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

I Cor. 2:2

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European M. B. Conference Came Into Being



Brethren serving in our European conference work (left to right): Wolfgang Rueschhoff, J. W. Vogt, Cornelius Balzer, Jacob Thielmann, Staudt, Curt Hoffmann, Max Woerlen, H. H. Janzen, Abe Neufeld and G. H. Jantzen.

Dear brethren at home:

Jesus said: "And other sheep I have, them also I must bring, and they shall be one fold, and one shepherd." Jesus prayed that His own might be one, not in name but in spirit. We have seen this uniting work of God in these days when a new conference of our Mennonite Brethren Church came into being — the Mennonite Brethren Church of Europe.

June 4 to 7 were days when we not only met with each other from the various areas of our Mennonite Brethren work here in Europe, but when we were also very deeply conscious that we had met with the Lord, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. The Lord melted the hearts of our dear brethren and sisters from Germany, Switzerland and Austria together during the days of our first European Mennonite Brethren Conference in Neuwied, Germany. The Church at Neuwied showed a wonderful spirit of hospitality in receiving their guests which was an enriching experience for all of us.

Saturday afternoon and evening were given to spiritual services at which Brother Wolfgang Rueschhoff of Steyer spoke on the Christian race from Hebrews 12:1-2 and Brother H. H. Janzen brought two messages on the Holy Spirit. Sunday morning Brother Hans Ufer and Brother Janzen ministered. The afternoon was given to Brother J. B. Toews who had just arrived from Africa together with Brother

John Ratzlaff. Brother Toews gave us a stirring message in which he developed the anniversary theme of 100-year history as Mennonite Brethren Conference. Sunday evening Brother Jacob Thielmann of Linz, Austria, gave an introductory message and Brother Janzen continued his messages on the Holy

Spirit. Monday morning in our concluding service Brother Toews gave a report of the work and the situation in the Belgian Congo which left an indelible impression upon all of us.

Monday afternoon was taken up with business at which time the or-

ganizing of the European Mennonite Brethren Conference took place. This meeting was under the leadership of Brother H. H. Janzen and a wonderful spirit prevailed. There seemed to be a deep consciousness of moving together

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Ontario M. B. Conference Meets

Rev. H. P. Penner of St. Catharines, Ontario, was re-elected and will serve for his third successive year as moderator of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches at its annual meeting held in Vineland, Ontario, on June 17-19, 1960.

Ninety-three delegates represented the approximately 2,100 members from the seven congregations comprising the Ontario Conference. Each session was introduced by a special message dealing with "The Mennonite Brethren Church in 1960" in relationship to one another, in the secular education of our youth, in relationship to other churches, in its efforts for deeper spiritual life and in relationship to

its cultural and moral life of the community.

This is the first occasion that the Conference was held in June instead of November as was the custom. In order to coincide the closing of our provincial year with that of the Canadian Conference, the Provincial annual conference will henceforth be held in June. This year therefore covered a period of eight months only.

The Conference treasurer reported a total contribution for the eight months of \$120,000 with foreign missions receiving \$36,000, the high school and Bible school programme \$32,000, home missions \$8,000, relief and service \$6,500,

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Pictured here are Mennonite Brethren members attending the conference who were currently in Germany. In front from left to right: Mrs. Schollmeier, Mr. Schollmeier, Staudt (Linz), Gertrud Loewen (Paraguay), J. B. Toews (Canada), Anni Schollmeier (Linz), Jacob Warkentin (Paraguay), John Ratzlaff (USA), Mrs. J. W. Vogt (USA), Doris Rueschhoff (Austria), Elisabeth Wiebe (USA). — Back row: J. W. Vogt (USA), Cornelius Balzer and Mrs. Balzer (Canada), Jacob Thielmann (Canada), G. H. Jantzen (USA), Bernie Peters (Canada), Mrs. Herbert Just and Mr. Just (USA), H. H. Janzen (Canada), Mrs. Abr. J. Neufeld and Mr. Neufeld Canada, Max Woerlen (Switzerland), Ida Toews (Canada), Mrs. Rueschhoff (Austria), Katie Isaak (Canada), Mr. Rueschhoff (Austria). Taken in front of church building.

EDITORIAL

The Lord Comes First

"The Lord your God comes first" (Lev. 19:25b, Knox).

God told Israel when they came into Canaan that the whole first crop from fruit trees which they plant should be given to the Lord. As Knox translates it, "The Lord your God comes first."

Of course He does. He created us and He has redeemed us, and so we are doubly His. All our powers are a gift from Him. The things which we speak of as ours are really God's, who has appointed us as stewards over lands and goods and moneys. Whatever we do with ourselves or our property, God must be considered before and above all else.

Let us resolve:

1. That early in life we will hear and accept Christ's call to yield our lives to Him. We will not bring Him the poor, broken remnants of our life, asking Him to save us after we have wasted the years of our strength in sin and its dissipations. The first of life's great decisions will be, that Christ shall be our Saviour and Lord.

2. That spiritual concerns shall come before material interests. Since man cannot live by bread alone, we will give the cultivation of the spirit top priority in emphases and schedules. We will read the Bible more than any other book or periodical. Conversation with God shall not be crowded out by other appointments. Meditation on spiritual things shall not be drowned out by the flood of things to see and hear and do.

3. That the church shall have a primary place in our love and concern and participation and effort. We will attend worship services regularly; we will accept assignments in the program willingly; we will participate in the full implications of brotherhood by counseling and witnessing and sharing.

4. That in our financial stewardship the Lord shall be first, not last. We will take His share (10, 20, 30 per cent, as He leads) of our earnings and profits and hold it sacredly for disbursement to various religious and philanthropic causes, giving the needs of the church first consideration. We will not spend for our own living what we have vowed to the Lord.

5. That in our homes, too, God shall be first. No husband or wife need be jealous of this primary loyalty, for anyone who puts God ahead of everything else is by that very attitude a better companion. We will resist the secularization which undermines domestic piety, and give a sincere Christian tone to every phase of home life.

If we put the Lord first, it will be good for all of us. If we seek first the kingdom of God, everything else that we need will be added to us. Putting God first will bring all else into proper order. Here is a good motto to look at often: "God first, others second, myself third."

Paul Erb, guest editorial.

DEVOTIONAL

A Lesson on Humility

John Boldt, Chilliwack, B.C.

In Deut. 8:2-3 we read: "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no. And He humbled thee and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live."

When Israel stood at the door of the promised land, Moses bade them look back at the experiences

of the forty years of wilderness journey before they embarked on the conquest of Canaan. Why were they to look back? Were the memories of the past years not somewhat bitter to them? Would it not be better to forget what lay behind them? No, Moses told them that they had important lessons to learn from the past, and we as Christians today also need to look at the road behind us at times, and learn from the ways in which the Lord has led us. What did Israel need to learn from the past forty years in the desert? They needed to learn that the Lord had sent difficult experiences their way in order to prepare them for the task ahead of them in the promised land. Israel was to be a special

people, a people who were to be separate to God, who were to impart knowledge of Him to the nations of the world. For such a high task they needed special preparation. If they could see their trying experiences in the wilderness in this light, they could learn from them. This is what Moses led them to do in the passage which was read. Israel was to know that past trials were allowed them by the Lord in order to humble them, to bring to light wrong conditions in their hearts, and to further their spiritual growth. He refers especially to the occasion when Israel received the manna as God's provision for food.

God had tested them at that time in order to teach them the lesson of humbleness, a very necessary quality for His special people. What is true Christian humbleness? Does it show itself in the wearing of certain types of clothing? in bodily posture? in a particular facial expression? Then it would be easily acquired. True humbleness is more difficult to attain than any of these. It means willingness to accept God's help rather than dependence on our own strength. Israel found this hard to learn. When they ran out of food in the desert, they murmured that Moses and Aaron had brought the whole great assembly into the desert to kill them with hunger. They saw none of the ordinary ways of procuring food. It was then that the Lord intervened directly and sent them the manna-bread from heaven, entirely new and strange to them. As God's people they were to look to Him for all their needs, daily bread included. Certainly God intended to help them, but he tested them first to see whether they would trust Him, and they failed. Now, many years later, Moses shows the people that that experience was necessary to teach them humbleness.

It was also necessary in order to show them certain wrong conditions in their hearts. God allowed Israel to be tested in order to show them that they were not what they thought they were. Under stress and strain God's people manifested very ungodly attitudes. If they had never met difficulties, these things would have remained hidden. Now they were brought to light, so that they could be recognized, dealt with, and overcome. What were the conditions that Israel showed on the occasion of the giving of manna? We read in Exodus 16 that they manifested a decided dissatisfaction - a common and destructive condition among Christians today. It accounts for much loss of physical health and spiritual growth. No wonder the Bible says "be content with such things as ye have." They also showed that they were still very worldly in expressing a longing for Egypt, the country out of which they had been delivered. They showed that

they were bound to sensual things by longing for the flesh-pots of Egypt. God treats us in the same way today. We are to have our wrong heart conditions exposed and judged, so that we can progress in our Christian lives. He uses difficult experiences to do this.

