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

I Cor. 2:2

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YOUR CHRISTIAN  
FAMILY WEEKLY



A Mennonite mother and daughters in Asia hear the Word of God via the HCJB German department.

## Listeners of German HCJB Programs

### Quito, Ecuador

Our workers in the German department of HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, have been encouraged during recent months by considerable mail response from listeners to their Gospel programs. They are particular-

ly grateful that people in eastern Europe and as far away as Siberia in Asia are receiving the Word of Life via the broadcasts. Pray that God will continue to use the broadcasts to save souls and to strengthen His children.

## Dutch Commemorate Menno as National Reformer

Newton, Kansas. — When I arrived in Amsterdam on January 27, I found numerous accounts of Menno Simons in the leading papers of the country. The broadcasting and television stations joined in the commemoration of this Dutch reformer. The Netherlands had had no outstanding reformer before Menno. Three books devoted to Menno came off the press during these days. On the day of the death of Menno, January 31, the flags were up; however, not to honor Menno but in connection with the 23rd birthday of Princess Beatrix. The papers reported the events of the week, featuring Santa Maria, Princess Beatrix, the problems of the Congo, and Menno Simons as headlines.

The official commemoration consisted primarily of two programs. The first took place on Sunday, January 29, at 4:00 p.m., in the old Singel Church of Amsterdam. The second program was presented in Witmarsum, the place where

Menno Simons was born and converted. This event took place on the day of the death of Menno, January 31. The program in Amsterdam was sponsored by the Mennonite Conference of the Netherlands (.D.S.), while the program in Witmarsum was primarily in the hands of the Frisian Mennonite Conference.

### The Amsterdam Commemoration

The program in the Mennonite Church of Amsterdam was opened by the chairman of the Singel Church Council, A. Siksmas. He was followed by Dr. S.M.A. Daalder, the chairman of the Conference, opening with singing, Scripture reading, prayer and meditation. A reading from the pages of the *Martyrs' Mirror*, telling the story

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## Unruh Memorial Established

At its recent sessions, the College Board voted to establish a memorial for Dr. A. H. Unruh, founder and former teacher of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College. A committee was appointed to work out the details of the memorial, which will be presented to the Board for final approval at a later date.

Dr. A. H. Unruh was the first president of the College and served on its faculty for ten years. Before coming to the College, he served as principal of the Winkler Bible School.

The chairman of the Board, the Rev. J. H. Quiring, announced that special funds will be gathered from former students and friends of Dr. Unruh for this special memorial.

## Joyous and Sad Experiences at Coaldale

Coaldale, Alta. — February 5, 6 and 7 were days of special blessing. That was the annual Missionary Conference sponsored by the Coaldale Bible School. The visiting missionaries who served us were Rev. Henry Brucks, recently returned from the Congo, and Ernest

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## Baptism in Winter at Kelowna, B.C.



Front row left to right: Abe Janzen, choir director; Rev. Nick Pauls; David Enns, Henry Willms, Albert Willms, Marjorie Penner, Rev. A. J. Sawatsky, Rev. John M. Schmidt. The Kelowna Mennonite Brethren church choir is seen in the background.

It was a new and blessed experience for the church. On Friday night the four candidates, Marjorie Penner, Albert Willms, Henry Willms, and David Enns gave their testimonies, relating how they experienced the grace of God in their lives.

On Sunday afternoon, February 5, at 2:30 p.m. we all gathered at the Grace Baptist church. Mrs. Marlene Wiebe played the organ while the choir came in. Mr. Abe

Janzen, the choir director, led in some congregational singing. Then the choir sang. Rev. Nick Pauls made a few opening remarks and then Rev. A. J. Sawatsky introduced the speaker, Rev. John M. Schmidt of Winnipeg, who had come to us for a week of evangelistic meetings. Rev. Schmidt read Romans 6:1-13 and stated that only those who have died unto sin and are alive unto God should be baptized and added to the church.

While Rev. Sawatsky baptized the four candidates, the choir sang "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," one verse being sung after each baptism.

The meeting was resumed 20 minutes later at the M. B. church, where the candidates were accepted as members and the church partook of the Lord's Supper.

This marked the beginning of a week of evangelistic meetings with Rev. Schmidt. By Geo Fast

## EDITORIAL

### Membership in the Kingdom of Peace

Guest Editorial from Menno Simons' Writings

The Scriptures teach that there are two opposing princes and two opposing kingdoms: the one is the Prince of Peace; the other the prince of strife. Each of these princes had his particular kingdom and as the prince is, so is also the kingdom. The Prince of Peace is Christ Jesus; His kingdom is the kingdom of peace, which is His church; His messengers are the messengers of peace; His Word is the word of peace; His body is the body of peace; His children are seed of peace; and His inheritance and reward are the inheritance and reward of peace. In short, with this King, and in His kingdom and reign, it is nothing but peace. Everything that is seen, heard, and done is peace. . . .

Peter was commanded to sheathe his sword. All Christians are commanded to love their enemies; to do good unto those who abuse and persecute them; to give the mantle when the cloak is taken, the other cheek when one is struck. Tell me, how can a Christian Scripturally defend retaliation, rebellion, war, striking, slaying, torturing, stealing, robbing and plundering and burning cities, and conquering countries? . . .

O beloved reader, our weapons are not swords and spears, but patience, silence, and hope, and the Word of God. With these we must maintain our heavy warfare and fight our battle. Paul says, The weapons of our warfare are not carnal; but mighty through God. With these we intend and desire to storm the kingdom of the devil; and not with sword, spears, cannon, and coats of mail. For He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood. Thus may we with our Prince, Teacher, and Example, Christ Jesus, raise the father against the son, and the son against the father, and may we cast down imagination and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought in obedience to Christ.

True Christians do not know vengeance, no matter how they are mistreated. In patience they possess their souls (Luke 21:8). And they do not break their peace, even if they should be tempted by bondage, torture, poverty, and besides, by the sword and fire. They do not cry, "Vengeance, vengeance," as does the world; but with Christ they supplicate and pray: Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do (Luke 23:24; Acts 7:60).

According to the declaration of the prophets they have beaten their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, Christ: neither shall they learn war any more (Isa. 2:4; Mic. 4:3).

—Reply to False Accusations, 1552 (Writings, 554, 555)

## DEVOTIONAL

### An Undelivered Pardon

Rev. J. B. Toews, Hillsboro, Kansas

The concluding words of Christ's ministry, according to the Gospel of Luke, state that all-inclusive purpose of God's redemptive provision: "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations" (Luke 24:46,47).

The imperative of God's redemptive act rests in the words: "It behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead." The provision of a redemption of grace calls for the proclamation of a message of "repentance and remission of sins." The personal appropriation of the forgiving mercies of God is to find

an expression in the responsibility to proclaim this message of hope and redemption to "all nations."

"We've a story to tell to the nations," is very often sung at missionary meetings. We must add to this the words:

"We've a pardon to give to the nations,

Which was purchased at infinite cost,

A pardon as yet undelivered Which leaves them eternally lost."

Jesus has purchased our pardon. "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:23). He has committed this pardon to His church as the only custodian to deliver it to a lost world. He

"hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to with, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (II Cor. 5:18-19).

Suppose a king, a governor of a state or a judge should write out a pardon for a condemned man and his pardon was withheld by the custodian until the prisoner was executed. Of what value would the pardon be? How would we judge a man who failed to deliver such a pardon? Would he not be held in utter contempt and condemnation by the world?

The church today is in the same position of responsibility as that custodian. She has not delivered the divine pardon to the heathen world. Of what benefit is Christ's pardon to the millions of people who have died and are today dying without receiving the message of pardon. Thousands of Christian people who personally rejoice in the divine provision of pardon are satisfied with the personal benefit and have for-

gotten that they are to communicate it to those who have never heard of it.

