

EDITORIAL

Good Fathers

Father's Day is approaching. This stimulates us to think of the duties, responsibilities and privileges of a father, but especially of the qualifications of a **good father**.

A good father loves his children and looks upon them as a treasure which God has entrusted to him. To illustrate this we refer to the father of John Wesley. One day his house was on fire. His small son John was scarcely rescued. Seeing that the family wealth was consumed, but all his children were safe, he said, "Come neighbours, let us kneel down, let us give thanks unto God! He has given me all my eight children. Let the house go; I am rich enough." Fathers, your children are your wealth.

A good father admonishes and corrects his children, even though he may do it with a bleeding heart. In Prov. 13:24 we read: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." The father may correct his child with all sincerity, yet he is conscious of his own guilt and shortcomings.

His experience may be expressed in C. A. Miles' poem entitled,

THE TWO PRAYERS

Last night my little boy confessed to me Some childish wrong; And kneeling at my knee He prayed with tears: Dear God, make me a man, Like Daddy, wise and strong; I know you can.	Then, while he slept I knelt, beside his bed, Confessed my sins, And prayed with low bowed head, 'O God make me a child Like my child here — Pure, guileless, Trusting Thee with faith sincere."
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Fathers, then, are to correct their children, and by God's grace, correct themselves, in order to make the training of their children effective.

Good fathers are also concerned about the future of their children. They must not be self-centered, but do all they possibly can for the temporal and eternal wellbeing of their offspring. Our fathers have established Christian homes and churches. They bequeathed to us their material possessions their art, their literature, their creeds and forms of worship, their standards of righteousness and examples of Christian living, their eagerness to achieve the good, their discoveries and their creativeness. We benefit by the wisdom applied by our fathers. Let us apply wisdom in all we do, so that our children may reap the fruit of our labour!

In closing we are reminded of an excerpt from the Jewish "Midrash", in which we read the following: "One day a rabbi saw a man planting a carob-tree. He said to him, 'A carob-tree brings forth no fruit for 70 years. Are you certain that you will live for 70 years?' The man replied, 'Did I find the world empty? As my fathers have planted for me, so I am planting for my children.'"

Fathers, let us love our children, admonish them and be concerned about their temporal, but most of all, their spiritual and eternal welfare!

G. D. H.

DEVOTIONAL

"Be Ye Filled with the Spirit!"

Rev. Jacob Dick, Winnipeg

At conversion the new convert is "sealed with that holy Spirit of promise" (Eph. 1:13), in response to his faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ. This Spirit witnesses constantly to the convert that he is a child of God (Rom. 8:16), and hence an heir to all the riches of God in Christ Jesus. Throughout the entire life of the believer the Spirit has one desire, and that is

to possess the convert completely; to fill every vacancy in the life of the believer. In Ephesians 5:19-21 the apostle Paul shows us, in four stages, when the convert will be filled with the Spirit.

In the first place he states that we are to speak to one another "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (V. 19). If God's Word has become the believer's very staff of

life; if he takes time to read it with a receptive mind and an obedient attitude, this will be possible. Because of these circumstances the Holy Spirit will be able to bless him through the Word. As a result his life will overflow with gratitude and love to the one who provided for him this abundance of grace. He will give expression to this gratitude by singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." The blessings received will overflow so as to benefit others. He will be filled to an even greater extent with the Spirit.

O how much blessing the believer forfeits because he has no time to indulge in such a program. Newspaper, radio, television and many other things tend to keep him so occupied that he finds no time to really give the Spirit an opportunity to "fill him." What a tragedy that so much potential power is wasted.

In the second part of verse 19 we read that the believer is to "sing and make melody in his heart to the Lord." Who is capable of doing so? Only he who has found his joy in the Lord; whose happiness is not determined by outward circumstances. Only that believer can "sing and make melody in his heart," who is completely resigned to the will of his Lord; who is completely satisfied with the leading of his God in his personal life, knowing full well that "all things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28). This attitude will result in his becoming more and more "filled" with the Spirit. On the contrary, the one who complains and questions the Lord's leading loses this blessing of a "Spirit filled" life, since this attitude grieves the Spirit and curtails His activity in the life of the believer. O that we could truly and genuinely "sing and make melody in our hearts to our Lord", because we are so completely resigned to Him, in whose leading we have absolute confidence. Such a life will be "filled" with the Spirit.

In verse 20 Paul admonishes us to "give thanks always for all things." Ingratitude seems so widely prevalent in our day and age. Here we are admonished to be thankful; more than that, to be thankful for all things. This is so foreign to our natural inclinations. However, the believer is supernaturally motivated as a result of his faith in Christ and so he does not succumb to natural inclinations. It is God's purpose that the believer be "conformed to the image of his son." If this is the ultimate objective in all of God's leading and in what He permits, then we surely should be thankful for all things. Whether it be nagging neighbors, difficult employers, ungodly colleagues, sickness, distress, misfortune or misunderstanding and criticism; all the negative as well as the positive in the believer's life is permitted so that he might be con-

formed to this image. Let us not forget then that the Spirit-filled life is the thankful life.

The fourth admonition reads: "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of the Lord." This involves the relationship between man and wife, parent and child, government and subject, etc. For all of these relationships God's Word sets certain principles, which, if violated, will not remain unpunished. And on the contrary, if obeyed, will not go unrewarded. The Spirit cannot fill that one who acts contrary to these principles. However, the believer who conforms will realize the blessed experience of being "filled" with the Spirit.

How tragic that in our times so much of this potential blessing of being filled with the Spirit is lost due to external influences. The Spirit of this world rather than God's Spirit captivates the interest of so many believers. Conformity to the world has destroyed the image of Christ in so many present day believers. As a consequence an increasing number of believers are restless, dissatisfied and frustrated. They grieve and quench the Spirit and as a result their life is fruitless and unhappy. On the contrary, how happy and content is that believer who has been filled by the Spirit in response to the attitudes enumerated above, whose life is completely controlled by God. May God grant that we would all be filled with the Spirit; completely submitted to Him, so that we all would be content and grateful children of our heavenly Father.

A new attitude toward life can change life itself. You may be unable to change your surroundings. What of it? Substitute a smile for a complaint, enthusiasm for listlessness and see what happens!

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Departure of Missionaries

Missionaries to depart for the fields this summer, the Lord willing, include the Ben Klassens, Darlene Reimer and Mary Toews scheduled to sail for the Congo from New York on July 14; Anne L. Ediger and Viola Janz scheduled to sail for India from New York on July 15; and the Sam Krauses scheduled to sail to Japan from San Francisco late in July. May we include each of these folks in our intercession as they travel, study the language and enter into the work of the Gospel in their various assignments.

Brother and Sister Ben Klassen of the Morden, Manitoba Church return for a second term of service and Sister Toews of the Clearbrook, British Columbia Church for a third term of service. These folks serve in our Gospel outreach



Miss Mary Toews

in the Congo as missionary teachers. The Klassens were earlier assigned to Kikwit and Sister Toews to Kajiji. These missionaries have been engaged in schooling and deputation during their period of furlough.

Sister Ediger of the North Kildonan Church, Winnipeg, is returning to India for her second term of service. During her period of



Miss Anne Ediger

furlough she has taken commercial courses which will enable her to assist in the administrative work of the India field. She also attended Tabor College from which she was graduated with the B.A. degree last month.

Sister Reimer of the Reedley, California Church is a new missionary appointee who is to serve at Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school. Information about Sister Reimer has been previously presented to the constituency.

Sister Janz is a new missionary accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions and by the national church of India for service in the medical program. A member of the Herbert, Saskatchewan Church, she is the daughter of Brother and Sister Nicholas Janz. Sister Janz is a registered nurse and has gained experience in this field by serving in several hospitals in Saskatchewan. Her training for Christian work has been received at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta; Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn, Saskatchewan; and Menno-



Miss Viola Janz

nite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg.

Brother and Sister Sam Krause of the Dinuba, California Church return to Japan for their second term of missionary service. Their first months in Japan will be spent in further language study at Kobe. Their ministry will again be devoted to evangelism and the establishment of the national church.

Missionaries to the West Indies

Winkler, Man. — Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Hildebrand and their family are expected to leave for the West Indies after a time of orientation in the head quarters of the mission.

Rev. Hildebrand, a minister of the E.M.M.C. Church, formerly known as the Rudnerweider, is a graduate of the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg and has been teaching as a public school teacher.

For the past 2 years he served as Bible School teacher in the Winkler Bible School and at the same time as a minister in the pulpit of the Winkler E.M.M.C. Church.

Home and Foreign Missions Festival

Kronsgart, Man. — The Kronsgart M.B. church held its quarterly Missions Festival on June 5. The morning session was begun by a hearty congregational singing, led by Mr. Peter Nickel. Rev. A. A. Hyde then made the invocation and extended a hearty welcome to all who had come to worship the Lord with us on this Sunday. The choir ably led by Mr. Bert Dyck, rendered such numbers as, "Give to Our God Immortal Praise", Trauet auf den Herrn", "Send Out Thy Light", and "When Jesus Comes Again". Other special musical numbers were rendered by Miss Elizabeth Labun and Mr. Henry Janzen. Rev. George Sukkau brought a message on home missions based on Rom. 1:14-17. After the morning session was brought to a close, we assembled in the church basement to partake of the noonday meal.