Moses also showed the children of Israel that the experience of the manna was sent to them in order to show them a very important aspect of their high calling: "man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord." This truth was to change their whole outlook on life. Like other people, they looked on life in its natural meaning. To them it consisted chiefly of care for the primary necessities of food, shelter, and clothing. Now they had to learn that life for God's people has a higher meaning. Man is created for God, and has the capacity to understand Him and live with Him once he becomes God's possession. Any human being who lives only for the natural misses the real meaning of life as God intended it, and the lack will make him unhappy and dissatisfied. Life with God is sustained by the word of God, and by no other means. If we neglect the Word we will starve. If we make it our daily food we will grow in the real, eternal life. What a wonderful lesson for God's ancient people, and for us today as well. As we ride on the crest of material prosperity, let us always remember that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

"There are two books which should be in every home. They are the Bible, which tells of miracles of God, and the seed catalogue, which proves it."

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"It is not flesh and blood but the heart which makes us fathers and sons." (Schiller)

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Missionaries Visit Our Church

Beechy, Sask. — During the past month it has been our privilege to meet with a number of our missionaries as they come to visit our church. On May 29 Miss Viola Janz, of Herbert, outgoing missionary to India, where she will assist in medical work, gave us her personal testimony. Accompanying her were her parents Rev. and Mrs. Nick Janz of Herbert. The Henry Dyck's formerly of Kelstern, were with us on June 9. The Dyck's will be engaged in Bible School work in Brazil.

On the evening of June 11, Rev. Harry Flumbaum, missionary to the Jews in Winnipeg, gave us a report of the difficult work of convincing the Jews that Jesus Christ is their long awaited Messiah. He also showed slides of the Holy Land and gave us an idea as to what was happening there today. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Klassen were in charge of the Sunday morning worship service. The Klassens, who are on furlough from the Congo, told

us of the situation of unrest as the Congo approaches independence. One thing that was stressed by these missionaries was the need of prayer supporters. We trust that these visits have encouraged us to uphold our missionaries in every way possible.

Melvin Wiens.

Meetings Held by Conference Evangelist

Foam Lake, Sask. — Each evening of June 9—16 the M.B. church at Foam Lake resounded to the Word of God in entreaty, warning and prayer as Rev. Henry H. Epp spoke to us.

Those that could get there early joined in the prayer meeting before the service, pleading with God for spiritual fruit. Special numbers in song by the choir and other groups accompanied the messages from God's Word. Mr. Epp had an item for the children each evening and Saturday evening was a special youth night.

The messages were directed mainly to Christians, always ending with an entreaty to get right with God for believers, and unbelievers. During the last evening, a time was set aside for testimonies and many told of the blessings of the week and how the Word had spoken to them.

Some of the texts used throughout the week included Romans 6:23, "The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord". Luke 17:32, "Remember Lot's wife"; John 16:7-14, "The Holy Spirit's work"; Acts 12:1-17, "Prayer and Deliverance"; Matth. 27:15-26, "Substitutionary Death of Christ our only Hope"; Rev. 2:1-7, "Have we Left our First Love?" The last eve he spoke on the Second Coming of Christ and it's nearness according to all signs in the Word of God, using the illustration in Matth. 25:1-13, "Behold the bridegroom cometh". Are we looking forward with our lamps trimmed and ready or will we be those who are too late?

We give God the glory and honor for those that responded to the Word in re-dedicating their lives to God for His service. May we ponder the thought whether we have been a hindrance to a greater measure of blessings from God! Let us pray that the Word may still be working in the hearts of those that heard, but did not respond. May we also ask that God will continue to bless and use His servant as he ministers in like manner in other churches throughout our Conference. Brother Epp especially requested that we remember his family in prayer.

Mrs. A. Dell.

Domain-Springstein Mission Festival

Domain, Man. — The semi-annual joint Mission-Sunday of the Springstein and Domain M. B. churches was observed in Domain on June 19. The first guest speaker, Rev. D. K. Duerksen of Winnipeg, in a message based on Acts 1:8, stressed that the whole world is the mission field of the church. He represented witnessing "In Jerusalem" as testifying of a Christian to members of his own family; witnessing "in Judaea" was seen as the individual's testimony in word and deed among his neighbors. Home Missions, in all of Canada, was compared to the apostles' witnessing "in Samaria". The charge to take the gospel "to the ends of the earth" was shown to be the responsibility, not only of those who actually go out, but especially also of the supporting churches.

Graduates of the United Mennonite Educational Institute



1959-60 Graduates of the United Mennonite Educational Institute, Leamington, Ontario. Front row left to right: Hilda Tiessen, Betty Tiessen, Hilda Froese, Mary Lou Derksen, Marianne Driedger, Margaret Gossen, Marlene Janzen, Elfreeda Toews. — Rear, left to right: Katherine Dirksen, Ruth Derksen, Edgar Konrad, Rudy Pauls, John Braun, Arthur Krueger, Ernest Warkentin, Richard Hildebrand, Arthur Warkentin, Erna Schmidt, Anne Reimer.

The second speaker, Rev. J. P. Epp of Steinbach, basing his message on Mark 5:1-20, vividly portrayed the condition of the Gadarene in Satan's bonds, pointed out that Jesus came to save, and then described how the changed man sat at Jesus' feet. What the Lord then commanded, the Gadarene is the duty of all who have experienced salvation: to go and tell others about this deed of Christ.

A combined Springstein-Domain choir, directed by Herman Rempel and accompanied by Ruth Penner, rendered several songs.

Wm. Schroeder.

50th Anniversary at Kelstern

Kelstern, Sask. — On Sunday, June 12 the church at Kelstern observed its 50th Anniversary. After the invocation and a song by the choir, Brother Jacob Schmidt greeted the congregation with Psalm 126:3 "The Lord hath done

great things for us whereof we are glad."

Rev. Art Martens brought a message based on Mark 8:34 and Luke 14:33. He reviewed the history of the first M.B. followers. They were willing to deny themselves in order to remain true to Jesus Christ.

Rev. Henry Dueck gave another message from 2 Thess. 3:3-5. We were reminded of the wonderful leadings of God in the past and how dependant we are on Him for the future.

After the morning session we gathered in the church basement to partake of the noon meal.

The afternoon service was begun by congregational singing led by Rev. Henry Dueck. Mr. Jacob Mueller led in Scripture reading and opening prayer. Then he related some of the experiences the pioneers had in the early days of the church. A group of pioneers then sang "Bis an mein Ende hin."

Rev. Art Martens gave another brief message based on Acts 13:1-5.

Mrs. Elisie Muller.

Graduation at Ontario M. B. Bible School



Graduates and staff of the Ontario M.B. Bible School, left to right: Elizabeth Doerksen, Ethel Whitney, Erika Thiessen, Ida Gowanlock, Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, principal, Mr. Henry Esau, teacher, Mr. Walter Wiebe, teacher, Leonard Huebert, Edward Klassen, Gerhard Enns.

Spiritual Blessings Flow in Abundance

"Two months ago, I was a lost sinner, but praise God, I was invited to a C.B.M.C. luncheon, and through the hearing of His Word and the working of the Holy Spirit, the Lord cleansed and saved me!" These, in short, were the words of Chris Lear, of Saskatoon, a man who was formerly a hopeless alcoholic, and who by God's grace, gave a thrilling testimony at the Laymen's Crusade Luncheon during the C.B.M.C. Convention, held at Morden, Manitoba, June 10, 11, 12.

"You will never talk about Christ to the wrong man!", was one of the statements heard from Elliott Stadelbauer, C.B.M.C. director from Toronto. "We are challenged to a purpose!" declared Dave Redekop, during his challenging message to the C.B.M.C. men, gathered for the Upper Mid-West Regional Convention at Morden.

"Everyone at this meeting will be making a decision, for or against Christ!" stated Waldo Yeager in his address to a crowd of some 450 people, gathered in the Morden Arena for the Turkey Bar-B.Q. open meeting.

"I'm so glad that I have Jesus as my Savior," wrote eleven-year-old Doreen Friesen, to a girl friend a few weeks after having accepted Christ at the street meeting conducted by Cy Osterhus, of Minneapolis.

"How Great Thou Art!", sang some 450 thankful hearts at the Bar-B.-Q. meeting on Saturday night.

These statements, may in a small way, convey the character and spirit of the annual Christian Business Men's Upper Mid-West Regional Convention, which was held at Morden, Man., this year. The Lord, through His Holy Spirit, was ever present at the meetings. C.B.M.C. members left the convention with the theme still ringing in their ears — "You have been called!" (Eph. 4:1).

Christian business men, from all over the North American Continent converged on Morden for a three day "LIFT", and truly, a "LIFT" it was. Many hearts were stirred, many discouraged members were encouraged, and many lasting blessings were received from God.

Man to Man Evangelism, Laymen's Crusades, C.B.M.C. Leader-

ship, were topics of discussion at the workshops and during the whole convention. Three international directors and one former director were used of the Lord in bringing simple, heart warming, challenging messages from the Word of God. Simple, but powerful testimonies were given by men from the various committees, men, who have yielded their lives to the Lord, men, whom the Lord has been able to use in the great work of "Personal Evangelism."