Threatening world circumstances lead many believers to think and speak of the soon return of our Lord. Suppose our gracious and forgiving Lord were to return today and ask, as He certainly must ask His redeemed, why His command to preach His redemption story to every creature was not carried out; why each one who received the pardon did not do all in his power to go, give and pray.

The urgencies of our day force upon us the responsibility of an honest and satisfactory answer of obedience to the trust for an undelivered pardon. Our first responsibility is to those who do not know of the provision of divine pardon, the millions of heathen to whom the message has never been brought. The church of today is called upon to re-evaluate its relation to the trust of an undelivered pardon.

### Joyous and Sad Experiences at Coaldale

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Friesen, missionary in Colombia, who is on furlough in California. Besides these brethren, we also had the privilege of hearing five other Congo missionaries: Miss Nettie Baerg, Miss Katherine Wiens and Miss Helen Toews, who are all at home in Coaldale, as well as Rev. Ben Klassen and Rev. Ernest Dyck, who are teaching in the Bible School and High School respectively.

Services were held three times a day—morning, afternoon and evening. The Bible school students provided special numbers in song at all services. With the help of local missionaries, they had prepared an interesting mission display consisting of various maps showing our M. B. mission stations abroad and at home, albums depicting mission work in the Congo, the new Congolese flag, Congo stamps and currency, native trinkets, etc.

The motto for the Conference was, "He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). The truth which the Lord impressed upon our hearts and was felt in all the meetings can be summed up in the words of the song sung by a ladies' double trio: "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last." Our prayer is that this thought might permeate our lives, and that we might together help to build God's kingdom.

In the Mennonite High School the gap that was left by the sudden passing on December 3 of one of the teachers, Mr. Jacob B. Huebert, is often deeply felt. After Christmas, Mrs. Helga Huebert took up the work from which the Lord called her husband, so that we have a full staff of six again. The teach-

ers and students appreciate very much her willingness to serve in this way. Our Lord and Saviour has become dearer and nearer to us. We now realize more than ever before that we are pilgrims on earth. May we learn to serve God faithfully during the short time that He gives to us. We know that many have prayed for our school during this time and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for it.

On January 19, Mr. Peter Boldt, 68, was called home by the Lord. Before coming to Canada in 1924, he taught school in several communities in Russia for a number of years. In Canada, he taught at the Stand Off Hutterite School, about 50 miles south-west of Lethbridge, for a total of 31 years. He and his wife retired to a new home in Coaldale last June. Now he has gone to his eternal reward. He is survived by 6 sons, 2 daughters and 19 grandchildren.

Anne Kornelsen

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Training S.S. Teachers

**Horndean, Man.** — Rev. Henry Baerg, a member of the faculty of the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, was the instructor at a Sunday school teachers' training course held in the Gospel Light Mission. Four lectures were given, Friday night, February 3, Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday evening. Henry Neufeld acted as chairman. The greater part of the course was on the Art or Theory of Teaching. On Saturday night, Rev. Baerg illustrated his lecture with colored filmstrips especially prepared for this purpose. The attendance increased from class to class, Sunday school teachers coming from Plum Coulee, Bergfeld, and Grossweide.

C. Heinrichs and E. Giesbrecht

## Time of Inspiration

**Kronsgart, Man.** — It was the privilege of the Kronsgart M. B. Church to have Rev. A. Block from Ontario in our midst from January 16 to 19 for a series of six services. In the evening services the children were remembered in a special way in that there was always a story for them. The last evening the guest speaker related his conversion. As Bible expositor, Rev. Block explained many Scripture references pertaining to the second coming of Christ, which was the general theme of the meetings. We were richly blessed through the messages given and only too soon did the day arrive when Brother Block bid us farewell and returned home to his family.

On the evening of January 20, Brother and Sister Willie Baerg, missionaries to the Congo, were in our midst reporting on the conditions there. Sister Baerg showed us some articles which they had brought along and Brother Baerg showed slides on the work there. We rejoiced in the fact that when doors are closed to missionary work in one area God opens doors elsewhere. The gospel is now being preached to the Congolese by means of tape recordings. Brother and Sister Baerg are recording gospel messages and these are sent to the field, so that native Christians and non-Christians are able to continue hearing the blessed gospel story.

The evening of January 22 was Christian Endeavour night. The theme for the evening was "The Christ-Centered Life." The life story of the deceased missionary Herman Warkentin was read. Truly Christ had the pre-eminence in his life. Will it be said of us when our life's journey is over that our life was Christ-centered? May the Lord help us.

Since we observed Youth Week in the Canadian M. B. churches from January 29 to February 5, both

morning and evening services on January 29 were dedicated to our youth. The topics, "You Need the Church" and "The Church Needs You" were dealt with by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Hyde, and Brother John Redekopp respectively. The highlight of the evening program was the portrayal of a man at the crossroads of decision. He hears different voices: the voice of Scripture, the voice of education, the voice of the church, the voice of the world, the voice of friends, the voice of the youth conference speaker, the voices of mother and dad. Which voice will he follow? He finally responds to the voice of Scripture which asks, "Whom shall I send and who will go for me?" by saying, "Here I am, Lord, send me."

Tina Peters

## Mennonites Express Concern About TV

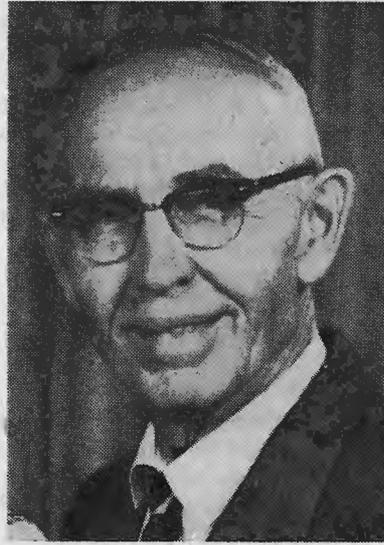
Mennonite leaders affiliated with Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc., have prepared a statement of concern, which is to be released to leaders in the TV industry in the near future. The statement reads as follows:

"We compliment the television industry for the increase in worthwhile programs. The creative political coverage, the increase in serious educational features, the inclusion of more cultural programs and the continued availability of television facilities for suitable religious programs is to us an indication that the industry is taking its public service responsibility seriously. We especially appreciate the continued efforts of the National Association of Broadcasters and the co-operating stations to maintain a code which eliminates many objectionable items, including the advertising of hard liquor.

"Recognizing that television is an effective and influential teaching agent, we join with others in urging that this medium be used to help raise moral and ethical standards in America. We encourage continued efforts to decrease the featuring of crime, violence, sex, and alcoholic beverages, and to relegate programs of that nature which are continued to other than prime viewing hours of children and youth.

The television industry is aware of its sociological impact on American life and the collective responsibility connected with it. Therefore we wish to express the hope that it may use this influence to help Americans rise above the preoccupation with material things. We believe that if moral and Christian values are given prime importance in our country, we will achieve real and lasting strength as a nation." (Christian News Report)

## A Teacher Called Home



Peter Boldt, 68, was born in Kronsgarten, Russia, on March 6, 1892. After completing his education he accepted a teaching position in Southern Russia. For a while he taught school in the Caucasus region. This is a very scenic area of Russia and he learned to appreciate the beauty of God's creation. From the Caucasus he moved to the Siberian frontier, where he taught a total of ten years.

In 1913 he was baptized upon confession of faith and became a member of the Mennonite Church. On June 29, 1914, he married Anna Braun. In all twelve children were born to them. Three died in Russia, smallpox claiming the lives of Waldemar and Peter, and scarlet fever the life of Lydia. Frieda died in infancy in Canada.

