

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2

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## Missionary Appointees to Colombia



Brother and Sister Alvin Voth and son Murray Alan.

Brother and Sister Alvin Voth of the Virgil Church in Ontario are under appointment as missionaries to Colombia. The Voths have responded to the call of the Lord of the Harvest Who has laid the spiritual need of Colombia upon their hearts. Recently the Voths have been engaged in government service among the Indians of northern Ontario. Pray for them as they complete their preparations and depart for Costa Rica for a period of Spanish language study beginning in January. Brother Voth is the son of John Voths of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. He has prepared himself as a registered nurse and served as a public health nurse. He

gained his professional training at Toronto General Hospital and the University of Manitoba and has attended Winkler Bible School and the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg. Sister Voth is the daughter of Jacob Kroekers also of Niagara-on-the-Lake. She has attended Eden Christian College, Eden Bible School, teachers' colleges as well as the Bible College in Winnipeg. Sister Voth has served as a public school teacher. The Voths have served in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School work and utilized their professions as a means of personal evangelism. In Colombia their service will be concerned with evangelism and medical work.

## The First M. B. Church in Canada

In the fall of 1884 news was received in the village of Hoffnungs-feld, one mile southwest of the present town of Winkler, that an itinerant preacher by the name of Voth was coming from Bingham Lake, Minnesota, to conduct evangelistic services. On December 4, 1884, Rev. Henry Voth, father of the late Rev. H. S. Voth, arrived at Hoffnungs-feld to hold services in private homes. After about a month he was called home to Minnesota because of the death of his mother. How-

ever, a little later Rev. Voth returned to Manitoba, conducting meetings in private homes as well as making numerous house visitations. He had been sent to Manitoba by the Mennonite Brethren Conference in the United States.

As the new converts began to confess the Lord Jesus, their experiences were varied and sometimes very trying and difficult. In some cases falsehoods were heaped on them because they had prayer meetings and other services in the

evenings. Others discovered on returning to their relatives and friends that they were misunderstood. In some cases their families refused to eat with them at the same table. However, these antagonistic attitudes often resulted in

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## Song Festival by Mennonite Choirs

Winnipeg, Man. — The choirs of the fifteen Mennonite Churches in Greater Winnipeg are sponsoring a song festival on Sunday, November 20th.

The three hundred voice mass choir will be conducted by four choir leaders: Ernest Enns, Victor Mårtens, John Thiessen and George Wiebe. This is the first time that such a festival has been undertaken in Winnipeg. The program will consist of representative songs sung in church and home throughout the four hundred years of Anabaptist and Mennonite history. Mrs. Esther Horch will speak on the hymnody of the Mennonite Church. Rev. David Ewert, Registrar at M.B.B.C. will bring the message.

The program will be presented on Sunday, November 20th, at 8 p.m. in the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute auditorium, 173 Talbot Avenue.

## Alberta S. S. Conference

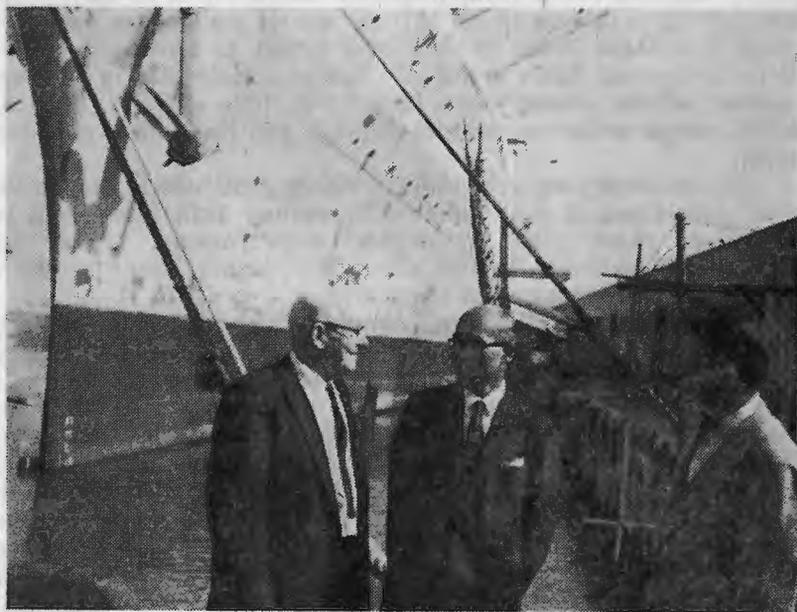
Lindbrook, Alta. — The Alberta Sunday School Conference was held on October 28-30 at the Lindbrook M. B. church. Great interest was shown and 86 delegates came to the conference. Rev. A. P. Regier, pastor of the Calgary M. B. Church, acted as conference chairman, Rev. Henry Penner, pastor of the St. Catharines, Ont., M. B. Church, was guest speaker.

Br. H. Huebert, leader of the Lindbrook Church extended a welcome to all visitors on Friday night. This was followed by an informal and interesting roll-call. The Sunday School teachers of each church represented rendered a special feature. The features included reports, a recitation, a reading, special singing and two skits. To close the first meeting, Rev. Penner brought a short but challenging message based on II Timothy chapter 2.

An innovation at the conference which proved to be a great success was a "Sunday School sing" led by Bro. H. Peters from Gem. This was held at the opening of every session with the exception of Sunday morning. Bro. Peters gave a few words of advice to song leaders and then the entire congregation heartily

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## Centennial Delegate From Japan



Rev. Kyoichi Kitano, dean of the M.B. Bible School in Japan, arrived in San Francisco on October 18 to attend the centennial conference as a representative of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Japan. He is being welcomed at the dock by H. K. Warkentin (left) and Harold Gaede (former missionary to Japan). The Bethany Church in Fresno, California, welcomed him in a service on October 19.

## EDITORIAL

### By Way of Remembrance

On the evening of November 11th, Remembrance Day, 1960, many Mennonites attended the Tom Allan Mission held for two weeks in the Winnipeg Auditorium. The Reverend Tom Allan, a Presbyterian pastor from Glasgow Scotland, was speaker, sponsored by the Winnipeg Council of Churches. This organization has been usually held to be "modernistic." During the evening, the speaker related several incidents concerning soldiers who found peace with God in "the very mouth of the cannon." A colonel of the Royal Canadian Air Force, in dress uniform, read I Peter chapter 1 as opening devotion. Besides a number of church and service dignitaries, the church choir from one of the M. B. churches of Winnipeg was on the platform. For their part in the program they sang Stainer's "God So Loved the World."

The Reverend Allan spoke on "Remembering": 1) God's holiness; 2) The claim of Jesus Christ; 3) The coming judgement. At the close, some forty persons came forward to be "identified with Christ." I cannot remember having been at a more deeply moving evangelistic service.

When the "supreme sacrifice" of many soldiers was repeatedly mentioned during that service, of what did we members of Mennonite churches think as we sat in the congregation and in the choir? What do we do on Remembrance Day when ceremonies are held across Canada for those who died? The fact cannot be denied that some 41,700 Canadian soldiers lost their lives in World War II. And we, as conscientious objectors, were completely spared due to the Canadian people's unique "experiment in tolerance," as the Rev. J. A. Toews has called it in his book *Alternative Service in Canada During World War II* (p. 112). When one of our loved ones dies, we are often prostrated. Can we then blithely slip over the deaths of so many sons, husbands, and fathers? Should their death not stir us to a new consciousness that we were spared to accomplish some divine purpose?

Many of our people have found death due to the circumstances of the two world wars; yet many have also arrived safely in Canada. Almost all Mennonites in Canada today are either such as fled Russia, or children of those who fled. It seems to me that Christ Himself endorsed such flight in Matt. 10:23 when He told His disciples: "When they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another." So we (or our parents) came to Canada because we wished to be free to live our convictions. And we have been free to do so, even in times of national crises, as Brother Toews has so ably pointed out in his book. In the past our ministers have not failed to be examples in offering prayers of thanks to God for the land we enjoy. And, no doubt, we have prayed in thanks for the same matter.

Nevertheless, what does the world about us see of our gratitude? Beyond the obvious necessity laid upon us as Christians to show thankfulness in all things, should we not be the more grateful to these fallen in that their action, to an extent, allowed us to live our faith so fully? Yet gratitude that is only expressed behind closed doors can have little effect. For the world, which never encounters it, such gratitude does not even exist.

We avoid paying gratitude to whom gratitude is due at the brief gatherings at cenotaphs on November 11th because to be recognized there might be acutely embarrassing. After all, we are non-resistant during war. We cannot honor soldiers! But do we not accept with open arms the benefits their labors have gained for us? Why then should one annual pause of gratitude be embarrassing? Would it not be a glorious opportunity, if, someone nudged us in sarcasm, to say: "Let me explain why I am here. We cannot kill our fellow men, no matter what the reason, because Christ's love makes that impossible. Yet many Christians who also believed this truth but who lived in other countries were either forced into service or died miserable deaths. We can never cease to be grateful to the people of Canada—and especially to those who died—that we may live here, unmolested. We know that the reason we have been spared where thousands died is that we should tell others of this gospel of love — and live it every day."

If our daily lives allow us to articulate such a testimony, then we can welcome a questioning look at a Remembrance Day Service. It seems to me that we have too long equated quiet with-

drawal with Christian witness. The finest thing we can possibly do on November 11th is to declare, that all may hear, "For God so loved . . . that He gave . . ." For this can be the only reason why we have been spared.

R. H. W.

## DEVOTIONAL

### Marvelous Blessings of the Indwelling Holy Spirit

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3. A further blessing of the indwelling Holy Spirit is that He leads and directs us in our Christian life. Without Him we are like straying sheep; we all turn our own way (Isa. 53:6). Sometimes in life we come to an intricate network of paths, to a maze, and we don't know which way to turn. Many a man finds life's journey long; it has many pitfalls; its stress, strain and complexities make him weary and forlorn. Many evil forces oppose him. He is faced by problems on every side, and the greatest one lies within, his own sinful nature. How can man find his God-appointed pathway in life, if he has to contend with so many obstacles and difficulties?