The afternoon session was again begun by a congregational singing, this time led by Mr. Allan Labun. After the invocation and choir number, a junior service was given by Mr. Alfred Friesen, who also brought a message based on Ezek. 22:30 challenging the congregation to stand and fill in the gap in the Lord's work whether that be in Sunday school, D.V.B.S., Bible camps, etc. Rev. Sukkau brought the second message of the afternoon speaking on foreign missions, basing his theme on Acts. 11:19-26. He also related experiences of his work in the West Coast Children's Mission in B.C. and also in Paraguay. Truly we felt the Lord's presence and are thankful for the blessings received.

T. Peters.

A Women's Conference With Great Projects

Niverville, Man. Approximately 600 women representing 41 sewing and mission circles of the General Conference Mennonite churches in Manitoba met in the Niverville Conference church for the annual Manitoba Women's Conference on Sunday, May 28.

The theme of the conference was "Love and Service," and was repeatedly emphasized in the papers and addresses presented by Miss Ann Quiring, missionary home on furlough from Africa, Mrs. Jake Unrau, in mission service at Manitogogan, Manitoba and Mrs. M. Engbrecht, of Boissevain. The singing was provided by groups from the various churches represented.

The president, Mrs. H. Petkau of

Morden, chaired all three sessions and the Rev. J. Krahn, of Niverville, delivered the address of welcome to the conference guests and delegates.

Projects of the women's conference for the past year has been the support of the hospital in Neuland, Paraguay, and assisting with the building of a mission home in Northern Manitoba with \$1,405.00.

In addition to that Miss Annie Neufeld of Margaret, Manitoba, was supported with \$950 from the Miss Helena Siemens memorial fund while a student at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas, this past year.

The project for 1960-61 is to help in the erecting of a 24x36 foot chapel at Hole River Indian Reserve in northern Manitoba.

Serving on the executive for 1960-61 will be Mrs. H. Petkau, of Morden; Mrs. Henry Wall, of Winnipeg; Mrs. J. A. Janzen of Altona; Mrs. J. Klassen, of Blumenort; Mrs. A. J. Neufeld and Mrs. H. Ens both of Gretna.

Offerings taken amounted to \$674 and will go toward the support of home and foreign missions.

The 1961 conference will be held in the Mennonite Bergthaler church in Morden in May.

Capacity Crowd at Song Festival

Beechy, Sask. — A capacity crowd attended the annual Song Festival of the M.B. church at Beechy on June 5. The special program of music featured, both the senior and junior choirs. During the week prior to the program the choirs practised each night. Mr. David Falk of Winnipeg, a talented young singer and director, conducted the senior choir. Mrs. Falk, an experienced singer, and conductor of children's choirs worked with the junior choir. The program consisted of hymns and anthems both new and old and was very well received by the audience. The importance of music in the Christian church was impressed upon us as we attended the rehearsals and sang the glorious gospel message.

Melvin Wiens.

Jacob Boldt †

Mr. Jacob Boldt, 67, of Ottawa Avenue, died Thursday, June 9, at Winnipeg General Hospital. He was a watchmaker with the Independent Credit Jewellers for 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Anne; four daughters, Mrs. William Michaelson, Mrs. Thomas Perry, Mrs. William Laird and Miss Elizabeth; three sons, Victor, Henry and Edward; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Bergen; and three brothers, Henry, Peter and Abraham.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 13, in the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery. Kerr's Funeral Chapels was in charge.

Ivan and Ivanovna at Home

A report by Miss Fannie Simon on her Visit to Russia

How does Ivan and his family live? What are Russian homes like? This was my prime interest when I visited the USSR in 1957. Going along the streets of Moscow, especially in the evening, the interior of many apartments were exposed to view, either they do not have shades, or if they do, the shades are not drawn. Most of the apartments had a cheerless appearance, due, no doubt to the lack of lamps; a center fixture, few with shades, suspended from the ceiling gave a harsh, bright light to the sparsely furnished rooms. All this piqued my curiosity, and my desire to go into an apartment, increased. I had been told and soon

learned that a Russian, however friendly, seldom invites you to his home, the way we do.

Finally, through an editor of one of the women's magazines, I was able to arrange a visit, not to her home, but to the home of another Moscow family composed of a couple, both retired research workers, living on "pension", supplemented by occasional work. In spite of the fact that in all probability this apartment was especially selected, it fell far short of the counterpart in the United States. The building was not in the newer section of Moscow and may even have been pre-revolution, for it had a more substantial appearance than the apartments now going up by the hundreds in many Russian cit-

ies. We, my guide accompanied me as interpreter or it may have been as censor, entered a dark, gloomy hall, where a woman in a cotton dress and apron sat knitting. She was the elevator operator and ushered us into an elevator which I feared would not make the climb to the fifth floor. Here we were deposited in a poorly lighted public hall from which we entered the hall of the apartment. There were two rooms, each with a bed-couch and a few plain straight-back chairs. One room had a heavy Victorian desk and book case, both quite handsome, in the other was the ever-present round table with plush cover, edged with ball fringe reminiscent of my grandmother's "parlor". (This table complete with cover I saw in every hotel room or office I was in.) The table cover, however, gave the only note of color to an otherwise drab and bare room. There were no pictures on the non-descript walls and both rooms had a dull, brown carpet. There was a small television set which my hostess insisted on turning on in spite of the fact that the reception was very bad. (But on occasion this has been my fate in the USA.) My hostess was most gracious in showing me about, even opening a large closet, which appeared to be the only closet in the apartment. The kitchen had equipment outdated in the most homes in the United States fifty years ago, except for a small electric refrigerator, but so new that I wondered if it had been installed for my benefit. In contrast, the bath room was fairly well up-to-date. When I inquired about garbage disposal, I was shown a small incinerator in the outer hall. Before I left I was served a light refreshment of cake, a very sweet wine and fruit. The cake was very good and when I said how good it was the recipe was given me. I regret to say the recipe did not work out when I, as well as an economist, tried it here in New York. But I do not hold that against the USSR. On leaving, a small "papiermaché duck", which I had noticed on the book case, was handed me. "A token of remembrance from the USSR", my hostess said.

But it was in Alma Ata in the south of Kazakhstan, I had an unarranged visit at the home of a chance acquaintance. One day I was taking a picture of an apartment house, when a woman approached me and asked defensively, in German, "Why are you taking a picture of that house?" "I want to show my friends at home the type of house in which the people of the USSR live." "What part of Germany are you from?" was the next question. "Not Germany" I told her, "I come from the United States." At this she brightened, saying, "Oh, I speak English better than I do German. I am a teacher of English." The fact that I was

one of the tribe of corrupt capitalists did not send her away; instead she continued the conversation saying she lived in the house I was photographing and pointed out, with pride, her apartment on the top floor. When I showed added interest, not only in the house, but in her, she invited me to visit her; but as she was on the way to a school meeting, she suggested that I should return in the evening.

I arrived at the apartment promptly at seven, the hour previously set, climbed the three flights of semi-dark stairs and rang the bell on the left as instructed. After a few minutes the door was opened by a tall, dark, yet handsome man wearing what appeared to be a pajama coat over regular trousers. There was not a doubt of his surprise on seeing me and surprise became bewilderment, when in halting Russian, I inquired for his wife. The only too well-known "nyet" was the answer. "But this is the home of Madame T?" "Da" was the reply, however I was made to understand that she was not at home. That exhausted my Russian, language. Greatly disappointed I groped my way down the stairs, thinking, "What can you expect of Russians!"

(To be continued)

Hill-Top Blessings



Serving in the medical work at Wanaparty are, from left to right: M. B. Zechariah, laboratory technician; P. B. Prakashan, registered pharmacist; Margaret Willems, Steinbach, Manitoba; P. B. Isaac, registered pharmacist; Helen Dueck, Coaldale, Alberta; Mrs. P. B. Prakashan, R.N.; and Miss B. A. Dorcas, R.N. Nationals are all trained and members of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

by Margaret Willems

From various parts of India, missionaries gathered in Coonoor with a united prayer: "Lord, we would see Jesus." During my years in India I have not witnessed such intense prayer meetings where missionaries sought a revelation of the Lord Himself.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne" was the key text given to us Sunday mornings. In this day of apostasy this challenge was held out to us through the two brethren from America, Rev. Larry Love and Pastor Allan Redpath, in a week of covenant meetings. Pastor Redpath presented to us Christ as He was tempted by the devil according to Matthew 4; how Christ met Satan, not in the power of deity but as man, yet victoriously and in whose victory we also can triumph. Rev. Love presented the letter to the Ephesians to us under four parts: the choice, the change, the challenge and the charge. The charge, being the final message,

made a tremendous impact. It was given to us as "the power of intercession." How much time do we waste serving where we should be interceding.

The Lord has challenged us anew, and as we go down to our respective places of work, we are conscious of fierce temptations awaiting us, the charge for intercession which is upon us and the quiet confidence as the reward of the "overcomer."

We praise the Lord for having met with us so wonderfully on the hill top. There is nothing more essential to us than His continual presence so that the power of the Holy Spirit will be demonstrated through us in the midst of a needy word.

Dear friends at home, we have felt the power of your intercessory prayers. May we encourage you to intercede, for if ever there was a time where we needed intercession, we need it now during this time of transition here in India.

Your sister, Margaret Willems.

Kelly Jean Lautermilch †

Funeral service for Kelly Jean Lautermilch was held from the Woodrow M.B. church on May 25.

God saw fit to take Kelly Jean Lautermilch home, to be with Him in glory on May 23. As Rev. W. Gripp so aptly expressed it, in his sincere comforting message. "It was as though God had reached down and plucked one of his rose buds, to grace His celestial bouquet around His pearly white throne.

Kelly was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lautermilch. She was born April 12, 1955. During her brief stay here on earth she had wone the affections of all who knew her.

