg died recently. Funeral services were held from the Winkler M.B. church on June 2. Mrs. Winters has left to mourn three daughters, two sons and one adopted son.

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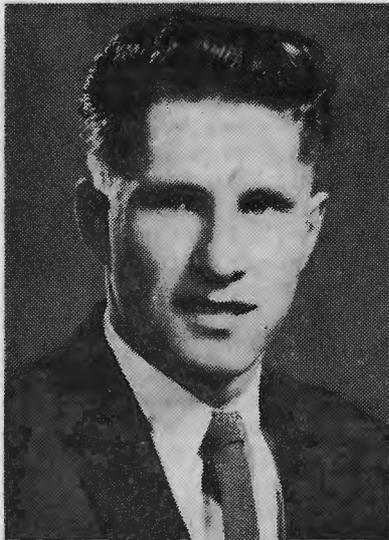
July 2—6, 1960, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

The host churches of the Ontario M. B. Conference have been making preparations for the Annual Canadian M. B. Conference for several months. We are expecting a great many delegates and guests and heartily welcome them to our province, our churches and our homes. In order to help you to finalize your travelling plans, we have some information that we would like to pass on to you. Please note the items listed below carefully.

1. Conference Sessions. All devotional services, business sessions and committee meetings will take place at the Eden Christian College grounds.

2. Railway Connections. Delegates travelling from the western provinces on the CNR or CPR are

OBITUARIES



Frank Ernest Dyck

Coaldale, Alta. — Br. Frank Ernest Dyck of Coaldale passed away on May 17, 1960, after a brief illness of 15 days.

Frank was the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dyck of Coaldale was a prospective graduate of the Alberta Mennonite High School where he enjoyed the respect and love of fellow students and staff.

Frank took ill on May 5, and seemed to be recovering, when he experienced a relapse and was taken home to be with his Lord.

The memorial service was conducted from the Coaldale Mennonite Brethren Church on Saturday, May 21, at 2 p.m., with Rev. D. J. Pankratz officiating. Pallbearers were chosen from among his closest friends: Ernest Wiens, David Huebert, Ben Braun, Henry Huebert, Dave Doerksen, and Rudy Thiessen.

Frank's passing came as a severe shock, reminding us all of the seriousness of living for our Lord while we can.

urged to check train connections in Toronto with the St. Catharines trains before leaving home. Not all trains make suitable connections with St. Catharines on the CNR line. Cars will meet delegates at the St. Catharines CNR depot. The brethren from the USA will make their reservations to Welland.

3. Bus Service. For delegates planning to travel from the West or the USA via Greyhound Bus Lines, should route their trip from Detroit through to Niagara Falls, Ont. In this case, St. Catharines is very unsuitable for a direct passenger service.

Air Schedules. Delegates arriving by air at either Malton, Ont., or Buffalo, N.Y., are requested to write the Conference Office in advance so that arrangements can be made.

5. Automobiles. For those planning to motor to Ontario, it is suggested that you take the Queen Elizabeth Way from Hamilton. Proceed east on the Q. E. Way past St. Catharines and across the Welland Ship Canal. About 200 yards beyond the canal, turn left on Highway No. 8 East; then proceed another 200 yards and immediately turn left again on Lincoln Road 3 towards Virgil and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Commonly this highway is known as the Niagara Stone Road. Eden Christian College is approximately 2 miles beyond Virgil on the left side of the highway.

6. Pre-Registration Information.

a) The host churches have planned to provide lodging and accommodation for all guests and delegates in the homes. Where it is possible, it is requested that the names of the delegates and guests be mailed to the Conference Office in advance so that suitable arrangements can be made.

b) Please note carefully: **All delegates arriving in Malton, Welland, Buffalo or Niagara Falls, Ont., are requested to write to the Conference Office in advance stating the time and date of arrival so that someone can meet them.** Cars will be on hand at the St. Catharines CNR depot to meet delegates arriving there. All municipalities of the Niagara Peninsula are on Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

There is no boat passenger service between Toronto and Niagara-on-the-Lake, as was the case 6 years ago.