In closing this report, we may well say: "The Morden Committee, truly did a marvelous job of hosting the convention, but "to God be the glory, great things He has done!"

A. Dyck, jr.

Some one who was present at the Business Men's Convention wrote the following: "The Holy Spirit was very evident at the convention. The Lord spoke very earnestly to me during the convention, and since then I have yielded my life to Him completely, with all that I have and am."

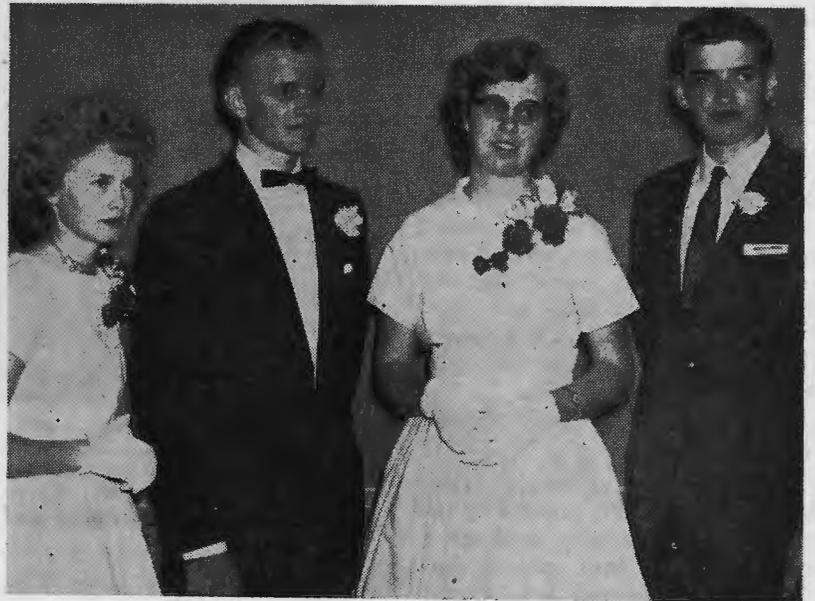
European Conference

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which manifested itself in that every motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The organization is as follows: Brother H. H. Janzen, chairman; Brother Abe Neufeld, vice-chairman, and Brother Curt Hoffmann, secretary-treasurer. This is the executive committee of the conference and the following constitute an advisory council: Brother J. W. Vogt, Brother Gerber, Brother Sautt, Brother Kazda and Brother G. H. Jantzen. All correspondence of official nature should be directed to H. H. Janzen, Basel, Schweiz, Dittingerstrasse 11. Do pray for this new conference and for the young churches which constitute it.

Monday evening, Tuesday morning and afternoon the workers of the field met together with the Brethren Toews and Ratzlaff and gave careful consideration to the details of the work, discussing the problems and needs of the various fields. Workers needed to be placed, and the need of a training center as well as headquarters were matters of discussion. The pros-

Picture News of M.E.I. Clearbrook, B.C.



Students winning scholarships at the M.E.I. are Rudy Dyck, second from left, alumni scholarship; Henry Sudermann and Luella Peters, extreme left and right, community scholarships and Frieda Wiens, second from right, F. C. Thiessen Memorial scholarship, which has been set up by the family of the school's founder, the late Rev. Frank C. Thiessen. It is given to a student for outstanding work in music and religious studies.

pects for new fields and the evangelistic work of the Neufelds were planned. The challenge is tremendous in this land of religion, culture and tradition, and there are many adversaries.

We invite your prayers for this work. The call of our Lord to you at home and on other mission fields and to us is that we might be one in this divinely-given commission of world evangelism. God still commands us to personal dedication in prayer, witness and sacrifice.

G. H. Jantzen
Neustadt, Germany
June 8, 1960.

Ontario Conference

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Mennonite Brethren Bible College and Tabor College \$4,500 with various other avenues comprising the balance.

The Board of Trustees reported property values of the Conference of close to \$250,000 and represent buildings and inventory at Eden Christian College in Virgil, Bible School in Kitchener, mission stations at Coldwater, Hamilton and Toronto.

The work in Toronto under the direction of Herbert Swartz is now considered as the work of the Conference instead of the local group as has been the case in the past. The work has been re-located to a new area which will enable an extensive work in the field of Sunday School work.

A method of procedure was accepted with reference to the acceptance of mission stations into the Conference. Each mission station will be able to organize and become a member of the Conference upon meeting the Conference prerequisites.



Discussing their roles as valedictorians with Principal William Wiebe are Anna Klassen and John Janzen, members of the grade 12 graduating class of the Mennonite Educational Institute at Clearbrook.

A new Educational Committee was formed under the chairmanship of John Wiebe of Vineland to supervise, direct and further the educational programme by way of Bible and high school for the province. A constitution was also adopted as a guide for the new committee.

A new fund was approved which will be supported by the various congregations and from which outgoing missionaries and workers under the General Welfare Board will be equipped. It is hoped in this way to alleviate the additional expense on the part of the smaller congregations who may be sending workers to our mission fields.

The elections in addition to that of the moderator, Rev. H. P. Penner were Rev. D. D. Derksen, Leamington, Ont., assistant moderator; Jacob Kutz, Kitchener, Ont. treasurer; George Friesen, Vineland, Ontario, secretary, and Rev. Peter Reimer, Port Rowan, Ontario into the Programme Committee to plan the 1961 conference which will be held in Kitchener, Ontario.

C. J. Rempel.

In Remembrance of Mrs. Katharin Foth (who died July 3, 1959)

Deep in our hearts a mem'ry is kept
Of the one whom we loved and we'll never forget.
Joys we may have, and lands we may view
But auways we'll cherish the thinking of you.
Resting where shaddows never do fall
In peace, perfect peace you do wait for us all.
God, Who will link the now broken chain
When all we'll be joined there in heaven again.
Mother so kind, and mother so dear,
May God with His blessings be with you up there.

Lovingly remembered by her children
and grandchildren.

Serving the Refugees Around Calcutta

By William Voth



Among the recipients of MCC aid around Calcutta is this Hindu girl who holds her old clothes while dressed in a new garment.

(Brother and Sister William Voth are members of the East Chilliwack, British Columbia Church, serving under MCC among the refugees around Calcutta, India.)

We are now (May 18) having a very hot period in Calcutta. We have not had any rain for about two months. For a period of about four weeks the temperature was always between 100 and 110 degrees. For the past 10 days the temperature has been dropping and rain was promised by the weatherman, but we have not been able to enjoy any of that promise yet. Now signs of rain are disappearing and the days are getting hotter. Together with the high humidity which we always have in Calcutta, life in the city is difficult at times.

The condition of the refugees in and around Calcutta is poor to say the least. We as MCCers are working in one of the more than 500 colonies which have been crowded into West Bengal. There are more than 6,000 people in our colony and a great number of them are unemployed. Of course, we are only able to reach a few of these as far as our means are concerned. At the present time we are giving milk to more than 700 persons and we also have a feeding program for some 110 children. These children come from very poor homes and have to pay only three-fourths cent for a meal of rice and curry. This, for some of the children, is the only meal they get in the day; consequently, it is being appreciated. At first, January 4, 1960, the children thought it strange to say grace or to have grace said before eating, but now they are getting used to it and will not eat their meal until the grace is said.

Another project which we began just recently is that of feeding

about 250 students in a school two biscuits and a cup of milk five days a week. We are having wonderful cooperation from the students (boys) as well as from the teacher. We trust that we will be able to expand this type of service when the school terms resume after the summer vacation.

A further project which is in its beginning stages is poultry raising. There are a number of refugees who are earnestly interested in cooperating in this project by contributing some themselves.

Our last project is a reading room for the colony. We received a grant of \$100 from a Christian gentleman in New York, and with this money we have erected a building in which we are hoping to put Christian as well as secular literature. We are specially concerned that the Christian literature should be read by these people. Since this is a solidly Hindu colony, we get into trouble as soon as they suspect that we are trying to reach them with the Gospel. Pray with us that we may be brave for Christ's sake.

Another project which I forgot to mention is that of sewing children's clothes by Christian ladies of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church in Calcutta which is directed by Mrs. Voth. Every Friday the ladies meet in our house. One Friday of every month instead of coming to our house for sewing, they go to the church for prayer and Bible study. We are enjoying our work here and hope and pray that it may be for the glory of God.

The Lord willing, we shall be leaving for Kodaikanal, South India, on June 20. We plan to stay with the Peter Hamm family for about three or four weeks and then to go to our mission field in Andhra Pradesh for about a week. We would like to see the work because it is the work of the conference and also because we know a number of the missionaries there. Marie Riediger, a missionary nurse, is from our home church in East Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada.

Letter from Hebron, Jordan

(Mr. John Krahn, medical doctor working under MCC in Jordan.)