She had accepted Jesus as her own personal Savior at the early age of three years, and up to the time of her passing had prayed much; mostly for others, especially for relatives and Sunday school pals. As though in answer to her prayers, her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Croissant accepted Jesus at her death bed.

She is survived by her sorrowing parents and infant sister Dianne, two greatgrandparents, four grandparents, one aunt, two uncles, cousins and many relatives and friends.

Change of Address

Former address: Mr. and Mrs. John B. Toews, 169 East Villa, Pasadena, Calif., U.S.A.

Present address: 2509 Goss St., Apt. A, Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Panama

A Panamanian Indian Christian is spending six to eight weeks in Hillsboro this summer in translation work with Brother J. A. Loewen now on the Tabor College staff. He is Brother Aureliano Zabugara whom Brother Loewen met in Panama in 1953. Last summer he was one of the two outstanding students in the reading campaign conducted by the Brethren Loewen and Wirsche in Panama. Brother Aureliano paid his way to the States for a visit and traveled with new Tribes missionaries Glenn Pruntys with whom he worked in Panama. The translation work which the Brethren Aureliano and Loewen are doing together is a continuation of our Indian work in Colombia. This work is currently being done on a project basis. The first two days these men spent checking a manuscript of Bible stories. Their second project is to proofread the Gospel of Mark which was translated into the Indian language last summer. If enough progress is made, the men hope to move into the Acts of the Apostles. They are working with the Sambu dialect of the Colombian Choco Indian language. Aureliano is staying with the Loewens in Hillsboro where he arrived May 29. During his first week in Hillsboro he gave a testimony to students in the Vacation Bible School in the Hillsboro Church which was translated by Brother Loewen.

Ecuador

Brother and Sister Hugo Jantz and daughters (East Chilliwack, B.C.) are scheduled to leave Quito, Ecuador, on June 23 where they have been serving in the HCJB German department and return to the homeland for furlough. The Jantzes are expected to arrive in time for the Canadian Conference to be held at Virgil, Ontario, from July 2 to 6. The David Nightingales (Yarrow, B.C.) are expected to return to the work in Quito in July.

Colombia

The evangelical community in Colombia is the fastest growing in the world in spite of opposition, according to the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. From a community of some 16,000 in 1947 it now numbers about 80,000 which is an increase of more than 400 per cent.

Africa

Election returns from the Congo released May 31 show Patrice Emery Lumumba emerging as Congo's strong man, with his radical wing of the National Congolese Movement likely to control about one-third of the seats in the Chamber of Representatives. Joseph Ka-

savubu's party, ABAKO, came out with only 12 seats compared to Lumumbas 35. It is not yet clear whether Lumumba's victory will cause others to swing into a coalition with him, or whether it will solidify his rivals into a coalition of their own. The next 30 days in the Congo are fraught with great perils and should be the subject of much prayer. A pall of uncertainty varying between fear and optimism surrounds the affairs of the Congo. Such an atmosphere seems unavoidable under the present circumstances in which no one is quite sure who is in authority. Many Europeans are reportedly flying from the Congo to Belgium, but some observers feel it is a temporary move and that they will return after June 30. Others are not so optimistic. —Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

Independent African Nations

African nations achieving their independence during 1960 are Cameroun, Togoland, Belgian Congo, Somalia, Nigeria, and possibly Sierra Leone. Two of these—Cameroun and Togoland—are already independent; two more—Belgian Congo and Somalia—will receive their political freedom this summer; and Nigeria will become an independent nation this fall. All but one of these nations have been proceeding steadily toward self-rule for a number of years. Belgian Congo's coming independence has been precipitated within just the past weeks, and many observers fear that the prosperous colony has not had adequate preparation for self-rule. Most Congolese appear to have a very unrealistic concept of independence. Since neither independence nor internal stability is achieved easily, pray that missionaries laboring in these new-born nations may conduct themselves with great wisdom and with understanding hearts; pray that they may be protected in the violence that may erupt with the arrival of independence. Pray that the new African governments may be administered by men of integrity, who will quickly gain the loyalty of their peoples. —Missionary Mandate.

Paraguay

A conference for the benefit of our missionary workers in Paraguay was to be held in Filadelfia the last week in May. Brother Erven A. Thiessen, Curitiba, Brazil, had been invited to serve as one of the speakers. The second speaker was Brother Albert Enns of Asuncion who works among the Paraguayan people in that large city. Although the program was varied, the main subject was the matter of promoting the Church of Jesus Christ and its "indigenization" among the people who constitute it and who must become the instruments of evangelization in the future.

Brother G. B. Giesbrecht will leave Asuncion, Paraguay, on June 16 to arrive at Wichita a day or two later. After some contacts here in Kansas, Brother Giesbrecht will go with other delegates to the Canadian Conference in July and finally in the fall attend the Centennial Conference at Reedley in November.

Brazil

Our missionaries in Brazil are now working on a small prospectus which is to give a brief description of the three-year Bible course which is to begin in early 1961. The little circular will also contain information regarding rooming and boarding facilities, student fees, library facilities and regulations which are to govern the students while in attendance.

Brethren Erven A. Thiessen, (Reedley Calif.), Peter Huebert (Curitiba, Brazil) and two of the national brethren recently made a trip into the interior of Brazil and visited such little cities as Palmas, Sao Mateus, Port Uniao, Barro Preto, Chupimzinho and Clevelandia. Brother Thiessen writes that they were especially thrilled by the great opportunities there are for the Gospel outreach in the interior of Parana State.

May the Lord grant wisdom, guidance and also the workers to occupy these open fields.

Another prayer concern for Brazil is for young people in the orphanage at Curitiba who are interested in becoming Christian workers, especially for Carmen who is already active in Christian work.

India

Schools on the India field are again opening during the month of June. Since this is the first year during which the Field Associations of the India Mennonite Brethren Church will be responsible to operate the elementary schools, they are in special need of our intercession and moral support. The elementary schools have in the past been mainly under the administration of the missionaries and more particularly of the missionary sister in charge on the particular station. In line with the program of "indigenization" these schools have now been transferred to the responsibility of the respective Field Associations. These institutions are of great importance because hundreds of children are trained in them each year. A very important phase of the school instruction is the teaching of the Bible, Christian music and principles of the Christian life.

Mennonite Suvarthamani is the monthly periodical of our churches in India printed by the press at Mahbubnagar. Edited by Brother M. B. John of Mahbubnagar, the periodical contains church news and Bible studies. The last issue to reach the Board of Foreign Missions office is April 1960, Number 4, Volume 39. English subtitles in

a recent issue indicate the following contents: an announcement about a pastors' conference, a devotional article entitled "Born Crucified," mission news, a prayer request for sign board evangelism and a report from the high school at Mahbubnagar.

350 Pastors and Missionaries Meet in Colombia

By Ernest H. Friesen
(Fresno, California)

Four days of rich blessings were experienced from May 10 through 13 at Medellin, Colombia, as missionaries and pastors fellowshiped together around the riches of God's Word. The annual Colombian pastors retreat had the privilege of enjoying a four-day program sponsored by World Vision Inc. whose president is Dr. Bob Pierce. Dr. Pierce brought as guest speakers his vice-president Dr. Paul Rees from Minneapolis, Minnesota, Dr. Kyung Chik Han from South Korea, and Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today* from Washington, D.C. Another member of the team was Mr. Jack Conner with his marimba, associated with World Vision Inc.

Challenging and inspiring messages were given by the guest speakers. Dr. Henry delivered expository messages on the Gospel of John, Dr. Han spoke on the "Duties and Stewardship of Pastors" and Dr. Paul Rees on the subject of evangelism and the responsibility of the church to the great divine task to evangelize. Dr. Pierce was in charge of the evening services and gave heart-searching messages. He also showed his film—"Cry in the Night." The Lord spoke to many, and a large number of pastors reconsecrated themselves to serve the Lord more faithfully in their God-given task.

Altogether 350 pastors and missionaries were registered. This was the largest meeting of its kind in the history of missions in Colombia. Attending from other countries was a delegation from Ecuador and another from Venezuela. Other guest visitors were Dr. Clyde Taylor from Washington, D.C., Dr. Kenneth Strachen, president of Latin American Mission, Inc. and Rev. Martin Duerksen from Buenos Aires, Argentina, vice-president of the Buenos Aires evangelistic campaign committee.

We thank God for the interest of World Vision Inc. in ministering to the spiritual needs of our Latin American brethren. We are also happy to report that all of the pastors of our Mennonite Brethren Churches in Colombia as well as several of the missionaries were able to attend.

Dangerous Hours

Most dangerous period for accidents on farms is from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, a Pennsylvania survey showed, and most mishaps involved younger workers and teenage boys.



Hello Boys and Girls,

Just ahead of us is Father's Day. Of course it is good for us to stop in the business of our every day life and think on those who have done so much for us. That is one reason why we have a Father's Day — and a Mother's Day!

Many of us today think of Fathers and Mothers who not only loved us, but loved the Lord as well. How different would be your home and mine if our Mom and Dad had not taught us to pray; if they had not told us the stories of Jesus from our earliest childhood; if they had not helped us to grow up to become honest, kind, obedient, and true! Well, what would your home be like; tell me? What would you be like yourself if you had no godly parents? Have you ever thought of that?

Have you ever been really thankful that you have shoes, and clothes, and food, and school, and books, and fun, and songs, and many, many good things to enjoy day by day, because your parents provided all this for you in just so many ways? Don't forget these things; it could be otherwise, also for you!

