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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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M. B. Bible College Opening

The opening exercises of the M. B. Bible College was held in the M. B. Collegiate Institute auditorium on Sunday evening of Oct. 2.

Rev. H. R. Baerg read Psalm 19 after which he led in a prayer of invocation.

President J. A. Toews gave a brief report about the present student body. Registration figures show that there are 133 full-time and 71 evening students. Of the 133 students there are 39 who came from B.C., 17 from Alberta, 15 from Saskatchewan, 38 from Manitoba, 19 from Ontario, 4 from the U.S.A., and one from Germany. Twenty students are married and the rest of them are single. There

are 62 lady students and 71 are men. Twenty nine have attended university, 57 Bible school and 129 high school. Fifteen of the students are nurses, 29 teachers, 42 came from other schools, 14 are business men, 10 are farmers and 22 had other occupations.

Forty three students have enrolled for the Th.B. course, 66 for the B.Ed., 19 for Music, and 4 for General Bible. Seven students are members of non-M.B. churches and the rest of them are M.B. church members. The average age of the students is 23.9.

Teachers of the College are the following: J. A. Toews, president,
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"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High; To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night." —Psalm 92:1-2.

VBS at Neuwied, Germany



Vacation Bible school at Neuwied, Germany. Teachers in the back row from left to right: Inge-Heide Gatzke, Dorlie Schnitzler, Brother and Sister Cornelius L. Balzer (Winnipeg) and Louise Schmitz.

Forty children attended the annual Vacation Bible School of the Neuwied Church in Germany from August 2 to 12. Sixteen children, most of them from Mennonite Brethren families residing in various parts of Germany, were taken into boarding during that time. Brother and Sister Cornelius Balzer (Winnipeg) were in charge of the school. The closing program, consisting of numerous songs which the children had learned, the presentation of many Scripture passages, stories and poems and the display of handwork, was enjoyed by children and parents.

A. J. Neufeld (Steinbach, Man.) was to be the principal speaker in a Bible conference in Neuwied, Germany, from September 25 to Oc-

tober 8. In the ministry of music he was to be assisted by the Cornelius Balzers. Brother Neufeld was to speak each evening and also serve as guest speaker of the harvest-thanksgiving-mission festival on September 25.

H. H. Janzen (Winnipeg) and A. J. Neufeld (Steinbach) continue a full and strenuous schedule of evangelistic services and Bible conferences in Europe. May we continue to implore God's blessing upon their ministry. Brother Janzen is scheduled to minister as follows during the coming weeks: October 9-15, a union Bible conference in Alsace, France; October 21-23, a Bible course in a Mennonite church in Alsace; October 26-30, a Bible course in a Mennonite church in Switzerland; November 2-6, a Bible conference in Gronau, Germany, with Mennonite Brethren and Baptists. Brother Neufeld is scheduled to minister as follows: September 25 to October 9, deeper life and evangelistic services in Neuwied, Germany; October 10-16, evangelistic services in the Bern Mennonite church in Switzerland; October 19 to 30, deeper life and evangelistic services in Neustadt church in Germany; November 6-13, evangelistic services in the Vienna Mennonite church in Austria.

M. B. B. I. Begins With 70 Students



Clearbrook, B.C. — A sunny September 26 marked the commencement of the new school term at the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute at Clearbrook, B.C. Many eager students came. Their high expectations and ambitions were met with the words of John the Baptist: "He must increase, but I must decrease," as Rev. H. H. Nikkel spoke to the student body. To date, some 70 students have been registered, while 10 more are expected.

Our faculty consists of: Rev. George G. Konrad, principal, Mr. H. P. Neufeldt, Rev. H. H. Nikkel, Rev. J. B. Epp, newly appointed

registrar, and Rev. Nick Willems, newly appointed Dean of Students.
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Baptism and Sunday School Promotion at Port Rowan

August 28 was a day of great blessing for the M. B. Church at Port Rowan, Ont. Five young people decided to follow the Lord in the step of obedience, namely in baptism. They were: Marlene Neuman, Dorothy Krahn, Eleanor and Margaret Thiessen and Robert Heinrichs.

The afternoon service was held

outdoors at Big Creek, which is just east of the church. The Lord had provided a pleasant day. This helped to make the outdoor baptismal service a success. The choir's song added to the blessing of the service. Then the congregation proceeded to the church, where the five newly baptized members were

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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving Without Complacency

Not all thanksgiving is good. There was once a man who said, "I thank thee, that I am not as other men are." Then he catalogued the differences, and paraded before the Lord what he thought were his virtues. This kind of thanksgiving brought the censure rather than the praise of Jesus.

"It is a good thing to give thanks." But it has its hazards, and complacency is one of the greatest of them. Complacency can transform thanksgiving into selfish boasting and self-congratulation.

One form of complacency is the underlying assumption that we should have credit for the good things we enjoy. We look at our gathered harvests and smugly remember that we have them only because we worked hard for them. We look at all our comforts and conveniences and, even while we thank God for them, ponder the inventive genius of ourselves and our fellows. As we thank God for symphonies and poetry and paintings, we wonder what it must be like to belong to the lesser breeds who cannot produce and enjoy the marvels of the arts. And so our thanksgiving is nothing more than the surges of superiority feelings.

Related to this is the complacency with which we regard those who are less fortunate. The Pharisee who thanked God that he was not like other men had a great contempt for the poor publican. The churchman who walks in a strict morality may regard with disdain the poor fellow for whom temptation has been too strong. The well-heeled aristocrat in the ranch house on the hill may look down superciliously (with raised eyebrows) on the tenement shacks along the foul-smelling creek. And the proud American, lolling in the highest standard of living ever known to man, thanks God that he does not belong to the teeming "heathen" of the African and Asian jungles who have hardly begun to stir out of their stone-age lethargy.

Let us try this Thanksgiving season to raise to our God a pure praise, unmixed with the taint of proud complacency. Let us heed the challenge, "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" Let us remember that to be better off does not in itself make us better. Let us be aware that one who rides in a sleek 1960 model car may be making absolutely no spiritual progress, and that one whose heating is thermostatically controlled may still "blow his top." Let us ponder until we can admit that all we give thanks for we have by God's good grace, and not at all by our deservings.

Most of the things for which we give thanks we can share. The gospel which has gladdened our hearts we can tell to others. The rich store on which we live we can share, either in kind or through money gifts. We can use our good health in energetic service to God and man. We can send our sons and daughters as voluntary service or relief workers or as missionaries to those who need them. We can share the peace and love in our hearts by the reconciling word and the helping hand. To thank God only that our store is increasing has no virtue or beauty.

The best thanks will arise this Thanksgiving, not in the cold sequestration of some sanctuary where the self-righteous gather but from glowing hearts in humble places; from some unelaborated, "God, we thank Thee"; from the simple who truly wonder why God has been so kind; from the kindly who are embarrassed because their horn of plenty is so full while others have so little.

Guest editorial by Paul Erb, Gospel Herald

Thanksgiving

There is so much, dear Lord, for which to praise
Besides the crops which Thou didst help to raise.
The fertile soil upon which they were grown
Is really Thine and not our own.

We praise Thee for the homes we have on earth
And for our home in heaven through new birth.
But most of all, dear gracious Lord, today
We praise Thee for clear minds which know to pray.

—Barbara Shenk

DEVOTIONAL

The Beauty of Gratitude

Thanksgiving! We hear much about being thankful, for it is the Thanksgiving season. But is it merely a custom or are we really thankful? The Thanksgiving season should last the year round. Christians, especially, have much to be thankful for, but so often our thanks may be a mere formality! When we express our thanks for our daily meals, do we really mean to be thankful, or is it just a routine we go through every time we sit down to the table? Sometimes we hear people engage in all kinds of complaints while sitting down to a table loaded with good food. They go through an expression of thanks, but as soon as the "Amen" is said, they begin to complain again, even about the food itself.

Our thankfulness should be sincere and truthful, not a mere form. The eyes and ears of the outside world are open to the actions of professed Christians, and their inconsistencies are one of the great hindrances to the progress of Christianity.

The Bible speaks of celebrations after harvest. The Feast of the Tabernacles, beginning the "fifteenth day of the seventh month" and continuing for seven days, was celebrated by the ancient Hebrews at the completion of the harvest.

David said, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name" (Ps. 100:4). The psalmist was continually overflowing with gratitude for the goodness and mercy of God toward man. David realized that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights." Nothing is more beautiful than a grateful Christian who gives God thanks in everything.

We read in I Thessalonians, "In everything give thanks." But in Ephesians Paul has a stronger message, "Giving thanks always for all things." It is easy to enumerate things for which we should be thankful, for the materials for thankfulness abound on every hand. We have personal mercies—sound minds, healthy bodies, a good education, home, and food. We have family mercies—kind and loving parents, brothers and sisters, loved ones in glory. Spiritual mercies—the Bible, the Lord's day, family altar, psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, Christian friends, and a home in heaven with an inheritance incorruptible, joint heirs with Christ. Let us give thanks!