The Bible has the right answer. Man must have the indwelling Holy Spirit, who can direct him on life's journey. God's Spirit is willing to guide us in all we think, in all we say, and in all we do. We must not quench Him, nor grieve Him, but rather follow His directions unreservedly, and he will never fail us. He leads God's children by calling the truths of the Scriptures to their attention. Thus we read in I Peter 1:22: "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit." No one can ever claim to be under the guidance of God's Spirit, if he disregards the contents of the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit is the author of the Bible. All the 66 books of Holy Writ are inspired by Him. If someone is anxious for His guidance, he must read the Bible, and the indwelling Holy Spirit will then teach him what the meaning of the various passages is and will stimulate him to obey.

The Holy Spirit never works contrary to the Scriptures. Years ago I learnt to know a man who had some very strange views. He said, "If the Holy Spirit would ever ask me to forsake my wife, I would do it." This poor man was totally wrong, because whatever the Bible teaches is also the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Let us remember, therefore, that if we think or say or do something which is not in accord with the Scriptures, then we find ourselves in discord with the Holy Spirit.

There are various passages in God's Word which inform us about the leading of the Holy Ghost. He leads or stimulates us to pray. By Him we have access to God the Father (Eph. 2:18). Paul besought the Roman Christians to strive together with him in prayer to God in his behalf, because of the fact

that Holy Spirit was in them (Rom. 15:30). This Spirit also challenges us to be constant, to be fervent, and to be faithful in our prayer life. Prayerlessness is sin, because it keeps us away from God. Prayer is a great privilege. J. Ellis said: "Prayer is the door of heaven's treasure house, and faith the key which will unlock it. It is the key of the day and the lock for the night. It is the ladder between heaven and earth. It is not conquering God's reluctance, but rather taking hold of God's willingness."

Whenever the Holy Spirit leads us to pray, let us be obedient, because there the Lord is willing to bestow many spiritual and heavenly blessings upon us.

God's Spirit also leads us to perform the tasks of life which He has planned for us. The apostle Peter had such an experience. He was rather reluctant about making the gospel known among non-Jews; therefore he was not anxious to preach to Cornelius of Joppa. But later Peter confessed that the Spirit bade him go and preach, nothing doubting (Acts 11:12).

A similar incident is related about the evangelist Philip. The Holy Ghost instructed him to go and preach Christ to the eunuch of Ethiopia. Philip was obedient to the indwelling Holy Spirit, and the result was that the Ethiopian was both gloriously saved and baptized.

Dear fellow Christians, if the Spirit of God prompts us to testify for the Lord, we should never fail to respond, and to act according to

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# CHURCH NEWS

## 51st Pacific District Conference

**Dinuba, Calif.** — Approximately 200 delegates from 20 churches in Washington, Oregon, and California met in the Dinuba Mennonite Brethren church October 29-31 for the 51st convention of Pacific Coast M. B. churches.

Highlights of the convention included the acceptance of the West Park Mennonite Brethren Church, a mission church in Fresno, as a member of the conference, and the merger of the Zion Krimmer M. B. Church, Dinuba, with the Pacific District Conference of the Mennonite Brethren, in view of the anticipated formal merger of the two conferences.

### Home Completed

The convention was gratified to hear of the completion of a home

for the aged at Shafter within the last year. Dedication of the \$100,000 home took place on October 16. The home has room for 19 guests, and brings the number of homes for the aged on the West Coast to three. The others are located at Reedley, Calif., and at Dallas, Ore.

The delegation received the Dinuba extension work at Visalia as a project for conference home missions and ratified the plan to assist in building a new church in that city.

The statistician, A. A. Schroeter of Reedley, reported that member churches had contributed to church and conference work a grand total of \$710,427 in the past year. This represents an average contribution per member of \$133.

The convention was saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Ike Reimer of Dallas, Ore., during the days

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His directions. If we do not obey, we grieve the Spirit, and deprive ourselves of joy and divine blessing, but if we follow as He directs, we can be used of God to lead others to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit does not only guide us by telling us what to do. Often He also restrains us, when we are determined to do something which is contrary to God's will. The apostle Paul provides an example. On one missionary journey he planned to go to Bithynia, but the Spirit suffered him not (Acts 16:7). Even outstanding men of God are evidently sometimes in danger of going their own way and of missing God's will.

Does the Holy Spirit also sometimes try to restrain us from certain places of danger, and from sinful acts? There are many places where no true Christian should ever be found; they are known for their sinful atmosphere, for their pernicious character, and for their degrading influence, and therefore children of God, as well as all those who do not want to be defiled by sin, should refrain from them. Follow the exhortation of the Spirit of God, and He will direct your path and keep you from sin.

4. Another blessing of the indwelling Holy Spirit is that He stimulates us to bear fruit and to exercise Christian virtues. In Gal. 5:22, 23 we read, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

As soon as man admits the Spirit of the Lord into his inner being, his soul is flooded with God's love,

for we read in Rom. 5:5: "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

An overflowing joy and a peace which the world cannot bestow also fill the life of the one who has surrendered his heart to the Spirit of the Lord. He puts his faith and confidence in God, and trusts in Him in all circumstances of life. In relation to his neighbor he exercises longsuffering, gentleness, goodness and meekness.

Dear reader, let us remember that if complete control is granted to the indwelling Holy Spirit, He does not only produce the fruits of the Spirit, He also develops them. Have you ever surrendered to Him and permitted Him to determine the course of your life? In James 4:5 we read: "The Spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy." The meaning is that God's Spirit is not willing to share our hearts with any one else. If He takes possession of our hearts, He does not want Satan, or the world, or our own sinful self to have a share of it.

During the American Civil War negotiations for peace were in progress: an agreement was to be reached. Representatives from South and North got together. Each party presented its plans and wishes. Finally President Lincoln placed his big hand on the American map and said, "Gentlemen, my government can never be satisfied unless it takes possession of all the states."

Similarly the Holy Spirit places His hand on us and says: "I can never be satisfied unless I take possession of the entire human heart. I will share it with no one." Have you permitted Him to claim your heart and life entirely? May God grant it.

5. And now one more blessing of

of the convention. Her husband was a delegate.

### Foreign Visitors

Distinguished guests at the conference were visitors from India and Japan. Rev. M. B. John is chairman of the 23,000 member Mennonite Brethren Conference in India. Rev. Kyoichi Kitano, also a guest, is the dean of the M. B. Bible School in Japan.

The convention passed a resolution expressing appreciation to the President of the United States "for his able leadership and the religious influence of his life in these days of international turmoil and crisis."

Sunday services were held in the Reedley M. B. church. More than 2,000 participated in the observance of Holy Communion at the beginning of the morning worship service.

### Officers Elected

Rev. H. R. Wiens, pastor of the Dinuba M. B. Church, served as moderator of the convention. Rev. H. H. Dick, pastor of Shafter M. B. Church, was elected moderator for

the indwelling Holy Spirit. If He lives and abides in us, He gives us the confidence that some day we will take possession of our eternal inheritance. In Eph. 1:13,14 we read: "Ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest [or down-payment] of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

Sometimes we are rather curious to know whether we will actually get to heaven and enjoy its glory and blessings. God tells us in His Word that He has sealed us as His children, and that the Spirit in our hearts is the earnest, or guarantee, or down-payment for it. This thought is clearly expressed in II Cor. 1:22 and again in II Cor. 5:5, where we read, "For God hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit."

My dear reader, have you ever permitted the Holy Spirit to take possession of your heart? If you have not, will you pray with the hymn writer:

Gracious Spirit, Love divine,  
Let thy light within me shine!  
All my guilty fears remove;  
Fill me with thy heavenly love.  
Life and peace to me impart;  
Seal salvation on my heart;  
Breathe thyself into my breast,  
Earnest of eternal rest."

And Christians may pray with another hymn writer:

"Holy Spirit, faithful Guide,  
Ever near the Christian's side,  
Gently lead us by thy hand,  
Pilgrims in a desert land:  
Weary souls for e'er rejoice,  
While they hear that sweetest voice,  
Whispering softly, "Wandrer,  
come!  
Follow me, I'll guide thee home."

G. D. H.

the coming year. Rev. Leo Wiens, pastor of the Rosedale M. B. Church, Bakersfield, was re-elected vice-chairman, and Dan Neufeld, Dinuba, was re-elected conference secretary.

Next year's convention will be held in Dallas, Ore., at the invitation of the M. B. Church there.

## Evangelistic Campaign

**Calgary, Alta.** — "Oh give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people." Ps. 105:1.

We, as a church, have much to be thankful for. The Lord has showered rich blessings upon us during the year. We praise Him for those who were willing to follow their Lord in baptism this summer.

Then, too, we praise the Lord for what He has done in our midst during the Evangelistic Campaign which we have just concluded with the Rev. H. Epp as evangelist.

Rev. Epp directed his first message to Christians, stressing that unless we as God's children experienced a revival in our hearts we could not expect the unsaved to come to Christ. The Lord heard the cry of His people as we prayed for revival. At every meeting we could sense the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of individuals. Many victories were won as Christians met their Lord in a new way and allowed Him to meet their need.

The last message in this series was on the second coming of Christ. How God challenged our hearts to watch!

Truly God has met us in a wonderful way. Our prayer is that this spirit of revival may continue in our midst and also spread to the uttermost parts of the earth.

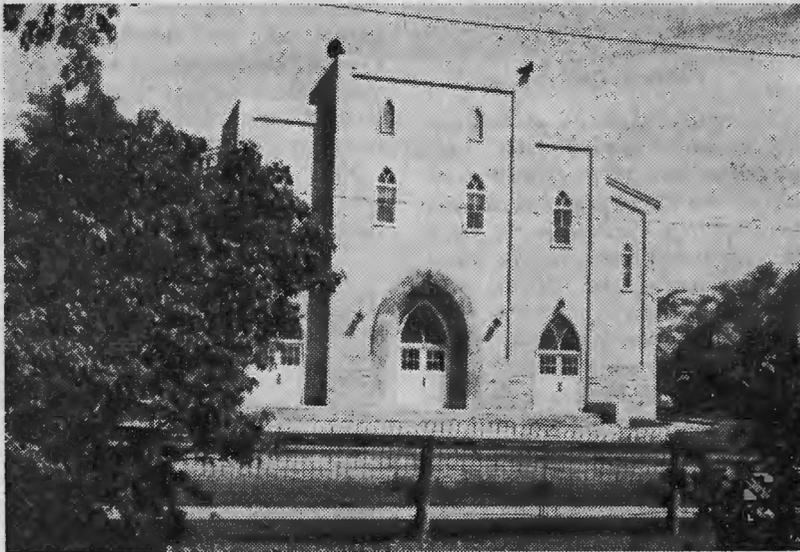
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## B.C. Churches Hold Semi-Annual Meeting

**Chilliwack, B.C.** — Semi-annual meeting of the Mennonite Brethren Conference of B.C. churches was held Saturday in the Broadway Mennonite Brethren Church, Chilliwack.