Then, what about Father's Day? God's Word teaches us, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." That is for us, boys and girls, also on Father's Day. Let's ask the Lord to make you the fellow that will be a real joy to his father in all things and at all times, no matter what comes up. And, girls, will you let the Lord make you truly beautiful, in what you are and say and do, so that you can be loved and trusted by all good people, like your father would have of you? Remember, on Father's Day that you and I have a share in helping to make our home a God-pleasing one.

But on this day you will also want to let your Daddy know that his boy and girl have the very best Daddy ever, and that you love him for being just your own wonderful Dad. Tell him so, won't you? Daddy likes to be loved; see? So give him real joy on HIS DAY!

God bless you and your Daddy and Mom!

Love, Aunt Anne

Father's Love

A Story for Father's Day

One time there was a father who had two sons. They had a lot of money, and lived in a beautiful home where they had many servants. The father promised each of his sons a part of his money.

One day the younger son said to his father, "Give me my part of the money." He gathered together all his things, took his money, and left his home. He went far away

to another country. There he found friends who helped him spend his money. They wasted it in having a good time. As soon as the money was spent, those who seemed to be his friends disappeared. He was all alone and his money was all gone.

The young man decided he would try to work. He got a job feeding pigs. He became so hungry that he would have been glad to eat the

pig's food, but no one said he could have any.

While he fed the pigs, he began to think. "My father's servants have plenty to eat and I am starving. I will go back home and I will say to my father, I have sinned. And I can no longer be like a son. But won't you let me work for you as a servant?" And the young man started home.

The father had been thinking every day of his son who had gone away. How he missed him! He wished he would come back. Each day he watched to see if his son was coming home.

One day the father looked down the road and saw his younger son returning. The father ran to meet

him and threw his arms around him and kissed him.

The young man started to tell his father why he had come back. "Father, I have sinned. I can no longer be a son. Let me be —."

But the father had forgiven his son long before this. He did not let his son finish what he started to say. He called to the servants. "Bring a new coat and new shoes for my son. And kill a calf for us to eat. We will have a happy dinner. For the son who I thought was dead is alive. He was lost, and now he is found."

This was the story Jesus told about the father who loved and forgave his bad boy.

(God the Saviour. Teacher's Manual for Primaries.)

Wayne's Words

"Hi, Wayne," greeted Jennie as she entered the living room.

"Lo," mumbled Wayne.

"Tired?"

"How do you suppose you'd feel if you'd just walked fourteen miles?"

"Wayne," spoke up Mrs. Tiller, "you're being cross and rude to your sister."

"Sorry, Mom," responded Wayne. Pulling himself from the easy chair, he hung up his cap, then went slowly upstairs to his room. His mother and his sister heard his sigh as he threw himself across his bed.

"Something's happened to that boy," whispered Jennie.

No Mood To Talk

Her mother nodded. "Yes, but he didn't say anything to me about it. He's in no mood to talk now. Please set the table while I finish dinner."

When called to dinner, Wayne said, "I don't want anything, Mom. We all ate candy and stuff on the way home from our hike. I'm going for a ride, if you don't mind."

"All right," said his mother. "Just be sure to get home by dark."

It was almost dark when Wayne returned. He didn't enter the house immediately but stood at the fence staring into the distance. Presently he heard footsteps behind him.

"Hello, son," said his father.

"How's everything?"

"Okay, I guess. Why?"

"Oh, I just wondered. Something's usually wrong when a boy of twelve hikes fourteen miles and then isn't hungry—even if he has eaten along the way home."

Wayne was silent a moment. "Well, Dad, I'm kind of disappointed. I wanted to be elected patrol quartermaster. But they elected Bill instead. And all because Clyde lied about me, too. He said I had lied to him. He's the liar!"

"Careful, son," cautioned his father. "Maybe Clyde misunderstood something you said. That sometimes happens, you know. I'd make sure about it before I accused him of lying. That is, unless

you already have."

"No, I haven't," Wayne admitted. "I'll ask him about it tomorrow, Dad."

The next evening Mr. Tiller asked, "Well, Wayne, did you talk with Clyde today?"

"Yes, and you know what? He had the nerve to say that I talked to him against going on that fourteen-mile hike, and then talked for it to some of the other fellows! I did no such thing, and he's a plain, out-and-out—"

His dad held up a hand. "Are you quite certain about this, son?"

Wayne looked at his father quickly. "What do you mean?" he asked.

"Well, Wayne, I was in my study the day Clyde was over here, and couldn't help hearing everything that both of you said. Clyde was all upset because the hike would be so long. And when he finished talking didn't I hear you say something like, 'Yes, and just look—it'll keep a lot of the fellows from getting to Sunday school next morning'?"

"Well, maybe so," Wayne admitted slowly. "But even so, that wasn't saying I wanted to make it short."

"Not in words, maybe. But in the impression you gave."

"Well, I didn't want to come straight out in favour of the long hike, to him. He'd have been sore about it. And I hoped he'd boost me for patrol quartermaster, too."

"You shouldn't have said anything to make him think you were against it, then. That wasn't letting your words be 'yea, yea, and nay, nay' as God's Book tells us to do. You see, if people find you say one thing but really mean something else, they will soon lose confidence in you. They will always be wondering if there is something behind your words which you aren't making clear. It means a great deal for people to think you are always sincere. I wish you'd think what this means."

"All right," mumbled Wayne.

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Don't Forget Dad!

While praising mother kind and true
For all her loving care,
Pray don't forget dear father, too,
But let him have his share;
For he it is who earns the bread,
And many bills must pay,
Who sees the family clothed and fed,
And cared for day by day.

Perhaps he toils from morn till night
In field or mill or mart,

That he may make the burdens light

For those so near his heart,
By seeing all their needs supplied,
Or working to this end,
Who longs to see them satisfied,
And strives to this attend.

His hands, perhaps, are hard and tough,

His garments may be soiled;
Of hardships he has had enough
As for your good he's toiled;
He's travelled much o'er rugged road,

And carried burdens great—
So cheer his heart and lift his load
Before it is too late.

Ah, vain is all that you may say
When father's gone from here,
Or all the flowers you may lay
Upon his grave or bier;

Then do the better wiser thing—
I'm sure it is worth while:

Your flowers give, his praises sing,
That you may see his smile!

Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(26th Instalment)

"She must be a sweet character. Sorry I didn't meet her."

"She can be charming, when she wants to be. And she can be just the opposite. But I love her very much. I would consider this winter worth while if I could lead Sherry to Christ. But we've talked ourselves hoarse and she just laughs at us. Or else she slams out of the room and won't speak to us for hours. I get so discouraged about her."

"Maybe you talk too much."

"That's what Aunt Molly says. But it's hard to keep still. Sometimes I think she tries to provoke us to argument. Other times she says she won't talk about it. That's why I feel so low, I guess. I get no results from the only piece of witnessing I ever did. I was willing to be sacrifice. But I don't want to be a useless one!"

"I don't think any sacrifice will ever be a useless one, Ginny. I believe you'll win Sherry yet."

He told her of his own recent experience and gave her the Scripture that had helped him. As they turned into the lane that led to the old farmhouse under the maple trees, Virginia said, "Thanks a lot, Jimmy. I needed a talk with you. I'm back on the job again and I'll win out. Sherry just has to believe!"

CHAPTER TWENTY

Kit had her head bent over the table and was laboriously writing thank-you notes to friends who had been kind to her during her "incarceration," as Sherry called it. Kit rather doubted whether the kindness had been worth such great effort as she was now expending, but Virginia had said that these notes must be ready for today's mail. If they weren't Virginia would call Steve and tell him not to bring the puppy he had promised. All were finished except the one to her bosom friend, Fran. She was making a real letter of that. "I've told her that Daddy is better and that he and Mother will be in New York soon. I'm telling her now about the doctor that—that came from—from—" She consulted Mother's last letter. "Ginny, how do you pronounce Q-u-i-t-o?"

"You don't have to pronounce it," said Sherry. "Just write it."

"I know that." Kit laughed. "But it's such a queer name. That's where the doctor that's traveling with the folks, came from. How do you pronounce it, Ginny?"

"It's not hard. Divide it this way: Q-u-i pronounced 'key', then t-o pronounced 'toe.'"

"Well, that's a silly way to spell it. I'd spell it K-e-e-t-o-w."

Kit continued with her letter-writing, not noticing the startled expression on her sister's face. Aunt Molly was too occupied with her darning to be aware of anything unusual. Virginia stood for a moment as if unable to move, then ran to the telephone. Her hand was shaking so that she could scarcely hold the receiver to her ear.

"Oh, Steve, I'm so glad you were in! No, everything's all right, but I'm so excited that I'm afraid I can't talk rationally. Is there a place called 'Quito' in this or a near-by state? Well, can you find out? Listen, Steve, how would a ten-year-old spell 'Quito'?"

She listened for a moment, then, from his gasp, knew that he had comprehended the cause of her excitement.

"I'll go to the post office and locate all the Quitos in the country," he said. "I think we have our teeth in something at last."

Investigation showed that there were five towns of that name in the United States, and to each Steve sent his advertisement. Virginia's name was used this time in the hope that someone seeing it would know that it was a person who loved her who was seeking Allie May.

"Don't you think, now, that we are going to find her before Dad comes?" said Kit, feeling that she had been the heroine of this adventure.

"We hope so," answered Steve. "We have a clue at least and that is more than we've ever had."

So they waited and hoped, watching each day for the mailman and listening all day long for the telephone to ring. But the days passed and no letters or calls came through. At the end of a week, Virginia's optimism began to fade.