A minister, passing one day near a cottage, was attracted to its door by the sound of an earnest voice within. The house was bare and lonely, the home of a childless woman, old and poor. Drawing near the cottage, the minister made out

these words, "All this, and Jesus, too," repeated over and over in tones of deep devotion, wonder, gratitude, and praise. His curiosity was aroused, and he desired to know what called forth such fervent, overflowing thanks. He looked through the broken window. There, in the form of a gray, bent, worn-out daughter of toil, with hands raised to God and her eyes fixed on some crusts of bread and water, sat in humility and contentment exclaiming, "All this, and Jesus, too!"

Are you truly thankful for the hard places in your life? Paul and Silas were roughly handled by Roman authorities because they dared to preach boldly the Gospel of Christ in the presence of their enemies. Their clothes were torn from their backs; they were cruelly beaten, cast into prison, and left in charge of a heartless officer. Evening passed into midnight. All was quiet. But listen! What is that sound coming from the inner prison? The souls of Paul and Silas are overflowing with joy—joy unspeakable, that they are counted worthy to suffer for Christ. Their voices express their praise and gratitude to God. The ears of the inmates, accustomed to oaths and curses, now were listening to the sweetest duet they ever heard! Can you and I be heroes and heroines, carrying burdened and crushed hearts with thankfulness and smiling faces? If we carry our cross with a smile, others may be benefited by our gratitude.

Another example of praise in the Old Testament, found in I Samuel, comes from the heart of a mother, overflowing with love and gratitude for the birth of a new son. This song must have risen to God as a "sweet sacrifice."

So today, a life that is filled with praise and thanksgiving to God is

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CHURCH NEWS

Highlight Experiences on Promotion Day

Horndean, Man. — Promotion Day Exercises were held in the Gospel Light Mission in Horndean, on Sunday October 2 at 10:30 a.m. The regular Sunday school hour was shortened to allow time for a program. Mr. H. Neufeld, superintendent, was chairman for the service. After a brief word of welcome by the superintendent, the classes presented their items, consisting of songs, memory verse quiz, promotion acrostic, and a panel discussion by the Seniors. The theme of the discussion was "What I Expect of the Sunday School."

These class presentations were followed by the teachers' testimonies. Rev. P. Martens then delivered a message on "Promotion of the Sunday School" under the following four points: The pupil, the parents, the teachers and the church. For each division Rev. Martens pointed out the obligations, privileges, and rewards. The climax of the service was the dedicatory prayer for the teachers, namely, Mr. Frank Friesen, adult Bible Class; Mr. Henry Neufeld, Senior and Intermediate classes; Mrs. Hardy Kehler, Junior class; Miss Cleo Heinrichs, Primary class and Miss Beryl Stoesz, Beginner's Class.

Cleo. Heinrichs.

An All-Day Blessing

Mt. Lehman, B.C. — The day proved to be a blessed one for all who were present at the East Aldergrove M. B. Church Thanksgiving service on Sept. 25, 1960. The service was begun with a prayer meeting led by Rev. George Warkentin, in which several participated. In the forenoon, Mr. A. J. Esau, missionary on furlough from Africa, spoke in German on texts from Psalm 65:10-14 and Psalm 67 stressing God's faithfulness in having supplied our needs throughout the past year. Truly we have many reasons for thankfulness. This was followed by an English address by

bound to win others to Christ. Be thankful for the bounties God has bestowed upon you, even though the way seems dark. It may mean a sacrifice, but when we consider the great sacrifice He made in giving His only begotten Son to save us from our sins, our hearts should be filled with praise and thanksgiving. Then consider the blessed hope we have in Christ. This makes our hearts well up with joy. Truly eternity will not be long enough to thank and praise our blessed Lord for all His mercy and grace.

By E. Roth Eash

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the church pastor, Rev. Herman Voth, who chose a text from Luke chapter 5 and showed how the Lord used common things in His service as He used Peter's boat for a pulpit.

Between the forenoon and afternoon sessions, all enjoyed a hearty meal.

The afternoon service, in which missions was stressed, began at 2:00 p.m. We were privileged to have with us the beloved Dr. A. H. Unruh. He spoke to us in German. His text was Rom. 1:14-16 and he showed that the power of missions is the Holy Ghost and the constraining motive should be the love of Christ. We were thrilled by Dr. Unruh's love and zeal for the cause of missions in spite of his advanced age.

The second address was given by Mr. A. J. Esau, who spoke on the supreme sacrifice required by missions as shown by Christ's suffering (Isaiah 53:1-12). The great cost of missions is only part of the great price Christ had to pay.

During the services the church choir served with several suitable songs.

In the evening of the same day we were privileged to have the Kennedy Heights M. B. Church young people serve us with a program which consisted of two choir songs, a trio selection, a drama, a solo and a message. The drama, called "As a Thief in the Night," dealt with the imminent return of the Lord and how terrible it would be if we should not be ready. It stirred our hearts. The message was given by the Kennedy Heights pastor, Rev. Nick Willms. A fellowship lunch, prepared by the Aldergrove young people, was served to the guests.

It was a day of rich blessing. Now the question is, whether we are going to do what we have heard. May we be found faithful in this.

Esther Klassen.

New M.B. Church at Hague

Hague, Sask. — The Mission Chapel of the Mennonite Brethren Church formerly situated in the East Reinfeld School District was recently moved to the town of Hague. Its pastor is the Rev. Jacob H. Kehler of Foam Lake. Mr.

and Mrs. Kehler and family moved to Hague after residing at Foam Lake, Sask., for the past four years. Originally they came from Manitoba. The family consists of 3 sons, all students at the Hague school, and a daughter Roseanne, who teaches music.

Hutterites Turned Down in Alberta

The Alberta government has turned down an application from the OK Hutterite Colony at Warner to establish a seventh Hutterite colony in Warner County. The Alberta cabinet ruled that in view of the six Hutterite colonies now taking up 50 per cent of the land in Warner County, it is in the best interests of both the Hutterites and the County that an additional colony should not be allowed at the present time.

Southern Baptists have started 10,252 missions and churches since the beginning of the "30,000 Movement" on June 1, 1956, according to program director C. C. Warren. The movement seeks to establish 20,000 missions and 10,000 churches by 1964.

Sod-Turning Ceremony



Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the South End M. B. Church is turning the sod in the presence of many members and other spectators.

The South End M.B. Church of Winnipeg had its sod-turning ceremony on September 15 at the corner of Portage Ave. and Raglan Road.

For twenty years the church building at the corner of William and Juno has been our house of prayer. The ever increasing number of Sunday school pupils made it necessary to provide additional

room for a more successful instruction of God's Word.

Before the initiative steps toward the construction of a new building were made, God's Word (Ezra 3:10-11) was read and the carrying out of the entire project was committed to the Lord in prayer.

It required strenuous effort and many hours of consultation and

counselling on the part of the Finance and Building Committees before the lot could be acquired and before the sod-turning could take place. We are grateful to the brethren who have served in this capacity. Our prayer is that the Lord will edify our Church, that sinners be saved and that the name of our Lord be praised and magnified.

J. P. Neufeld.

Thanksgiving and Missions at Morden

The Morden M. B. Church observed its annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Mission Festival on Sunday, September 25. Guest speakers for the occasion were Rev. J. A. Toews and Rev. D. K. Duerksen, both of Winnipeg.

Using I Chron. 29:6-22 as his text in the morning service, Rev. Toews spoke on "Whole-Hearted Giving in the Kingdom of God." Stressing a proper attitude to the things we possess, Rev. Toews stated that it was our obligation to possess a real spirit of sacrifice, which ultimately gives real joy and fellowship.

Rev. Duerksen spoke on "Thankfulness," basing his remarks on Deut. 8:6-18 and pointing out some of the practical aspects of giving and of thankfulness.

During the afternoon service, Rev. Duerksen showed by means of some illustrations from church history and history of missions, the

relationship between "the sent" and "the world." From Luke 10:1-3, Rev. Duerksen pointed out the prerequisite of faith for the present and in the days to come.

In his final message, Rev. Toews spoke on the topic, "The Expansion of our Missionary Effort," based on Acts 16:4-10. He stated that those who are inwardly prepared and active in God's kingdom, "being led of the Spirit," receive new visions for missions. Rev. Toews suggested the urgency of the call to missionary expansion and showed what great blessings result from such expansion.

During the afternoon service, Missionaries Sarah Peters and Mrs. Wm. Baerg, gave some practical reports of their work in Africa.

We are indeed grateful to God for this day of blessing when we received a new vision and challenge for God's great work.

Frank J. Friesen

Board of General Welfare

Sunday, November 6, is the day suggested for Peace Sunday observance and November 11 follows in that week. The conference centennial festival at Reedley will be held the following Sunday. The cover of a church bulletin to be made available to the churches will be captioned "The Gospel of Light in a World of Darkness." How can the gospel reach communist nations? How will the gospel advance under nationalism? What does the gospel have to say to militarism? What is the task of the church in a world in crisis? Such questions and challenges will be presented on the bulletin for consideration by the churches on Peace Sunday.

Workers of our churches in Brazil met at Curitiba for their first inspirational meeting September

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received in the church. This was followed by the Lord's Supper.

We were richly blessed on this day. May the Lord bless the new members of the church and make them a blessing to the church.