Greetings from West Jordan! It is a lovely bright morning here in Jordan and everyone is busy and I would be too except for Jaundice (Hepatitis) which I've been laid up with for some 3 weeks. Now it's just about better so soon I will be back in the villages where we have three clinics. They are located some 20-25 Kil. from Hebron and right on the border between Israel and Jordan so they are very closely guarded. In the Bible this is called

the Hill-Country of Juda and even now when we go to work we can see the lovely plains occupied by Israel and behind that the Mediterranean. The hills with their flocks, the fig trees, the wild lilies of the field so beautiful and the oaks at Mamre (Hebron) are just some of the powerful reminders of Bible days. The harvest is just finished here, which is quite a contrast to Manitoba where I presume the wheat is just getting a good start. When we came in February, the roses and Jasmine were blooming and filling the air with the loveliest scent, so that, when we arrived in Jericho it almost seemed heavenly!

I should like to tell you too, how much we appreciate the Mennonite Observer here in that it provides us a mirror image of the things going on around home and elsewhere where we have friends and interests. You certainly have done a job with the Rundschau in terms of Education and increasing general knowledge of our people especially when there were no schools.

At present we have some visitors from Vancouver, B.C. — the Ben Janzens and they are having a wonderful time touring. First they spent a day at the Garden Tomb and in Jerusalem seeing various places in the old City, then, at Hebron, where they saw one of our Baby clinics, where my wife Fritz usually helps and the orphanage, which is the big MCC project in Hebron. Yesterday they went with one of the workers, Miss Grace Bergey, to Jericho where we have a big clothing distribution centre. They give out clothing to some 40,000 refugees yearly. Right now their work is finished until fall, because the heat is just intolerable there in summer 100-110° F. Now all the workers are back here in Jerusalem where in July they conduct a camp for the bigger boys at the Orphanage. Of course on a trip to Jericho one always goes to the Dead Sea and the Jordan River and valley which produces most of the fruit in Jordan.

Here in Jerusalem, where I have been convalescing since coming out of the hospital a week ago, we have an MCC house, which is really the centre of Unit life. On week-ends we all meet here, have a Bible study, a unit meeting once a month — and of course share our meals — it is really a wonderful fellowship and reminds me of the Reba Place fellowship in Chicago. Ernest Lehmanns, who have been in charge till now, left just before we arrived and we are expecting a new couple in August, who will take over the MCC house here in Jerusalem. It might be of interest to you that the group here has appointed me as the Unit spiritual leader.

In conclusion we must tell you that the work is very strenuous (60-170 patients a day) and we would like to share it with the church in prayer. With personal regards.

J. Krahn.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

California

Serving at Hartland Christian Association camp grounds near Badger, California, is an MCC unit of six volunteers. Among the volunteers are two members of the Mennonite Brethren Church. They are John Konrad, Matsqui, British Columbia, who serves as unit leader and Mary Ann Friesen, Vancouver, British Columbia, who is unit matron. The men of the unit are engaged in maintenance of the camp grounds and fire control in the surrounding forest area. The unit has been looking forward to the beginning of the summer program of church camps and retreats and has expressed appreciation that this VS-1-W forestry project is a part of a church camp program. During week ends the men have participated in Sunday evening church services presenting the challenge of VS as well as the work at Hartland. The unit members have enjoyed and appreciated Christian hospitality in Mennonite homes in the Same Joaquin valley. A recent topic discussed by the unit was "What is Belief in Christ?"

Uruguay

A baptism conducted by the Mennonite Brethren Church of Uruguay was held on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, in the city of Paysandu. The baptism was held in the Baptist church because the weather in Uruguay has turned to winter at this time. Baptized were four persons from Gartental and five from El Ombu. Recently a number of folks have responded to the working of God's Spirit during the ministry of the Brethren Hans Kasdorf and Frank Peters. May we pray for those who have responded and for others who should respond to the call of the Lord.

Brother and Sister John Wall returned to Montevideo, Uruguay, on June 1 following completion of the Bible school at Bage. With their return, Brother and Sister Frank Peters will leave Montevideo where they have been in charge of our center in that city and from where they have ministered to the various Mennonite Brethren groups in Uruguay.

Brother and Sister Frank Peters left for Bage on June 9. In Bage the Peters will assist the leadership in the general work of the Mennonite Brethren Church and work with the young people. Brother Peters will also serve in Bible school work. Let us pray for Brother and Sister Peters in their new location as well as for our other workers serving in our South American churches.



THE Young Observers

Dear Girls and Boys,

You will notice that Aunt Anne has left us. Did you know that she is a school teacher and is very busy? We want to thank her for the interesting thoughts and stories she wrote. I hope you will remember all the good advice she gave you. May the Lord use her in her work.

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together." Girls and boys, this is a nice verse for us to remember as we start this column together. "Magnify" is such a big word, but if we love Jesus with our heart and sing songs about Him, and speak His praises, then we truly magnify the Lord.

How I wish that I could get to know all my readers. Perhaps, later on, we can have a contest to see how many read this page. It really would be fun to receive letters from you.

School is about over now. Perhaps you have some exams left. I am sure if you have been studying faithfully you will be rewarded in the end. So work hard and do your best during the last days of school.

Love, Aunt Helen

Linda was Considerate

Linda ran into the house with a clatter. The door slammed shut behind her. "May I go to Patricia Jane's birthday party this afternoon, Aunt Ellen?" she asked excitedly.

Aunt Ellen paused as she was making one of her delicious chocolate cakes and said, "Well, dear, you know that will mean giving her a gift. Do you have the money for one?"

Money, yes, she had the money in her bank that she was saving to buy her doll some new clothes. She ran to her room, took her bank from its safe place on top of her stand and dumped the money out on the bed. She sat down beside it and counted it with care.

Fifteen cents was all that she had.

"Oh, what shall I do?" she wondered. "I cannot give Patricia, Jane a gift and not bring something to Mommy when I go to the hospital to see her tomorrow. What can I do with fifteen cents?"

Five in Our House

There are five live at our house—
It was built for four—
But Mother says there's always
room
To entertain one more.

And Father says we have a Guest
Who's with us every day,
And though we do not see Him,
We love to have Him stay.

He makes our bread seem sweeter
As we bow our heads for grace,
He makes the smiles come chasing
O'er every happy face.

Because He's living with us,
We're kinder to each other,
Forgiving and forgetting,
Faults of sister, brother.

She was not happy when she returned to the steps. She sat with her chin in her hands and thought, "What shall I do? If I could only borrow some money from Alice; but no Mother said that we should not even take money from our sister because borrowing is not a good habit.

"I might go down the street and run some errands, but the only people I go to the store for are either old or sick and cannot go for themselves. I certainly could not ask them to pay me for doing errands; they are my friends, and besides, they can't afford it."

"Oh, what shall I do?" she almost cried. "I must have something to give both Mother and Patricia Jane." She thought and thought ever so hard.

Suddenly she jumped up. "Aunt Ellen, Aunt Ellen, where are you?" she shouted as she ran into the house. "Aunt Ellen, would it be all right if I took one of the socks which you bought me yesterday in order to make a stocking doll for Patricia Jane? If I do that, then I can still buy something for Mother when I go to see her tomorrow."

"Do you know how to make the dolls?" inquired Aunt Ellen.

"Oh, yes, the teacher at vacation Bible school taught Alice, and Alice showed me how to make them. Patricia Jane loves mine and said that she wished that she had one just like it," she pleaded.

"All right, you may if you like. Be careful that you do not spoil it. You will have to work hard and fast if you are going to have it done for this afternoon," reminded Aunt Ellen.

You have never seen a girl more happy or work harder than Linda did as she made the gift for her dearest girl friend.

When the doll was done, Linda ran as fast as she could toward the store because the party was only an hour away. She picked out a very pretty candy cane with red and white stripes. She was going to have the doll carry it.

Patricia Jane was excited and happy when she opened the gift, which was tied with a bright blue ribbon. "O Linda, this is the nicest thing you could have given me. We shall have to play house tomorrow afternoon."

"I would love to play house with you tomorrow afternoon, but I must go to the hospital to see my Mother. I am going to stop at the florist's and buy her a red rose to make her happy and to remind her that I love her and want her to get well real soon and come home," said Linda.

"I am so happy", smiled Linda later as she thought of the day. "Now I know that it pays to be thoughtful and considerate."

I can hardly wait to see my Mommy tomorrow when I give her the rose. She told me that we can usually work things out if we wait on God and seek to do the good and the right thing. I am truly the happiest girl in the whole wide world. The Bible says that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and I know that is so."

Louise Davis

Salvation Army's publication
"The Young Soldier."

"Don't Be Left Behind"

Mr. M. was a man who liked to be in good time, so it generally happened that he arrived at the bus stop with a few minutes to spare. But he had one strange habit: having made sure of being there in time, he would get interested in other things around him, and sometimes he would nearly miss the bus after all.

He used to travel on one route regularly, from the town to a village, and back again. He knew the time-table exactly, and that if he missed one bus he would have to wait an hour for the next one. At the country stop there was usually plenty of room, and there would be no need to form a queue. He would have a chat with anyone else who might be nearby. Often he would still be talking when the other passengers had stepped on board, and the conductor would ring the bell for the bus to go on; then someone would give a frantic yell, "Get on the bus! Don't be left behind!"

At the end of town, several bus services started from the same covered stand, but he knew the spot at which to queue, the bus number required, and the time it was due to leave. He knew, too, that if he missed the bus, he could not get another in time to be present at the meeting in the country which he purposed attending.