"It's just another dream that didn't come true," she told Steve wryly, as they sat before the fire on a gray day. "I shouldn't have let myself become so sure of success. Even if we found that fifteen years ago the Ormands lived in or near one of those Quitos, that's no assurance that they still do or that they would let anyone know their whereabouts if they moved on. If they moved and left no address once, they could do it again. I'm going to quit thinking about it."

"Well, I'm not," asserted Kit. "I'm going to keep on praying and believing that Allie May will come back to us. I'm not going to quit doing that any more than I'm going to quit believing that Steve will someday bring me a little dog!"

With a startled exclamation

Steve started from his chair.

"Come out to the car, Kit, and see what I have in the back seat. That is, I hope the back seat is still there and intact."

They returned in a few minutes with Kit proudly clasping a white puppy in her arms.

"He's mine! He's all mine! Steve said so. Oh, I knew I'd have a dog someday! And know we'll find Allie May, too, Ginny. I do! Isn't he a beautiful dog, Ginny? He's a genuine-er-er—"

"Dog," supplied Sherry. "Just dog. That's the best kind."

"This chap has been taught to behave himself and leave the furniture and curtains alone. I'll guarantee his good behavior," Steve assured.

"Has he been taught to keep a proper distance from hosiery?" asked Virginia anxiously.

"If he hasn't, he can soon learn." Sherry patted the head of the puppy and reassured Kit. "Let me help you teach him. I'm an expert at handling dogs."

As Virginia watched her working patiently and understandingly with the puppy and the little girl, she felt again a surge of love for the temperamental, hard-to-understand Sherry. Somehow she must win Sherry to Christ!

"I feel about that as Kit does about Allie May. I can't give up," she said to Steve and Aunt Molly later when Sherry had taken Kit and the pup for a ride in Steve's car. "If I could get her to really talk seriously once, at a time when we would not be interrupted, I think she would listen."

As the days passed, however, Virginia became discouraged. However, the praye-for opening came unexpectedly.

"What's the matter with you two soul-winners?" Sherry asked sarcastically as they were clearing the table after Sunday dinner. "I used to think that Steve hung around here so much because he was trying to be a good influence for me. Now I'm beginning to think he just likes my cooking. He's just another unsatisfied appetite. Men! Bah!"

"Did you like me better when I was trying to convert you?"

"Well, life was a bit more interesting then, at least. Now Ginny keeps her nose in a book all the time, and you haven't been near us for several days. Maybe you've found yourself a girl friend and are giving her the joy of your fellowship while we sit deserted. Oh, for a real argument once more!"

"Do you mean that?"

"Certainly. I'm getting a case of the screaming meemies just sitting around here."

"O.K., my dear cousin, we will accommodate. To avoid any unpleasantness spilling over on poor Aunt Molly, let's go down to her house for our little debate. I have to take some measurements for the carpenter, anyway."

Before they left, Virginia went to her room and knelt beside her bed.

"Oh, Lord," she prayed. "Show me what to say. I feel so ignorant when I am talking to Sherry. But You can help me, and I need You so much. Soften her heart and convince her of Your truth."

When Steve had built a fire in the stove and the room had begun to grow warm after its weeks of frigidity, the three of them seated themselves on the sofa, Sherry in the middle and Steve and Virginia at either end.

True to her promise she gave them her full attention. It was a serious hour to them—an hour for which they had prayed and studied to the limit of their ability. One by one they gave their proofs to her, proofs that the Bible was, in truth, God's Word. They cited its unity, its fulfilled prophecies; its permanence, its superior teaching, its proved promises, its unfailing strength, its comfort for the saints of all ages.

For over an hour they talked, and Sherry listened gravely. Occasionally she would question some statement or correct a faulty bit of logic. When they paused she spoke slowly, as if without interest in the subject.

"I suppose that all those arguments are true—at least as true as we can know anything to be. I haven't any arguments, against them. Oh, I know what skeptics and atheists say. I've read a lot of that stuff. But your views are more tenable, for you admit that it's all beyond reason, and that's what God has to be to be God at all. And I know that the Bible could not be the product of man's unaided intellect. So I won't dispute your ideas. I'll just say I can't accept them."

"How can you say that you suppose that they are true, and yet not accept them?" Virginia spoke in a troubled and puzzled tone.

"I guess my head admits it all but my heart refuses to fall into line. It isn't real belief unless it comes from the heart, is it?"

"No."

"Let's just say that I have no heart, or if I have a bit of one left, it refuses to be involved."

"But, listen, Sherry," pleaded Virginia, "you know your Bible as well as we do, so you can understand this. God made man in His own image and gave him a wonderful and beautiful world to live in. Man fell into sin and was completely alienated from God. God, being God, could not look on sin. All mankind partook of that sin. I was reading in Romans yesterday, 'By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.' They've sinned and 'come short of the glory of God.' Oh, Sherry, you can't deny that you've come short of that!"

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Business Men's World Tour with a Missionary Objective

Dave Redekop

(Continuation from last issue)

Leaving Germany, we went to Zurich, Switzerland, where our CB-MC representative and good friend Dr. Alfred Hirs was expecting us. Again a full program was arranged with our party splitting up into three; some going east close to the Austrian border, some west to Geneva and Dr. Willows and myself over to Basel and Berne. In Switzerland, we have a number of CB-MC's that are well organized under the able leadership of Dr. Hirs. It was a great pleasure to meet these men and see how God was using them in their cities. After Berne, I broke away to go back to Neuwied where Rev. J. W. Vogt had arranged a meeting for Saturday night with the business men of Neuwied and area, including Koblonz. I was impressed with our own mission station there and the work that our missionaries are doing. Rev. and Mrs. Vogt are doing a wonderful work in Neuwied and so are the other workers, Mr. Max Woerlen, and Katie Isaac. Ida Toews was teaching over at Stuttgart. She came to Neuwied for that week-end and was helping the young people with the retreat that evening. After some fine Mennonite hospitality and a splendid Mennonite meal, I went to Linz, Austria, where I arrived next morning. There it was my privilege to be at a baptismal service. Here Brother and Sister Thielman are doing good service by bringing the Gospel to these people. It was so good to see some real response. In the evening they took me over to Steyr, which is approximately 25 miles from Neuwied where another mission station was opened up. I was sorry that I could not visit Neustadt where Rev. and Mrs. Janzen are labouring. They were of the first to invite me to come down, but due to connections I could not do it. I left our mission field with a burden on my heart, realizing that the missionaries were doing everything they could, that they need greater support from us, they need more help, more prayers, and more financial aid. May we not let them down.

On my way from Linz I stopped at Zurich, Switzerland, where I met my good friends, the Nußbaumers. After this I departed from Northern Europe and arrived in a completely different country, Italy. Here, not only the language was strange, but also the countryside was completely different from the other parts of Europe. We saw people here that were very poor. On the field we saw the man and his wife plowing their small patch of ground with an oxen and a wooden plow. Very little mechanization is evident and we often

wondered how these people managed to survive. We stopped at Milan, Florence and in Rome. In Milan and Florence, the men had meetings while I was in Germany and Austria. I met our team again in Rome, where we had a meeting with the Christian business men, but as different as the economical and industrial situation was compared to Germany so also was the spiritual situation different. Here the people had completely different problems. One Christian man said, "What shall I do, if I were to report my honest income to the government, they will charge me twice as much in taxes, because they take it for granted that no one is honest anyway and for this reason they double all the taxes." Here, too, we saw people worshipping the Pope. We saw them gather by the thousands in St. Peter's Basilica, cheering the Pope as he passed through there. In spite of all this, God has His children who are prepared to risk much in order to witness for Him.

Then we left for Greece, where we were met at Athens by a group of Christian men, who had done much work by organizing meetings for us with other business men. We found the Greeks very receptive and desirous to see and to hear just how we were operating our business group in our country. We trust that they were inspired to become better witnesses for Christ. It was a real pleasure to see the old Acropolis and to stand on the same mount where Paul stood when he addressed the Greeks. Here, as we stood and looked at the ruins, that spoke of men's work thousands of years ago, we couldn't help but think of God, who is the King of all kings, and who holds the power over all the kings. The Greeks took us to Corinth, which is a small town about 40 miles away from Athens. We looked at the ruins of Corinth, the place where Paul spent much of his time. We saw the court where Paul is supposed to have stood before the judge, and also the places where they presented the crowns to the winners of the race. They told us that Paul had taken many illustrations from Corinth that he uses in the letters to the churches.

From Greece we went to Beirut, Lebanon. This is a modernized city, with a hotel, that is probably one of the finest hotels we have seen on our trip. Once again it was our privilege to meet with a group of about 125 business men who had gathered in the hotel. Many of them knew the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour and were anxious to do more to win others for Christ.

We left Beirut, Lebanon, flew

over a great stretch of desolate, mountainous desert and landed at Amman, which is the capital city of Jordan. Ten years ago it had about 35,000 inhabitants. Today it is a city of 305,000 of which over half are refugees from Israel. They told us, that Amman was the city, that was originally started by Lot and his daughters. Later on, this place has had several different names. For a while it was known as Philadelphia. An extensive part of Jordan is desolate land and the Amman area is no exception. The only little forest we saw was the one which surrounded the palace of King Husein. There are some fine stone buildings in Amman, on the other hand, there is also great poverty. Just on the outskirts of the city on the side of the hill there are many tents pitched, in which the refugees are staying. Some of these people have lived like this for ten years. For them the future is not bright.