7. Conference Address and Telephone Number.

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The Publicity Committee
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Vacations

"If vacations are to re-create, they must refresh spiritually as well as physically." This great truth was written by Catherine Marshall, wife of the late Peter Marshall, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, in her book, "A Man Called Peter." Among other things, Mrs. Marshall writes: "Somehow Peter succeeded in taking God into his recreation. His viewpoint on this matter was expressed in one sermon called, 'Whatever He Tells You.' Here he states:

"God is a God of laughter as well as of prayer. . . God is at home in the play of His children . . . We must try to make the distinction between worship and work and play less sharp . . . If God is not in your typewriter as well as your hymn-book, something is wrong with your

religion. If God does not enter your kitchen something is the matter with your kitchen. If you can't take God into your recreation there is something wrong with the way you play."

Further, Mrs. Marshall writes about vacation time:

"Family prayers were always more leisurely there. Each member of the family, including our guests, took turns conducting them . . . At the cottage, Peter often tucked our son into bed at night and heard his prayers. Often he read to him. There was time for long, satisfying discussions on religion as we lay on the beach or sat in the yard sipping cool drinks of an afternoon. The proof that Peter succeeded in taking God into his recreation is that often people's lives were literally redeemed by the contact they had with him at such times."

Summer is here, and with it, vacation time. As we ponder this for a moment, we ask ourselves the question, "What will our vacation do for us and for others we contact? Are we thinking only of physical refreshment, or will our souls be recreated as well?"

With Christ as our guide and with the steadfast determination to do all to His glory, our vacation will be a time of physical and spiritual recreation.

Nettie Kroeker

Bulgaria Today

(This is a report by Miss F. Simon on her visit to Communist Bulgaria.)

Last year a corner of the Iron Curtain was lifted, when diplomatic relations, which had been broken off some ten years ago, were re-established with Bulgaria by the United States. Now it is possible to come and go, restricted only by the will of the Bulgarians, or more correctly by that of the USSR, for the Bulgarians are held in the grip of the Russian glove as firmly as any Iron Curtain country I have visited. However, once you have obtained a visa, which is \$3.00 for tourists, you will find no obstacles in the way, and the individual Bulgarian is friendly and anxious to aid you, but apprehensive if you try to start a conversation.

You can fly into Sofia, the capital, from many European cities, or if time not important, the famous Orient Express will take you across Europe to the city, which is still one of the charming small cities of Europe. The history of Bulgaria has been turbulent and not too happy, with domination by numerous countries and cultures. Sofia reflects this. The name itself began to be used about 1300. Under the Romans the city was known as Serdica or Sardica. The Slavs changed it to Saredits and briefly it was called Treaditsa by one of the con-

querors. Its tree-lined streets and parks have won it the name of "city of green eyes." This is not the first time that Russia has held sway, for in 1870, having aided in delivering the Bulgars from the Turks, a young ruler acceptable to the Russian Czar was put at the helm.

Although the forefathers of today's citizens may not have had any love for the Russian overlords, in the beautiful Alexander Nevsky Cathedral (renamed the Memorial Church) they have left one of the finest monuments in Bulgaria. It is the work of the Russian architect Pomerantzeff and was built in recognition of the liberation of the Bulgars from the Turks. The so-called Russian church is indeed a gem. Another reminder of the Russian liberation is the statue of Alexander II of Russia, "Czar Liberator," which commands one of the many squares of the city.

As a rule, tourists lodge in the Grand Balkan Hotel, built by the USSR regime, and indicative of the Soviets' ideas by its vast proportions. The wide, sparsely furnished public halls give a feeling of emptiness, for there are few occupants of the scattered chairs and sofas. However, the rooms are clean and furnished with baths, toilets and comfortable beds. The elevators, although rickety, do work. The food, although not plentiful

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Tabor College

New Student Applications Continue

Applications for admission by new students for the fall term at Tabor continue to run well ahead of applications a year ago. A total of 55 new students had sent in applications by April 30 as compared to 27 on the same date a year ago.