During World War I, Brother Boldt's fifty year teaching career was interrupted by compulsory service in the forestry corps. In 1917, the Communist revolution swept the country. Siberia held out against the onslaught of the Bolsheviks for a short period, during which Brother Boldt served in a short-lived democratic government. The ruthless domination by the godless Communists convinced him that Russia was no place to bring up a family. He made his way to Moscow in 1924, and after enduring great hardships, made good his escape together with his wife and two children. The route lay through Riga and England to St. John, N.B.

Brother Boldt never ceased to thank Almighty God for having brought him out of the land of cruel, anti-Christian Communism. Many a time he asked his children to offer prayers of gratitude for the privilege of living in this land of freedom and many blessings.

Upon arriving in Canada, Brother Boldt tried his hand at farming in Saskatchewan. However, the call of the teaching profession proved too strong. He moved to Gretna where he learned the English language and obtained his matriculation. Following that, he graduated from Normal School in Manitou, Man.

His first and only teaching assignment in Canada was at Stand

Off, where he started teaching in 1928. He felt that his stay there would be brief, however, he grew to be part of the school and remained there for 31 years until his retirement last June at the age of 68. During this time he missed a total of thirty-one and one-half days on the job. This record is proof of his dedication and unselfish service. Countless numbers of students passed through his hands. Each was a living soul to him, each grew in character under his guidance. His deep Christian principles permeated his teaching. He not only taught his students the three R's in masterful fashion, but laid a sound Christian foundation on which to build their future.

On December 18, Brother Boldt suffered a heart attack and on January 19 the Lord called him home. He and his beloved wife had only three and one-half years remaining to their golden wedding anniversary. He lived to enjoy his retirement in the new home in Coaldale for less than six months.

Mourning his passing are his wife, two daughter, Mrs. J. E. Janzen of Pincher Creek and Mrs. Allen Megli of Stand Off, and six sons: Peter of Victoria, David, John and Menno of Calgary, Rudy of Olds, and Edward of Edmonton, and their families. There are 19 living grandchildren and two have predeceased him.

Great is the loss for wife and children, but the influence of the beloved husband and father will always be felt. His Christian spirit, his warm humanity, his loving kindness, his sense of appreciation, and his leadership as family head will not be forgotten. The Lord has recalled a trusted servant. He has gone to his eternal reward where there is no suffering or pain. The pangs of such a parting are softened by the knowledge that there will be a reunion in God's kingdom.

## John P. H. Kehler †

On February 8, 1961, Mr. Kehler, 78, of Altona, Manitoba, died in the Altona Hospital. Funeral services were held from the local Mennonite Bergthaler Church on February 11. Mr. Kehler, husband of the late Mrs. Helen Kehler, is survived by four sons, one daughter, and ten grandchildren.

## Mrs. Lydia Wiebe †

Mrs. Wiebe, 53, wife of Mr. Abram Wiebe, of 741 Banning St., Winnipeg, died at the Concordia Hospital on February 9, 1961. Funeral services were held from the First Mennonite Church, the Rev. J. H. Enns officiated. Besides her husband she is survived by three sons, John, Werner, and Leonard; two daughters, Misses Elsie and Annalie, an aged mother, Mrs. Anna Wieler, and six sisters, Mrs. P. Penner, Mrs. W. Neumeyer, Mrs. John Kasper, Mrs. J. J. Klassen, Mrs. E. J. Enns, and Mrs. Anna Janzen.

## M.B. Mission Work Presented

Hutchinson, Kan. — Rev. J. B. Toews of Hillsboro, administrative secretary of the Mennonite Brethren Board of Missions, was the speaker at morning and evening services of the Orchard Park church here Jan. 29. At the evening service, he showed slides of M.B. mission work around the world.

The purpose of Rev. Toews' visit was to acquaint the local congregation with M.B. mission work. The Orchard Park church was formerly of the K.M.B. Conference, which merged with the M.B. Conference as of Jan. 1, 1961.

## Children's Evangelistic Services

When, about six months ago, we began to make plans for evangelistic services especially for children, we were somewhat skeptical, even though we heard reports of similar meetings conducted successfully in other places. It may work elsewhere, but not here, was the feeling of some of us. Looking back now we praise God that He blessed above expectation.

The evangelist, Rev. J. F. Gallop of Clearbrook B.C., came to us for the week of January 22-27. The Sunday evening service was largely a report of God's work in this way in other centres. Monday evening was especially for the counsellors. We were instructed on the method of inviting, as well as reviewing the essential steps in counselling.

His unique method of distributing free tickets to the children as they left school on Tuesday afternoon proved very effective. The six counsellors who distributed these tickets, together with a personal word of invitation, were thrilled to see so many come to the services. On the first night there were 115 children and a few adults. The attendance increased daily with 152 children and 33 adults attending the Friday night service.

His hour-long program held the full attention of the audience. With the aid of lantern slides, entitled, "Technistill Picture Parade", he explained the old truths of the gospel, taught the children Bible verses and gospel songs and choruses. There was no appeal for raising hands or even coming forward for decisions, but opportunity for further individual counselling was given to all who wished to remain after the meeting was dismissed. A goodly number availed themselves of this opportunity and our prayer is that they might grow in their Christian life. New students were enrolled in the Sunday School as a result of these services. It was a time of spiritual blessing and challenge to us all and we praise God for it.

Rev. John E. Klassen, Oliver, B.C.

## School for Church Ushers

A school for church ushers is being sponsored Feb. 22-25 by the Mennonite Ministers Association of Freeman, S.D. Designed to help promote a worshipful atmosphere in church services, the school will be held in the Bethany Mennonite Church. Instructor will be Everett M. Hosman.

## Menno as Reformer

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of how Elizabeth was tried and martyred for the cause of Christ (see *Ausbund*, No. 13), presented by a student, was very impressive. The large audience of 1,500 was so attentive that a person could have heard a pin drop. It was especially meaningful to listen to this account in an environment where it actually happened 400 years ago.

The solo by Aafje Heynis, one of the outstanding soloists of the Netherlands, was also very impressive. She sang Psalm 125 and "Jesu, unser Trost und Leben" by J. S. Bach.

The first lecture was presented by J. A. Oosterbaan, professor of systematic theology of the University of Amsterdam and the Mennonite Seminary, on the topic "The Theology of Menno Simons." He pointed out that, contrary to the common opinion, Menno had a theology, and, what was most startling, that this theology had much in common with such modern theologians as Karl Barth. He attempted to demonstrate this particularly in connection with their Christology and view about baptism.

This was followed by my lecture on "Menno Simons and His significance for the Mennonites the World Over." The lecture contained information about how Menno gathered believers in the diaspora on the foundation found in I Corinthians 3:11. It was pointed out that the basic theological thoughts of Menno and his contribution are little known today, because his writings are generally no longer read. Menno emphasized the significance of the church and discipleship, which are as vital today as they were in his day.

The last lecture was presented by H. W. Meinhuizen on the topic, "The Life and Piety of Menno Simons," in which he pointed out that very few details are known pertaining to the life of Menno. We do not even know who his parents were, where he received his training, where his wife came from and other details. However, his significance does not depend on the details but on the vitality of the message which he preached and for which he was willing to give his life.

Rein de Zeeuw, the secretary of the A.D.S., demonstrated his genius in planning, to which the entire program gave witness. Much con-

gregational singing was provided with special reference to the commemoration of Menno. It was very effective to have the congregation sing the first verse and the soloist, Aafje Heynis, sing the second and the congregation again the third, which was repeated a number of times.

Some of those present remarked later that the effectiveness of the presentations in the venerated old church suffered somewhat under the fact that the major part of the program was presented on television. However, some of the reporters of the press put it this way: "If you want to make Menno live today, means like press, radio and television must be utilized," and they certainly were used. As many as twenty people were seen setting up the equipment. Some ten cables were running from the street through the hall into the church. Many cameras were at work during the presentation. All of this was preceded by special television program, in which numerous Mennonite representatives were interviewed. Among them was Jacob Thiessen, who originally came from Russia, was trained to be missionary, but ultimately became a minister in the Netherlands. Also Jan Matthijssen and his wife, an American by birth, were interviewed. Both spent some time in a foreign mission field and are now active in a church in the Netherlands. In general, the program had a very international atmosphere. Representatives from North and South America, Germany and Belgium were present. To make it even more down-to-earth, the television people had gone to various homes, even in rural areas, to interview women in the kitchen and men at work, asking them what Menno Simons meant to them today. All of this was presented on television that day.