Next day we left Amman. We went about two miles north, to the town of Jerash. On the way we passed the river Jabbuk, the place

where Jakob wrestled with the angel. To those, who have attended the Pniel Bible School at Winkler, this place was of particular significance. At Jerash they have excavated the old Roman city that was built before the time of Christ. Here we saw the main street, the main gathering place for the people at the end of the street, and also a number of other buildings along the street as well as some temples. In one of the temples is a beautiful floor which was constructed about 2,000 — 3,000 years ago. We also noticed that these people had had a sewer and water system. Looking down towards the east we saw the new city of Jerash, with its ways of life much the same as it has been 2,000 years ago. We went back to Amman, where they organized a fine business men's luncheon for us in the hotel. About 100 Arabs were present. Many of them were prominent business men and some of them heard the gospel for the first time. The Christian men felt that here, too, a real layman's witness was necessary.

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Assistance to Chile Quake Victims Planned

Akron, Pa. (MCC)—As a result of the disastrous earthquakes which heaved through western South America, MCC has requested South America Director Frank J. Wiens, possibly along with representative of the Paraguayan Mennonites, to recommend assistance which can be given to stricken areas in Chile. If taken on, the service in Chile will be rehabilitation assistance rather than aimed at being an emergency feeding and housing remedy. Executive Secretary William T. Snyder suggested that possibly the project may be handled cooperatively between South American Mennonites and MCC.

A recent earthquake victim count for Chile lists an estimated 5,000 dead and \$400 million damage. Immediately after the May 21, 22, 23, upheavals, numerous Christian and secular relief organizations responded with blankets, clothes, food, water purifiers and serums. Yet the first shipments of help only scratched the surface of the need. The quakes, plus water deluges and volcanic lava which followed the geological devastation, sank whole villages and left many under heavy ruin. Chile's tragedy spread across the Pacific—from Chile to New Zealand, the Philippines, Japan, Hawaii and to other areas.

Wiens, from the MCC office at Asuncion, Paraguay, is being asked to visit Santiago, Chile, as soon as can be arranged on an initial exploratory quest to determine specific ways in which MCC or South American Mennonites could serve. Likely, personnel will first work with other Christian relief organizations to provide a channel for MCC aid.

Inquiries have been received at the Akron office concerning the Chile incident and aid MCC will be giving. With numerous relief organizations and the US army providing emergency food and other material aid, the Relief Office has felt that the rehabilitation approach, similar to MDS work in the States, would be particularly necessary.

In March the international EIRENE team (the Mennonite Central Committee is one of its sponsors) began rebuilding projects in Agadir, Morocco, for victims of the ruinous February earthquake which mutilated Morocco's capital city. Here, too, help was offered after emergency assistance subsided. Contributions from Christian churches around the world have aided the EIRENE team, including five Paxmen, in its reconstruction efforts.

Project in Fernheim

Chicks for Paraguay — Three hundred chicks have been flown to Paraguay to become a project in the Fernheim Colony Experimental Farm, reported MCC Director Frank Wiens. Funds from the Schowalter Foundation provided for agricultural experimental and extensive service were used for shipment of the chicks made available through Heifer Project, Inc. These 300 chicks will be used in upgrading poultry stock. Robert Unruh, Bloomfield, Mont., is director of the Farm located in the Chaco. In addition to experimental work, the Farm helps Mennonite farmers in agricultural extension service.

No Missions Without Pentecost

(Continued from page 1-4) and 4:12. He especially emphasized three points: (1) We have to wait on the Lord for blessings; (2) Salvation is by grace and consequently our responsibility to proclaim the gospel to others; (3) Without Pentecost there can be no missions.

The two guest speakers, who served in the morning, were, Rev. I. W. Redekopp and Rev. A. Quiring, Elmwood and Carman respectively. Rev. Redekopp based his inspiring message on Acts 1:4-12. He pointed out that the functional power for missions, which is the Holy Spirit, was given at Pentecost and that the boundary for missions is endless. The qualified labourer in the Lord's vineyard must therefore experience Pentecost in order to be fully equipped with power. Br. Redekopp next portrayed to us the fully equipped labourer as a result of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

He is filled by the Holy Spirit, which results in a spirit filled life. He is anointed with the Holy Spirit for the service of testifying. He is sealed with the Holy Spirit, which is the proof of ownership and regeneration, the Holy Spirit himself being the seal. The Holy Spirit is also the guarantee of his inheritance according to Ephesians 1:14.

God uses people guided by His Spirit to perform His mission. Therefore the spiritual value which He seeks and desires is obedience.

Br. Redekopp next stressed the dangers for Christians. We lose ourselves in speculative questions and consequently fail to perform our duty in missions, thereby missing the point. The good is often substituted for the best.

Then there is the danger of disobedience. We must be something before we can do something. This means that we must yield ourselves first before we yield our possessions.

The program for missions was now shown to us. Christ says, "You shall be my witnesses." We are not to tell the gospel as much as we are required to prove it by our daily life. What the world needs and wants are people in whose daily lives the power of God is manifest. This requires obedience.

"Beginning at Jerusalem". We can be witnesses only where people know us. The power of God is manifest where infirmities are evident.

"In all Judea and in Samaria." There is to be no isolation, but rather the power must be evident wherever we are.

"Unto the ends of the world." The scope for missions is boundless. The speech of a spirit filled believer will be understood by all, for he will be a living witness of the marvellous grace of God.

Rev. Quiring based his challenging message on Ephesians 5:14-21.

He stressed the necessity of redeeming the time, because it is limited, and in view of eternity it is also very short. We as God's children are all missionaries and as such have a great responsibility. The fact that there is lack of knowledge of the saving power of the gospel of Christ should be a challenge to us to live Christ even as Paul says, "For me to live is Christ." Then, too, we are ordained of God as His ministers for the purpose of gloryfying God in our lives. Yet another reason for redeeming the time is because the days are evil and opportunities fast drawing to a close, partly due to opposition. Still there are those who seek and are willing to hear, therefore we should take advantage of every opportunity.

Secondly, we are to walk circumspectly, because we are being observed and our life speaks louder than our words.

Thirdly we are to be found in the Lord's will, by proclaiming the gospel. He will grant growth and prosperity. The opportunity is today, and the responsibility of meeting the obligation is ours. May God grant us grace to be found faithful!

The invocation for the afternoon service was made by Rev. Nikkel. He read Rom. 1:8-16 and pointed out that the apostle Paul proclaimed the blessed gospel in the power and authority of the Lord.

Rev. Redekopp based his second message, "Principles for a Mission Program," on Matthew 28:16-20.

Our mission program is to be Christ-centred and not centred around human needs. We need a vision of and from Christ. Not only that, but we are also to acknowledge and worship Him as Lord, with thankfulness. It is furthermore required that we hear and accept our commission from Him, because all authority is given to Him.

Our mission program is to be a teaching ministry. It is our duty to proclaim the gospel in order to make disciples and baptize them. The only way to keep a church together is through activity in God's kingdom. Problems increase with inactivity. Christ also instructs us that we are to teach them to observe all that He has commanded us.

Such a mission program has a divine guarantee. Christ calls the labourers. There is comfort in divine presence and assurance in a divine calling. Christ is the One Who keeps watch over the work, therefore it is expedient to look to Him for help. Lastly, Christ is

the goal. He has promised, "Lo I am with you always." May our motive therefore be Christ and Him alone.

The second message of the afternoon was based on Ezekiel 36:26-27, and was brought by Rev. Wm. Falk of North Kildonan. Rev. Falk stressed the gift and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a gift of God to man through grace given in the power of His greatness. "I will." It is also a condescending gift from the majesty and holiness of God to a base humanity.

The Holy Spirit gives us a vision of the need for evangelization and a passion for lost souls. He also fills our hearts with love, a divine

love for all humanity. Lastly, He creates new individuals, by changing foes of Christ to be His friends, who then have a burden for the lost.

In view of all these facts the challenge comes to us, to let the Holy Spirit have full sway in our lives, and to render obedience to His leading in our work for Him. May the grace of God which He has bestowed upon us, not be in vain. Jake Wall.

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5,000 at Opening Performance of Passion Play

The famed Passion Play opened in Oberammergau, Germany, in a renewal of a tradition 327 years old. Some 5,000 persons attended the first performance on May 17 of the 35th re-enactment of the Passion of Christ. This year, for the first time in the Play's history, two foreigners are in the cast. Some 85 performances will be given before the Passion Play closes next September 25.

Two 7-year-old American girls who play parts in crowd scenes are the first foreigners to take part in the Passions Play since it started. The girls are Elizabeth Dietz of Dayton, Ohio, and Blythe Lasley of College Park, Maryland. Their fathers are stationed at United States Army headquarters in the village.

The 5,000 persons literally filled the vaulted Passion Theatre, built 30 years ago, for the first performance of the 1960 revival, which has a cast of 1,200. The solemn drama, an almost literal extract from the Gospels—from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to His Resurrection—plays for seven and one-half hours, not including the mid-day intermission of two and one-half hours.

The amateur cast of more than 700 persons moved about the 200 foot wide stage in compositions of human forms that suggested fluid sculptures. The first 1960 performance followed nine months of rehearsal and was played with "professional precision" according to one observer.

Long Remembered Easter Celebrated in Russia

Russian believers and non-believers turned this year's Easter Sunday into one of the most festive holidays to have been seen in Moscow since the Soviet powers made May Day the only official day of spring celebration, according to New York Times Service.

Moscow's dozen or so Russian Orthodox churches and the single Baptist and Roman Catholic churches were jammed by both the faithful and the curious. Thousands of citizens from the far reaches of the Soviet Union thronged to the nearby Orthodox monastery at Zagorsk for the biggest Easter services ever seen in the Soviet Union.