The conference is made up of 17 churches with a total membership of 4712. Over the last few years there has been a steady growth in membership.

Saturday's morning and afternoon meetings were reserved for business sessions. Meetings Sunday in the Mennonite Educational Institute, Abbotsford, were open to guests and interested persons.



The Mennonite Brethren Church, Winkler, Man., built in 1947.

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strengthening the faith of the convert. Many discovered the blessings of Mark 5:19: "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

In July, 1886, the first baptismal service was held at Burwalde, a district six miles northwest of Winkler. Immersion was made in the Dead Horse Creek at a point about a quarter of a mile east of No. 3 Highway. The following were the first six candidates for baptism: Mr. and Mrs. John Nickel, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Banman, Peter Hoepfner, and Mrs. Henry Hoepfner. Later that year, the first Mennonite Brethren Church in Canada was organized at Burwalde.

### Building the Church

As more members were added to the church, Rev. Henry Voth invited Rev. George Wiebe of Ebenfeld, Russia, to come to Canada to minister to the M. B. Church here. Consequently, in April, 1888, Rev. Wiebe arrived at Burwalde and be-



J. A. Kroeker (1878-1945) served as choir director of the Winkler M. B. Church from 1906 to 1941. An influential man in the church, he operated a store and real estate office in Winkler for 45 years.

came the leader of the church. By this time there had been numerous discussions by the members as to the advisability of putting up a church building and at a meeting of the members in February, 1889, the sum of \$275.00 was subscribed for a building. The first church was built in the summer of 1889. It was situated about three quarters of a mile south and one mile east of the present Burwalde School.

At about this time the Sunday School was also organized and three of the first teachers were Rev. George Wiebe, John Wiebe, and Peter Hoepfner. By 1906 there were five classes with an average attendance of 45 and an average collection of 45¢. For years the Sunday school classes met in the afternoon. The late John B. Dyck was the superintendent for 26 years.

In the summer of 1895, Rev. David Dyck arrived at Winkler with his wife and nine children to take over the leadership of the Church at Eurwalde. He had travelled about two months, making the entire trip from Cope, Col., with horses and wagon. Later Rev. Dyck moved to Borden, Sask.

### The Move to Winkler

As the membership of the church grew, it was felt that the building at Burwalde was too small and not centrally located. A fairly large number of its members lived at Grossweide, a district northeast of Plum Coulee. For some time the deliberations had centered about moving the Burwalde church to Grossweide and building a new church in Winkler, but at a meeting on October 30, 1897, it was decided to move the Burwalde church building to the northwest corner of Winkler. However, since the Mennonite Brethren Conference of North America had been invited to Winkler for the following year and the building was obviously inadequate, a second church was erected on the same site and the Burwalde church was used as a dining room. The new church was dedicated on July 31, 1898.

It was at the General Conference in October, 1898, that Rev. N. N. Hiebert of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, was accepted as the first foreign missionary of the Mennonite Brethren Conference in North America. He left for the field in India in 1899. Since then, the Winkler M. B. Church has ordained for foreign fields the following missionaries: Helen Warkentin, India, 1919; Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Unruh, India, 1937; Annie E. Dyck, Colombia, 1946; Margaret Dyck, Africa, 1946; Helen Harder, India, 1946; Linda Banman, Brazil, 1948; and Sarah Peters, Africa, 1954.

The first choir leader of the Winkler M. B. Church was Peter Dyck. Other choir directors have been Rev. P. H. Neufeld, Rev. J. B. Penner, and Peter Klassen. From 1906 to 1941, the late Br. J. A. Kroeker served as leader of the choir. In 1945 Mrs. Justina Wiebe organized a girls' choir, which she has conducted since.

### Youth Work

With the assistance of Rev. P. E. Penner, the Jugendverein was organized in 1902. At the first Jugendverein program Mrs. Peter Bueckert, widow of the late Mayor Bueckert of Winkler, recited the poem, "Die Krone der Lehrerin." Jake Riesen, a local school teacher, was very active in the Jugendverein in its early stages.



J. J. Enns, leader of the Winkler M. B. Young People's Society for 15 years. He was mayor of Winkler (1928-35) and a trustee of the Winkler School Board for 11 years.

The late J. M. Elias was one of the most zealous presidents of the Jugendverein. He gathered vast quantities of material suitable for Young People's programs. His best known collection of German material is titled, "Er führt uns wie die Jugend." For a number of years Mr. J. J. Enns was president of the Jugendverein as well as of the Young Men's meetings.

### The Present Church

The church which had been erected in 1898 was remodelled and enlarged for the third time in 1930.

For years, however, it was felt that the old site was too far out of town especially for the old people and for the children. It was also felt that the church could minister more effectively to the spiritual needs of the community if it were more centrally located. At special services it also proved to be too small. For years, some of the Sunday school classes had met in the Bible school. When Mr. J. A. Kroeker donated the site at the corner of Mountain Avenue and Eighth Street, the present church building was erected in the summer of 1947 at a cost of \$56,332. On December 21, 1947, this sanctuary was dedicated to the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Br. C. B. Enns acted as chairman of the building committee.

The leaders of the Church have been Rev. George Wiebe, 1888-1895; Rev. David Dyck, 1895-1906; Rev. John Warkentin, 1906-1931; Rev. H. S. Voth, 1931-1950; Rev. G. D. Pries, 1950-1955. On June 26, 1955, Rev. J. H. Quiring was installed as pastor of the Winkler Church.

The following brethren have been deacons of the Winkler M. B. Church: John Enns, Frank F. Peters, J. M. Elias, Jacob Rempel, Nick Rempel, J. B. Dyck, and P. H. C. Penner. The present deacons are Peter Redekop, Henry Kuhl, Frank E. Peters and George P. Dyck.

## Request Donations for Bethesda Home

Vineland, Ont. — We greet you with II Cor. 9:15: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!"

In Romans 8:32b we read: "How shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Our Lord Himself has become for us the great and unspeakable Gift and we wish to praise, glorify and worship Him. Unfortunately there are many things that do not glorify His name at the Christmas season, but we are glad we can have the lovely practice of remembering those less fortunate than ourselves with gifts. This year we again hope to be in a position to do so in our Bethesda Home, and for this we desire your help. Who will send us a contribution for this purpose?

An interesting program is being planned for December 21 at 7 p.m., in which the patients in particular will participate. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

We want to join the multitudes who rejoice in the Saviour whose birth we are commemorating. We wish all of you a blessed and joyous Christmas.

The Houseparents,  
G. J. and M. Epp



# The Cause of Foreign Missions

## From Chaos



Some of the wreckage caused by Japan's worst tornado disaster on September 29, 1959. It killed 4,341 persons. The report below tells about the beginnings of our new Gospel work in Kuwana Japan immediately following the disaster.

### The City

**Japan:** When we first came to Kuwana after the Ise Bay typhoon, we saw nothing but flood waters still covering many homes, and where the waters were abated, only debris. Dead bodies were still being searched for; those who had lost homes and loved ones were finding refuge in school buildings and Buddhist temples; roads were impassable; food could not be purchased for all shops had been washed out. Could order ever be restored? Could the living survive?

We were among those who received the "Macedonian" call to come and help. With the help of many Christians all over Japan and funds supplied by many missions and churches, we organized clean-up camps, feeding programs for school children and distributions of clothing, quilts and tatami (straw mats).

### The House

To establish a spiritual witness as a follow up of the relief work, Sister Kudo, a Japanese co-worker and I were sent to Kuwana to seek to bring the message of peace to hearts in chaos. To find housing was like looking for a needle in a hay stack after so many homes had been destroyed. But being assured

the Lord wanted us here, we continued our search until finally we found a small room for Kudo-san, and later, one for me in an apartment where the kitchen is used by everyone in the apartment. My room was right across from the kitchen and at the corner of an intersection where heavy traffic passes from early morning until late at night. Sometimes I wondered if I could bear the intense summer heat, the noisy traffic and the various odors, but the Lord's grace proved sufficient.

After five months of simple Japanese living, the Lord opened a place in a quiet and very conveniently-located area. The location was desirable, but the house itself was very undesirable. It, too, was in a state of chaos. The estate is almost 100 years old and spread over several acres of land. For lack of care, a good part of the estate is in a state of rotteness and ruin. The remainder that still "happens" to be in condition can best be described as being in a state of chaos (or a dirty junk yard inside a building).

When we asked the owner of the house if we could rent some rooms, she consented, but it would mean much cleaning and repair of the two available rooms. Why the Lord chose this place for us, we still

don't know, but we got to work. There were times I told my co-worker we just couldn't live here. We would clean and work and it seemed like there would never be an end. Could order be restored? Yes, the day came, when we could call the landlady and say: "Look." She stared till we thought her eyes would pop out. She also paid for half of the repairs.

### The Hearts

We found the hearts of the people in a state of chaos, too, as are all hearts under the control of Satan. The work of restoration has begun.

### What hath God wrought to restore order?

First of all, the city and the farmers have prospered so well with their rice crops this year that they are able to rebuild their homes. Isn't this the Lord's mercy?

Next, order was restored in this house where I now have a very comfortable, pleasant home which has already proved a blessing.

Lastly, order has been restored in hearts. Among those who have been saved and will soon follow the Lord in baptism is a junior high school principal, Mr. Yamamoto; Mr. Okamoto, a young factory worker; the teacher of the sewing school we are using for meetings; Mrs. Kuwano and other young girls. We praise the Lord for this fruit which is the manifestation of His glory and His faithfulness.

From November 12 to 15 we are planning another special evangelistic campaign. Only four short days, but we're trusting the Lord for souls. We covet your earnest prayers.