September 25 was Sunday school promotion day at the M. B. church. The children of the classes from nursery to intermediate presented some lovely songs, directed by Mrs. Frank Wall. Rev. J. A. Penner and Rev. A. Pauls asked for the Lord's blessing and help for the teachers in the coming year. This was followed by a message from Rev. Peter Reimer. He used the Scripture passages Ephesians 4:11-16 and I Cor. 3:5-7 to show how we can obtain Biblical standards for our Sunday school.

The ministry of the Sunday school needs the support of our prayers. Let us help in this way.

Mrs. Linda Penner

2 to 4. Participation and interest of the various churches were encouraging. Theme of the conference was "Gemeindebau," strengthening of the spiritual life of the church. The theme was developed as follows: Strengthening of the church through: 1) Preaching and teaching; 2) Church discipline; 3) the Sunday school; 4) Extension work.

A Sunday school teachers' conference was conducted in the Bage Church in Brazil during August by Frank Peters, Board worker in that church.

A warm letter of appreciation for the services of Brother and Sister Hans Kasdorf in Blumenau, Brazil, has come from a brother of the church. Brother Wilhelm Poetter reports that through their services God has blessed and increased the ministry of the Blumenau Church. The Kasdorfs are supported in their work in Blumenau by the Board of General Welfare.

Arndt Funk is a medical missionary among leprosy victims in eastern Paraguay supported by the Board of General Welfare. He reports the recent receipt of 200 bales of clothing and 200 copies of the Spanish New Testament from MCC in Asuncion for distribution to leprosy victims and their families. He says the people are impressed by these distributions "in the name of Christ." Recently he was accompanied on one of his circuits by his brother Harold who is a minister and who does gospel work among Paraguayans. Spanish tracts are received for this work through Albert Enns in Asuncion.

Women's Musical Club Program

Steinbach pianist Glenn Loewen will be a featured performer on the

1960-61 program of the Women's Musical Club of Winnipeg.

Mr. Loewen, winner of the club's 1960 scholarship award, will headline the Feb. 13 concert in Winnipeg's civic auditorium. Also appearing with Mr. Loewen will be other Manitoba talents.

The club program opens Oct. 17 with a concert by Toronto's Hart House Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Boyd Neel. Other concerts, all starting at 2 p.m. in the civic auditorium, will feature former Winnipeg violinist Frederick Grinke (Nov. 7), American mezzo-soprano Betty Allen (Jan. 16) and duo pianists Parsons and Poole (Mar. 6).

The Executive of the Women's Musical Club extends an invitation to all who are interested in music to join the Club. The fee is \$8.00. Details about the 1960-61 program can be obtained from Membership Chairman Mrs. R. S. Bowles at GL 3-0269.

Manitoba Mennonite Teachers Conference

Approximately 100 teachers, school board members, ministers and friends attended the Manitoba Mennonite Teachers' Conference which was held at Altona on October 1. Religion and the German language were the main reasons for the meeting.

Some of the themes discussed at the Conference were, "How Can an Enthusiasm be Created in our young People for the German Language?" — "The Importance of the Attitude of the Teacher toward Religious and German Subjects," — "German Libraries in Our Schools."

Mr. Henry Wiebe of Winnipeg was chairman of the Conference. The newly elected chairman is Mr. David Friesen of Winkler. Miss Susan Hildebrand was elected as secretary.

A Welcome Fellowship

The young people of the Clearbrook M.B. Church had a time of fellowship with those students who are rooming and boarding here in town. Our meeting took place on the Clearbrook fairgrounds in the evening of September 30. All present enjoyed the corn roast and the time of fellowship.

Ruth Enns.

New Aid Plan Office

Reedley, Calif. — The new Mennonite Aid Plan office building was dedicated here on Saturday, September 17. Housed in the building are also the offices of the Pacific Mennonite Aid Society, a society providing family benefits in the event of death. The Aid Plan is a fire insurance organization.

The 24x32 foot structure is entirely air-conditioned. It is of concrete and brick and contains an 8x16 foot record storage vault.

Mr. A. A. Schroeter is secretary-treasurer of the Aid Plan and Pacific Aid Societies.

Jacob Huebner in Hospital

Brother Jacob Huebner, Jr., of Manitou, Man., was taken to the General Hospital in Winnipeg on Monday, October 2. His illness is severe and God's children are asked to pray in his behalf.

Change of Address

Former address: Rev. H. S. Rempel, 308 — 24th Street West, Saskatoon, Sask.

Present address: 1114 Ave. B N., Saskatoon, Sask.

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H. R. Baerg, David Ewert, F. C. Peters, C. C. Wall, J. J. Toews, Herbert Giesbrecht, Victor Martens, Peter Klassen, Wanda Dick and Abram Schellenberg, the latter two being part-time teachers.

The two students Edmund Janzen of Ontario and David Epp of B.C. gave testimonies at the opening festival. The main message of the evening was presented by Rev. David Ewert. He had chosen the theme, "Divine Revelation", based on Rev. 10:8f. The speaker emphasized the receiving, the understanding and the propagation of the divine revelation.

The four songs: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; Jesu meine Freude; Jesus is My Joy and Pleasure and Bis an mein Ende hin were sung by the students under the direction of Mr. Victor Martens.

The closing prayer was said by Rev. J. J. Toews.

M.B.B.I. Begins with 70

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The student reception has been planned for Thursday evening of the first week. Purpose of the informal gathering is to help staff and students to become better acquainted. Student organization will also begin this week. A nominating committee will be appointed which will select nominees for the elections to follow.

An important coming event is the Fall Bible Conference scheduled for October 15-17. Rev. J. J. Toews will be the conference speaker and will be assisted by Rev. William Neufeld, Rev. Isaac Thiesen and Rev. A. H. Wieler. Sessions will be held in the Clearbrook M. B. church and MEI.

May it please God to refresh us spiritually in these days!

Mr. G. S. Dueck of the Eigenhof district, Manitoba, had a 44½ pound watermelon grown on his farm. He said it was the largest one of them all, but he had several more almost as big.



The Cause of Foreign Missions

Viola Janz (Herbert, Sask.), a registered nurse who has gone to India for the first term of service, is now in Shamshabad in language study. She says that she finds the Telugu language difficult but not impossible. She will continue to appreciate the prayers of the churches in the homeland. She is happy to be in India and is looking forward to the time when she will be able to use the Telugu language to give the Gospel message to the people in their own language.

Several letters from India indicate that there have been some rains to break the severe drought in the Shamshabad area. This is an answer to the prayers of God's people in India and here in the homeland. Shall we continue to pray that these rains may also spread farther south to Deverakonda, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet and the surrounding areas where there is a famine situation.

Anne L. Ediger (Winnipeg) writes from India that she is happy to have been assigned to help in making preparations for the girls and young women's camps and to serve as advisor to the girls. She further states that in her estimation the school program in India has made considerable progress. Shall we continue to intercede in behalf of Sister Ediger's responsibilities and also pray for the members of the Educational Committee and the national teachers in the India school system on our mission field. May the Lord preserve these schools as lighthouses that will ever show the way to eternal life to the many children and young people who attend them.

The children of some of our missionaries who are attending school away from their parents are commended to the intercession of the home churches. A number of them are clear across the ocean while obtaining their higher education. At present five of them attend Tabor College. They include: Paul Dick, son of J. J. Dicks (Vancouver, B.C.), now residing in British Columbia; Jack Kasper, son of the J. J. Kaspers (Chilliwack, B.C.) in India; Donald Unruh, son of A. A. Unruhs (Winkler, Man.) in India; Donald Wiens, son of the Roland Wienses (Reedley, Calif.) in Japan; and Stanley Wirsche, son of the D. A. Wirsches (Fresno, Calif.) on the South Texas field.

M. B. John, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Governing Council of the Mennonite Brethren Church of India, arrived in Los Angeles, Calif., on September 12. Brother John will attend the Biblical Seminary at Fresno for one semester during which time he

will visit churches on the West Coast. Thereafter he will visit churches in the Midwest and Canada. Brother John comes as the delegate representing the India Mennonite Brethren Church of some 24,000 baptized believers at the

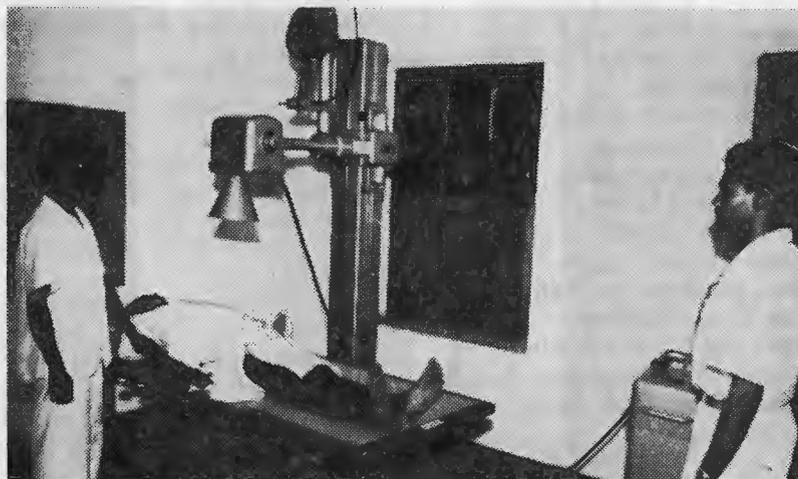
centennial conference. He has already enrolled in the M. B. Biblical Seminary and finds this new country very interesting and the people graciously hospitable.