There were a number of reasons for the unusual activities — this year Easter fell on the same day for both the Eastern and Western churches, the time was drawing near for the traditional May Day celebrations, and the spring sun had made it possible to stroll in the streets and parks and nearby forests without overcoats for the first time in almost 8 months.

This Sunday, however, there seemed to be something added. The bustling preparations for this Sunday, which officially is just another

day off from work, had been going on all week in Moscow and elsewhere.

Stores were besieged by shoppers purchasing new spring shoes, suits, dresses, hats and topcoats. Food stores were stormed for all the available dainties that go into making the traditional Easter feast after the long Lenten fast.

The curious thing about it was, that millions of Soviet citizens who have given up their Christian faith were taking part in the preparation of such things as paska, a cake of sweet cheese and fruit, and other goodies long remembered as part of Russia's Easter festivities.

Religion Worries the Kremlin

Washington — (RNS — The Soviet government is especially worried by the religious activities of Baptists, Seventh-day Adventists, and Jehovah's Witnesses, a young Russian embassy official who recently defected to the West told a senate subcommittee.

Alexander Yurievich Kaznacheyev, who in 1959 fled his post in the Soviet embassy at Rangoon, Burma, and was granted refuge in the American embassy there, told the subcommittee a religious revival is occurring among Russian youth because of their disillusionment with Communist ideas and philosophy. The hearing was held in a closed session and a transcript of part of the testimony has just been made public.

The young Russian refugee, who had been sent to Burma as a Communist political officer after completing his higher education in Moscow, said the Soviet government fears the Baptists, Adventists and Witnesses because "these sects are more appealing to the Russian people due to conditions in the Soviet Union."

The Russian government is using the Komsomol, the Communist youth league, as a weapon to discourage religious activity by young people, he said. Membership in the Komsomol is virtually compulsory for those who want to go to the technical institutes or universities. And a higher education is a virtual necessity in modern Russia for the better-paying jobs and career opportunities.

He was asked if a young person who regularly attends church services could be a member of Komsomol.

"No, it is impossible," he replied, "and if such a member of Komsomol were found attending church, he would be expelled."

Mr. Kazanacheyev also testified that for the past decade, the Soviet government has been worried by the growing revival of religion in the Soviet Union.

"The main reason for this revival is, I think, the growing dissatisfaction among Soviet people especially among the youth.

It has been a general practice in the past years for the great majority of Soviet citizens to save their new spring clothes and their feasting for May Day, when the great official parades march through the city squares to set off a three-day spring holiday. The mood of celebration apparently struck like wildfire despite the fact that nowhere in the Soviet press or on the radio and television broadcasts was there a hint that Easter was here.

And many a Soviet citizen, even though he claimed to have renounced any faith in the meaning of Easter, was heard to comment: "This is our Easter!"

"Marxist-Leninist doctrine is not appealing to minds, hearts, and to the souls of people, especially of the young generation. They are looking for something else to substitute, to fill this vacuum, and many of them turn to religion."

Mr. Kaznacheyev told of the development of a "new class" in the Soviet Union, that of the privileged leaders of industry and science, who have had university education and who have a monopoly of top positions.

He told of their cynicism, disillusionment, and dishonesty, particularly the black market that exists among industrial managers who report that five per cent of their production is spoiled and scrapped, whereas only two or three per cent is. They then barter trade, or sell the difference to get things which "are impossible through official channels."

Vatican Newspaper Cites Right to Guide in Politics

The Vatican newspaper, *L'Observatore Romano*, has proclaimed the right of the Roman Catholic Church to "guide" the faithful in political matters. In the May 17 issue a front-page editorial declared that the Roman Catholic hierarchy had "the right and the duty to intervene" in the political field to guide its flock. Following the pronouncement, Vatican sources were uncommunicative whether the editorial was to be interpreted as having reference also to the United States, where Senator John F. Kennedy has been stressing his independence of any interference by his Church in the political field if he is successful in his bid for the presidency. The editorial rejected what it termed "the absurd split of conscience between the believer and the citizen."

Meanwhile, commenting on the Vatican paper's editorial, Dr. James DeForest Murch, chairman of the Commission on Evangelical Action of the National Association of Evangelicals, said that "all Protestants will now be more hesitant than ever to support a Roman Cath-

olic nominee for the Presidency. The Roman Church is completely committed to the doctrine of the Union of Church and State, as its canon law, papal bulls, encyclicals and historic practice abundantly testify. This doctrine is taught in their schools and loyal Catholics must believe it. While it is true, as some Protestant and Romanist leaders have recently pointed out, that there is now and has been for some time a school of thought in American Catholicism which questions this doctrine, we must remember that the Roman Church is a totalitarian system and that official doctrine is changed only when its supreme authority, the Pope, announces ex-cathedra that a new doctrine has been approved. Members of the hierarchy or distinguished Romanist laymen might express views contrary to traditional doctrine, but these pronouncements would be meaningless so far as the Vatican is concerned. That is why American Protestants have been hoping that the Pope or the College of Cardinals would speak up in the midst of the current politico-religious controversy in America and clarify the issues. This statement from the Vatican is most enlightening, because it removes all doubt that sooner or later intense ecclesiastical pressures could be applied to any Roman Catholic who might be elected President of the United States."

Wayne's Words

(Continued from page 6-4)

He Went To Study

He picked up his books and went to his room. But he couldn't study. All he could think about was what he had said to Clyde—or rather what he had meant in his heart when he said what he did. He had wanted Clyde to think he agreed with him, when he really did not. There was no getting around that fact, as he had to admit to himself.

It was on the way home from school next day that Wayne overtook Clyde. He made several attempts before he could do it, but finally managed to blurt out:

"Say, Clyde, I really wasn't honest with you about that hike. I wanted the long one all the time, and yet I made you think I was against it. I'm—sorry."

"Oh, that's okay," Clyde said, and Wayne felt much better. But he had determined in his heart that from then on he'd be sure that he made his words express what he really felt about things, or else say nothing.

Six months later another election was held, and this time Wayne was chosen as quartermaster. But the crowning joy came when he overheard one of the boys say to another, "There's one thing about Wayne now—he always says just what he means, and means what he says."

Zella M. Lindsey
(Junior Trails in Salvation Army's publication 'Young Soldier'.)

Board of General Welfare News

Brother John J. Krahn, a medical doctor who is a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church, Winnipeg, is serving under MCC at Hebron in Jordan. In a recent letter to the conference offices, he reports that 90 to 170 persons are treated in the clinics each day. He also comments on the spiritual darkness in that Moslem land and requests prayer for the Christian witness in Jordan.

Brother and Sister Kornelius Funk are emigrating from Uruguay to Canada. Brother Funk has served members of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Gartental Colony for a number of years. Brother Funk has been supported in his work by the Board and has studied in our conference Bible schools in South America. The congregation bade farewell to the Funks in a service on May 10. Brother and Sister Funk will be remembered in their ministry to our people in Uruguay.

Brother and Sister Henry W. Dueck and family of Kitchener, Ontario, plan to depart for their assignment in Brazil on June 27. Their first work will be to serve in the Bible school at Curitiba which is to open in July.

The Mennonite Brethren Church Bible school in Friesland, Paraguay, concluded its four-month term for this year with a closing program in the Friesland Church on May 26. On May 29 the school presented their program in Volendam from where four students had come. Brother Funk indicates that while a larger enrollment would have been welcomed, the blessings of the Lord were upon the school as he spoke to the students.

The youth committee of our South American conference has begun publication of a quarterly bulletin in the interests of youth work in our South American churches. The first issue is for January, February and March 1960. Entitled "Informations Blatt," the bulletin is to go into every home with young people. Serving as editor is Brother Ernst Eitzen, Philadelphia, Fernheim, Paraguay, who is secretary of the conference youth committee. Other members of the youth committee who also help prepare the bulletin are Brother Hans Wiens, Philadelphia, conference youth worker, and Brother Dietrich Reimer, Curitiba, Brazil, treasurer. The first issue encourages attendance at four different camps planned for young men and women of our churches in Paraguay during June and July. The challenge of missionary service is also presented in a report on efforts to reach the Morros, Brother G. B. Giesbrecht requests prayer that 1960 may be the year when light comes to these folks. A second report presents mission work which is carried on in

Motto Grosso among colored folks and Indians by Brother Heinrich Wiebe who is supported by the Curitiba Church.

Whites Flee Congo

Leopoldville, Belgian Congo (Reuters) — A mass exodus of Europeans is under way as the Congo enters the final step toward independence June 30.

A Belgian official said there are less than 80,000 Europeans left in the colony compared with more than 100,000 a year ago.

Another official said there may be even fewer now as "many Belgians packed their bags and left in too much of a hurry to inform the residency authorities."

Scheduled airliners and a hundred charter flights are booked solid until the middle of August, an airline official said. Thousands of gallons of fuel are being brought in to support the airlift.

European-bound ships also are besieged with cables asking for reservation. Reports said a stream of cars loaded to capacity was leaving for Uganda and Rhodesia.

The cause of the departures is the fear of victimization under the new native regime and loss of jobs.

Several hundred Congolese have been killed during the campaign for independence, but there has been only one European victim.

The largest contingent staying are businessmen, waiting to see what independence brings, and 10,000 missionaries.

News from Here and There

Parliament Debate in Holland

Answering questions in Senate debate in the Hague, Netherlands, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Dr. H. R. Houten, made the following remarks about recent events:

American planes, stationed at Soesterberg airbase, were for defence only. No espionage flights left from the airbase.