Rubena Gunther  
1360 Higashikata  
Kuwana City,  
Mie Ken, Japan

### South America

**Asuncion, Paraguay:** A successful, union evangelistic campaign concluded here on October 23, according to Albert Enns. In spite of counter-propaganda by the opposition, all of the services could be conducted and messages could be presented over the radio. More than 280 persons responded to the invitation and remained for prayer and counsel regarding their spiritual welfare. While not too many people attended from the section of Asuncion in which our work is conducted, about five individuals from that section made decisions. Pray for them as our workers and church in Asuncion seek to help them grow in their Christian experience. Members of our Asuncion church sang in the choir and served as personal workers.

### Summer Bible School

Plans are being made for summer Bible schools in Asuncion, Paraguay. One school is to be conducted before Christmas and another in

thereafter. Our missionaries in Asuncion are praying that the Lord will lead them in conducting the second school in a new location which could also mark the beginning of another Gospel witness in the city.

### Clevelandia, Brazil

Linda Banman has transferred here from Curitiba as part of our mission effort to establish a Gospel and church witness in this town. A large lot and house have been purchased. In the past a small Sunday School has been conducted and occasional Gospel services have been held. Plans are to begin regular Sunday meetings and prayer services. Sister Banman is calling on homes and visiting families. Pray that she may be able to make many contacts and testify with courage.

### Cisneros, Columbia

Dedication of a new church building at Cisneros in the Colombian Valle is planned for the week end of November 20. Begun last February, the building was recently completed. The building has a seating capacity for 80 to 100 persons and has an adjoining apartment for the worker of the church.

### Call, Columbia

A retreat for all church workers in Columbia is planned for November 28 to December 2 in Cali. Last year such a retreat proved to be a great blessing to our workers in Columbia. Pray that the Lord will also shower His heavenly blessings upon the leaders this year.

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### India

The radio program of the India Mennonite Brethren Church is entitled "Evening Meditation." The program is prepared by the Christians at Mahbubnagar including some of the school staff members and students. It is beamed over the air each Monday evening at 8:15 from Manila over the facilities of Far Eastern Broadcasting Station. Henry G. Krahn is now the program director, but the messages and music are prepared by the Indian Christians. Sometimes from six to seven hours are spent in preparation and practice before the 15-minute program is recorded on tape and then sent to Manila for release. Much prayer and study also go into this program. Pray that the program might find its way into many of India's homes where the Telugu language is being spoken and bring to these homes the light of the Gospel showing the way to eternal life through Jesus Christ the Savior.

A special word of gratitude is due our Lord and Savior for the faithfulness of the wooing of the Holy Spirit and His drawing men and women to repentance and faith in Christ Jesus. Among those who have been saved is the Brahman

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## THE Young Observers

### Hello, Girls and Boys

How are all my young friends keeping? Still busy and happy, no doubt! Are you all enjoying this blustery, wintery weather? By now most of you will have hauled out your sleds and skates. It certainly would be fun to have a regular skating party—with youngsters from far and near.

I always enjoy the winter. It reminds me of a little verse:

"Winter is the best and dearest,  
Winds are stillest, skies are clearest—  
Snowballs, sleigh rides, Christmas—whew—  
I like winter best—don't you?"

I especially enjoy the cozy indoors on stormy days. It is warm and comfortable in the house. There is sufficient food for all. The fury and discomfort of the storm cannot reach me; I feel secure in the home, shielded and protected.

Well, boys and girls, we can have such inner contentment and peace at all times, when we receive Jesus into our hearts. We might have to do unpleasant tasks at times, but that does not take away our happiness of heart. The world about us may be troubled; as Christians, we can be calm and cheerful. And the Bible gives us nourishment for the soul. Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life."

May we all let Jesus rule our lives. He will keep us safe and happy whether it be sunny or stormy all about us.

Love, Aunt Helen.

## A New Heart

Far away in the north of Ireland, so the story goes, there lived long ago a lonely old lady who kept a great many pets, among them a little white pig.

Of all her pets she loved her perky little pig best, though she had more trouble with him than all the rest put together. Every morning she scrubbed him till his skin fairly shone. Then, after he was all nice and clean, what do you think she did? She tied a lovely pink ribbon around his neck.

Then she would say: "Now, please, please, don't go into any of the mud puddles out in the yard! Play on the green, grassy place, for I don't want you to come home again all covered with mud."

"I know," said the wee pig. "I'll come back tonight just as clean as I am now." Then, with a loving pat from the old lady, off piggy ran, with his eyes on the lovely green grass.

But no sooner was he away from the house when he spied a muddy puddle, and dashed right into it, sniffing and rooting, forgetting all about the old lady's warning, and having a wonderful time until evening.

"Oh! Oh! Oh!" cried the old lady, when the little pig returned home. "What am I going to do with you? After all the trouble I've taken to keep you so nice and clean!" What a scrubbing there was that night! The poor little fellow was so sad he went to bed without any supper.

Next morning when he got up, he slipped quietly into the kitchen, wondering what the old lady would say this time. But she didn't say a word. Once more she made him ready to go out to play and, of course, she got the usual promise, for the little pig was determined to do the right thing this time.

On went another ribbon, and then came the same warning: "Please, please, play on the grass today."

Piggy really meant to obey, but no sooner was he away from the house than the grass was forgotten, and he was wallowing in the mud patch at the end of the field.

It was a very sad pig who went to bed that night, for he really loved the old lady, and hated to make her unhappy. "Oh dear!" he said aloud, "why do I always go to the mud puddle instead of the nice green grass, where I could keep clean?" With a long sigh he turned over and fell sound asleep.

Unknown to the little pig, his fairy godmother had been listening to his words. "I'll have to do something about this," she said to herself. "I can't have both the old lady and the little pig unhappy."

She hurried away, and when she returned she got busy with her fairy fingers. Quickly she took away the little pig heart, and in its place she put the heart of a little lamb. "Now we'll see what happens," she murmured, and away she went.

When the little pig got up in the morning, he was all promises again.

The old lady still loved him in spite of all the mess he had made, and the trouble he had been. Once again she warned him, but without much hope.

But things were different now. As before, the little pig promised to keep clean, and off he ran. This time, however, he didn't even give a second look at the mud puddles. In great glee he bounded away, as

fast as he could go, right into the middle of the lovely green grass, and there he played the live-long day.

It was a different and happier piggy who came home to the old lady that evening. It was the same little pig, of course, the same little pig—but now he had a new heart.

—As reprinted from Presbyterian Life in "The Young Soldier"

## What Good Does Praying Do?



Jane Ayres laid down her English text and stared into space before she asked the questions which troubled her.

"Mother," she inquired, "do you believe in prayer?"

Mrs. Ayres looked up in surprise. "Do I believe in prayer?" she repeated. "Why of course I do, dear."

"Well, what good does praying do?"

Mrs. Ayres laid aside her sewing and regarded Jane earnestly. "I pray because it is the right thing for a Christian to do," she said gravely. "But tell me, Jane, is there anything wrong? Do you need my help?"

Jane waited a moment. "Oh, Mother, it's just that I can't understand some things. Last night I prayed so hard that I might make a good mark in my English test this afternoon, and I received only a C! If prayer really does any good, why did that happen?"

"Let me ask you a question, Jane. Did you do anything to help with the answering of that prayer?"

Jane looked puzzled, and her forehead had a line or two in it. "I didn't do much," she said briefly. "Should a person have to do that? I always thought that God answered our prayers, and—"

"Let's look at it this way, dear. When you came to me asking help with your math homework the other evening, did I just do the problem for you?"

"Oh, no," said Jane. "You just helped me reason things out. That started me to thinking and I finished it myself."

"Do you think that I could have solved those problems, Jane?"

"Oh, yes, they were easy, for you!" Jane's brown eyes light up with sudden understanding. "I see what you mean, Mother. God could

have granted my requests, but He knew I should work things out for myself."

"It is hard to explain, but God does help us to think more clearly so that we can see our way and know what to do in certain situations. We should always pray to Him to help us."

Jane looked very serious. "But, Mother, I can be near you and see you while God seems such a long way off."

"God does seem far away sometimes," Mrs. Ayres agreed. "But very often that is our fault. The Heavenly Father is always near, but sometimes we let ourselves drift away from Him by doing wrong things."

"What must we do to keep from getting so far from Him, Mother?"

"Do you come to me only when you want something?" asked her mother.

Jane was thoughtful again. "You mean that God wants us to talk to Him, just as I talk with you?"

"Do you remember how the prayer begins which the Lord Jesus taught His disciples?" asked Mrs. Ayres.

"Our Father which art in heaven, etc.," Jane answered quickly.

"Doesn't that sound as if we are talking to someone we know very well?" asked Mrs. Ayres.

Jane nodded. "You mean that God wants us to tell Him the things we would tell our best friends here on earth?"

"He wants us to tell Him about our good days as well as our bad days. He wants to share our joys as well as our sorrows. He wants to know our desires and then to see us do our share in making our prayers come true."

"But does He always answer our prayers, Mother?" Jane wondered. "Even when we do our part?"

"We need to remember that God sometimes answers with a 'no,' just as I sometimes have to say 'no' to your requests. In that sense, I am sure we can say that God always answers our prayers, my dear."

Jane picked up her books and started to her room. "Thanks a lot, Mother, for talking with me about this," she said, "I'm going to do some real praying tonight. Things seem so much clearer now to me."

—As reprinted in "The Young Soldier" from Christian Trails

## Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(12th Instalment)

And almost before her husband had time to realize what was happening, she had disappeared from the room in answer to the summons.

Little David, who was a rather sensitive and highly-strung child, did not seem to have quite settled down to his new environment, for his sleep had been fitful at times, and this was not the first time in the last day or so that he had disturbed them at an unusual hour. A few minutes passed, and Maxwell Brandon was about to investigate the emergency himself, when his wife suddenly appeared in the doorway again with a reassuring smile.

"It's all right, dear," she said, as she came back into the room. "He'd been dreaming, I think, but as soon as he knew I was there he settled down again quite contentedly."

"The mother's touch!" smiled her husband.

Margaret Brandon shook her head. "I don't think it's altogether that," she said, thoughtfully. "I think it's knowing that his cry has been heard—knowing that his call has been answered—that gives him confidence. Something like us and our prayers, dear."

"Yes," returned Maxwell Brandon soberly, "only there is this difference, Margaret. Our Lord says, 'Before they call I will answer.' So His children are better off than ours."