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82 Grade XII Graduates of the "Mennonite"



Here are two teachers, Rev. Peter Penner, centre front row, and Mr. Jacob Toews, centre third row and 82 grade XII graduates of 1959-60 of the M.E.I. of Clearbrook, B.C. The list of names as it was sent to us is as follows: Dorothy Bergen, Ralph Bergen, Richard Brucks, Mary Dick, Hartmut Doerksen, John Dyck, Rudy Dyck, Martin Ens, Harold Epp, Carol Ewert, Allan Falk, Adeline Friesen, Alvin Friesen, Art Friesen, Eleanor Friesen, Ted Friesen, Victor Friesen, Margaret Froese, John Funk, Len Funk, Norman Giesbrecht, Jo Anne Goerzen, John Guggenheimer, John Haak, Margaret Harms, Jerry Hiebert, Helen Janzen, Henry Janzen, John Janzen, Phyllis Janzen, Abe Kampen, Anna Klassen, Nettie Klassen, John Kroeker, Margaret Letkeman, Art Martens, Evelyn Neu-

Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(28th Instalment)

"They won't let Kurt or me see him now, but we'll call again when there's any change."

Aunt Molly and Sherry were as anxious as Virginia and Kit, and kept as close to the phone as their affairs would permit. Steve made Sherry promise to call him the minute any word was received, and each evening when he had closed his office he drove out to wait with them for news.

Each day the word was encouraging as to the patient's general condition. And one evening came Jim's jubilant message.

"He knew her today, Ginny! He said, 'Hello, Marcia. What are you doing here?' The doctor says everything's O.K. now. No, Kurt and I can't see him. There's nothing more for us to do here, so we'll be starting home in a couple of days. Mom wants us to come past and tell you girls all about it before we head back for the city. So we'll be seein' you!"

There was rejoicing in the old house that night. Virginia laid her head on the table and sobbed while Aunt Molly smoothed her hair and spoke words of reassurance and

comfort. Sherry reached into Steve's pocket and took his big handkerchief to wipe her eyes, then daubed at the tear on his cheek also, while Kit became so jubilantly excited that Sherry finally gave her a sleeping powder before she could be induced to sleep.

CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

Virginia and Sherry had gone to market, Aunt Molly was down at her cottage looking at the work the carpenters were doing, and Kit was preparing to take Doughboy for a walk when the telephone rang.

"That can't be Jim 'cause he's on the train coming home. I wonder who it is", mused the little girl, as she left Doughboy on the porch and hurried inside. The message came through clearly, and Kit's eyes sparkled as she listened.

"Tell Miss Virginia Martin to call Mr. G. L. Kinder at the Sheridan Hotel in Sparta before five o'clock, if she wants to hear about Allie May Martin."

Kit wrote the name as it was given her, then when she left the telephone wrote a note to Virginia and left it on the table in plain view. This done, she called to

Doughboy and went off down the orchard path, and on to Aunt Molly's house. She watched the men at work on the chimney and the roof, and then walked back home with Aunt Molly. As she hung her wraps in the closet she remembered the note.

"Oh, did you call the man, Ginny?"

"What man?"

"The one about Allie May. The one I wrote you a note about."

"What do you mean? I didn't see any note."

"It was right here! Didn't you see it, Ginny? It was about Allie May!" Kit's voice rose high in her fear that the note was lost. "A man called and said for you to call him at a hotel before five o'clock and he'd tell you about Allie May."

"Where did you put the note?"

"Right here on the table. I know I did! Let's look!"

They searched the table and floor thoroughly. They knew that Doughboy was innocent as he had been with Kit all afternoon. The door had not been left open, so no wind could have carried it away. Virginia had come home alone, having parted from Sherry at the church where she had stopped to practice Sunday's anthem. She had put her parcels and music down on the table and was sure there had been no paper on it. The bag of groceries on the kitchen table told them that Sherry had been in, but she was not here now. She must have seen the note if it were there when she came in, but she would not have disturbed it, they were sure. But search as they would they could not find it, and Kit could remember neither the name of the hotel nor the man. Five o'clock drew near and still the search was unavailing. Kit's eyes were tear-filled, for she felt that she had been careless.

When Sherry came in at five-thirty, her quick eye detected the depression on the faces of the girls and the traces of tears on Kit's cheeks. Kit was speaking. "Ginny, I feel so badly. It's been a long time since I lost anything. I thought I wasn't a loser any more. I'd rather lose anything than that."

Before Virginia could answer, Sherry spoke.

"What's lost now?"

While they told her she looked anxiously, first at Virginia's face, then at Kit's. Putting her arm around the little girl's shoulder, she said kindly, "Don't blame yourself, Kit. I'm afraid I'm the guilty party."

"What do you mean?" asked Virginia sharply. "Did you get it?"

"Well, I must have lost it. Kit says she left it on the table, and I was the first one home after that. I put my parcels here while I went out to the kitchen with the groceries. When I came back I unwrapped the things I had bought and then gathered up the wrappings and burned them. I must have

taken the note with them."

There was nothing that Virginia could say without disclosing her sick disappointment, so she was silent. Sherry looked at her with frightened eyes, and said falteringly, "I really am sorry, Ginny. I didn't think—"

"Forget it," said Virginia. "There isn't a thing any of us can do. It's past five now, and any chance we had of hearing about Allie May is spoiled, so let's not talk of it."

"Of course it's spoiled!" cried Sherry. "Everything I have anything to do with is always spoiled! The harder I try to do right, the worse messes I get into. Oh, I hate everything—and I hate myself most of all!"

Virginia realized, as she listened to Sherry's outburst, that she had let her disappointment betray her into speaking so sharply that she had hurt her friend whom she wanted only to help.

"Don't Sherry, please! Don't talk so. I didn't mean what I said. We can try again. Please, dear, don't feel so badly."

"I can't help it. You'd feel badly too, if nothing ever went right and if everybody always thought you were wrong and bad."

"But we don't think so. We know you aren't bad, and we all love you. Come on; let's forget about it."

"I can't and I don't want to. I'm so tired of things being wrong. I'm not going to stay here where I can hurt you folks any more. I'm going to leave as soon as I can."

Virginia pleaded with her again to try to forget it all, and to believe that they wanted her. But Sherry clung to her decision to leave.

"There's no train tonight, but I'm going in the morning. And this time even Steve won't know where I am!"

She ran upstairs and neither Virginia's reasoning, Kit's coaxing, nor the smell of Aunt Molly's cornbread could get her to come down. Virginia telephoned for Steve, and he talked to her for an hour, but she refused even to answer him. He came down looking completely defeated.

"This is the end," he said. "I told her I was going to send for her folks, but she'd leave tonight if I did. I'm at my wit's end."

"But not at God's wit's end," said Aunt Molly. "Don't get so bothered. I feel more encouraged about Sherry tonight than I ever have. She wouldn't get riled up so easy unless God was dealin' with her. He'll win out!"

Long after Aunt Molly and Kit had gone to bed, Virginia and Steve sat and talked about their problem. Steve felt that he had failed not only Sherry, but his aunt and uncle and cousin Don.

(To be continued)

"An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last." (Sir W. Churchill)

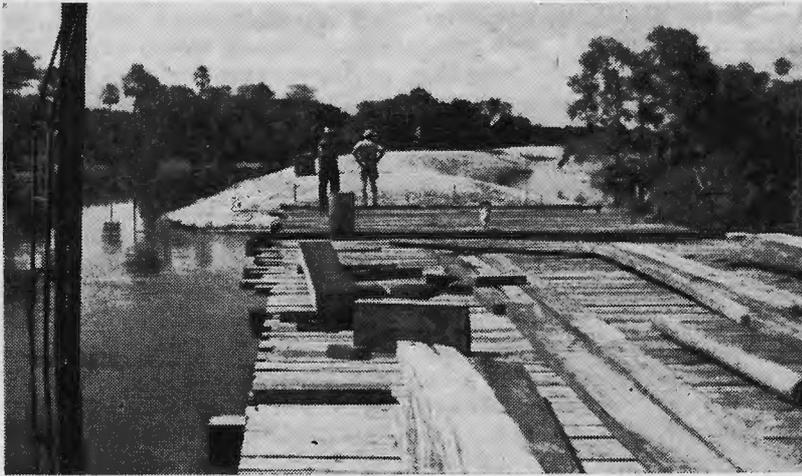
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(Picture from MSA-News)

Trans-Chaco Highway Progress



Paxmen working on a Trans-Chaco-Highway bridge

Asuncion, Paraguay (MCC) — Trans-Chaco highway progress at the south end has reached Kilometer 117. In November, 1959, construction was at Kilometer 89.

Williams Brothers Company, an American engineering-construction firm, has completed 50 of 130 kilometers contracted last fall. This company began at the north end of the roadway, starting at Filadelfia, and is working in the direction of the Paraguayan government-US government-MCC project.

Other developments in Paraguay are further implementation of the million dollar loan made to Paraguayan Mennonites by the US government and a continuous influx of settlers.