G. B. Giesbrecht, currently visiting churches in Canada, is scheduled to return to Hillsboro for November 2. On November 3 he and J. B. Toews will attend a meeting in Chicago of the Board of Foreign Missions Office and the MCC Executive Committee at which problems related to the colonization of the Lengua and Chulupie Indians in Paraguay will be discussed.

John Klassen (Fresno, Calif.) in charge.

Sister Katie Isaak, who has so sacrificially served the Neuwied Church on a voluntary basis for about nine months, returned to her home and teaching profession in Winnipeg during August. Sister Isaak came to Europe on an extended vacation but while visiting at Neuwied, the Lord led her to accept the mighty challenge of the Neuwied M. B. Church project and she decided to put her life upon the altar of service for the Lord. Neuwied will never forget Sister Katie's labors during these months. In the kitchen and in the house she was Sister Vogt's right hand from cellar to attic. In the Wednesday children's classes she taught the little ones, in the youth group she assisted in many ways by active participation as well as by being a wholesome Christian influence, and in the choir she did her share to sing forth the glories of God. Her soft and pleasant nature, her willingness to serve and her faith and trust in God have blessed many. The Neuwied church took Sister Isaac into their heart and life, and their prayers of thanksgiving for the work done and petitions for her future welfare and spiritual success will continue to ascend to the throne of grace for many days. The Lord needs more such willing hearts and bodies in His service in Europe.

—J. W. Vogt



The X-ray room and equipment in Jadcherla Central Hospital with a technician preparing the patient for X-ray.



The medical dispensary room where patients call for their medicine and where pharmacists fill prescriptions prepared by the doctor for the various needs.



The reception room to which patients come for registration and assignment to the doctor or nurse. The outpatient room is also provided with filing facilities and other equipment necessary to take care of the patient's needs.

Dr. Jake Friesen (Fresno, Calif.) reports that the India medical center at Jadcherla now has an X-ray technician. This national brother took his X-ray training at Miraj. He is able to take care of the X-ray work at the medical center including the developing of the negatives and the microscopic work.

Max Woerlen spent most of August assisting in an Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Camp in southern Switzerland.

Construction of the buildings for the Brazil Bible school at Curitiba is progressing. Two buildings have been completed and the third is under construction. The Bible school is to open in January 1961 with

Questions Answered on the West Indies Mission in Cuba

1. It is true that the West Indies Mission is withdrawing its North American Missionaries from Cuba?

Yes! On August 15 the Mission's director, Rev. E. V. Thompson, in consultation (by telephone) with Cuba Superintendent Rev. Patrick Arnold, and with other Executive Committee members, felt the time had come to call our missionary staff out of Cuba. With the possibility of a revolution breaking out at any moment, and with new exit restrictions placed upon foreign residents, the precautionary move was necessary. Already a revolution is smoldering and is growing with every day. The outcome could be of a very serious nature, and under such circumstances our missionaries could be placed in real jeopardy.

2. Will the work be carried on in the absence of the North American missionaries?

Positively! Since the early years of the work in Cuba, responsibility for evangelism has been placed in the hands of the Cuban brethren. An Evangelical Association of Cuban churches with capable Cuban leaders will now take the whole burden of the work. Before the missionaries left Cuba, they met in conference with the Association's Assembly Committee and drew up

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THE Young Observers



Hello, Girls and Boys

Thanksgiving weekend! An extra day home from school. In Manitoba, the country schools often have Teacher Convention at this time. That makes it a really long break from school. Are you all happy to be home for a while? Of course you are. I hope the weather is just grand for all of you to romp around.

Thanksgiving Day! It makes us think of vegetables and pie and roast chicken or turkey. It makes us think of autumn leaves and bonfires. Our parents will think of storm windows and fuel for winter. And it makes me think of a poem I once learned.

Summer is gone, autumn is here,
This is the harvest for all the year.
Corn in the crib, oats in the bin,
Wheat is all threshed, barley drawn in.
Carrots in cellar, beets by their side;
Full is the hayloft—what fun to hide!
Apples are barrelled, nuts laid to dry,
Frost on the garden—winter is nigh.
Father in heaven, I thank thee for all—
Winter and springtime, summer and fall,
All Thine own gifts to Thee we bring;
Help us to praise Thee, our heavenly King.

May each one of you enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday. May it be a real time for saying thanks to God. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above."

Love, Aunt Helen

Pink Turkey

Bob knew there was something wrong as soon as he walked into the kitchen.

His sister Anne was frowning as she bent over the apples she was peeling.

"Bob, I could only get two tickets to the Thanksgiving game," she said. "I even went to the principal to see if he could get any extras. But no luck."

Bob sat down at the table and picked up a slice of apple.

"That's tough. What do we do now?" The question was directed at his mother, who was rolling pie dough. "Is Cousin Ralph coming for sure?"

His mother nodded. "Uncle Dave phoned this morning. They're coming. Ralph's been looking forward to seeing the Thanksgiving game—there's no football at his school."

Anne smiled. "I like the band and the drill the best of everything at the game. Don't you, Bob?"

"No!" Bob sounded disgusted. "You also like to wear a great big yellow chrystnthemum and yell your head off. That's all the game means to you."

"So what! It's fun!"

"Girls!" He made a wry face.

His mother frowned. "Come now. No bickering. Don't forget that thanksgiving means love and brotherhood."

"And turkey and pies," grinned Bob.

"And work and work," added Anne as she picked up another apple.

"Don't complain," chided her brother. "That's women's work."

She swung her arm back as if to heave the apple at him. He ducked and ran out of the kitchen.

"You forgot the garbage," his mother called.

He went back for the garbage and heard Anne mutter, "You could pluck pin feathers from the turkey." He pretended he didn't hear and kept going.

He spent the afternoon playing football with his friend Andy, and when he returned, Anne was drying dishes at the sink.

"Not done yet?" he asked.

His mother said, "You could have come home earlier and helped with the dishes."

"That's women's work," he protested.

His mother smiled. "A man can still be a man and tackle women's work once in a while."

"The dishes are finished, anyway," said Anne. "Phew—sure is a lot of work and still more tomorrow."

"Have you decided about the tickets?" asked their mother.

"How do we decide?" Bob frowned. "Well, it's our school. Ralph couldn't be half so interested as we are."

"He'll be awfully disappointed if he doesn't go. Guess he can have my ticket," said Anne.

Bob sighed with relief.

Next morning the aroma of turkey filled the house. Mother and Anne were already in the kitchen

working when Bob came down for breakfast. By the time he had finished his cereal, his father returned from the station with Ralph and his parents.

Bob put the big leaf in the dining room table. It's my biggest contribution to the meal, he thought. He felt a little sheepish about it, for his mother and sister looked tired.

Then he spent the rest of the morning entertaining Ralph.

"Dinner's ready!" called his mother.

They gathered at the table. "Looks delicious," said Uncle Dave. "And I hear you were one of the cooks, Anne."

Anne flushed. "I just helped. It was my contribution to the Thanksgiving dinner."

Bob sat back. Contribution. Putting the leaf in the table and dumping the garbage was his contribution to the meal. It surely wasn't much.

His mother interrupted his thoughts. "Will you give thanks?" she asked Father.

After the blessing, Bob watched intently as his father carved the turkey. "Please hand this white meat to your sister, Bob."

Bob took the plate, but before he passed it to her he laid a pink ticket on her plate.

"What's this?" she asked. "Pink meat? Pink turkey?"

Everyone laughed. Bob said, "That's my contribution to the Thanksgiving meal."

"Bob! Your ticket to the game." Anne stared at him. "But Bob. You said yourself that I don't know anything about the game."

Bob grinned. "You don't know anything about the game, but you always manage to have a super time."

Now Ralph protested. "But I don't have to go. It's your school."

Bob held up his hand. "Please, I want to do this. I want this to be my contribution to Thanksgiving Day."

His mother said softly, "Of course, son. It's all settled."

Later, when Anne and Ralph had gone, Bob helped his mother and aunt cleared the table. His mother said, "This was the nicest Thanksgiving Day I've ever had. Anne worked so hard—like a woman. And Bob—you just topped off the day. You gave like a man."

By Fern Simms

From Salvation Army's publication, "The Young Soldier"

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The Best Gifts

God is ever good and kind—
Everywhere we look we find
That His blessings on us rest,
Giving us just what is best.

Let us, then, for everything
Thank Him, and our praises bring;
For in all things, everywhere,
We His loving mercies share.



Mr. and Mrs. Squirrel

One day when some of the leaves on the trees were red and gold and brown, Mother and Bobby took a walk in the woods. Many brown leaves had fallen to the ground, and Bobby's shoes made them go "crunch, crunch."