"Because His love is greater than ours?"

Maxwell Brandon nodded. "Yes. His is a love that will not let us go, thank God for that!" he said fervently.

### CHAPTER VIII MRS. NORWOOD SHOWS HER DISPLEASURE

It was the day of Mrs. Norwood's card party, which no one had been allowed to forget, for it had been the chief topic of conversation in the house at Burnside Avenue all the week. And now that the great occasion had actually come and gone, it appeared as if all Mrs. Norwood's gloomy predictions had been fulfilled, for at the dinner table that evening she regaled her husband and daughter with a full analysis of the whole situation.

"I knew it!" she declared for perhaps the hundredth time. "It's no use going on with anything if you don't get support from the pulpit. You might as well give it up!"

"Why, Thelma, how did you get on?" Mr. Norwood sounded genuinely interested. "It wasn't a flop, surely?"

"Of course it was!" Thelma Norwood almost spat out the words. "The only failure we've ever had!"

"Oh, never mind, mum," said

Nancy cheerfully. "I'm sure it wasn't as bad as all that!"

Mrs. Norwood bristled as she glared across the table at her daughter. "And what do you know about it, anyway?" she demanded. "You weren't there, were you?"

"Oh, no, mum," the girl admitted with a smile. "What I meant was that you're so upset."

"Upset?" Mrs. Norwood gave an angry snort. "I should think I would be upset!"

"Well, anyway, Thelma—" Charles Norwood leaned back in his chair, "calm yourself and give us the facts. How many were there for a start?"

"The poorest attendance we've ever had!" lamented his wife. "It's all our work for nothing, you might say. It's so disappointing, so disheartening!" And she looked ready to burst into tears.

"Oh, come now, dear," Charles urged consolingly. "I'm inclined to agree with Nancy. I think you're taking it too much to heart. Perhaps the weather was to blame."

"No, no!" Mrs. Norwood insisted. "It wasn't that at all. We've had some wonderful times when the weather has been simply awful. No, we all talked it over this afternoon, and we've decided that Mr. Brandon is to blame. He didn't announce it on Sunday, that was the trouble!"

"Oh, but mum," Nancy protested, "that shouldn't have made such a very great difference, because all the ladies knew."

"The ones who organized it knew, of course!" retorted her mother. "But you expect the support of the church in these things, and when the minister turns you down—"

"Well," observed Charles, "after what he said to you on Sunday night—"

"Yes, the impertinence!" Thelma Norwood's anger mounted at the remembrance of her last conversation with the new pastor. "To think that he should flatly refuse to accept any of the money we raise. If that's not looking the gift-horse in the mouth, as the saying goes!"

"But it's not for him to say, at all!" declared Charles, warming up to the subject. "He doesn't seem to realize that there is the board of church officers to be consulted."

"Oh, well," Mrs. Norwood inclined her head in a significant attitude, "we'll fix him up! We decided this afternoon that the Women's Guild will work for the kindergarten rebuilding fund in the future. The manse can fall into ruins before we'll put a penny towards repairs!"

"I don't suppose Pastor Brandon will worry about that!" Charles Norwood's lip curled in a cynical smile. "It's his wife who will have

to put up with all the inconvenience."

"Oh, well!" Thelma Norwood shrugged her shoulders. "If Mrs. Brandon can't stand up for her rights—"

"Was she there this afternoon, Thelma?"

Mrs. Norwood looked at her husband in surprise. "Who? Mrs. Brandon?" she echoed. "Don't be ridiculous, Charles. You don't think he would allow his wife to come to such a frightful thing as a card afternoon, do you?"

Charles was momentarily confounded by this piece of logic. He had never tried to control his own wife's activities, and it certainly had not occurred to him that Pastor Brandon might be given to such tactics.

"But as the minister's wife it is her duty to attend the ladies' functions," he exclaimed, as this important point suddenly presented itself to his mind.

"Of course, Mrs. Brandon has the children," ventured Nancy cautiously, feeling she was on fairly safe ground with this line of reasoning.

Mrs. Norwood, however, was not sympathetic. "Goodness me!" she declared virtuously. "She ought to be like some women with half a dozen children. I don't know how she'd manage then! Anyway, Pauline is old enough to take a lot of the responsibility off her mother's shoulders," she added autocratically, "but I suppose she's useless in the house!"

"No, mum, she's wonderful!" Nancy replied eagerly. "You should have seen her when we had the fellowship. She had the supper passed around in no time, and there was quite a crowd."

"Different from today, then!" Mrs. Norwood's thin lips set in a straight line, and she turned round on her husband with renewed determination. "Now, that's another thing, Charles. Here's Mr. Brandon starting up something new and condemning our existing auxiliaries without any authority whatsoever!"

Charles nodded. "Yes, that's what I've been thinking."

"Well, you're a deacon," his wife reminded him, "and you'd just better do something about it, Charles."

Mr. Norwood's rather broad chest expanded visibly as he took a deep breath. "I'll certainly have something to say at the next deacons' meeting, Thelma. You needn't worry about that," he told her with a hint of egotism. "In my opinion the new pastor will need to be put in his place before very long."

"He needs it right now!" Mrs. Norwood corroborated her husband's statement with her emphatic affirmative, and so carried away was she with the necessity of curbing the new minister's activities that she did not hear a knock on the outside door; indeed, they had all been so absorbed in the discussion

that none of them had heard anything of Trevor Warne's several attempts to make his presence known, and his sudden call from the kitchen took them all by surprise.

"Anybody home?" the young man's clear voice rang out.

"Why, Trevor!"

Mrs. Norwood sprang to her feet in glad surprise and hastened to the door. "Where are you, Trevor?" she called back in most cordial tones. "Come in!"

And next moment Trevor's smiling face appeared around the dining room door.

"Hullo, there!" he greeted them breezily. "What have you all been up to? I've been trying to make you hear for the last five minutes!"

"Poor Trevor!" said Mrs. Norwood apologetically. "We were all talking in here, I guess that's why we didn't hear you. But you know that you're perfectly welcome to walk in here at any time!"

"Thanks, Mrs. Norwood, I know that," Trevor assured her heartily. Then he turned his attention to Nancy, who was still sitting at the table with her father. "I say, Nance, guess what!" he cried excitedly, waving a small envelope between his fingers. "Guess what I've got here!"

There was a moment of eager suspense as Nancy shook her head.

"I haven't the slightest idea, Trevor!" she said with a smile, but for some unaccountable reason her heart sank. If he wanted to take her out tonight . . .

"Two tickets for the opera tonight, Nance, front stalls, too!" he announced triumphantly.

"Good gracious, Trevor! How did you manage that?" enquired Mrs. Norwood, obviously impressed.

"Oh, through a pal of mine, Mrs. Norwood!" explained the young man casually. "Well, come on, Nance. You can be ready in half an hour, I suppose?" And he glanced at his watch.

Nancy shook her head. "I'm sorry, Trevor, but I couldn't possibly go." "Nancy!" gasped her mother in astonishment.

"But Nance, I thought you always wanted to see the opera!" Trevor ejaculated.

"I couldn't go tonight, Trevor, even if I wanted to," Nancy went on quickly. "I promised to go round to Granny Weston's tonight to sing with the young people. You remember, Mr. Brandon arranged it all on Sunday night."

Trevor burst out laughing. "Oh, is that all, Nance!"

His mirth seemed to relieve the tension, although Mrs. Norwood's face was like a thundercloud.

"Really, Nancy," she declared in a voice that trembled with suppressed fury, "I've never heard of anything so absurd in all my life!"

The girl's face was pale as she looked up at her mother. "I told you we intended to visit her, mum."

(To be continued)

# MCC News & Notes

## Mission Work Through MCC

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wingert, who returned from Hong Kong in September, presented the work of the MCC in Europe and the Far East at special meetings in Manitoba Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren Churches and schools during November 1-15.

In his addresses, Mr. Wingert stressed the importance of the relationship between Mennonite Central Committee relief work and mission work as they seek to work together with Christ, ministering in His name.

"Christ was not only compassionate because people were hungry. He was concerned because they were people. He was concerned about all their needs. I feel God is using the MCC as a mouthpiece and ambassador in this great and challenging task," he said.

In referring to his service in Hong Kong as director of relief work, particularly among the refugees that came from China, he emphasized: "Just to permit them to stay is humanitarian on the part of the Hong Kong government. Every third dollar of its budget is spent for refugees."

### Effort Falls Short

It has built H-block resettlement houses for thousands, but many are still living in hillside shacks, in caves, in sidewalk lean-tos, in hallways and on rooftops. Meanwhile various agencies have coordinated their relief and rehabilitation projects for these refugees with those of the government. But even the total effort falls short of the need, for the refugees need everything and there is not enough of anything: food, clothing, houses, medical care, jobs, churches, schools, and hope for the future. Since 1958 Mennonite Central Committee has had the opportunity to aid in a small measure some of the refugees who came from Communist China. During this time they have distributed 10 shipments of relief goods totalling close to \$300,000 in value.

Here, as elsewhere, the concern of MCC is that these goods come into the hands of those who need it most. In Hong Kong the major distribution project was the mother's program in the Kwong Wah maternity ward, where an average of 63 babies are born each day.

Since initiating this project about a year ago, MCC has seen 25,000 women enter this charity hospital and about three days later return to their cubicle or other makeshift homes with their 25,000 or more babies.

### Canadian Help

"We were especially thankful for the three shipments of canned meat the Canadian government sent us, which came out through MCC efforts. Could the donors have seen the bales and bales of clothing and food that were distributed among the refugees they would have rejoiced. But do you realize that the \$300,000 worth of relief goods amounts to only 30 cents per per-

## Service Openings in MCC

There are about 500 persons representing the various Mennonite and affiliated Churches serving in MCC at any given time. These services are rendered both at home and abroad, in Christian service and the ministry of relief. MCC workers serve in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. MCC workers come from 17 different church groups, but have one motivation and one objective, and that is to meet the needs of men in Christ's name, and to be witnesses to the love of Christ.

MCC representatives, Harvey Taves and Urbane Peachey, will be visiting Western Canada this month in order to meet people who would want to take part in this ministry of love. These representatives will be able to give information as to places of service and needs at the present time.