On a first purchase, the Mennonites used \$400,000 of the million dollar loan and orders have been placed for \$350,000 more for farm equipment. "Farmers are increasing the size of their farms by clearing land, putting up fences and using better farming equipment and some tractors," stated Wiens. "They are improving and expanding industry."

Plans for Assistance to Chile Move Ahead

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — MCC assistance to disaster areas in Chile is being developed. Thirty-six thousand pounds of Canadian pork will be made available to Church World Service for distribution to earthquake victims. Working cooperatively, Mennonites from Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina and the Mennonite Central Committee are making plans to help in rehabilitation efforts. A housing construction team will be sent, composed of possibly a Paxman and several South American Mennonites.

Funds from the Mennonite constituency are being received. Persons wishing to contribute to the reconstruction work in Chile should send their contributions through normal church channels. Church World Service has supplied blankets, tents, surplus foods and other necessary emergency items, besides

planning for the distribution of the canned meat which MCC has provided.

The greatest need for the quake victims will arise when they begin returning to rebuild their homes and communities. This will be MCC's main concern. It may be least glamorous aspect of helping disaster victims but perhaps the most critical.

Report of Canadian Pork Shipments

Waterloo, Ont. (MCC) — Over 444,500 pounds (14 carloads) of Canadian pork, secured from the Canadian Department of Agriculture through the Canadian MCC office, have been released for overseas feeding programs. In addition to a 39,600 pound order for Haiti, 36,000 pound order for Chile and an 18,000 pound-order for an orphanage in Egypt to be sent in June, pork has been sent to six countries.

Korea has received 184,000 (five carloads); Hong Kong 144,000 pounds (three carloads); Vietnam 36,000 pounds (one carload); Austria 40,800; Germany 39,600. These countries will receive additional shipments and Indonesia is scheduled to receive one carload.

The shipment to Egypt and a portion of the Korean order was contributed to the National Association of Evangelicals for feeding programs. Church World Service will receive the Chile shipment for distribution to earthquake victims.

Canadian Mennonite relief organizations—Nonresistant Relief Organization, Mennonite Central Relief Committee and Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee—have collected funds which take care of the pork shipping costs

A Tractor Arrives in Halmahera

By Edward Weber, Kitchener, Ont., who has served on this Indonesian island for three years.

Day was just half an hour old in Indonesia as the "K. M. Sonny"

edged around the tip of the small coronut-studded island of Jumo and on the Halmahera shore about a mile away. After carefully worming her way through the narrow channel between treacherous coral reefs, she pulled up just short of the dilapidated tittle dock which

carried a big sign reading "Djembatan Rusak" (Dock Condemned!). The captain gave the order. Bells rang, the diesel snorted into reverse and was anchored in another place in Tobelo.

On shore a big crowd had gathered. For several months no cargo ship had come; rice and sugar had become scarce and the Moslem people had been without flour with which to make confectionaries for their New Year celebration. The biggest attraction, however, on this ship was a machine called a "tractor" which could do all kinds of miraculous things to make work easier.

The hatches were opened and a raft was towed out to the ship. The winches groaned and slowly a queer looking contraption half in a crate and half out came up out of the ship's belly. Slowly it descended until it came to rest on the raft below. It was towed to the sandy beach where the raft ran aground and was immediately surrounded by hordes of shouting children, splashing in the water and arguing about which end was front and which was back.

Planks were put in place and with a roar, the tractor came to life and went up into the harbor area. While people stared at the tractor and wondered how it could ever cut grass or plow ground, the implements for these operations came off the ship practically unnoticed. By noon all the crated implements were safely stored in the driving shed, promising more amazement for the next few days when they would be opened and the contents assembled.

That afternoon two Paxmen began work on the new items. The crate was taken off the tractor, several other crates were opened to find spare parts which had been removed for shipping and after several hours of work the tractor was hooked up to the brush cutter for some cutting demonstration. A crowd gathered in a hurry to gaze at the spectacle and really gaped when they saw how easily the tractor could cut grass.

The story of this small red tractor began several years ago with the church's request for a tractor. After MCC workers arrived and became acquainted with the problems and needs of the people, they began considering importing one. Church World Service made funds available for a tractor and appropriate implements. At that time, however, such machinery could not be had in Halmahera, and after months of waiting a tractor was finally acquired and placed on this island.

We hope that this machinery may be used not only to work in the church-owned coconut groves to aid in abating the church's financial situation but that it may also encourage the average person to make his own garden by lessening the manual labor involved. This should help to raise his financial status and thus his standard of living. With increasing transportation difficulty, growing more crops will naturally aid in relieving food shortage. Good crop production is possible here, but the whole island is sadly under developed. Instead of importing it should be exporting food!

Our prayer is that as the church on Halmahera grows and develops materially, it may also mature and develop spiritually with a desire to present a firm gospel witness to those among whom it dwells. May our project, too, though predominantly linked with the material be dedicated to this cause.

Brazil

Our churches in Brazil have organized themselves into the Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Brazil. The organizational meeting at Blumenau on April 24 was attended by 14 brethren. Elected to the leadership of the conference were the following brethren: Hansi Goertz, chairman, Xaxim; Hans Kasdorf, Blumenau, assistant chairman; Peter Janzen, Guarituba, secretary, and Abram Klassen, Villa Guaria, treasurer. The brethren received reports and discussed ways in which our churches in Brazil may have a strong evangelistic outreach through missions, the distribution of Christian literature, a radio broadcast and evangelistic services. The new Bible school being begun in Curitiba was also discussed. A constitution is to be adopted in the future. The next meeting of our Brazil conference is to meet in Witmarsum in January or February of 1961.

The Mennonite Brethren Bible school at Bage, Brazil, concluded its term for this year on May 26. Brother John Wall, the principal, writes that the school was completed with the deep conviction that the Lord had been with the students and faculty. Brother Wilhelm Janzen, leader of the Bage Church, also writes of the Lord's abundant blessings upon the school. He also expresses much gratitude to the North American brotherhood for the assistance it has provided through the Board of General Welfare for the operation of the school. Without this assistance, he says, it would not have been possible to have a school. During the course of the school term two women students were baptized and received into church fellowship. Six students were graduated.

Saskatchewan M. B. Church Centennial

Hepburn, Sask. — Centennial Sunday was observed by the Mennonite Brethren Churches of North Sask. on June 18 in the District Auditorium at Hepburn.

Fine weather, thankful hearts, enquiring and evaluating minds, and good singing combined to make the day one of abundant blessing.

Led by Brother J. K. Schroeder, a selected choir sang most suitable hymns and anthems. Sister Breata Krahn also sang a song of praise.

As special speaker for the day, Brother F. C. Peters of Winnipeg graphically described the history of the M.B. movement from its beginning in South Russia in 1860 to its present situation. He then posed the question: "What do we stand for after one hundred years?" This he considered in its seven aspects—Is our faith still experiential and experimental? Does personal piety adorn all our Christians? Have we a deeper concept of the brotherhood? Have we a real sense of missionary responsibility? Have we a pure church? Is there a joyful looking forward to the Second Coming of Christ? We can now sit in judgement on the past, but we are humbled as we see where we have lost the vision of our forefathers. We need a real vision for our year of 1960. Our prayer should be for grace to

recognize the need of the hour and to know God's will for us here and now.

During the evening service, Dr. Peters used the account of Christ with the woman at the well in a message on Personal Witnessing. Christ found no place too unsuitable, no time too inconvenient, no person too bad, and no need too great in His ministry. Is the M.B. of today as ready to witness as was his brother of 100 years ago? Why does the present rate of membership increase now less than the birth-rate among our members? We need to ask God to revitalize our personal soul winning and accept the challenge to a walk and talk that is a daily witness to Him who has called us.

Mennonite Students Tour Europe

Thirty Mennonite college students and their tour leader, Prof. Silas Hertzler, Goshen, Ind., arrived in Europe June 13, for a 76-day stay in Europe. They will tour England,

Holland, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Germany, plus participating in a five week work camp in either France, Germany, Austria or Holland. This student tour was arranged by Menno Travel Service under the sponsorship of the Council of Mennonite and Affiliated Colleges. Current students or graduates of Bethel, Bluffton, Eastern Mennonite, Goshen and Tabor colleges comprise this 13th "European Educational Tour."

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"Hazel Weston and her brother Howard are off to Cornwall, to spend the summer with their dull — they think — Aunt Agnes and Uncle Hugh. They aren't looking forward to it; until Howard finds that a school friend Ralph will be near by. While there, they have interesting, though not only pleasant experiences."

Doris Finds the Way

By Eileen Heming. 127 pp.

Doris's idea of fun was to sit on the kerbstone and dangle her feet in the water that flowed along the gutter in the dingy

street where she lived. One of a large family, Doris knew little of what it meant to be loved and cared for, and the only real feeling she had was for Dimpsy, her one-armed rag doll, through whom she gained a real friend in the so-called Singing Lady.

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By James Cahill. 128 pp.

Colin Wedderburn, 17-year-old son of a missionary in China, and his friend Soo-Chu are out fishing when they are attacked by the Black Pirate, an outlaw who is wrecking havoc along that remote coast. Soo-Chu is killed and Colin captured. Colin is being tortured and while this takes place, a landing-party comes to shore and rescues him.