After a while Mother and Bobby sat down on an old log to rest. They were very quiet, and soon Bobby heard the leaves go "crunch, crunch" again, not a very loud "crunch, crunch" like Bobby had made, but just a soft little "crunch, crunch."

Then Bobby saw a little furry animal with a bushy tail and two bright eyes. Yes, it was Mr. Squirrel. And Mr. Squirrel picked up a nut, and away he ran up a tree.

"Will he eat the nut when he gets up in the tree?" asked Bobby.

"I think not," said Mother. "He buries some of his nuts in the ground near the foot of the tree. He is getting ready for the cold winter when he would have a hard time getting food if he did not pack away his nuts ahead of time."

"I'd give him something to eat if he came to my house," said Bobby.

"Mr. and Mrs. Squirrel do not often come into houses," replied Mother. "They like to live in trees."

"Do they have a home in the tree?" Bobby asked.

"Yes, they have a home. I'll tell you how Mr. and Mrs. Squirrel build their home. First they find a shady tree, and pick out a place where the branches come together. Then they begin to build the floor of their home by lacing twigs together. Next they make a twig roof. It is woven so tightly that rain and snow cannot get through. On the floor is placed a carpet of moss.

"Then when Mr. and Mrs. Squirrel and their little ones quickly scamper through the tiny door and cuddle down into this cozy nest they can feel that it is truly their home."

Bobby was very much interested in the story of Mr. and Mrs. Squirrel, and he thought it was nice that they could be so cozy and safe.

That night when Bobby was thanking the kind Heavenly Father for his home, he added, "And thank you for the little squirrels' homes, too."

It is wonderful to know that God loves all His creatures and that in His kindness and mercy He provides for them. Let us remember to thank Him for His care for us.

Whenever you are tempted to make a fool of yourself, remember that folly is more than your own affair. Others also pay for it.

Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(6th Installment)

"What's wrong, Nancy? You're not ill, are you?"

Nancy shook her head. "Oh, no, don't worry about me, Pauline. I'm all right."

"But you're not!" Pauline insisted. "Something's the matter—I know it is!"

Nancy was fighting hard to keep back her tears, and she could not trust herself to speak.

"Nancy dear—" Pauline put an arm through her companion's and gave it an affectionate squeeze. "As soon as I met you this morning, I felt sure we were going to be friends—didn't you?"

Nancy nodded. "Yes, Pauline—I did," she admitted, with an effort.

Pauline's grip on her arm tightened. "Then let's begin right now, shall we?" she went on eagerly.

"Thanks, Pauline." Nancy's voice was not quite steady, for there was something very appealing in this warm-hearted offer of friendship.

"You know, Nancy," Pauline went on, "I can't help feel that you need some help right now, and I do wish you'd let me help you—that's what friends are for," she added simply.

"I'd like to, Pauline, but—" Nancy shook her head. "There's nothing anybody can do, really."

"Yes, there is, I'm sure." The other girl sounded convincing. "When you're in trouble it often helps just to tell someone—that's what daddy says, and I've proved it."

"Yes—perhaps."

"Couldn't you tell me what's the matter, Nancy?"

"Oh, it's nothing—nothing worth bothering you about, Pauline," protested Nancy, evasively.

"But you weren't like this when I met you this morning," Pauline insisted. "I know there's something!"

"Oh well, if you really want to know—I had a bit of an upset at home before I left, that was all."

"Nothing serious—?" Pauline looked anxious.

"Well—" Nancy hesitated. "Yes—and no. I got myself into some strife, you see."

"Not with Trevor?"

The question was out before Pauline realized it, and she bit her lip; but her companion did not seem to resent the direct enquiry.

"No, I had words with mum and dad. It was nothing to do with Trevor—at least—" And Nancy pulled herself up as the whole scene flashed quickly back through her mind. Trevor had certainly been involved—and so had Mr. Brandon, indirectly. But of course she couldn't tell Pauline that...

"Oh, I just wondered—when I saw you were on your own, Nancy. Isn't he coming this afternoon?"

"Trevor?" Nancy shook her head. "No, he's gone to the car racing, and mum and dad—well, I think they were a bit annoyed because I changed by mind about going with him. That's what started it."

Pauline looked surprised. "But your mother and father would be pleased if you didn't go—if you went to Bible class instead—would they not?" she queried.

Nancy sighed. "Oh, I don't know! I think they're a bit afraid—"

"Afraid of what?"

Nancy forced a smile. "Afraid I'll start taking religion too seriously, I think."

"Why, Nancy?" Pauline's look of frank enquiry was a little embarrassing to her companion. "Haven't you been taking it seriously?"

The other girl drew a long deep breath. "To tell you the truth, Pauline," she confessed, "I've never thought very seriously about anything until I heard your father preach this morning, and now—"

Pauline edged a little closer to her companion. "Yes, Nancy, I know," she said, dropping her voice. "That sermon made me feel I wanted to live closer to the Lord, and give my whole life to His service. And you felt that way, too—I know."

Nancy did not reply. Somehow she felt completely out of her depth when the conversation turned to spiritual things. She never seemed to know what to say, while Pauline was quite at her ease. Of course she was a minister's daughter, which undoubtedly made a difference; but for all that Nancy sensed the reality of experience in Pauline's words, and there was an unspoken longing in her own heart that she might know it, too.

And to Pauline Brandon, so eager to share the joy that was in her heart, the other girl's silence was significant. Could it be, she asked herself, that Nancy Norwood had never known anything more than a mere form of religion, that she had never known the Lord Jesus Christ as a living, loving Saviour and Friend—in spite of the fact that she was a member of the church and the daughter of a deacon!

"Nancy—" she began, feelingly, looking up into her new friend's face with earnest, enquiring eyes, "I wonder if you really know the Lord—know Him as a Friend, I mean? It makes all the difference when you do."

"I—I guess it does," Nancy faltered, the emptiness in her heart amounting almost to a pain. "Oh, Pauline! I just feel I—I can't go on

like this!" she finished, despairingly.

"Of course you can't!" agreed Pauline, sympathetically, as she took her hand and held it tight. "Perhaps the Lord has been speaking to you today, Nancy—and He may have a message for you at Bible Class! I'm going to pray that you'll get some help, anyway."

And Pauline's prayers were answered far more completely than she had even dared to hope they would be! As she said to her father afterwards, "It's true, daddy—the Lord can do 'exceedingly abundantly, above all that we ask or think'. The talk you gave this afternoon was just what Nancy needed!"

There could be no doubt that Pauline was right. Mr. Brandon spoke simply and sincerely, and there was not one of that group of Southdown Grove young people who would ever forget what he said that afternoon—least of all Nancy Norwood! His rather unconventional manner inspired confidence, and as he told them something of his own personal experience they listened with rapt attention.

"I hope," the new Pastor declared, with a smile, "that during our ministry here at Southdown Grove we shall make many friends." He paused a moment before he went on, "Friendship, you know, is one of life's richest blessings. So much depends upon the friendships we make in life—our character, our career, yes, sometimes our ultimate destiny—depends upon the companions we keep, the friends we make."

He referred to the importance of choosing friends wisely, and the immeasurable influence of a good friend, and then he said, "I want to tell you that I have a friend—the most wonderful Friend a man ever had! Now, I know you will begin to wonder who is this friend, and you will be asking yourselves if you have ever met this friend of mine? Well," he smiled, "I hope you have—and if you have not, then it will be my great joy to introduce you to this wonderful Friend of mine, for this Friend is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ."

Maxwell Brandon spoke with such confidence, such conviction, that his hearers could not but be impressed. As for Nancy Norwood, her hungry heart drank in every word...

"I have a Friend in Jesus Christ Who never fails me. Earthly friends may sometimes prove untrue, but He never fails. In every circumstance of life I have found His grace sufficient, and His promises abundantly fulfilled. Since first I gave my life to Him, He has proved Himself a Friend indeed; and that is why I can so confidently recommend Him to you—I know that what Jesus Christ has done for me, He'll do for you!"

Nancy's heart beat faster. Did he really mean it? Was it true



that this wonderful Friendship was available to anybody—to ordinary people like herself...?

"He never leaves me, this Friend. He walks beside me all the way, and what wonderful fellowship we enjoy together—my Lord and I. He takes my hand and leads me on, difficult places. When the way is dark the glory of His Presence lights up the path before me. When trouble comes He stills my fears and brings comfort to my burdened heart. When I am tempted and tried, and it seems as if Satan must have the victory over me, He gives me the strength and grace to overcome. When I stumble and fall, He puts His loving arms around me and lifts me up—and the more I learn to trust Him the more I find that He is able to keep me from falling!"

It was no wonder that as he continued to speak, a strange hush came over the little group, and it almost seemed as if the One of Whom he spoke was actually there in the midst of them. No one would ever persuade Nancy Norwood that it was not so, for she met the Saviour Himself there in that brief hour—heard Him knocking at the door of her heart and pleading that she might let Him in...