## The Lasting Witness

The program presented in Witmarsum started in the new Menno Memorial Church Tuesday afternoon, January 31. During this event, a former pastor in this area, F. H. Pasma, chairman of the Building Committee, turned the church over to the chairman of the Church Council of the Witmarsum congregation. Special mention was made of the fact that the Mennonites of Canada, the U.S.A. and Germany had made substantial financial contributions for the building of this church, which is to be not only a place of worship but also a place of pilgrimage for Mennonites the world over. Responses were given by Dr. Heinold Fast, Emden, representing the German Mennonites and Peter Dyck, speaking for the Mennonite Central Committee. A picture of this simple but beautiful meetinghouse is found on the cover of the January issue of *Mennonite Life*.

The official program starting at 4:00 p.m. took place in the Reformed and Gereformede churches, with provision for an overflow in another church building. Some 1,500 had come in many cars and ten busses from Friesland, Groningen and other provinces. The lectures were given simultaneously at these two places. The opening was made by H. R. Keuning, chairman of the Friesian District Conference, followed by a meditation by L. Laurens, minister of the local congregation. Next N. van der Zijpp spoke in the Reformed church and Cornelius Krahn in the Gereformede church, after which they exchanged churches and repeated their lectures. Van der Zijpp pointed out that we were meeting at the place where Menno Simons once was priest. Although the church building has been rebuilt, the foundation and the surrounding cemetery were the same when Menno Simons was priest here. It was at this place where Menno gradually became founded in the Word of God, became the leader of the Bible-believing Christians and finally gained courage and boldness of faith to leave Witmarsum to go and preach the gospel and gather the church. A unique event was the singing by the ladies choir of the Mennonite Church of Harlingen of a hymn composed by Menno, for which A. G. van Gilse has recently found an appropriate melody. This was a very impressive reminder of the message which Menno proclaimed and a melody which could have been used in his day. The closing of the commemoration was made by S.M.A. Daalder, the chairman of the Conference (A.D.S.).

Representatives of the broadcasting station were present and recorded parts of the program. A display of items pertaining to Menno Simons and his work were located in a special room of the Menno Memorial Church.

The significant commemoration came to a close. It had been preceded in the Netherlands by a commemoration of the fact that the Mennonites had organized the first seminary 225 years ago. It will be followed early in June by the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Dutch Mennonite Conference, the *Algemene Doopsgezinde Sociëteit*, the first to be organized among Mennonites anywhere.

The Menno Simons commemoration within the framework of the Menno Simons Lectureship at Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, took place at the same time as the commemorations in the Netherlands. The German Mennonites plan to observe their Menno Simons commemoration in connection with the 75th anniversary of the founding of the *Vereinigung der deutschen Mennonitengemeinden*, which is to take place May 25-28 in Hamburg.

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# The Cause of Foreign Missions

## Board of Missions News

### Missionary Institute

Approximately 60 members of the missionary staff are in Hillsboro this week for the third institute. The group includes missionaries on furlough, missionaries under appointment and members of the Board of Missions and administrative staff. The group is together for fellowship in the Word and prayer and for orientation for missionary service in today's changing world. R. M. Baerg of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary is presenting a series of Bible messages on the theme of "The Face of Jesus Christ." Clyde Taylor of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association is presenting five messages on the effects of world conditions on present-day missionary opportunities and methods. Discussion sessions will consider the topics of national tensions as a creative force in missions and the principles of growth for national churches. The institute is being held in the Gnadenau church with meals being served by sisters of the congregation.

### Missionary Films

Films and slide sets on our conference mission program abroad are listed in a newly-published booklet entitled "Missionary Films." Copies of the booklet have been mailed to pastors through whom organizations and groups in the churches may obtain information regarding these motion pictures and slide sets.

### India

The Governing Council of the India Church will meet March 8 to 10, instead of in February as previously reported. Twenty-seven Indian brethren and several missionaries will assemble for the annual meeting to consider all phases of the church at work in the India field. Pray that the brethren may receive much wisdom from God to review and plan the work and witness of the India Church with its more than 20,000 members.

Special youth meetings were held in the Hughestown area in India from January 22 to 29, according to Henry P. Poetker.

Missionaries P. V. Balzers, Margaret Willems and A. A. Unruhs will be leaving India during the coming months for furlough in the homeland.

The health of Sister Henry G. Krahn is a matter of concern. The doctor has prescribed more rest and

a cooler climate for convalescence. Let us remember her in our intercession and pray for physical and spiritual refreshing of all of our missionaries.

M. B. John, representative of the India conference visiting the North American brotherhood, is scheduled to minister as follows during the coming weeks: Hillsboro and surrounding area, February 22 to March 4; Enid and surrounding area, February 5, to 8; Canada and West Coast, March 9 to April 9.

### South America

All of the missionaries in Paraguay met in Filadelfia January 14 and 15 for mutual edification and discussion of their work.

The departure of Miriam Jantzen for Paraguay has been delayed, but it is hoped that she can leave before the end of February to arrive in time for the opening of the Asuncion Christian Academy on March 5.

Our South American Conference missions committee and committee of reference and counsel met on January 25 to consider the coordination of the missionary outreach of the churches. The brethren prepared a statement for consideration by the North American conference Board of Missions and Board of General Welfare.

### Japan

Kyoichi Kitano arrived back in Osaka, Japan, on January 31 where he has resumed his responsibility in the Bible school. Missionaries report that he is happy to be back and that he manifests a renewed zeal for the evangelistic outreach of the Japan church.

Harry Friesen attended a meeting in Tokyo of the board of directors of the Pacific Boarding Association of which he is a member. It is through this agency that our mission in Japan obtains programs for weekly broadcast over an Osaka station. At present consideration is being given to the possibility of having brethren of our churches assume responsibility for the preparation of parts of the program. This would be a special opportunity for Bible school students to contribute to this Gospel witness.

The visit of Karl Reddigs of our Wolf Point Church in Montana with our missionary staff in Osaka, Japan, has been much appreciated by the missionaries. The Reddigs have been visiting their children Ben Zerbes who work in the Osaka area under The Evangelical Alliance Mission.



Our conference began a new Gospel outpost in Sao Mateus, Brazil, in August, and a baptism in December marked the beginning of a church. Pictured here are scenes of the baptism. One shows the congregation which assembled under a large bridge for the service, and the other shows Peter Huebert (left) with the 10 believers who were baptized.

### Brazil

God blessed the two weeks of evangelistic services and Bible studies conducted during January in the new Gospel outpost of Sao Mateus, Brazil. The response of the people indicates the spiritual hunger and opportunity to preach the Gospel in Brazil although there are adversaries to such efforts. Twelve individuals made definite decisions for Christ and many others manifested a concern and interest for their spiritual welfare. Peter Huebert feels the response was good since many of the people heard the Gospel for the first time. Let us pray for the new converts and for those who will be contacted in the follow-up work. Missionaries were also encouraged by the attendance of people from various walks of life. Among those attending were a government revenue official and the president of a state bank.

### Congo

Harold Fehderau reports the following challenge for Christian literature in the Congo on the basis of contacts and observations in the area in which Kituba is spoken. Kituba is the language of our church area in the Congo. Every where we have noticed a hunger for reading material of any kind. It seems particularly strategic at this time for missions to publish much Christian literature to fill this gap. Otherwise, and perhaps very soon, other literature will flood the market. We see this as a God-given opportunity to witness for Him in Congo.