Registrar John L. Ewert states that, while these figures undoubtedly indicate an increased enrollment next fall, they do not give a completely accurate picture. The national trend is for students to submit applications earlier. Next fall's enrollment will also be affected by the percentage of present students who will be returning.

Reimer Named to Added Post

Delmar J. Reimer, who has been an instructor in physical education and head coach at Tabor since 1957, was recently named to the additional position of director of athletics.

He succeeds Dr. Vernon R. Wiebe, who has held that title since 1952. Wiebe will devote a greater share of his time to the work as dean of students. He also retains the chairmanship of the physical education department.

Both the retiring and the new director have demonstrated fine Christian leadership in developing a wholesome program of recreation in keeping with the objectives of the college. The director's office governs inter-collegiate competition which currently includes modest schedules in soccer, basketball, track, and tennis.

240 Hear Alumni Dinner Speakers

Confidence in the future and the challenges of our day were the keynote emphases of two speakers at the forty-eighth annual Alumni Dinner on May 21.

Dr. Luciano L'Abate, medical psychologist at the Washington University Medical School in St. Louis, urged his fellow alumni to take the long-range view in planning their careers of Christian service. "This may involve painful choices occasionally," he said, "but in the end we will better serve mankind and God's kingdom if we take the long view."

The two hundred and forty assembled alumni also heard Mr. T. R. Nickel of Fresno, Calif., give an optimistic and confident picture of the role of Tabor College in the years to come. He voiced strong confidence in today's youth and urged alumni to actively support the higher education program of the church along with all the other areas of service which the church carries on. In a business session following the talks, alumni pledged the \$500 needed to purchase a new duplicating machine for the alumni office.

Graduates Urged to Take Chances for Christianity

"The greatest advances in the world are made by those people who take chances," said Dr. F. B. Thorn,

pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita, in addressing this year's Tabor graduates at the Fiftieth Annual Commencement May 23.

The speaker continued by giving the graduates six axioms to live by. "God is transcendent," he said, adding that "his Word cannot be destroyed and His church is marked for success. Peace of mind must grow out of personal relationships with God and our fellowmen and a feeling that our work is worthwhile. The world can be made better only by making men better," he concluded.

Daniel An Example

The fearlessness of Daniel in a pagan culture was cited by Rev. A. E. Janzen in challenging the graduates of 1960 at Tabor's annual Baccalaureate Service May 22.

Applying the lesson of Daniel to our day, Janzen said, "The issue is whether your convictions are going to shape the world or whether the world is going to shape your convictions." He listed the following strong points in Daniel's life: the courage of his convictions, a practical faith, the acceptance of divine revelation and guidance, and dependence upon prayer.

Summer Session

The first three-week term of the 1960 Tabor Summer Session was scheduled to get underway on Tuesday morning, May 31. The second and third terms will begin on June 20 and July 11, with students earning three semester hours of credit each term.

M. B. Biblical Seminary and Pacific Bible Institute

Applications Ahead of Last Year

The dean of the College-Institute program reported that new student applications were running considerably ahead of last year. Reservations for rooms in the new dormitories are coming in rapidly, and available space is becoming scarce. With the returning students being given preference, and with new students being assigned on a "first come, first served" basis, the dorm units are filled to two-thirds capacity. The Dean urged prospective students to make application and room reservations as soon as possible, in order to insure a place in the new units.

Graduating Class of 1960

The graduating class of 1960 consisted of three graduates from the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary who received the Bachelor of Divinity degree; seven who received the Associate in Arts degree and three who received the two-year Bible Institute diploma from Pacific Bible Institute-Junior College.

The degrees awarded and the recipients were as follows:

Bachelor of Divinity: Arthur Harder, Mountain Lake, Minn.; Willy Janz, Fernheim, Paraguay, S.A.; Daniel F. Schellenberg, Reedley, Calif.