"That is not all," the Pastor went on. "I could never tell you all that Jesus Christ has done for me! First and foremost, He died on the Cross to save me from my sins and give me eternal life. But He gives me life abundant here and now. He gives me a peace in my heart that nothing can destroy—a joy that no cloud can dim. And He satisfies my soul in a way that no one else—or nothing else—ever could. Yes, in Jesus Christ I have a Friend Who means all this to me, and more. And of this I am confident, that there is no experience can overtake me but He will be with me and bring me safely through—even when it comes to the last long journey through the 'valley of the shadow', I will have no fear, for I know that He will hold my hand and bring me safely through to the heavenly land where all is joy and light, and where I shall sing throughout eternity the praises of the One Who died for me."

There was a ring of challenge in his voice and a burning zeal in his eyes as he stood before them, convinced in his heart that this was the hour of destiny for someone. And then his eyes lighted on Nancy Norwood's tense, white face...

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MCC News & Notes

The Bechterdissen Project

(This article is based on a report by Dwayne Schrag, McPherson, Kans., a Paxman recently reassigned to Nepal.)

With the dedication of the Bechterdissen Mennonite Church, on August 22 came the termination of another community building project for Pax in Europe. A total of 64 men have contributed to the work of the unit at Bechterdissen, near Bielefeld, Germany.

Fixe Paxmen arrived at Bechterdissen on April 15, 1955, to begin preparation for construction. The first year was an especially trying one, for the beginning work consisted mainly of digging canals which in places were nine feet deep.

Between April, 1955, and December, 1957, Paxmen helped to build 49 houses for Mennonite refugees. With the exception of the church and a few houses the settlement construction project was completed in December 1957. The results of a compilation of total hours earned

and dollars saved during this period showed that 40,480 hours were earned and \$24,095 were saved through the work of the Paxmen.

In 1958 the unit was closed for the year, during which time the local Mennonite congregation developed plans for the church. Pax returned to Bechterdissen in July, 1959, to begin construction of the church which was needed and wanted by the Mennonites in Bechterdissen. The church was completed in August, 1960.

An interesting feature of the work at Bechterdissen was its international flavor, for Paxmen were contracted to work for a German company with German laborers. The experience of language exchange became necessary and it proved to be a profitable experience. Also, working with East Prussian refugees has been a rewarding spiritual experience for both the Paxmen and the refugees.

The service motive of the Bech-



Paxman Lamar Hager keeps Kauffman and Wedeler supplied with materials for the Bechterdissen church.

terdissen unit was a very important contribution to the witness of Pax over and above the provision of physical security which the Paxmen brought to Bechterdissen. Some of the community activities which the Paxmen sponsored and participated in were distribution of Christmas bundles, singing in the Pax choir, organization of a Mennonite youth chorus, organization of Sunday schools, and regular weekly visitation of homes. Needs of refugee youth were met through the formation of a boys' club which emphasis crafts, and a girls' club with sewing projects. Anne Driedger, a matron, initiated the girls' club and also extended her time to work with refugee widows.

The leadership of unit leaders Elvin Le Fevre, Lamar Reichert, Dean Hartman, Walter Schmucker,

and Mark Wadel and matrons Anne Driedger, Elsie Bechtel and Frau Fenske have helped make this record of service possible.

The Paxmen have shown their deep concern for the life of the Bechterdissen community by contributing to the hymnbook project. The gift of 100 hymnbooks for the Mennonite congregation expressed their appreciation for the opportunity of service and Christian friendship.

The final work and dedication of the new church conclude a very rewarding five-year Pax project. For no Pax-built community is complete without the church to symbolize the important place God has and should have in the hearts of His people. Surely the guidance of God can be seen in the work of Pax as it served in the Bechterdissen community.



German Meister Fritz Wedeler with church in the background (Bechterdissen)



Paxmen assisted in building this structure in the winter of 1959-60 for a refugee family. (Bechterdissen)

Questions on Cuba

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plans for the carrying on and advancement of the work.

3. Will the Mission's property near Placetas be lost?

No! We do not anticipate this since the West Indies Missions' property in Cuba is legally owned by the Evangelical Assn. of Cuba. Rev. Tomas Ventura, president of the Association, is to move to the property, and others of our Cuban staff will remain at their present ministries on the campus. We expect that the ministries such as radio, evangelism, printing, etc., will continue as long as they are able.

4. Will finances still be needed for the Cuba field?

Yes. First, since our Cuban missionaries have been withdrawn only from the field, but not from the Mission, their monthly allowance will have to be continued. We expect that all, with the exception perhaps of one or two, of our Cuban missionaries will find a place of service elsewhere in the West Indies Mission during the present crisis in Cuba.

Secondly, finances are still needed for the regular ministries on the

Cuba field such as the general running expenses of the campus, the salaries of Cuban members of the West Indies Mission, radio, literature, etc. The Mission will inform its donors should there be a change. The gospel ministry in Cuba must have the necessary funds to carry on, especially in days of real economical crisis.

5. Is the spreading of the gospel now hindered in Cuba?

No! The doors are still wide open to an effective gospel ministry. Recent gospel campaigns in many areas have proven this to be so. People are spiritually hungry, and now as never before, they are seeking reality.

Pray for Cuba and its people. Pray that God will keep this nation, so close to our own doors, from coming under the godless and atheistic tyranny of communism.

Pray for the many Christian churches throughout the island, for their leaders and for their congregations. Pray that they might be instrumental in pointing their fellow men to the Lord Jesus Christ.

—M Inglis

(Sent in by Brother Norman Fehr, who serves under the West Indies Mission.)

NEWS from HERE and THERE

Saskatoon (CP. — Mrs. Mary Florence Diefenbaker, 87, mother of Canada's prime minister was reported in critical condition early October 3, suffering from a severe lung infection at the University of Saskatchewan Hospital.

Russian Premier Khrushchev recently compared British Prime Minister Macmillan to another Chamberlain and West German Chancellor Adenauer to another Hitler. At the United Nations assembly he demanded the resignation of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and as a condition for meeting United States President Eisenhower he demanded that he confess guilt for "treacherous acts" and "perfidy". On September 30, Khrushchev was host for some 20 heads of government. A Soviet informant stated that the get-together was "partly business" and "partly social."

East German Communist leader Walter Ulbricht stated on October 4 that all of Berlin legally belongs to East Germany "and that has been so for the last 11 years".

West Berlin's Mayor Willi Brandt predicted on October 2, that East German tactics are trying to whittle away West Berlin's freedom slice by slice.

The government of Ceylon plans to take over all state-assisted Christian schools. Education Minister Badiudin Mahmud says the move will be made before the end of the year. For some years there has been a growing Buddhist campaign for the nationalization of all schools and social welfare agencies in the country.

A week-long evangelistic campaign in Quito, Ecuador, drew capacity crowds to the 3,000-seat Capital Theater this summer. Some 415 persons responded to nightly invitations following sermons by evangelist Fernando Vangioni of Argentina.

A leading Navy researcher told the American Scientific Affiliation last month, that world peace is contingent upon mankind's voluntary surrender to God. "Until human nature is changed, we'll have war," said Dr. Robert M. Page, director of research for the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory. Page addressed the 15th annual convention of ASA, a fellowship of Christian scientists, held in Seattle, Washington.

Protestant church members in Taiwan now number 136,250, according to the newly-published Taiwan Christian Yearbook. The figure

represents a gain of 39 per cent since 1957. Overseas Protestant missionaries on the island are said to have increased from 444 to 534 during the three-year period.

Ottawa — Traffic accidents on Canadian streets and highways took 3,231 lives in 1959, 3.6 per cent more than the previous year.

The bureau of statistics said that 84,751 persons were injured, up 5.9 per cent from the 80,061 in 1958.

Property damage in 242,429 accidents, excluding Quebec, totalled \$78,606,000.

Deaths by provinces, with 1958 figures in brackets, include Manitoba 147 (125); Saskatchewan 168 (134); Alberta 248 (263); British Columbia 309 (282); and the Yukon and Northwest Territories 8 (1).

In a recent speech at New Delhi, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru made these two points. First, if war is inevitable and peaceful co-existence is impossible, disarmament of any kind and to any degree is nonsense. Second, no ideology is final because new developments are constantly modifying the opinions men hold. Even Communism is in constant change-like all other human institutions.

Mr. Nehru is prime minister and politician No. 1 in a country of nearly 400 million people, second only to China in population. By all accounts he is doing a good job of preserving order and freedom in his immense domain. Other nations would do well to apply his wisdom.

Iceland is without a single jail or court or penitentiary, and has only one policeman. The system of public schools is practically perfect, and every child ten years old can read. There are seminaries and colleges, newspapers and printing establishments. No liquor is permitted to be imported as all are total abstainers. There are 78,000 people on the island. —Australian Temperance Advocate

Ottawa — Canada's 1960 wheat crop was estimated at 490,532,000 bushels by the bureau of statistics recently, an upward revision of 18,000,000 bushels from last month's

forecast, due to improved prospects on the prairies.

The prairie wheat crop was estimated at 471,000,000 bushels, compared with the forecast of 453,000,000 bushels made on August 31. This would be a big jump from last year's 399,000,000 bushels and close to the 10-year average of 471,300,000 bushels for the 1950-59 period.

The forecast made a big upward revision of 17,000,000 bushels in Saskatchewan's output to 308,000,000 bushels, which would be one-third more than last year's 232,000,000-bushel production.