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Business Men's World Tour with a Missionary Objective

Dave Redekop

(Continuation from last issue)

We went back to Jerusalem. There I had the privilege of visiting our MCC office of which Miss Schneider, from Kitchener, was in charge. She told me that they had a relief centre in Jericho, one in Amman and an orphanage in Hebron. There are many Christian organizations operating in the Holy Land and doing a fine work. They certainly deserve our financial, moral and prayer support.

The next day, we left Jerusalem, went to the Mandelbaum Gate, crossed the No Man's Land and came to the Israeli side. After we had our papers in order with the Arabs, they took our baggage to the half-way mark in No Man's Land and left us and the baggage there. Then we had to take our own baggage and go over to the Israeli side where we were received very graciously. After about one hour and a half our papers were processed and the missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Medrow from Nazareth took us over to the YMCA hotel in Jerusalem. Here we had a meeting with about 40 Jewish business men, and we were told for some of these visitors, it was the first time that they ever attended an evangelical meeting. We trust that it will bear its fruit.

After our meeting, we had a sightseeing tour. One of the high-lights was to see an old Jewish synagogue and have explained to us by the Jew just how they worship. We also saw the scroll from which they read every Saturday. Then we were taken to Mount Zion which is considered a holy place for the Jews. Everyone that goes up to this place must have his head covered, which they also require in their synagogues. We bought these little skull caps for 50¢.

They showed us the upper room where Christ is to have had the Last Supper with His disciples. On Mount Zion they have several rooms packed with evidence of the atrocities preformed against the Jews. From there we went to see the tomb of king Herod and his family. Here we saw, what they claim to be, the only round stone used for closing the grave. In the evening a special meeting was arranged for us Christian business men and because they could not advertise it as an evangelical meeting, they had advertized it as a special musical program. Fortunately we did not have to render the music, but it did give a number of us an opportunity to testify.

The next day we left Jerusalem and made our way north. We passed through the town of Lydda, formerly called Lydia. Here is Israel's only good airport. We continued our way north and noticed

the great difference in the country side. There was much evidence of warfare between the Arabs and Israel. There were burnt out tanks and trucks beside the road. They are left there as their monument of the battle of Liberation. We also noticed the difference between the Israeli and the Arab side. Here were green fields, orange groves, banana trees and many grapes which are produced in this area. We passed through the Valley of Megiddo, where many outstanding battles have been fought and where the last battle, the Battle of Armageddon is to take place. Today it looks peaceful and serene. It is one of the most fertile places in the Holy Land. We passed Mount Tabor and many other mountains mentioned in the Bible. Mr. Medrow showed us the place where Gideon is to have taken his men and tested them at the brook. Then we came to Nazareth, the town where Christ spent His childhood. Presently it is a completely Arab town. The Jews are building a new Nazareth on top of the hill, although the towns have nothing in common. We saw the place where Mary is to have lived with her parents. There is a Catholic church built over this spot. We also saw the synagogue where Christ attended when He was a boy. Then there is the world famous Mary's Well right in the heart of Nazareth, where women still come to fetch water.

We had a meeting in Nazareth, with about 60 prominent business men. One was the manager of Barceles Bank in Nazareth. We noticed a new problem here. The people thought they were Christians because they were born in Nazareth. They knew all about the Lord Jesus. We tried to make it plain to them, that it was more than a matter of knowing about Him, but rather a matter of knowing Him as their personal Saviour.

The next day we made a trip to the Sea of Galilee. We passed Cana, the place where Christ performed His first miracle. We came to Tiberias, a beautiful little town at the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It is far more modern than the other towns around there and it has become a resort for tourists. We rented a boat and went out on the Sea of Galilee, for it was this Sea where Christ walked on the water and where He challenged Peter to come and meet Him.

From Tiberias we travelled north and we passed the hill from which Christ spoke the Beatitudes. We also passed the place where He is to have fed the 4,000. We saw the natural amphitheatre, where they say that Christ spoke to the throng from a boat, and we went to the old temple that has been excavated.

By marked ensign as on the stones it was evident that the temple was built before the birth of Christ. It was dinner-time and so we went to the shore on the Sea of Galilee and sat down and read the Scriptures connected with the various incidents of the Life of Christ in this area. We had a little prayer meeting there, and tried to visualize the different scenes as they took place almost 2,000 years ago. Then we had our lunch. The sun was shining on this beautiful lake and it was hard to visualize how this peaceful water could become turbulent, but the missionaries told us that they had some real storms on the Sea of Galilee.

(To be continued)

Refugee Movement to West Germany Increases

Frankfurt, Germany MCC—The refugee movement from East Berlin and East Germany has increased during the last several months. According to the US Mission in Berlin, during April, the number of refugees from Soviet occupied Germany arriving at the Marienfeld reception center in West Berlin increased to a total of 15,402 compared with a total of 9,814 in March. The daily average in April was 513, compared with a daily average of 316 in March. For the first four months of 1960 the cumulative total was 38,435 compared with 28,743 during the first four months of 1959.

The real significance of these figures may be difficult to interpret. They do, however, communicate the immense problems and responsibilities in a limited geographical area the Christian church must face.

The officially proclaimed **World Refugee Year** ends June 30, 1960, but the concerns to which this special year spoke have not ended—neither officially or unofficially. The task remains: Settlement is the answer for some, rehabilitation is a definite need for others; an easy theoretical or practical solution is not imminent.

Don't Be Left Behind

(Continued from page 6-4)

One day, as usual, he arrived at the stand in good time. The bus had not yet come in, and when it did, would wait for a few minutes. Mr. M. thought he would fill in the time by looking at the posters. Only he was so engrossed that he did not hear the bus come in, and when at last a noise attracted his attention he was just in time to see the bus departing along the road, and there was no hope of catching it! Did you say, How silly? I am wondering whether you are doing something much more foolish.

Most of you go to Sunday school, and want to go to heaven. Your teachers tell you that Jesus said, "I am the Way," and you have

learned the text in Acts 16 which says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Going to Sunday school is like going to the bus stop. You are at the right place, and you know what to do to get to heaven. But then you get so interested in all sorts of things around you that even if you think seriously about receiving the Lord Jesus as your own Saviour, you put it off until another time. And if you put it off any more, your opportunity may be gone, and you may never reach heaven at all. His coming can take place at any time, and if you do not belong to Him, He will leave you behind for judgment.

Make sure of salvation by receiving Him now, and then you won't be left behind.

Mr. Isaac Schroeder †

Herbert, Sask. — Our husband and father Isaac Schroeder, was born to his parents John Schroeder and Justina (nee Nickel) Schroeder in Nikolaievka South Russia, on November 12, 1882.

Dad received his education at Kronstadt, Ignatjevka. Here he realized his lost condition and accepted Christ as his Saviour. On August 12, 1905 he was baptized and accepted into the M.B. Church. During his youth in Ignatjevka he met his beloved wife and partner Gertrude Schellenberg. Realizing that North America was a land of opportunity, they were married on September 30, 1903 and sailed for Canada three weeks after their wedding as their honeymoon. They arrived in Winkler, Manitoba. Two years later both of their families followed them. The parents of our father settled at Main Centre Sask. In 1905 Dad and Mother, too, took up a homestead at Main Centre. They built a sod house and experienced real pioneering there.

Dad was a courageous man and in spite of hard times, he by God's grace took his family through disheartening times. With these temporal responsibilities, God gave Dad higher duties to perform. For 20 years he invested some of his time in the ministry of music at the M.B. church of Main Centre since music was his specialty. Later he reached out to other districts where he organized Sunday schools, Christian endeavors, and at every possible opportunity he got an evangelist and had a campaign. Here God blessed with souls in one of these campaigns conducted by Rev. Art Stewart, 22 souls were saved in one night, four of these were out of our family. They formed a mixed quartette and have been used much by the Lord. Dad gave programs and opened doors for Christian service. At least nine of these converts are in foreign fields, serving their Lord and Master. Thus the Lord has richly blessed his services.

After retiring at Herbert in 1941, Dad took up a mail route for 11

What are the Objectives of a Public School Education?

H. T. Huebert, M.D.

Our public schools play a vital role in society; many people receive basic training in them, then continue on to the higher centres of learning, while others have no additional education. In either case, the school plays a significant part in the development of the individual. It concerns the well-being of each citizen to a sufficient degree to make important the consideration of what we expect of the schools, what the objectives should be; the quality of the products will, to a large extent, determine the future of our country and civilization. Let us discuss several points of view in an attempt to clarify and organize ideas concerning this subject.

School should teach the pupil how to think. It is impossible to teach the pupil what to do for each situation in life, therefore, it is better to teach him the approach to and attitude toward problems whatever they may be. This presumably results in a mature rational individual who can, within reasonable limits, cope with any

situation. In his book "The Restoration of Learning" Dr. Arthur Bestor says:

"Genuine education, in short, is intellectual training... it means nothing more than deliberate cultivation of the ability to think", and several paragraphs later he continues, "The basic argument for the intellectual discipline in education is not that they lift a man's spirit above the world, but they equip his mind to enter the world and perform its tasks."