Interviews are invited for the following dates and places.

### Manitoba:

November 29, Menno Travel Service, 302 Power Building, Winnipeg, Man. (Taves and Peachey)

November 30, D. W. Friesen & Sons, Altona, Man. (Taves)

December 1, J. G. Toews, Elm St., Steinbach, Man. (Taves)

### Saskatchewan:

December 2, Canadian Mennonite Relief & Immigration Council, 506-4th Ave. North, Saskatoon, Sask. (Taves and Peachey)

### Alberta:

December 3, Rev. Arthur Dick, 9842-88th Ave., Edmonton, Alta. (Peachey)

December 4, Mirror, Alta. (Peachey)

December 5, Menno Bible Institute, Didsbury, Alta. (Peachey)

December 6, Rev. Abe Regier, 19 Hunter St., Calgary, Alta. (Peachey)

son if divided among one million refugees in Hong Kong? Does this give you cause for jubilation? Have you really done all you could? Do you feel happy to enjoy the good things taken for granted, when the masses go hungry?

"I don't know the answer. I leave that to you. I challenge you young people and others to let God speak to you. You know God has commissioned us to go and preach, teach and baptize. Five hundred MCC workers are out in the field. They have put their hands to the plow—in the meantime the need persists," concluded Mr. Wingert.

### Wide Experience

The Wingerts have served as MCC relief workers in both Europe and the Far East. Mr. Wingert was in Germany in 1948 and 1949, and both were in Austria from 1950 to 1952. Almost five years were spent in Japan from 1953 to 1958, after

which they were transferred to Hong Kong to direct the relief work there.

In their speaking mission they use films and slides to illustrate some of their experiences. They give information and relate impressions gained in visits to other MCC projects in Indonesia, Vietnam, India, Jordan, Greece, Germany and Austria.

They are both graduates of Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., and have both done graduate studies at several universities. Prior to assignments with MCC Mr. Wingert served on the faculty of Messiah College and at Upland College, Calif. Mr. Wingert is the author of five books and pamphlets: two volumes of conversion stories, a book of poems, a booklet on Hong Kong, and a volume on experiences in relief work in Europe entitled: A Relief Worker's Notebook.

### British Columbia:

December 4, B.C. (Taves)

December 5, Rev. Henry Regier, 1265 East 53 Ave., Vancouver 15, B.C. (Taves)

December 6, MEL, Mr. Wm. Wie-

be, Clearbrook, B.C. (Taves)

December 7, Mr. A. A. Wiens, CMRIC Clothing Depot, Yarrow, B.C. (Taves)

December 8, Rev. Wm. Block, 483 E. 31st. Ave., Vancouver, B.C. (Taves and Peachey)

## Twenty Outgoing MCC-Workers Commissioned



**Akron, Pa. (MCC)** — A commissioning service for 20 outgoing MCC workers was held at the East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church, Lancaster, on Sunday evening, November 6. Noah G. Good, dean of Lancaster Mennonite School, gave the commissioning message on the topic "Christian Youth Serving, Witnessing and Living." The 20 workers attended orientation school at Akron headquarters October 26 to November 8.

### Voluntary Service Workers

Four of the 10 Voluntary Service workers in the group will go to Grande Riviere du Nord, Haiti. Those serving at the hospital there will include Jacob Penner, Kaleida, Man., as a laboratory technician.

Anita Janzen, Swift Current, Sask., and Bette Martin, Kitchener, Ont., are going to Junior Village, Washington, D.C., an institution which provides a temporary home for children whose parents cannot care for them. Harold Dueck, New Bothwell, Man., will serve as a nor-

mal control patient at National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. Pax

Assigned to the Pax program in Europe are John Brubaker, Elizabethtown, Pa.; John Driedger, Leamington, Ont.; and Robert Unrau, Wichita, Kan. They will receive specific assignments after arriving in Europe.

Bruce Becker, Kitchener, Ont., has been assigned to the Trans-Chaco Roadway project in Paraguay. Waldo Neufeld, Man., and Glenn Slabaugh, Bremen, Ind., will work with LeTourneau in Liberia.

### Mental Health Services

**Elkhart, Ind.** — Progress in the areas of personnel recruitment and building expansion in Mennonite mental hospitals was evident from reports submitted to the semi-annual meeting of Mennonite Mental Health Services Nov. 4-5.

The three operating hospitals coordinated by MMHS—Brook Lane Farm Hospital, Hagerstown, Md.; Prairie View Hospital, Newton, (Continued on page 11-4)

# NEWS from HERE and THERE

## CBMCI Convention

Seattle, Wash. — Seven countries were represented at the 23rd annual meeting of Christian Business Men's Committee International in Seattle Oct. 19-23. The CBMCI now has nearly 500 local chapters with a world-wide membership of 15,000.

### Convention Impressions

Jesus once said to his disciples: "Come ye apart . . . and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). Likewise He spoke to me through a good friend who said, "Come with me to the annual Business Men's Convention in Seattle." After some persuasion I locked the door upon a lot of work and left for the throbbing city of Seattle. Here I experienced an unforgettable time of rest and spiritual refreshing. Since this was such a unique mountain-top experience of fellowship with the Lord and Christian men from all over the world, I would like to share some of my impressions with you.

The setting struck me as most unusual. The plush Olympic Hotel with its spacious ballrooms, comfortable lobbies, and fancy luncheon rooms seemed better suited for worldly amusements than spiritual rest and fellowship. This feeling left me very quickly during the first service when the massive halls and lobbies vibrated with the sound of hundreds of voices joined in singing the hymns of faith. The gospel had penetrated the stone walls which usually enclosed dancers and merry-makers. People who had perhaps never before heard the story of salvation now could not escape its sound. Unusual? Yes! Different? Certainly! But what of that! Christ was preached in a setting of splendor, a stronghold of luxury, lust, and pleasure.

The atmosphere of the convention was the second aspect that impressed me. Everyone was greeted with a hearty friendliness that is missing in many of our churches. Wealth, race, country, creed, position in the world: nothing made a difference to anyone. We were a large group of Christians gathered for one purpose: to encourage one another to serve the Lord more faithfully in our place of business. Carpets, decorative lights or comfortable furniture do not create an atmosphere of rest and worship but the love of God operating in hearts and lives of people surely does. I sensed a spirit of kinship and genuine love the moment I mingled with men from far and near.

### Challenging Services

Plain, simple services were the core of the convention. Here you could feel God move as Christian

men sang, testified, and worshipped together. The first meeting, the communion service, brought us very close to the Saviour on the cross of Calvary. The speaker was not an ordained minister, the servants not deacons, but the Spirit touched the hearts of all present as the Word was read. God spoke to us. Then men spoke to God by quoting Scriptures dear to their hearts.

The other services: prayer meetings, breakfast, luncheon, workshop, business, and devotional, were filled with testimonies, songs, reports and prayers. The Lord and His salvation, the Light of the world, received the rightful place. The world needs this Light shining through us.

The Lord has done great things through CBMCI. Many hardened sinners have been wonderfully saved, many a careless Christian revived. God can marvelously undertake in lives that are dedicated to Him. And our God is able to accomplish much more if you and I will let our lights shine.

If you, my dear reader, are in need of an experience of restful reviving like I had, attend a CBMCI breakfast, luncheon, banquet, or next year's convention in Montreal. You too will feel the Lord's hand upon your heart and life.

P. C. Tilitzky

**Congo** — The Protestant missionary force in the Congo was gradually regaining pre-independence strength as of the end of October. Even women missionaries were finding their way back, despite continued instability in the political situation. A newly-organized agency of the Congo Protestant Council, the Congo Protestant Relief Agency, is seeking additional medical help.

**New Delhi, India.** — A bill requiring official proof of religious conviction before any citizen of India would be allowed to embrace Christianity was defeated after two days of Parliamentary debate. The Minister of State for Home Affairs declared the bill unconstitutional, denied that missionary activities were harmful to the country, and maintained that Christianity originated in India by the ministry of the apostle Thomas (a very ancient and probably correct tradition), and is thus as truly an Indian religion as is Hinduism.

The Gideon Organization continues to carry out the distribution of the Holy Scriptures. During their last year, according to the latest annual report, they had placed 149,000 Bibles in hotels throughout

the country, and they had distributed the amazing number of 1,310,000 copies of the Youth Testament. The ladies of the auxiliary distributed 121,000 Nurse Testaments. The total number of Bibles distributed by the Gideons up to the present time is something over 4,754,000, in addition to which they have distributed over 14 million Youth Testaments, and such, or a combined total of 36 million Bibles, Testaments and other publications.

**Berlin** — A total of 88 per cent of eligible young people in the Soviet Zone of Germany took part in communist youth dedication ceremonies last spring. The rites, an atheistic counterpart of Christian confirmation, have been denounced repeatedly by Protestant and Roman Catholic authorities. It has been reported, however, that many youngsters are participating in the atheistic rites only as a matter of routine without identifying themselves with the communist ideological platform. The church has been admitting such youngsters to confirmation after they have shown for at least one year that they want to be active members of the church.

**Chicago** — The Moody Bible Institute continues to be a pioneer in many areas of Christian activity. Moody Press has just announced plans to publish more than 50 new evangelical books in Spanish during the next few years, which will include a complete Bible story book for children, and a 1-volume Bible commentary. This fall the Institute began a three-year course in Missionary Broadcasting, which will include laboratory work in construction, installation, and maintenance of broadcasting equipment, as well as all those many subjects that pertain to the actual preparation and deliverance of the broadcast programs.

**Paraguay** — The Mennonite hospital in Paraguay finds it difficult to take care of all patients coming to it, especially since the hospital of the Bruderhof at Loma Hoby has been abandoned. For hundreds of miles the Mennonite hospital is the only one to go to.

**Washington** — Crime in the United States during the first six months of 1960 showed an ominous increase of 9 per cent to reach a new all-time high, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Robberies, up 13 per cent, reflect the highest increase. Murders were up 6 per cent over 1959 and forcible rapes were 5 per cent higher to reach the most alarming rate in the nation's history. Property lost to thieves, burglars, and robbers was \$134 million in the six-month period.

**Paraguay** — The Mennonite colonies in Paraguay are planning to expand into new areas. United States foreign aid is making pos-

sible a settlement in the Boqueron area 60 miles from Filadelfia. Young people have volunteered to start in this new unsettled land.