The Manitoba wheat crop is estimated at 61,000,000 bushels, 2,000,000 more than last month's forecast and 1,000,000 more than last year's production.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. K. Loewen, 72

Coaldale, Alta. — Funeral services were held September 15 for Mrs. Katherine Loewen, 72, of Coaldale Mennonite Brethren Church. She passed away in the Coaldale Community Hospital after being confined to hospital and convalescence home for the past five and a half years.

Services were conducted at the Coaldale M. B. church by Rev. Pankratz, assisted by Rev. Henry Nikkel. Born in Russia, Mrs. Loewen came to Canada in 1930 and settled at Eastend, Sask. In 1937 she moved to Coaldale where she resided until her death.

Mrs. Loewen is survived by four sons: Paul of Coaldale, John, Ben and William of Lethbridge, one daughter, Katherine Tusek of Coaldale, one sister in South America, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul, in 1941.

Fatal Blow to Gretna Youth

A mid-afternoon industrial accident Thursday claimed the life of a 16-year-old youth from Gretna, Man., while working at the Manitoba Sugar Company's refinery in Fort Garry.

Henry Friesen, who had been living with his sister at 256 Maplewood Ave., was unloading a railway car filled with sugar beets when he was struck by a steel crane bucket, police said. He was dead on arrival at the hospital.

Missionary Passes on to Her Reward

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 15, at the Mennonite Brethren church in Buhler, Kans., for Mrs. Elizabeth Janzen, 71, who died September 12 at Grace Hospital in Hutchinson.

Rev. G. W. Peters, pastor of the Church, was in charge of the services. Mrs. Janzen was a missionary in India from 1912 to 1947 and had lived the past three years at the Sunshine Home in Buhler. Her husband died in India in 1927.

Children surviving are three sons, Edward, San Diego, Calif., Lee F., Pasadena, Calif., and Dr. Arnold, Avon, Conn. Also two sisters survive: Mrs. Marie Wedel, Tucson, Ariz., and Mrs. Anna Ware, Cordell, Ga.

Former Mayor Dies

Peter H. Buhr, 77, of 50 Woodrow Place, former mayor and justice of the peace in Gretna, Man., died recently at his home. He was born in Gretna and was a General Motors dealer there for more than

30 years. He was a member of Bethel Mennonite Church, and a former member of the board of the Mennonite Collegiate.

Surviving are his wife Susannah; two daughters, Mrs. Hilda Friesen and Mrs. Florence Dyck; four sons, Edwin, John, Leonard and Elmer; three brothers, Jacob, Henry and Erdman; and two sisters, Mrs. Agnes von Vogt and Mrs. Helen Loewen, and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Bethel Mennonite church, Rev. G. Groening officiating.

Death at an Early Age

Peter Peters, 21, of 174 Dearborn Ave., died in Deer Lodge Hospital. He was employed by the City Press for the past five years and was a

member of the North Kildonan Mennonite Church. Surviving are his wife, Margaret; his mother, Mrs. Mary Peters, and one sister, Mrs. S. Predinchuk. Funeral services took place on Wednesday, September 28, in the North Kildonan Mennonite church. Rev. V. J. Schroeder officiated.

Mrs. Elizabeth Penner,

89, of 794 St. Matthews Avenue, died recently in Concordia Hospital. Born in Russia, she came to Canada in 1951. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Helen Schroeter; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral service took place on Saturday Oct. 1, in First Mennonite Church, Rev. J. H. Enns officiating.

Foundation Stones of a Good Sunday School

(Continued from last issue)

A Good Sunday School Must Be a Soul-Winning School

Sunday school must be an evangelistic school. As one man put it, "We are not interested merely in making fishing tackle, but in teaching men to tackle fish."

A. C. Dixon, who for years was pastor of what is now the Moody Memorial Church, said that a harvest of souls was no more of a miracle than a harvest of wheat. What he meant was that there are laws for the harvest of wheat and there are laws for the harvest of souls. In the work of the Sunday school we recognize the principles of seed-time and harvest and we seek to become cooperative laborers together with God. The Sunday school can be the greatest evangelistic arm that the church has. Many Sunday schools have yet to reach their potential here. My philosophy of evangelism is that the teaching and preaching services of the church ought to prepare the hearts of the unsaved in attendance for those who love Christ to go to them and speak the word of pardon and press the claims of Christ on their hearts.

A Good Sunday School Will Be a Strong Missionary School

The task of world missions, which includes neighborhood missions, city missions, state and home missions, ought to be presented educationally and inspirationally throughout the year. This will mean graded presentations of the idea in general, and of specific fields and tasks and areas of responsibility in particular.

I believed in missions before I became a Christian. I did not need to be won for missions, either home missions or overseas missions, after I was saved, because I had been taught this as a junior high school boy. Dr. W. C. Carver wrote a book titled, "All the World in All the Word." Like the teaching of tithing, this should be taught to

youngsters very early—certainly earlier than I just suggested. I am not saying that I remember being introduced to the cause of Christ around the world as a junior and junior high.

And the starting of new Sunday schools and new churches shows those of your own constituency that you believe in missions abroad by actually engaging in the same sort of endeavor here at home.

A Good Sunday School Will Be a Properly Equipped School

I have special reference here to the whole problem of rooms and equipment. We now know that the rooms teach, and the equipment teaches. We can see this especially with regard to certain visual aids—both projected and non-projected visual aids, which would include maps, charts, blackboards, flat pictures, objects, specimens, models, as well as the use of slides, filmstrips and movies.

We are reminded that if we believe in a graded school, we must also believe in equipment which matches the bodies and the needs of the youngsters. And the equipment ought to be at least as good as the children and youth have in their public schools. Early impressions are very lasting. I believe that one of the reasons youngsters drop out of the Sunday school in their early teens is that they have learned that the oldsters do not really take the teaching ministry seriously at all. If they did they would provide buildings equal to those provided for the teaching of reading, writing, arithmetic, and all the rest. So by a grand year-after-year object lesson, adults demonstrate what they would not dare to voice—that they do not believe that teaching the Word of God according to proper educational procedures is as important as teaching reading, writing and arithmetic. How? They are careful to provide proper equipment and staff for teaching the three R's. But when it comes to

teaching the greatest Book in all the world, anything is good enough.

These same people would not think of having a church without a pulpit or without song books. They believe that these are necessary for proper running of a church. But when it comes to educational equipment worthy of the name—anything is good enough for Jesus.

I ran across this statement the other day: When it comes to providing for adequate buildings and equipment for the Lord's work—in this case specifically the educational phase of the Lord's work—we must always consider present times as normal times. Many there are who would want to wait for "normal times" to build. But what we fail to do now will mean that some within our grasp will go unreached for Christ. Who knows whether living in your neighborhood right now is another Adolph Hitler, or Stalin, or an Al Capone? Who knows but there may be another Billy Graham, Jack Shuler, William Carey or Adoniran Judson living in your neighborhood.

Before adequate buildings and equipment can be provided in your church and community, somebody must care. Will you be that one? Will you be one to pass on this burden of responsibility to others who will see that the job is done in your church and community? This matter of making adequate physical provision for the teaching ministry of the church is no optional matter. It is an imperative.

If this were secular enterprise, it would get done somehow, money or no money. What is your reaction to this? Will you not agree that adequate provision in the way of buildings and equipment for those of all ages is no luxury, but rather a present necessity?

A Sunday School Will Be a Properly Promoted School

My text on method is, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). Dr. Gains S. Dobbins in "Building Better Churches" (pp. 25, 26) has written the following on the ministry of publicity and promotion as it relates to the cause of Christ:

"Perhaps the sensitive minister will shrink from the inclusion of publicity and promotion as a definite part of his responsibility. Is there not something incongruous in the use of means associated with the things of the world in the carrying on of the church enterprise? Theatres and circuses and dance halls advertise their offerings, but churches are in another class. Professional men do not advertise; should not the ministers maintain an even higher standard? Manufacturers and merchants promote the sale of their wares, but what has a church to sell that would justify a promotional campaign?"

"Other institutions may utilize publicity and promotion as adjuncts

EDUCATION

SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

Large Enrollment at Tabor College

Hillsboro, Kansas. — Late-comers have pushed the total enrollment at Tabor College to 349 as of Sept. 26. That figure represents an increase of 79 students over last fall's total, for a gain of 29.3 per cent.

The breakdown by classes is as follows (last year's figures in parentheses): Freshmen, 120 (73); sophomores, 70; juniors, 71 (64); and seniors, 67 (30). There are 21 special or part-time students.

Christian Life Emphasis Week

A highlight of the Tabor College calendar each fall, the Christian Life Emphasis Week, has this year been scheduled for Oct. 10-14.

Guest speaker for this special week of spiritual emphasis will be Dr. W. Robert Smith, professor of philosophy at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn. Dr. Smith is known as an outstanding speaker for young people.

Work Days Goal

Tabor students have set \$4,800 as a goal for the 1960 student work

days, which have been scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 20-22.