Too great emphasis on this facet of education, however, presents several difficulties. First of all, I am not at all certain that the process of "thinking" can be taught. Certainly very many people spend as little time as possible engaged in this activity. Those who seem unable to tackle problems by throwing the cool clear light of reason on them are left completely in the darkness of ignorance by this emphasis. People who are capable of thinking probably will do so on their own without specific attempt on the part of the teacher. Too

early and too great an emphasis on attitudes and approaches leaves the curriculum rather bare of facts and tends to make the whole school program a rather nebulous affair. I have the uncomfortable feeling that this leaves the pupil with very little knowledge and a report card reflecting more the attitude of the teacher than that of the pupil.

School should impart factual knowledge. This gives the pupil command of the simple skills which are a necessity in our society — such as reading, writing and mathematics. From these essentials it broadens out to include the more specific subjects such as geography, history, science, languages, and then reaches out to cover many other fields of human endeavor. Thinking processes must be built on a solid foundation of factual data before they can be of any use. The correct approach to a problem without a certain amount of knowledge is no more useful than knowledge without the correct approach.

With undue emphasis on this aspect of education, the student may accumulate a great warehouse of individual disjointed facts which have no relationship with the ordinary life around him. This makes the time, effort and money spent at school a waste, both for himself and society. He is not a more useful citizen than he would be without the "education" since it finds no application in his thoughts or actions.

School should give the pupil professional training. This prepares a pupil directly and specifically for a certain niche in society. The individual is able to step directly from the classroom into a predetermined place, having earning capacity and ability to produce from the time of graduation. There is no intervening period during which he is earning little or even expending capital on specific professional training. The tendency would be toward more specialization with presumably more skillful people filling positions sooner. It must be admitted, however, that with emphasis on this aspect of preparation for later life, the end products would be highly skilled, but extremely narrow-minded technicians — skilled in one field only. They have expended much of the time when they should be broadening their outlook in a general way and gathering knowledge in many fields in obtaining only one of the tools necessary for successful and useful existence in society.

Another drawback of early professional training is that the choice must be made earlier in life, when the pupil is hardly in a position to intelligently judge his own abilities or the demands of the various professions. In our society it is usually not necessary to make an early choice because of financial need, so that several years of general education would be possible prior to

launching out into a specific vocation.

Dr. Wilder Penfield, Chief of the Montreal Neurological Institute, recently remarked:

"I would say that it is a mistake to begin specialization in school or even in the first years of college. Get as much general education as possible in school and out... It is far easier to make a good specialist out of a young man who has been educated broadly in the out-set. His youthful mind has already looked out upon the world through many windows."

The word of one of the world's greatest medical specialists should perhaps, be seriously considered.

Of the three objectives mentioned, a proper balance of the first two seems to give the most reasonable answer. An attempt is made to develop the cerebral mechanisms and proper fuel is given with which this machine can be run.

Another, and most important objective, is the instillation of moral principles, the establishment of a faith in something greater than which is visible to the naked eye — a faith in God. How can a person be considered to know the literature when he has not studied the greatest literary work of all time — the Bible? How can he possibly know history when he is not familiar with the most important events of all the ages? Most important of all, how can he face the grim foreboding horizon of the future without a faith on which to anchor his frightened soul?

It has been suggested that religious teaching is the responsibility of the home and church — not of the school. I agree that the home and church should bear the prime responsibility, but just as the parents help with the arithmetic and spelling, so should the school augment the religious training. If there is a complete segregation of the secular from the religious, the pupil does not integrate the two into a proper working relationship in his life — instead of having harmony between the natural and the supernatural, many pupils are under the impression that they must choose either one or the other. Religious teaching, even if in the most general of terms, would tend to minimize this danger.

A paragraph from the Report of the Manitoba Royal Commission on Education very nearly summarizes my thoughts:

"The ultimate aim in education must be to free each man to make his own choices, his own judgments, his own decisions. A programme likely to move us toward that aim must be a curriculum designed to impart knowledge, cultivate the ability to think, train for a vocation, transmit the cultural heritage, and inoculate moral principles."

Add to this a steadfast faith in God and we have an individual who is able to fulfill any demands which society is liable to make of him.

years. It was a 50 mile round trip. In winter when there was no other way of transportation, the passengers went with the mail man. This, too, gave him an opportunity to witness for the Lord. Here in Herbert Dad had the joy and opportunity of rendering weekly his services in song to the Lord by accompanying different speakers in the "Home for the aged". Mother and Dad resided in Herbert until just last Christmas Eve, that is December 24, 1959 when they took up residence in Swift Current in order to be closer to their family.

God was gracious by permitting Dad to enjoy fairly good health till last spring, 1959. During the past year his health was failing. He was taken to the Herbert hospital on December 15, and released on December 24, to enjoy Christmas in the family circle. On February 2, he was taken back to the hospital, this time to Swift Current, where he remained until the time of his death. On February 29 he underwent surgery from which he awoke triumphantly rejoicing in the Lord, yet his physical condition gave way on March 2. The Lord did not permit him to have much pain. He was sitting up ten minutes earlier as usual, and then suddenly and quietly he slipped away to be with His Master and Lord. He reached the age of 77 years, 3 months and 19 days.

Our father was reared in a Christian family of 4 brothers and 5 sisters. All but one sister, Mrs. Tena Redekop, have preceeded him in death. Also his son Bill and

daughter Elizabeth Peters and one son in infancy have already gone to meet their Maker.

Dad leaves to mourn his beloved wife Gertrude, now residing in Swift Current and 13 of his 16 children, John of Chilliwack, B.C.; Pete of Billings Montana; Henry, Victor, and Emma and Mrs. Clarence Peters of Swift Current; Mrs. Mary Penner of Reedley California; Art of Elko, B.C.; Jake and Abe of Main Centre; Mrs. Hulda Brown missionary to Africa; Mrs. Luella Epp, Regina; Mrs. Lenora Giesbrecht, Waldheim; 32 grand children and 7 great grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

We are thankful to God, that all but one (who could not get to town because of the snowstorm) of the members of the family from far got home on time for the funeral. The church was filled at the funeral service. Rev. J. S. Adrian was in charge. We heard a solo, a German message by Rev. John Goertzen, a ladies trio which sang "Ich werde kein Fremdling dort sein" and an English message by Rev. Adrian on the theme, "The Immortal Soul". In the message Rev. Adrian spoke of the contribution which Dad had made in the field of music and how he had served the Lord with his gifts. The speaker also stressed the blessed hope, which Christians have, of being raised from the dead and that death is but a transporting agent, who transfers the believer from this life to the eternal, glorious eternal life in the beyond.

The bereaved family.

Winkler Bible School Reunion

The Lord willing, a reunion of all who have been Pniel students, teachers or board members (as well as wife or husband of same) is to take place at the Winkler Bible Camp (Burwalde), on Sunday, August 14, at 2 p.m. (C.S.T.)

An interesting program, both formal, and informal, is planned.

Each one is asked to bring his own lunch.

For information please write to Alumni President, John Froese, Box 19, Newton Siding, Man.

Revival Blessings in the Choco

By Vernon A. Reimer

"Thy power and the righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens." (Psalm 71:19, RSV).

Rev. Joes Andrade, who preaches daily over HCJB radio station, Quito, Ecuador, was with us in the Colombian Choco from May 14 to 25. He ministered in Andagoya, Bebedo, Noanama and Istmina. Though his stay in the former two villages was merely overnight, his messages stirred hearts as the Spirit worked. Some believers rejoiced to see and hear personally this brother whom they hear over the radio. Others are hoping to obtain pre-tuned battery radios to listen to "The Voice of the Andes" regularly.

In Istmina, 14 young people and adults made professions of faith. One of these, a young lady, had previously attended services, but

confessed that "sin" to the priest. But she could not resist the Spirit's working and she boldly made her decision for the Lord. Praise God! Soon after the meetings a 16-year-old boy came to our house accompanied by his brother (who was saved in Colegio Los Andes) that we might show him the way of salvation! For all of these new converts and others we have begun a Bible class to help them gain assurance of salvation and to establish them as mature, witnessing Christians.

Several believers have manifested their desire for baptism. In a class which we began for candidates last Sunday, 10 attended. Most of them are young people. Pray for them, for they are the future of the Choco church!

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August 14. — A reunion of all who have been Pniel students, teachers or board members (as well as wives or husbands of same) is to take place at the Winkler Bible Camp (Burwalde) at 2 p.m. (CST)

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In the 1930's I was the High School Principal, first at Matsqui, and then at Mission. In 1943 I became a School Trustee in Chilliwack and in 1947 was the president of the B.C. School Trustees Association. I remained a trustee until 1958.

It was my experience as a School Trustee that convinced me of the need for a change in Victoria.

We are spending a lot of money on education and as good citizens we are glad to spend it, but we are not getting value for the money spent and the cost is not being distributed fairly.

I stand for a vigorous and challenging curriculum in our schools that will extend the powers of our young people whether scholarly or practical; I stand for a better sharing of the load of school costs between the Province and the local district — the Province controls every detail of the basic program and has a broader base for taxation than the local districts. The province should pay at least 80% of the operating costs of our schools.

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