**Paraguay** — The first piano has arrived in the Paraguay colonies. It was given by American Mennonites for use in the school at Fernheim.

Fewer Americans perished in the whole Korean war than die each year on US streets and highways in automobile accidents. The actual 1959 price tag for US auto progress was 37,800 dead and 1,400,000 disabled. The dollar cost was just under six billion. (F.H.E.)

## Foreign Missions

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language teacher who served as language instructor to many of our India missionaries and who thus came into contact with the Gospel. He was then baptized and became a member of the India Mennonite Brethren Church. Because of his fine qualifications and educational preparation, he will prove to be a great asset to the Lord's work. He is now already serving as secretary of the Governing Council of the India Mennonite Brethren Church. Aside from his regular work he has translated a book **Born Crucified** from the English into the Telugu language. This translation should prove to be a blessing to many people who read it in the Telugu language as it has been a blessing to many people who have read it in the English language. May the Lord continue to call many to repentance and grant that the light of the Gospel will lighten many hearts as a result of the missionary outreach on the India field.

## Europe

**Bazel:** H. H. Janzen is scheduled to minister as follows during the coming weeks: beginning on November 14, teaching six hours a week in the European Mennonite Bible School in Switzerland; November 27 to December 2, evangelistic meetings in St. Gallen, Switzerland; December 9 to 11, Bible conference at Geisberg, France; December 16 to 20, services in the Linz Mennonite Brethren Church in Austria; December 27 to 31, Mennonite youth retreat at Thomashof, Karlsruhe, Germany. A. J. Neufeld is scheduled to minister as follows: November 21 to 27, Flawil, Switzerland, and December 5 to 11, St. Gallen, Switzerland.

**Neuwied:** Max Woerlen terminated his service with our conference in Europe on November 1 and began a ministry under the Mennonite Central Committee in Kaiserslautern, Germany. The contribution of Brother Woerlen to our conference ministry in Europe, particularly among the young people, is much appreciated. Let us continue to remember his service for the Master in prayer.

## North Kildonan Youth Program

Upon the request of the editorial staff of this newspaper we would like to tell you of our youth in action. Our North Kildonan M. B. Church has a membership of 575 and is located in North Winnipeg. The youth committee consists of the youth leader (elected by the church) and ten members, eight elected by the church and two by the Young People's Association. To make this set-up less unwieldy, we divide into three sub-committees: Wednesday night committee, missions committee and "Jugendvereins" committee.

### Aims and Objectives of our Youth Committee

In order to tell you about our youth in action we must begin with the phase of our work which we consider most important. It is said that there is little point in having much action or speed without direction. We have spent much time thinking and praying about aims and objectives of our work. At our first committee meeting this year we wrote our aims down in order to refer to them when planning future activities. In general they were as follows: 1) To encourage one another to put our trust in the Lord Jesus for salvation from all sin. 2) To encourage one another to become more mature Christians. 3) To encourage one another to worship God and to serve Him. 4) To encourage one another to become

## Alberta Sunday School Conference

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sang choruses suitable for young Sunday School students.

The invocation and 'sing' on Saturday morning was followed by a demonstration lesson with the primaries by Mrs. Edith Wall and a short discussion on the method of teaching. Bro. Penner spoke on "The Teacher, a Channel of God's Revelation to the Child." La Glace and Vauxhall supplied special singing.

In the afternoon, Bro. George Thiessen gave the demonstration lesson with the Juniors. Again, a discussion followed. Linden and Gem rendered special singing. After the demonstration lesson, the teachers had a choice of four workshops which they could attend. The topics were: "The Sunday School, an Avenue of Outreach," by Br. H. Willms; "The Day School Teacher's Opportunity to Witness," by Br. P. Poetker; "How to Conduct a Discussion," by Br. P. Bargaen; "The Superintendent and His Task," by Br. A. Regier.

The evening demonstration lesson, conducted by Br. John Schmidt, was directed to the intermediate class. Calgary supplied the special singing. "Mobilizing our Talents for Christian Service" was the top-

# YOUTH IN ACTION

more faithful members of our local church.

More specifically we considered these aims in the spiritual, social and practical realm.

In the spiritual realm our aims were to: 1) Learn how to study the Word of God; 2) Learn how to have Christian fellowship; 3) Learn how to pray to God; 4) Learn more of Christian doctrine; 5) Learn how to express our love to God, to the local church and to each other.

Socially, our aims were to: 1) Learn how to meet people; 2) Learn how to converse with one another; 3) Learn to express ourselves.

Practically, we wished to: 1) Give opportunity for Christian service of various types; 2) Acquaint our young people with the work of our church and of our conference.

### Programming

This detailed analysis of our aims and objectives we consider the most important aspect of our youth work. We have discovered that the more time we spend considering our aims, the more ideas we get for programs and as a result we now have more plans than we can fit into our program. We would like to point out some source material which stimulated and guided our thinking. We are greatly indebted to the editors of *The Youth Worker*,

ic of Br. Penner's message for Saturday night.

Sunday morning's service differed somewhat from the others. It began with a prayer meeting led by Br. P. Penner from Crooked Creek. This was followed by a message in the English language by Br. P. J. Doerksen. His topic was "The Sunday School Awakening to World Need." The next feature was brought chiefly for the benefit of the many children who had come to the service. Br. G. Block told the story of Christ's temptation in the wilderness in a very interesting manner. The German message by Br. Penner was about parental duties in the home. The Lindbrook M. B. choir served with songs.

The last meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. A panel discussion under the heading, "The Sunday School Going to Church," was led by Br. J. Doerksen. The other panel members were P. Doerksen, P. H. Warkentin, J. Dyck and P. Rempel. After the special singing by Calgary, Br. Penner addressed the conference for the last time with the stirring message, "Our Divine Resources, the Dynamic for Advance in Christian Education."

The meeting was dismissed at three o'clock and the conference for 1960 came to a close.

Elvera Siemens

which is geared to our needs. Other books we have used are *Youth Worker Program Helps*, and *Youth Program Ideas*.

At our mid-week services we have a mission emphasis once a month. These mission-centered programs have included missionary reports, films, and socials with an international flavour such as an 'Indian Rice and Curry Supper' and an 'African Banquet.'

Since our main emphasis is in the spiritual realm, we have devoted most Wednesday nights to studying the Christian way of life and to prayer. The topics ranged from 'The Church,' 'Church Government and My Part In It,' 'Growing Up Emotionally,' 'Courtship,' to topical studies in the book of Daniel. Various methods of presentation such as speaker, panel, personal interview and group discussion were used. We consider this last method of presentation valuable because it provides an opportunity for most of our members to take an active part.

Besides our mid-week meetings, we are responsible for one Sunday evening service each month. This usually takes the form of a 'Jugendverein' program. Singing and music are an integral part of these programs, which last year were centered on the main theme, "The Church of Jesus Christ." Several aspects of this main theme which we have explored are 'Responsibility of the Church,' 'The Origin of the M. B. Church,' and 'Heroes of the Church.'

In order to achieve our aims in the social realm we have conducted 'Fireside' meetings at various homes after the Sunday evening church services, held banquets and also several other socials.

### Practical Expression

In the practical realm the opportunities are many and varied. Promoting participation in activities in the local church: Sunday school, daily vacation Bible school, choir, is emphasized, as well as youth participation on the M. B. Conference level. Service is an important part of our Christian life and we can give practical expression to it through activities such as sponsoring a work-day for missions, visiting the sick, sending cards and tape recordings to our missionaries, visiting some of our home mission stations.

In conclusion we may say that to achieve our aims we hold many committee meetings. These scheduled meetings, where we evaluate and criticize preceding meetings, are also times of prayer. They inspire unity and new enthusiasm to try again next week.

N. K. M. B. Church  
Youth Committee

## Accepted As Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Hildebrandt were commissioned to go as missionaries for the Evangelical Mennonite Mission Conference in a dedication service at the Winkler EMM church on November 13.

Rev. Hildebrandt graduated from MBBC in June, 1957. He served as instructor at the Winkler Bible School for several years.

## What Our Readers Say

Aoyama Gakuin University  
Shibuya Ku, Tokyo, Japan

Dear brother:

You have certainly done well in keeping the "Observer" at a high level of interest, as well as maintaining its inspirational value. The editorials particularly are thought-provoking and a source of guidance which must be recognized. I want to thank you for this.

Some personal news: A baby boy was added to our family, born October 14. He is healthy and seems happy to be alive! My wife, Junko, is doing fine too, and gets an average of a dozen callers a day—students from the school here as well as members of the family. By the way, since he missed my own birthday by only 30 minutes, we couldn't refuse to name him William, and Kenneth next.

We are still living on the campus of the university here, a school founded 85 years ago by the Methodist Church. I instruct English, spoken and written, and Bible classes and lead discussion classes. The nature of my classes and the location of our house makes it an excellent opportunity to share the wonderful gospel of Christ.

During the summer we enjoyed a most unusual vacation. Since long-distance hiking was so popular, we walked along the ancient highway from the famous old city of Kyoto to Tokyo. It was 340 miles and took about eleven days, during which we stayed at eleven different Japanese inns, from the quaintest to the most elaborate. I believe this was an excellent way of entering the atmosphere which prevailed in feudal Japan but which is still prevalent in many places.

My wife and I extend our sincerest wishes to you. Perhaps we will return next summer to see many of our friends again.

In Christ, yours sincerely,  
Junko and Bill Redekop

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A letter received from a Christian couple states the following: "Just a little note to tell you how much we appreciate the Mennonite Observer. Here among all the Mormons we consider the paper a real 'life saver.' We want to renew our subscription to this much welcomed paper."

# EDUCATION

## SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

### Tabor College

#### Area Alumni Meetings

Alumni dinner meetings were sponsored by the Tabor Alumni Association in Topeka and Wichita, Kans., on November 3 to coincide with conventions of the Kansas State Teachers Association in those cities.

Dean Wesley J. Prieb addressed the northeast Kansas alumni chapter at a dinner held in a downtown Topeka restaurant. The group chose Daryl Adrian president, Wesley Braun vice-president, and Mrs. Evelyn (Janzen) Ediger secretary-treasurer in elections following the dinner. All are from Topeka.