Associate in Arts: Marion Fast, Salem, Ore.; Marianne Neufeld, Rickreal, Ore.; Floyd Quenzer, Fresno, Calif.; Gordon Smith, Fresno, Calif.; Marlin Thomas, Mission, Tex.; Shirley Wiens, Dallas, Ore.

Bible Institute two-year diploma: Gordon Smith, Fresno, Calif.; Phyllis Wiens, Fresno, Calif.; Shirley Wiens, Dallas, Ore.

Dr. Hiebert Preached Baccalaureate Sermon

Dr. D. Edmond Hiebert, Professor of New Testament and Greek at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, presented the message at the baccalaureate service of the Seminary and the Bible Institute-Junior College.

This service was held on May 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethany Mennonite Brethren Church, Fresno.

Bulgaria Today

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enough for a gourmet, is good, but service is slow. Ample time must be allowed for meals. I had my breakfast served in my room.

On Lenin Square (all street names have been changed) next to the Balkan Hotel, the Soviets have erected the department store, Zum, of monstrous proportions like Moscow's Gum. Here one can purchase anything from pins to refrigerators, but in contrast to Gum there are not the vast crowds surging in and out. Prices do not appear to be fixed as in the USSR, for I found some items cheaper in Zum than in the smaller shops, which may be privately owned and operated.

The attar of rose perfume base is an item for which Bulgaria has long been known. Shopping is not cheap. Some of the smaller shops have lovely fabric with beautiful designs. It is possible to obtain them, if you are willing to pay the high prices. A protest brings the response, "They are hand-made." On Lenin Square there remain two ancient structures, dating from the Turkish and Roman periods, and the Balkan Hotel is built around a Roman ruin of unknown date, a relic showing the antiquity of Sofia.

A place of prominence has been given to the mausoleum of Georgi Dimitrov, the Bulgarian communist leader, who has been popularized as a national hero. This is the counterpart of the tomb of Stalin and Lenin in Moscow. In Moscow there are two guards stationed at the entrance, but in contrast to the Moscow tomb, there are no lines of people waiting to enter here. I was not permitted to enter, because I refused to leave my handbag outside. This was not demanded of me in Moscow.

As to personal liberty, it is difficult to judge. The orthodox churches are open, but Protestant churches have been closed and the activities of the Protestant clergymen have been curbed. Most of them are not permitted to preach and some must report every con-

tact they make with a foreigner. Students, too, are not always allowed to pursue the vocation they desire. In October, when I was in Bulgaria, the universities were closed and the students were sent into the rural areas to assist with the harvest. To escape from this work a student must have a good excuse. I was told of a young girl, who complained of a sore arm, but she was not relieved of the work, to which she was unaccustomed, until she was unable to use her arm. Only then was she given an examination, which revealed that she had broken the small bones in her fore-arm. If you are away from the center of town, the less cautious citizens will talk with you, but no one ventures to be seen with a foreigner in the Balkan Hotel. The young people are especially anxious to meet foreigners and learn of the world beyond their narrow confines, for, contrary to the youth of the USSR, they do not think that they have the best in the world.

From Sofia I flew to Varna, a flight of about an hour and one-half. The town of Varna on the Black Sea has little of interest, but it is the starting point of a regular bus route to the resorts of Varna Beach, about six miles distant, and Golden Sands, an additional four or five miles. The roadway is better surfaced than most Bulgarian roads. It winds along the coast between orchards and vineyards with colorful gardens, here and there, attached to small villas. On this coast, long famous for its beaches and natural beauty, at a site formerly part of Roumania, the one time Queen Marie of Roumania built a summer palace, which has now been converted into a rest home for Bulgarian artists and scientists, the elite. Here in this so-called classless society, the sheep are separated from the goats! At both resorts a dozen or more hotels for tourists have been built. They are attractive and simply furnished with a bath and a small balcony for each room. There are a number of recreation rooms and separate pavilions for dancing and dining. The Cedoka at Varna Beach, where I stayed had a dining hall with an attractive outdoor terrace overlooking the Black Sea, but the enclosed dining room was far from inviting. However, in the evening it was well patronized by local people, many of whom may have been attracted by the orchestra playing music from the decadent western world. There was a general atmosphere of gaiety and relaxation. Being far removed from the watchful eye of the overlords in Sofia, the people freely entered into conversation with me. Golden Sands I found overrun by the elite of East Germany, celebrating the tenth anniversary of the People's Democratic Republic. It will be interesting to watch this country and see if it can free itself of the foreign dictator.