The events in Paris re-emphasize the need for Western unity. The failure is a disappointment for the entire world. It was clear from the beginning that the Russians did not want a summit conference.

The co-operation between France and Germany is an important positive factor of post-war Western co-operation. The democratic mentality of the Federal Republic of Western Germany is beyond doubt.

Information About Holland:

Assistance Programs — Canada ranked third and Holland fifth in the list of countries voluntarily contributing to the United Nations Aid Program for underdeveloped countries in 1959. (United States and the United Kingdom ranked first and second, France fourth.)

Holland also ranked fifth among 80 countries in the per capita contribution, the first four places being taken by the three Scandinavian countries and Canada.

Unbreakable Glass — After a long series of experiments, a Dutch glass manufacturing firm has developed a completely new method which makes ordinary window glass almost unbreakable. The new process consists of treating the surface with fluor-hydrogen in a warm acid bath under high pressure for about 15 minutes, and tests have shown that when thus treated a very thin window pane can withstand the impact of a large steel ball from a height of 10 feet. Patents have been applied for in 40 countries and licences have already been granted to various leading sheet glass manufacturers in different countries.

Buttering Machine — A bread-buttering machine handling 8,500 slices an hour is now being produced in Holland. It spreads butter evenly over the whole slice with a thickness which can be adjusted and regulated. It can be used for any style or thickness of bread, even on the newest or softest products. It can be plugged into an ordinary electric switch and has a number of special hygienic features.

Israel

The Knesset (Parliament) refused in mid-May to unseat Premier David Ben-Gurion for voicing theories about the Biblical exodus that differ from the story of the Scriptures. A motion of no confidence was introduced by the ultra-orthodox Agudat Israel party and was defeated 61 to 6. The house accepted Mr. Ben-Gurion's contention that the Knesset had no jurisdiction over historic matters or religious law. The conflict arose over a statement by Mr. Ben-Gurion earlier than only 600 Hebrews left Egypt under Moses 3,000 years ago, and not "six-hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred fifty" aside from women, children and the tribe of Levi, as stated in Numbers 1:46. Mr. Ben-Gurion also said that there had been Hebrews in the land of Canaan before Abraham and that most Hebrews remained in the country when Joseph's relatives went to Egypt during the great famine. The Premier said these people had numbered 400,000 when the liberated slaves returned to Canaan.

Poland

The Warsaw Radio has reported that the state has established a new organization to aid the Atheist Society. This organization, the Society of Religiology, has been provided with printing presses and will publish anti-religious materials. In cooperation with the Atheist Society, it will be the duty of the new group to rally and mobilize forces

"for the struggle against clericalism in the nation . . . and elimination of religion from the schools." They will do this through a conscious effort to educate in the ways and dangers of religion.

New Guinea

Buying wives on a kind of time payment plan is booming among the 2,500 natives of the village of Hanuababa, on the outskirts of Port Moresby. A first-class wife can cost as much as the equivalent of \$1,120, while the average daughter brings in about \$670. An all-time record of \$2,240 was demanded—and received—by the father of one comely native lass several years ago. The cost of a wife is borne not only by the husband but by the whole of his clan. Every member contributes a share. "And," says Charles Julius, an anthropologist with the Australian administration, "for the rest of his life, the husband is indebted to the members of his clan who helped him pay for his bride. He does not actually have to repay the money. But he is expected to contribute to the cost of other marriages within his clan. Usually, each member of the clan pays about 10 pounds (\$28), depending on the price asked and how big the clan is." The purchase of brides for cash in Hanuababa, Papua—New Guinea's biggest native village—springs from the age-old custom of the exchange of gifts in which the husband pays the price of the bride in pigs, shells, stone axes, clay pots and other native goods. In return, he gets his wife and a similar range of goods from his in-laws. If the marriage is unsuccessful and the couple parts, each party returns the gifts. "This custom is still widespread throughout the territory," said Julius. "It is only in Port Moresby and other centers where the European influence is strong that cash buying takes place. Here, the native has come to realize the value of European currency."

China

In Peiping, Communists have appointed a new Catholic Bishop of Shanghai without approval of the Vatican. Former Bishop King Pingmei was jailed. And Chang Chia Shu was named to replace him. The statement announcing the appointment said incongruously, "We do not take orders from the Vatican because they act under American pressure."

Conference of the Amish

Poole, Ont. — The annual sessions of the Amish Mennonite Conference at the Poole A.M. church on June 8.

Several visiting speakers spoke to the gathering.

They were Jesse J. Short of Archibald, Ohio, who presented the conference sermon, Andrew Jantzi of Sarasota, Florida, and Simeon Hurst, missionary to Tanganyika.

Reunion of Mr. G. H. Peters With Former Students

The reunion of Mr. G. H. Peters with his former students will take place in the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Tuxedo on Sunday, June 26, 1960, at 2:00 p.m. (DST).

Franz Neufeld will serve as chairman of the program. Henry Gerbrandt (first president of the M.C.G.S.), Peter Harder (of the C.M.B.C.), Gerhard Ens (M.C.I.), and others will tell of experiences in the school with Mr. Peters. Items of instrumental music and of song will be part of the program.

All former students are asked to register in the guest book. This book will then be presented to Mr. and Mrs. Peters. Dr. Paul Peters will be in charge of this registration. All guests are also asked to bring along some lunch and to place this in the kitchen. This will then be served with coffee to all assembled.

It is impossible to inform each of Mr. Peter's former students individually. All are herewith invited to attend. Those who cannot come, may contact the address given below, before or after the reunion. Those who cannot come because of distance or other reasons may wish to have their names entered in the book as a kind remembrance to Mr. and Mrs. Peters.

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Attention, Vancouver Music Lovers!

Attention music lovers of the Greater Vancouver area. A joint committee of the two Vancouver M.B. Churches has drawn up plans to organize an Oratorio Choir. The

season will commence early in October, with rehearsals each Tuesday night.

Please watch the Mennonite Observer for further details.

Walter A. Hamm.

WEDDINGS

Hamm—Pauls

Miss Helga Pauls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Pauls of Osborne, Manitoba, and Mr. Edward Hamm, son of Mrs. P. Hamm, of Morden, Manitoba and the late Mr. Hamm, were married in the North Kildonan M.B. church on June 11, 1960.

Rev. Frank H. Friesen officiated, assisted by Mr. D. D. Duerksen. Attendants were Miss Wilma Dueckmann, Miss Ruth Hamm, sister to the groom; Johnny Pauls, brother to the bride, and Jimmy Hamm, brother to the groom. Miss Sara Rempel served with a solo. Several male quartets sang appropriate songs. Miss Rita Suderman and her brother Alvin presented a musical number. Little Valerie Pauls and Kathryn Froese recited poems. Rev. D. K. Duerksen made closing remarks.

After a short wedding trip, the young couple will reside at Morden, Manitoba.

Klassen—Loewen

Miss Martha Loewen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loewen of North Kildonan and Mr. John Klassen, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Klassen of North Kildonan, were married in the North Kildonan M. B. Church on June 10.

Rev. William Falk officiated. An

uncle of the bride, Rev. John Froese gave an English message. A group of friends rendered four songs. Miss Irene Doerksen, a friend of the bride from B.C., was the pianist. Brides attendants were Katie Wiens, a friend of the bride and the bride's sister Adeline. Grooms attendants were John Froese, cousin of the groom and Arthur Isaac, cousin of the bride.

The couple will be doing MCC work in Ohio for a year.

Guests from outside the province were Rev. and Mrs. John Froese and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Dueck from Minneapolis, Dr. and Mrs. George Froese, recently returned from India, and Anne Loewen from Ontario.

Unveiling of Plaque

Kitchener, Ont. — A plaque commemorating the ordination of Bishop Benjamin Eby in 1809 will be unveiled in a ceremony at the First Mennonite Church here at noon on Sunday, June 26.

To be erected by the Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity, the plaque is in memory of the first pastor to serve in the far interior of Canada. Bishop C. F. Derstine and Rev. Edgar J. Metzler are the present ministers of the First Mennonite church.

The unveiling will be done by an Eby descendant. There will be remarks by the Hon. Norman Schneider, Hon. Ike Weikel, Hon. Ray Meyers, Hon. John Wintermeyer, Hon. Will Anderson, and Will C. Barry, chairman of the Waterloo County Historical Society.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Engel of Woodrow, Sask. a son, David Cameron, on May 24, 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Toews (nee Lillian Konrad) are the proud parents of a daughter, Jennette Helen, born May 21; their first child.

Mr. Ben Doell and his wife Artrude, 372 Bedford Park Ave., Toronto 12, Ontario, are happy to announce the birth of a baby girl, Elizabeth Mary, born on June 4, 1960.

MCC News Briefs

Visitors to U.S.S.R. Report — Mennonite visitors to the Soviet Union reported in a letter received at MCC headquarters on June 7, "We have been receiving friendliness all along the way." At the time of writing, the four—Henry A. Fast, David B. Wiens, Gerhard Lohrenz and Peter Dyck—were making arrangements in Moscow with the head of Intourist, official tourist agency, for visits to outlying points including Alma Ata and Tashkent. In Leningrad they contacted Baptist leaders and on May 29 attended morning and evening services in the Moscow Baptist church. "Tremendous strides have been taken in places like Leningrad and Moscow, but they still have a job of staggering proportions ahead," the men wrote. They expect to return to Frankfurt by June 24.

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 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.

July 2 to 6. — The annual Canadian M. B. Conference at Virgil, Ont.

June 26. — Reunion of former students with Mr. G. H. Peters at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Tuxedo at 2:00 p.m. (DST).

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