### Bolivia

There is encouraging word regarding the Morro Indians in Bolivia. Frank J. Wiens has received information from a missionary of another society who has been in contact with the Morros in Bolivia. William Pencille had contacts with them in July and September and

then again in November. During his one-month stay in November two factions who had been at war between them for years made peace. He feels this peace treaty is a very important development for future contacts. Pencille was in the village of Uejai who is chief of 80 per cent of the Morros. Uejai has a son Jonoine who is captain of a rather small group still in Paraguay and who is said to be the Indian who wounded Kornelius Isaac. Pencille concludes: "There are numerous problems connected with the future of working with these Indians. We will just have to go ahead slowly and see what God works out."

### Europe

The Linz Church in Austria held another baptismal service on February 12 at which time several believers were baptized and received into church fellowship. The continued growth of the church in Europe is cause for thanksgiving and earns intercession. Jacob Thielmann writes that the church is much concerned how it can reach the many unsaved people of that large city for Christ. A house-to-house tract distribution campaign is under consideration. Pray that the Lord would show the church the best way of reaching these people.

H. H. Janzen and A. J. Neufeld are scheduled to minister the Word as follows during coming weeks: H. H. Janzen, February 26 to March 3, evangelistic services in the Free Evangelical Church, Buchs, Switzerland; March 12 to 17, Bible conference in the Baptist church in Gronau in northern Germany together with several MB members living in this town; Neufeld, February 22 to March 5, the very important evangelistic services in Enns, Austria; March 7 to 11, Bible conference, Bienenberg, Switzerland. Pray that the Word may go forth in power to the glory of the Lord, the salvation of souls and the building of the Church.

## THE Young Observers

### Hello, Girls and Boys

Toby sighed as he dropped his schoolbooks in Mrs. Brown's kitchen. "School's getting tougher and tougher," he said. "Wish I lived in the days when Abraham Lincoln was a boy. He hardly had to go to school at all."

"My, but how he wanted to!" said his mother. "Abraham Lincoln would walk miles just to borrow a book, for he loved to read and study. After the day's work, he would read by the light from the fireplace. Sometimes, he wrote compositions there, too. Paper and pencils were rare luxuries in his poor home, so he wrote with a stick of charcoal on a shaved shingle. And if his composition was too long, he had to shave away the first part to make room for the last!"

"Once rain spoiled a book that Lincoln had borrowed. He worked many days to earn the money for a new copy to replace the spoiled one, but he thought it was well worthwhile."

Toby picked up his school books carefully. "I never thought how much books mean to someone who has none," he said. "I guess I'm pretty lucky after all."

So, my young friends, don't tire of school. And read as many good books as you possibly can.

Love, Aunt Helen.

## The Little Boy Called "Skinny"

Skinny had always been a good little boy until one day something terrible happened. He was on his way to school when his pal caught up to him and said, "Hi, Skinny, what are you going to buy for your teacher for Valentine's Day?" Skinny was ready to tell him he wasn't buying her anything, when an evil voice said to him, "Skinny, tell him you are going to buy a box of chocolates for your teacher."

"No," said Skinny to the evil voice, which no one but himself could hear, "I do not like telling lies and I am certainly not going to tell a lie now."

"It's not a black lie," said the evil voice, "it's just a white lie. It really makes no difference. Come on, Skinny."

Before he knew it, Skinny said to his pal, "I'm buying a box of chocolates for the teacher for Valentine's Day." And when he said that that ugly sin, called lie, took possession of him and there it stayed.

Skinny felt very uncomfortable. There was always a depressed feeling in his heart. "I must do something about this. I must get that lie out of my heart. Oh, I have an idea how I can do that," he said.

That night he busied himself in the house, helping his big sister set the table and wash the dishes. After everything was done he followed her into the living room. She sat down in the easy chair and he sat on her lap. "Say, Sis, you certainly are a wonderful girl," he said. "A fellow is pretty lucky to have a sister like you. Say, would you lend me a dollar?"

His sister was so shocked she almost let him fall to the floor. "I should have known this," she said. "I thought you had something

tricky in mind. Lend you a dollar? I should say not! You owe me five dollars already."

When Skinny's sister said that, a terrible thought came into his mind: "Get angry, show your temper, throw yourself on the floor." Before he knew it, he did just that. Now there were two sins in his heart.

Next day his pal met him and said, "Ah, Skinny, it's written all over your face, you're not buying your teacher a box of chocolates for Valentine's Day." The evil voice whispered to Skinny, "Where's your pride?" So he said, "I certainly am buying a present!" Thus pride settled in his heart. Every day he overheard what the other children were going to get for their teacher and thus the sin of jealousy crept into the life of this poor boy.

Valentine's Day had finally come and Skinny went downstairs for breakfast, but he felt sick. As he passed cousin Henry's room, he looked in. He stopped, for on Henry's dresser he saw a box of chocolates. Whispering into Skinny's ear was that evil voice again: "Take those chocolates. Henry is rich, he'll never miss them. You just have to have some chocolates." He quickly dashed into the room and took the box. He hurriedly ate his breakfast and was soon on his way to school.

He gave the box of chocolates to the teacher. She thanked him, but wondered why Skinny looked so sad.

When he got home at noon, there was Henry with a dog beside him. Imagine Skinny's surprise when Henry said, "This dog is your Valentine present." Immediately Skinny thought of his sin of having stolen and also of the other sins he had committed.

"I have something for your sister too," he said and ran upstairs. Skinny heard him move the furniture and then he came down looking puzzled. "Strange," he said, "I had a box of chocolates for your sister, but I cannot find it."

Skinny could not bear it any longer. He broke down and told Henry about his stealing. When mother came in he told her about it too. Mother and Henry were sad. "Mother," cried Skinny, "I'll tell all my friends and my teacher about my sin so I can become happy again. Is it possible for me to get out of my heart the sins of lying, of temper, of pride, of jealousy and of stealing, Mother?"

"Yes," said Mother gently, "there is One Who can forgive sins and wash your heart clean. That is Jes-

us Christ. He said that if you confess your sins, He is faithful and just to forgive your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

They knelt in prayer and Skinny confessed his sins. Something wonderful took place, Jesus gave him a new, white heart. It was so clean because the Lord Jesus had come into his heart.

Even later, sins tried to get into Skinny's heart again. But he prayed, "Lord Jesus, You are the owner of my heart. You answer the door and do not admit sin." Where Jesus is, sin must flee. Thus Skinny was a happy boy. May Skinny's experience be a blessing to others.

(Sent in by Mrs. I. Epp, Kelowna, B.C.)

## The Real Penny

Benny trotted happily down the street toward the grocery store. In his pocket was a round silver dollar and he could not help wishing that it belonged to him. What piles of sugary jelly beans and stacks of striped candy sticks it would buy—yum-m!

But Benny knew that Mother's dollar was not to be spent on candy. Still he wished that he had even one penny all his own. He could buy six gumdrops with it.



Suddenly his toe caught in a crack in the old board sidewalk, and down he went. Other boys might have cried, but not Benny. He just winked hard and felt to see if Mother's dollar was still in his pocket. Yes, there it was, he could trace its hard outline.

As he got up something shiny caught his eye. Down on his knees he went and peeped through the wide crack of the walk. He almost shouted for joy, for there lay a bright, new penny.

Benny reached for the coin with eager fingers and admired its shiny newness. Then he hurried to the store, thinking of the candy which would soon be his.

He felt something cool touch his hand. He stopped and looked around

to see a sad-eyed dog following close at his heels. Benny stopped to pat the animal. "Hello, old fellow," he said.

The dog wagged his tail as if to say, "Here is someone who will be kind to me."

Benny tried to make the dog go home, but it was no use. He seemed to know that the little boy was going to a place where food was to be had, and kept on after him.