Dr. G. W. Peters, pastor of the Buhler M. B. Church and President Franz of Tabor spoke at a dinner meeting in the First Mennonite Brethren church in Wichita. Music was furnished by groups from the college.

#### Faculty Adds \$2,600 to Fund

One hundred per cent participation was reported in a recent special faculty drive for funds for the new gymnasium-auditorium. By the end of the one-day effort, the building fund was enriched by \$2,606 in cash and pledges.

The faculty drive was the kickoff event of the current financial campaign which will also involve the board of education, students, city, alumni, and friends of the college. Goal of the drive is to collect the funds necessary to complete the structure during 1961.

The faculty funds campaign was the second of its kind for this project. A drive in 1958-59 netted \$3,336 to bring total faculty-staff contributions to the gymnasium building fund to \$5,942.

#### Ebenfeld Church Hosts College

Students and faculty of Tabor were guests of the Ebenfeld M. B. Church southwest of Hillsboro at an all-day "Tabor Day" Sunday, October 30.

They attended morning worship services, were invited into the church homes for dinner, and presented a program of music and meditation in the evening. Dean Wesley J. Prieb was the evening speaker.

### Bethel College

#### Night Courses

Seven night classes and a Saturday morning class, representing six departments and totalling 22 credit hours, will be taught at Bethel College during the winter quarter,

starting November 28. Registration of new students will take place on the first evening each class meets. All the night classes run from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

#### Foreign Students Elected

The International Relations Club of Bethel College elected a new slate of officers at a business meeting Thursday evening, November 3, following a panel discussion on the significance of the recent United Nations assembly meeting.

Ted Doherty of Nigeria was elected president. Two other members elected to the executive were Erwin Boschman of Paraguay, vice-president, and Ursula Schumacher of Germany, secretary-treasurer. They will appoint two other members to help them with the drawing up of programs.

The panel discussion was moderated by Dwight M. Carpenter, instructor of history and government. Enos Sibania of Southern Rhodesia, Pieter de Craff of the Netherlands, and Ted Doherty were the panel members.

Future I. R. C. activities will include banquets, field trips, studies of the contemporary American political scene, and participation in regional and national I. R. C. organizations.

### Canadian Mennonite Bible College

Enrollment for the evening courses offered this year by the Canadian Mennonite Bible College stood at twenty-one according to the president's report following registration at the beginning of November. The courses are taught this year at the Sargent Avenue Mennonite church, with George Wiebe, Dr. David Schroeder, Waldemar Janzen and Rev. I. I. Friesen instructing.

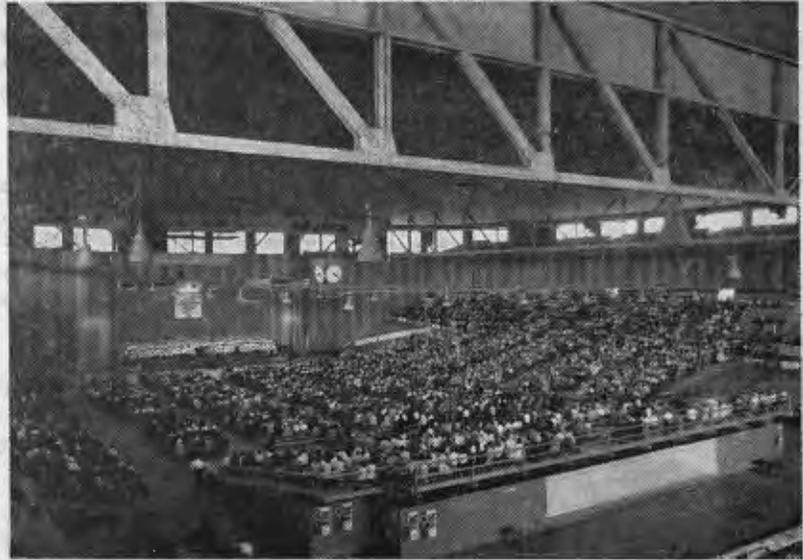
The majority of the students come from outside the city limits and drive in for classes. Classes will continue until the end of January.

### Steinbach Bible Institute

The Steinbach Bible Institute reopened its doors for the twenty-fifth successive year on October 12, 1960. The enrollment reached a record high of 183. Of these, 133 have enrolled in the Bible Department and 50 in the High School Department.

Students have come from far and near to spend a year in these halls of learning. From five Canadian provinces, they are represented as follows: British Columbia, 10; Alberta, 2; Saskatchewan, 26; Man-

## Janz Team in Europe



View of the Hallenstadion in Zurich, Switzerland during the Janz Crusade

The Janz Brothers are back in Europe after a fruitful ministry in Canada. Just before they left for Europe they conducted three two-week crusades in Western Canada where over one thousand persons were counselled. A few weeks after their arrival in Europe they conducted a crusade in Zurich, Switzerland. The meetings were held in the Hallenstadion, which is the largest indoor stadium in Switzerland. In less than 3 weeks two thousand were counselled. Many of these made first time decisions for Christ. Testimonies of miraculous changes

itoba, 143; Ontario, 1. One student has come from the USA.

These students also come from various church denominations. Classification according to church affiliation is as follows: Mennonite Brethren, 3; Evangelical Mennonite, 93; Emmanuel Mission, 1; Evangelical Mennonite Brethren, 1; Bergthaler, 12; Evangelical Mennonite Mission, 17; Baptist, 1; Chortitzer, 8; Old Colony, 2; Sommerfelder, 4; General Conference, 2; People's Church, 1; Associated Gospel Church, 1; other, 4; no church affiliation, 31.

The curriculum of the Bible Department has been revised and a greater variety of courses is offered. Students can now specialize in General Bible, Pastoral, Missions, Christian Education, or Sacred Music Courses. Each of these is designed to give students a thorough knowledge of the Word of God and to equip them for more effective service in specific fields.

There are thirteen members on the teaching staff. Seven teach full-time and six part-time.

A faculty-student reception was held on November 6 to welcome the new students. Introduction of the students and a few Bible games were the main features of the evening. After a light lunch the program was brought to a climax with a challenge from the Word of God presented by Rev. Ben Eidse.

The faculty and students are an-

in numerous lives and homes come to the team office continually. Faithful pastors report that many new faces are seen in their services since the crusade.

The Janz Brothers team will conduct another crusade late this fall in Wiesbaden, Germany. In 1961 they have planned crusades in Munchen, Germany; Mannheim, Germany; Bochum, Germany, and Linz, Austria. Urgent prayer is requested on behalf of the ministry of the Janz Brothers team in this strategic part of the world.

icipating a year filled with blessings as they study the Scriptures from day to day. Your prayer support on behalf of the Institute will be appreciated.

### Twenty Outgoing Workers

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Kan.; and Kings View Hospital, Reedley, Calif.—reported an increased use of professional personnel. More psychiatrists, social workers and clinical psychologists are needed by all three institutions. There are indications that an increasing number of candidates will be coming from our MCC constituent groups, but at present a minimum number of Mennonite professional workers are available.

To encourage Mennonite youth to enter the mental health field professionally MMHS renewed its Graduate Aid Assistance Program to extend into the 1961-62 academic year. The \$2,000 allocated last year is currently awarded to two students; an identical amount was made available for next year's program. Selected students with plans to serve in the church psychiatric program are helped on the basis of need and professional promise. Priority is given to outstanding students in psychiatric social work or clinical psychology, but applicants from other professional fields are eligible.

### Evangelistic Services Planned

East Aldergrove, B.C. — The East Aldergrove M. B. Church is planning evangelistic services for November 20-29. Conference Evangelist H. H. Epp will be the speaker.

The church reports that many blessings have been theirs during the past weeks. Three sisters were

baptized recently and accepted into church fellowship: Esther Willms, Marlyn Friesen and Ruth Nikkel.

The mission hall sponsored by the church in Brookwood has been dedicated and services are being held every Sunday. Br. David Esau is in charge.

Our mother died September 6, 1945, leaving a big gap in the family, but the Lord provided and on December 1, 1946, our father married Agatha Loewen. This was also a happy marriage. Once again a loving wife and mother came into our home. We as a family are deeply grateful to her, who so lovingly, patiently and unsparingly cared for father during his illness.

In 1926 our father became the leader of the M. B. Church at Laird, Sask., and served in this capacity for 23 years. In 1939 he was ordained as minister of the Laird church. He also served as Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School teacher, and was active in numerous other activities.

In January, 1960, father suffered his first stroke, which left his right side paralyzed. He was taken to the City Hospital in Saskatoon where he remained until May 5, 1960. His condition seemed to have stabilized enough to be taken home again. On October 20, 1960, his condition worsened rapidly and he passed away Sunday, October 23, 1960.

He reached the age of 75 years less 13 days. He was a very loving husband and father, and he leaves to mourn, our mother, two daughters, two sons, two sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Father loved the Lord. He spent much time in prayer and in the study of the Word of God. He was sincere in his Christian walk, and always patient during his lengthy illness. The Lord answered his final prayer in taking him home to his reward. The Children

### 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)

November 20-29. — Evangelistic services, to be held in the East Aldergrove M.B. church with Evangelist Henry Epp.

December 1 and 2. — The M.B.C.I. Alumni Association, Winnipeg, presents the 3-act play *The Tinker* at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave. Regarding tickets see advertisement on this page.

December 3. — The Oratorio Choir of the M.B. Bible College will present "The Messiah" in the M.B. Collegiate Institute auditorium, 172 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg 5.

### Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thiesen of Tofield, Alta., a son, Gary Wayne, on Nov. 1, 1960.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Warrentin, Jr., of Tofield, Alta., a daughter, Ruth Elaine, on November 6, 1960.

### OBITUARIES

#### John B. Fischer

Our father, John B. Fischer, was born near Hillsboro, Kans., November 5, 1885. He was saved in his youth and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Mennonite Brethren Church at Ebenfeld, Kans., on June 28, 1903.

On September 15, 1910, he married Sarah Fischer (nee Stobbe) at Buhler, Kans. The same year, 1910, they moved to Laird, Sask. Four children were born to them: Rosella, Mrs. D. L. Epp of Vancouver, B.C., Dora, Mrs. P. J. Harder of Saskatoon, Sask., Waldo of Chilliwack, B.C., and Reuben of Saskatoon.

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