This year's work days, as in the past, are a gesture of appreciation on the part of the students to the college. The students perform work of any type without payment, their employers then making a donation toward the Tabor Student Center building fund. That fund has been increased to approximately \$26,500 by past earnings and student-assessed fees.

Coordinator of the student project is Paul Toews, Hillsboro junior, who indicates that employment is being sought for approximately 325 students, 150 women and 175 men.

386 at Bluffton College.

Bluffton, Ohio. — A 12 per cent increase in the enrollment of full-time students over last year was indicated as Bluffton College students appeared in their first classes on Tuesday, September 13.

Incomplete registration figures as

of September 13 showed the enrollment to be 386 full-time and 10 part-time students as compared to 334 full-time and 28 part-time students last year. Of this year's total enrollment 60 are seniors, 66 juniors, 105 sophomores and 144 freshmen.

The increase in enrollment has filled all the dormitories on the campus and 20 men are living in off-campus housing, in spite of the fact that one residence, Amstutz House, was converted from men's housing to women's and two additional outside houses, Old Music Hall and Lehman House, are occupied.

There are 10 foreign students from eight different countries, including Hong Kong, Germany, Greece, Formosa, Japan, Korea, Ghana, and Kenya.

52 Students at Seminary

Elkhart, Indiana. — Fall semester classes began on Sept. 20 for 52 students at Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 20 of these being Canadians. There are 45 full-time and seven part-time students. Nineteen are newcomers to the campus. An additional 15 are enrolled in non-credit courses.

The first guest speaker in chapel this fall was Nelson Litwiller, president of the Mennonite Biblical

Seminary at Montivedeo, Uruguay. He shared with the students and faculty his concerns for more personnel in all areas of church outreach and for more unity among Christian workers everywhere.

Cornelius J. Dyck, instructor in historical theology, was the guest speaker at the young people's retreat sponsored by the British Columbia Youth Organization, Sept. 2-4, at Chilliwack, B.C.

430 Students at M.E.I.

Clearbrook, B.C. — The official opening of the Mennonite Educational Institute in Clearbrook, B.C., for the 1960-61 school year was held on Sunday night, September 18. Parents and friends joined with 430 students to ask the Lord's blessing for the new year.

Rev. Aron Toews and Rev. Peter Froese led in prayers of invocation after the opening song "Grosser Gott wir loben Dich" was sung by the whole student body.

Guest speaker, Rev. D. B. Wiens of Vancouver, took his text from Ezekiel 48:35: "... and the name of the city from that day shall be, The Lord is there." He expressed pleasant surprise to see so many young people choose this type of school even though it meant extra subjects and extra costs.

The choir, made up of students from grades 10-13 and under the direction of Rev. C. D. Toews, rendered three songs. A solo was sung by a member of the staff, Mr. H. Wiebe. A group of girls from grade 13 also sang a song. Ruth Suderman of grade 12 recited a poem, "I Will Not Doubt," and Ed. Suderman of grade 11 recited, "Mit Gott."

A former teacher, Rev. W. Neufeld, dedicated the new building on the school grounds. The building contains facilities for music, manual training, and home economics. A shower system has also been installed.

Mr. E. Stobbe, representing the alumni, presented the annual alumni scholarship to Rudy Dyck. The new F. C. Thiessen Memorial Scholarship went to Frieda Wiens for proficiency in music and religious studies. Luella Peters and Henry Suderman received community scholarships of \$50. These scholarships are intended to help the students pay part of their tuition fee for grade 13.

Principal W. Wiebe introduced the teachers to the audience. Those not on the staff last year are: D. Neumann from Virgil, Ont.; H. Janzen from Black Creek, B.C.; Miss M. Dyck from the district; Miss H. Janzen, back from a year's leave of absence in Europe.

The school board chairman, F. F. Klassen, made closing remarks.

to their main business, but the business of a church and its minister is that of publicizing and promoting. Quite properly we shrink from an advertising carried on for the sake of notoriety or special advantage. But the church which goes out of the publicity and promotion has gone out of business! Publicity is the art of reaching the public with a message. That is what the prophets of the Old Testament did. That was the mission of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus. That was the chief work of Jesus, who went about publishing the gospel. Paul was a skilled publicist, using the means at his disposal to attract great crowds to hear him preach. Those who were saved published their experiences far and wide. The Bible itself is an illustration of the indispensable value of publishing the redemptive plan.

"A noun, someone has said, 'is known by the company it keeps.' The words 'promotion' and 'propaganda' have fallen into bad company. Yet in themselves they are noble words. 'Promotion' is the act of causing to go forward. 'Propaganda' is organized method and system of propagating or disseminating principles and doctrines."

"The work of a minister is that of causing the church to go forward by organized method and system, and of propagating the principles for which it stands. The work of publicity and promotion is both an art and a science. While the minister may not ordinarily achieve

distinction in this difficult specialized field, he should at least know certain underlying principles and develop certain necessary abilities. He will then be in a position to give guidance to those specialists whose services he may secure for the high purposes of the church."

The whole idea involved in the "mousetrap philosophy" is so pertinent, I quote a paragraph from a book by George E. Sweazey, "Effective Evangelism," which I believe is a classic even though it is recent:

"The witness of our church's life and ministry is our evangelism—we don't have to go out after people." This is the church form of the old fallacy that if a man builds a better mousetrap the world will beat a path to his door. It was never true of mousetraps, and it is not true of churches. A church's good influence in a community will produce well-disposed outsiders who will remain outsiders until someone says, "This is for you." Oscar Wilde wrote of his Aunt Jane, who died of mortification when no one came to her grand ball. She died without knowing that she had failed to mail the invitations. That is the story of many a fine church which has wonderful worship services, a splendid program, everything in fact, save a way of making some connection with those outside, who always assume that what the church has is meant for someone else."

Advertising and publicity will help here. Someone wrote: The codfish lays a million eggs, the homely hen but one; But the codfish never cackles to tell what he had done. And so we scorn the codfish, But the homely hen we prize, Which demonstrates to you and me, It pays to advertise!

A Good Sunday School Is a Magnetic School, Ever Growing Better

The teaching and the spirit in the Sunday school are of such a character and quality that people who come once will find it hard to stay away. And the school will be growing better all the time. Other things being equal, the greatest and best days of your school will lie not in the past but in the future. Mr. J. L. Kraft one time told me that he was chairman of the board of Kraft Foods Ltd. He then added, "That means my future is behind me." So many are like the gazooloo bird, which flies backward to keep the sand out of its eyes. It doesn't care where it is going, it only wants to see where it has been.

The Apostle Paul saw the danger of having one's future behind him and said: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

Special Invitation



An invitation is extended to all to attend the Bible Conference of the Winkler Bible School to be held on October 13, 14 and 15. The morning sessions begin at 10 a.m. in the Bible school, and the evening sessions will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the M. B. church. The brethren D. D. Derksen and Harvey Gossen will be the guest speakers at these meetings.

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John H. Goossen

Special Invitation to the Ladies of the M.B. Church

The Ladies' Missionary Societies of the Mennonite Brethren Churches of Manitoba are cordially invited to attend the Annual Missionary Meeting on Thursday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren church, Winnipeg. Rev. J. B. Toews, executive secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions will be the guest speaker.

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B.C. Semi-Annual Conference

The Lord willing, the Semi-Annual Conference of the M. B. Churches of B.C. will convene on October 29 and 30. Saturday's sessions will be conducted in the Chilliwack M.B. Church. On Sunday the West Coast Children's Mission and Vancouver City Mission will give their reports in the M.E.I. at Clearbrook. May the Lrd richly bless the work of His Church.

Abram Goertz, Secretary

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)

October 9. — Thanksgiving and Mission Festival in the four M.B. churches of Winnipeg: North Kildonan, Elmwood, South End and Fort Rouge.

October 8-11. — Central District M. B. Conference sessions at Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

October 14-16. — Inter Mennonite Youth Crusade in the Winnipeg city auditorium. Guest speaker is Rev. Augsburg of the Old Mennonite Church.

October 15-18. — Southern District M. B. Conference sessions at Fairview, Oklahoma.

October 16. — Official opening program of the Winkler Bible School at 7:30 in the Winkler M.B. church.

October 16. — Official opening program of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Tuxedo, Manitoba.

October 20. — The Annual Missionary Meeting of the Ladies'

Auxiliaries of the Mennonite Brethren church of Manitoba to be held in the Elmwood M.B. church, Winnipeg, at 7:30 p.m.

October 22-25. — The M.B. Pacific District Conference is to take place in the Dinuba M.B. church, California.

October 23. — Opening date of the Swift Current Bible Institute.

October 27-28. — The Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Canadian M.B. Conference is to meet in the M.B. Bible College.

October 29. — Annual Conference of Historic Peace Churches at Eden Christian College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

October 30. — Official opening program of the Altona Elim Bible School.

November 5. — M.B. Preachers' and Deacons' Conference of the South Saskatchewan District. Place to be announced later.

November 4 and 5. — M. B. Preachers' and Deacons' Conference of Manitoba to be held at Niverville.

November 6. — Centennial Services of the South Saskatchewan District of the M.B. churches to be held in Herbert.

November 10 and 11. — The United States M.B. Conference is to be held in the Shafter M.B. church.

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