At the store, Benny left him outside while he went in. He gave the clerk his mother's list and the silver dollar. Then he went to the candy counter. "I'll have six gumdrops," he was about to say, when he heard a whine outside. There sat the strange dog with a hungry look on his face. Benny could almost hear him say, "I'm dreadfully hungry."

Benny turned away from the candy counter. "Please give me a penny's worth of meat scraps."

The clerk gave him the meat, which was much more than a penny's worth. "Come doggie," called Benny, starting homeward. The dog followed eagerly, sniffing at the meat bundle.

Benny's mother looked surprised when she saw the dog, but she let him eat the meat on the back porch. "Why, he is half starved," she said pityingly.

"May I keep him, Mother?" asked Benny.

His mother hesitated, but she said, "If no one claims him, you may."

No one did claim the dog, although Benny's parents did all they could to find the owner. Soon he became a fine-looking animal. Even Benny's father remarked that he was a handsome dog. "Have you given him a name?" he asked Benny.

Benny laughed. "I thought I'd name him just what he cost me."

So he was named Penny. It was a suitable name, too, for his thick hair was almost the golden bronze colour of a new penny.

Benny liked to tell folks how he

## Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(24th Installment)

"I don't think so, Mr. Norwood. My question would be clear anyway."

His mind working quickly, Charles decided to try other tactics.

"Pastor Brandon," he said affably, "don't you think it's time you and I came to an understanding?"

The pastor looked surprised. "Why, Mr. Norwood, what makes you say that?"

Charles gave a diffident shrug. "Oh, well, we haven't been on the best of terms lately, have we?"

"There has never been anything but goodwill on my part."

"I'm not doubting that, Pastor, but we've had a few differences just the same."

"Well, so long as we can agree to differ in the spirit of true Christian love, what does it matter?" the pastor returned generously.

"But that doesn't make things any easier so far as the church is concerned," Charles maintained doggedly.

"No, that's true." Maxwell Brandon smiled. "It's just as well we weren't looking for an easy ministry when we accepted the call to Southdown Grove!"

Charles Norwood leaned forward eagerly. "But you could make it a lot easier for yourself, Pastor Brandon, if you would only listen to me!"

"I don't follow you, Mr. Norwood."

"Let me put it this way. Many people have been against you in the church, including my wife and myself—I don't mind admitting that. But I'm prepared to let bygones be bygones, as they say, if only we can strike common ground on this present problem."

"Nancy's problem, you mean?"

"Yes!" Charles Norwood brought his hand down on the arm of his chair in a forceful gesture. "Pastor, my daughter's future means everything to me! I would sacrifice anything to give her this opportunity!"

"I am sure of that." The pastor felt that he was sincere in his devotion to his daughter.

"This opportunity has come and I'll do anything to see that she takes it—anything!"

had purchased his fine dog for a penny. Penny kept his brown eyes lovingly upon Benny as if to say, "I love you, my little master."

Do not permit the sin of dishonesty to enter into your heart, for the Lord loves honesty, but He cannot bear dishonesty.

By Margaret K. Martin  
—Story World

There was an ominous ring of truth in his words, and a certain ruthlessness about the thin hard lines of his mouth that made Maxwell Brandon feel concerned.

"But Mr. Norwood, don't you think you are taking a very selfish view?" he protested.

"Selfish? Why, it's Nancy I'm concerned about, not myself!"

"No," the pastor contradicted, "you are only concerned about getting what you want, Mr. Norwood. You have set your heart on a certain career for your daughter, and you are not concerned whether it is what she herself wants, or what the Lord desires for her life, so long as you can see your ambition realized."

"I didn't come here for criticism. I came for help."

"And I'm trying to help you see this situation in the true perspective, Mr. Norwood."

"I can see it well enough," maintained the other stolidly. "I can see that my daughter's future is at stake."

"Yes, but there are bigger issues at stake than you seem to realize."

"Mr. Brandon, there is no bigger issue for me than Nancy's future. That means more to me than you will ever know."

The pastor nodded thoughtfully, and the other man went on. "It means more to me than the issues I've been fighting for in the church. I'd be prepared to forget all that, and you and I could be the staunchest friends if you would just use your influence with Nancy in the right way."

"You mean your way?"

Charles Norwood smiled. "Oh well, you can put it like that if you want to, but if you will only come my way, I can promise you that I'll never work against you again. I'll be right behind you in anything you want to do at Southdown Grove!"

Maxwell Brandon gave him a challenging look. "And if I don't?" he queried.

"We're going to be good friends or very bitter enemies, I'm afraid. That rests with you."

"Oh, come now, Mr. Norwood," the pastor protested quickly, "you mustn't talk that way. There's no room for enmity between us. We're brethren in Christ, remember!"

But Charles shook his head. Tight-lipped and calculating, he went on. "Those are your words, not mine, Pastor Brandon. If you do anything to encourage my daughter to flout my wishes in this matter, you'll be sorry. If you oppose me, I'll oppose you, and if I did that, I could ruin your ministry at Southdown Grove!"

"I'm not afraid of that, Mr. Norwood," the pastor said quietly.

"You're not?" returned Charles. "Well, if you'd like to know, I could put you out of the Southdown Grove church altogether!"

"No, that is one thing you could not do, Mr. Norwood," the pastor said.

"And why not?" challenged the other aggressively.

Maxwell Brandon smiled serenely. "That power does not rest with you or anybody else in the church. I came to Southdown Grove at the call of God. He put me here, and I believe that He will keep me here until my work for Him is finished."

"That sounds all right in theory, but you'll see what power I have, if you put me to the test, Pastor Brandon!" Charles Norwood boasted scornfully.

"And I believe we will see a mighty demonstration of the power of God, if we put Him to the test," replied the pastor with unquestionable conviction.

Charles Norwood rose to his feet. His visit had failed to achieve its purpose, of that he was well aware. But his plan was a long-range one, and the bitter determination on his face meant that he would carry out his ultimatum at any cost.

"We shall see, Pastor Brandon," he said as he turned to go. "We shall see!"

### CHAPTER XV

#### NANCY GIVES HER ANSWER

The week that followed Lionel Findlay's visit was the longest week Nancy could remember. It seemed as though it would never come to an end. Not that she was anxious to see Mr. Findlay again, but the period of waiting imposed such a strain on her that she could not help wishing it were all over.

As far as she was concerned, it was all over, for her mind was already made up. She had no intention of accepting Mr. Findlay's offer. She was not tempted by the overwhelming generosity of the Regal Opera Company and their undoubtedly genuine interest in her future. Not so very long ago she might have been swept off her feet by such an offer, but since she had known and experienced more of the fullness of Christ in her life her outlook and interests had changed. Things which once held a strong appeal for her had lost their charm, and what she had previously despised now gave her the greatest joy and satisfaction. If a few months ago anybody had told her that she would find more joy in singing a gospel song at an open-air meeting than in the prospect of becoming a world-renowned opera singer, she would not have believed him. But there it was: her indifference to Mr. Findlay's wonderful offer proved it, if proof were needed!

Still, the matter did not rest there. Although Nancy's own mind was made up, there were many outside forces converging upon her, determined to press or persuade her to accept what they all regarded as an outstanding offer. And although she left no illusions in their minds

as to what her attitude was, she knew that they would never accept her decision as final until Mr. Findlay had definitely received an answer, and had passed out of her life forever, she hoped. So the days dragged slowly by, while everybody she met told her how "lucky" she was, and how utterly foolish and short-sighted and ungrateful she would be to refuse such an offer. They talked enthusiastically of the glamour and thrill of travel; they reminded her that there were thousands of girls who would jump at such an opportunity as she was turning down; they warned her that she would break her parents' hearts if she persisted in the negative attitude. They all meant well, of course, and there was just enough truth in what they said to bring an element of doubt into Nancy's mind. But she found a sure refuge in prayer, and if it had not been for the comfort and solace that came to her through her communion with the Saviour and the reading of the wonderful promises contained in His Word, she would probably never have lived through that memorable week without weakening in her determination to follow the will of God for her life and to leave her future in His hands.