An Important Announcement

The Mennonite Brethren Church of Hepburn, Sask., is planning to commemorate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, July 31, 1960. The services will begin after the Sunday school session at 10:45 a.m. and continue in the afternoon, with a fellowship meal at noon. The Rev. J. B. Toews of Hillsboro, Kans., one-time

pastor of the Hepburn Church, will be the main speaker of the day.

We are offering an illustrated book of the church's history, dedicated to our "church fathers" and their unselfish and self-sacrificing interest in the kingdom of God. The price is \$1.00 per copy and can be ordered by writing to Mrs. Toby J. Voth, Box 191, Hepburn, Sask.

The church invites all friends from distant as well as neighboring churches to share in the Lord's blessings, for which we are humbly praying.

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Guest Artists at Eden's Choral Concert

The annual Choral Concert to be presented on June 11, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. at the Eden Auditorium will feature guest artists from Eden's Alumni Association. All artists have made excellent contributions in their field of music in recent years. They are: Miss Elsie Boese, graduate of 1956, Contralto; Miss Marina Dick, graduate of 1958, Soprano; Miss Erna Goertzen, graduate of 1958, pianist; Mr. Abe Block, graduate of 1955, Baritone; and Mr. Henry Goerzen, graduate of 1950, Tenor.

The public is cordially invited to attend. — Thank you.

Rudy Bartel

Mennonite Children's Choir Sings Well

Winnipeg, Man. — The Spring Concert of the Mennonite Children's Choir of Winnipeg was held in the M.B. Collegiate Institute auditorium on Saturday, June 4. Approximately 700 persons were listening intently as the Children's Choir, under the able direction of Mrs. Helen Litz presented a fascinating program with a great variety of musical numbers.

The audience had the privilege of hearing the Children's Choir singing songs composed by: Beethoven, Shaw, Tchaikovsky, Handel, Bach, Robertson, Schubert, Stenson, Moeller, Strauss and others. German, English and Czechoslovakian folksongs and negro spirituals captivated the interest of those present.

Mrs. June Friesen was the accompanist. Mr. Albert Horch and Mr. Herbert Klassen played the flute as some of the numbers were presented. The frequent enthusiastic applause of the audience was an expression of the appreciation for the successful and skillful presentation of the various musical items of the program.

"Gesangbuch" Reprinted

Walter D. Unrau has announced that the German hymnbook, "Gesangbuch" (Ausgabe mit Anhang), has been reprinted by the General Conference Mennonites. He expects shipment from the bindery before June 15.

Three Recent Graduations

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, graduated 104 students on May 29. On June 6, Goshen College, graduated 256 students. The Mennonite Biblical Seminary of

Elkhart, Indiana, graduated 9 students on May 30. Two of these are Canadians, namely, Miss Hedy Sawatzky, M.R.E., of Vineland, Ontario and Mr. Geo. G. Janzen, B.D. of Dominion City, Manitoba.

ON THE HORIZON

Every Sunday. — German School Program of Manitoba Mennonite Schools over radio station CFAM from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (CST).

June 11-12 — The Alberta Sunday school workers conference, held in Tofield, Alberta.

June 11 — The Eden Alumni Banquet in the afternoon and the annual Choral Concert in the evening at Eden Christian College.

June 12 — Commencement Exercises at 3:00 p.m. at Eden Christian College.

June 12 — Rosthern Junior College High School Graduation.

June 16-17 — Canadian Mennonite Bible College Mission Conference.

June 18 — CMBC closing program.

June 19 — Baccalaureate service and Graduation, at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

July 2-6 — Annual Sessions of the Canadian Conference of Mennonites at Steinbach, Manitoba.

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