As for the little town of Southdown, the whole place seemed to be in a ferment of excitement. Nancy Norwood's stroke of fortune was everywhere the chief topic of conversation, and the honour conferred upon her was taken as a signal honour for the town itself. Tentative arrangements were made for Nancy to give special public recitals before she left the district to take up her new career, for in spite of what the girl herself said, nobody believed that she would really throw away such an opportunity. Nothing she said convinced them, but her attitude did create an element of uncertainty, which increased the gossip. What would Nancy Norwood's answer really be, they wondered. The question was on every tongue in the town.

Nancy could not understand how such a small incident in her life, which concerned no one but her own family and those who had put forward the proposal, could assume such public importance, nor how it had become so widely known. Every person in the town was fully acquainted with the facts as related to Mr. Lionel Findlay and the Norwood family. But the explanation was not hard to find. Mrs. Norwood had told what had happened to everyone she could possibly contact partly because of motherly pride in her daughter's accomplishments, partly because she was determined to bring every influence to bear on her daughter to make her see the wisdom of taking advantage of such a wonderful opportunity, and because of the need of justifying Nancy's participation in such an unheard-of activity as an open-air meeting!

(To be continued)

# MCC News & Notes

## 21 Enter Voluntary Service



**ORIENTATION SCHOOL** — Persons attending the Jan. 25 — Feb. 5, 1961, Orientation school: Front row: Marion Krehbiel, Elmer Bontrager, Richard Ramer, Ray Norr, Wilmer Weaver, Richard Nussbaum. Middle row: Joy Erb, Mary Jane Goertzen, Elfrieda Sawatzky, Marjorie Unger, Fannie Mae Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Junior E. Lehman. Last row: Corney Klassen, John Goertzen, Glen Showalter, Henry Koop, Floyd Troyer, Lowell Bender. (Picture sent by Harold Blosser)

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — A commissioning service for 21 outgoing workers was held in the MCC headquarters chapel on Sunday evening, Feb. 5. Claude Boyer, Associate Director of Voluntary Service, spoke on the topic, "God Speaks Encouragement." The commission was given by Orie O. Miller.

The 21 workers attended orientation school at Akron headquarters from January 25 to February 5, which was planned and supervised by the Personnel Office.

### Voluntary Service Workers

Nine of the workers commissioned will go into Voluntary Service work in the U.S. and Haiti. Four of these will serve in homes for emotionally disturbed boys: Elfrieda Sawatzky, Abbotsford, B.C., and Marion Krehbiel, Pretty Prairie, Kans., at Boys Village, Smithville, Ohio; Marjorie Unger, Swift Current, Sask., and Ray Norr, Kidron, Ohio, at Wiltwyck School for Boys, Esopus, N.Y.

## An Internship in Christian Service

By Ruth Ann Liechty

(Ruth Ann Liechty, Berne, Ind., is an administrative assistant in the MCC Voluntary Service Section with responsibility for the Summer Service program. Miss Liechty spent two years as a VS teacher in Newfoundland.)

"Hey, lady, you a new Minninite? How do you get to be a Minninite? Minninites don't like money, that's why you work for nuthin', right?" The young fellow at Wiltwyck School for Boys had a background of policemen and children's courts because he wanted money. To work for "nuthin'" was inconceivable.

To the MCC Voluntary Service worker it was not inconceivable. God had been good to her. She had a good home, a healthy body and mind, years of education and a social background which gave her self-respect, a chance to succeed and security. Could she not share this abundant life with those who had not had a chance? Could the "\$10 a month plus maintenance" help to prove to the world that the dollar is not almighty?

The young people who have collectively contributed over 1000 years of voluntary service witness to the rewards and satisfactions of these experiences. They do not call it sacrifice. For many it has been a turn-about of their plans, the road towards a fuller life dedicated to God's will. It is an internship in Christian service, a chance to try themselves out in a service situation. Those not ready to commit themselves to a lifetime of service in a specific missionary work can have a genuine missionary experience for one or two years. They have concretely done something about the needs all around them.

### Work With Children

What are the needs all around them—and us? Children should be healthy, happy, loved, educated and undisturbed. Many children are not. Volunteers at Junior Village in Washington, D.C., help to care for children who have been neglected or left homeless by unconcerned parents. Emotionally disturbed and

Richard Nussbaum, Dalton, Ohio, will go to Junior Village, Washington, D.C., an institution for children whose parents do not care for them. Joy Erb, Zurich, Ont., will serve at Brook Lane Farm mental hospital, Hagerstown, Md.

One of the VSers, Henry Koop, St. Catherines, Ont., will work as an agriculturist at Petit Goave, Haiti. John and Mary Jane Goertzen are serving as mail clerk and receptionist respectively at MCC headquarters in Akron.

### Paxmen

The orientation school included seven Paxmen, three of whom are assigned to Pax programs in South America. Elmer Bontrager, North Canton, Ohio, will work on the Trans-Chaco Roadway in Paraguay; Richard Ramer and Floyd Troyer, both of Goshen, Ind., will work with the LeTourneau roadbuilding project in Tournavista, Peru.

Assigned to the Pax program in Europe and North Africa are Lowell Bender, Bittinger, Md.; Corny Klassen, Vineland, Ont.; Glen Showalter, Broadway, Va., and Wilmer Weaver, Hartville, Ohio. They will receive specific assignments after arriving in Europe.

### Other Workers

Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Buhr, Mountain Lake, Minn., are being seconded to Heifer Project and will care for the Heifer Project farm at Gettysburg, Ohio. Fannie Mae Yoder, Goshen, Ind., will join the Akron MCC staff as a secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Junior E. Lehman, Kidron, Ohio, will go to the Congo, where Mr. Lehman will be manager of the new Menno Travel Service branch office and the Union Missionary Home in Leopoldville.

mentally retarded persons at Laurel, Md., receive care and training from concerned VSers. Boys Village at Smithville, Ohio, and Ailsa Craig Boys Farm in Ontario are farm homes for emotionally mal-adjusted boys. The Christian love and individual attention given to the boys by VSers is an important aid to their rehabilitation toward good citizenship. Much time is spent in wholesome outdoor work and recreation on these farms. Wiltwyck School for Boys in Esopus, N.Y., is another home for disturbed boys. As they come in contact with the 'Mennonite' volunteers, these boys feel that someone cares, perhaps for the first time in their lives.

### Haiti Calls!

Haiti, only 800 miles off the southeast coast of Florida, has medical, educational and economic needs greater than almost any other place in the Western Hemisphere. Undernourished and disease-ridden children and adults are helped back to strength by VS medical workers. Local farmers learn better methods as they watch sturdy farm boys from the United States work with poultry and hog raising.

Orientation school for 21 outgoing MCC workers opened January 25 at Akron headquarters. Much of the one and one-half period is spent studying the philosophy and service program of MCC and practical aspects of particular assignments. Guest instructors for the school are David Habegger, pastor of the First Mennonite Church, Allentown, Pa., and Ray Bair, pastor of the Beech Mennonite Church, Louisville, Ohio.

A total of 313 campers worked in European Mennonite Voluntary Service workcamps during the summer of 1960. Workcamps were located in Austria, France, Germany and The Netherlands. Participants in the MVS program represented 16 nationalities.

### Newfoundland

Young people from Newfoundland's isolated coves are introduced to the wide world as VS teachers live and teach in their communities. Nurses help to staff local hospitals. The Christian influence of these qualified workers is effective in the church and community life of these friendly people.

### Hoopa and NIH

Hoopa, a northern California Indian village, is a new location for a VS unit this year. A medical doctor and other hospital workers are helping in the new hospital that serves the valley community including many transient lumber workers and native Indians.

Another area of need is the search for prevention and cures of the major crippling and killing diseases such as cancer, heart disease and mental illness. Volunteers serve as "normal control" patients at National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., offering their healthy bodies for carefully controlled tests.

### Mental Health Services

The three Mennonite mental hospitals—Kings View Hospital in California, Brook Lane Farm in Maryland, and Prairie View Hospital in Kansas—provide opportunities for VSers to help emotionally handicapped persons be restored to wholesome living. VSers help fill all staff positions, including those of psychiatric aides, nurses, secretaries and maintenance workers.

### Forestry and Conservation

Other VSers work at the Hartland Christian Association near Reedley, Calif. engaging in rugged outdoor work and forestry conservation to help develop church camp facilities operated by a group of Christian businessmen. To help carry on the world-wide program of MCC VSers serve at MCC headquarters at Akron, Pa., and Waterloo, Ont., as secretaries, cooks, maintenance men, clothing center assistants, truck drivers and administrative assistants.

# NEWS from HERE and THERE

## Religious Groups Accused

A sharp denunciation of the "criminal" activities of Baptists and other "sectarians" in Southern Russia appeared in the official communist organ at Moscow. The denunciation accused the religious groups of violating the law and engaging in "anti-Soviet activities." The writer did not specify what the alleged activities were. He dealt chiefly with what he said was the failure of the religious groups to register with local government committees as required by law. He went on to reprimand authorities who are "careless about enforcing this regulation." He charged that another regulation against "involving people under age in religious communities" is not being properly enforced.

## Four Cars Stolen

While the Mennonite Brethren Church of Yarrow, B.C. had its session (Gemeindestunde) on January 24, four cars, which had been parked on the church yard, were stolen.

## Factory in Nazareth

Nazareth, Biblical home of Joseph and Mary, is now the site of a nine-million-dollar plant for the manufacture of poplin and rain-coat materials. "Modern equipment was imported from England, Italy, Switzerland and Holland," says the Jerusalem Post.

## Reconsecrate Chapel

Jerusalem (AP) — The chapel of Franciscan monastery Ad Coenaculum—Holy site of The Last Supper—on Mount Zion was reconsecrated in a solemn ceremony recently. The monastery Ad Coenaculum was restored to the custody of the Holy Land by the Israeli government last year.

## "Streams in the Desert" Author Honored

Australia — A fund of nearly \$100,000 in memory of Mrs. Charles E. Cowman, author of "Streams in the Desert" and other books, has been set up by the Oriental Missionary Society in Melbourne. Mrs. Cowman had worked for the society for 50 years until her death. The money is to be used to help small religious communities in foreign fields build their churches. (Christian New Report)

## Faith Removing Mountains

Germany — Near Munich, the city council of Traunrent, a recently developed industrial city in Bavaria, has refused to remove from the face of the city hall an inscription de-

nounced by religious leaders as an insult to Christ and the Bible. The inscription reads: "If there is a faith that can remove mountains, it is the faith in one's own strength." The quotation, taken from the writings of a 19 century Austrian poet (Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach), was called a deliberate corruption of the words of Christ who said that faith in God could remove mountains. The Lutheran Bishop of Munich said "it was particularly the faith in man's own strength that only recently has led the German people on the wrong course." Another church leader said the idolization of one's own strength "has not removed mountains, but has created a desert of rubble and debris." (Christian News Report)

## Bible for Argentina

At the last meeting of the Argentinian Society of Professors of the Holy Scriptures, it was decided to engage upon a new translation of the Bible to be known as the Argentinian Bible. The task was distributed among the Old Testament and the New Testament scholars. No date has been set for the completion of the work.

## Sumerian Art Excavated

University of Chicago scientists in Iraq report finding more than 50 valuable pieces of Sumerian art in excavations at Nippur, the ancient holy city of Babylonia, it was announced recently. Richard C. Haines, field director of the expedition, said in a report to the university's Oriental Institute, "There has been no comparable find in the last 25 years that has added so much to our knowledge of Sumerian art and sculpture."

## Canada's Population Over 18 million

Ottawa (CP) — Canada's population was an estimated 18,041,000 on Jan. 1, the bureau of statistics reports, a gain of 363,000 over the Jan. 1, 1960 figure.

Ontario showed the greatest gain —127,000—for an estimated population of 6,167,000. Quebec was next with a gain of 106,000 for a total of 5,176,000.

Population of other provinces with gains in brackets:

Newfoundland 466,000 (12,000); Prince Edward Island 105,000 (2,000); Nova Scotia 728,000 (9,000); New Brunswick 606,000 (10,000); Manitoba 908,000 (14,000); Saskatchewan 912,000 (6,000); Alberta 1,309,000 (41,000); British Columbia 1,628,000 (24,000).

The gain in the Yukon was 1,000 and the population estimate 14,000. The Northwest Territories also gained 1,000 at 22,000.

## Conduct India Census

New Delhi (AP) — A million enumerators fanned out over the world's most populous democracy recently, beginning a census of India's estimated 420,000,000 people. The count, 10th in India since 1871, will continue until March 5. The last census, in 1951, put the population at 361,000,000.

## Israels Rapid Growth

Since Israel became an independent state in 1948, Jews have come to that country from 74 countries of the world, speaking 42 different languages. The population of Israel has more than trebled since 1948. When the state was proclaimed, this land which the Bible calls a land flowing with milk and honey was not even flowing with water. Now there are roses in the desert and vegetables growing by the shores of the Dead Sea. Irrigation water is carried over great distances to revive parched soils. Salt water is being desalted, sun power drives refrigerators, and crops are made to grow in gravel.

## Flooding the World

Russia is spending about 3½ billion dollars a year to flood the world with communist propaganda. (The New Way Bulletin).

## Cost of Gasoline in Russia

Moscow (AP) — The price of top quality gasoline (98 octane) in the Soviet Union has been cut almost 40 per cent. The new price is one ruble two kopecks, compared with one ruble 58 kopecks before Feb. 1, or about \$1.12 a gallon instead of about \$1.68 at the government exchange rate.

## Sale of Grain to Peking

Saskatoon (CP) — Alfred P. Gleave, president of the National Farmers Union, says Prairie Farmers welcome news of the sale of 40,000,000 bushels of grain to Communist China. He said that much as the NFU opposes the totalitarianism of Communist countries, "we believe it is our duty to share the abundance with which we are blessed in Canada with the less fortunate peoples of the world."

## Two Banks Merge

Ottawa — Finance Minister Fleming has announced his approval of plans to merge the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Imperial Bank of Canada. Approval by Mr. Fleming has opened the way for the banks to submit an amalgamation agreement to their shareholders.

## 212 Tubercular Refugees

Canada has accepted 212 tubercular refugees and their families since July 1959. That is twice the number the government originally planned to admit in the World Refugee Year.

## U.S. Traffic Death

A traffic death occurs in the U.S. about every 16 minutes around the clock.

## Cause of Fires

Careless smokers cause most of the fires in Canada's forest land.

## Congo River

The Congo river crosses the equator line twice.

## Price of Sugar Low

Manitoba had a record sugar beet crop in 1960, but the price of sugar was the lowest in 20 years, the Manitoba Beet Growers' Association was told recently.

President W. S. Forrester told 350 members attending the association's 21st annual meeting that "abnormally low price levels" are present in the western market.

The lowest sugar price for 20 years has caused lower revenues to beet refineries. This puts pressure on growers and government."

As a result, he said, the stability of the beet industry is hanging in the balance.

Last year's harvest totalled 285,452 tons, an increase of 66,578 from 1959, when growers suffered an estimated loss of 75,000 tons frozen in.

J. W. Hall recommended that some form of harvest control be set up to assure an orderly harvest and delivery under ideal harvest conditions.

## Shelton Hatchery

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## Youth Week at the East Chilliwack M.B. Church

Youth Week was a time of special blessing for us as young people. Sunday morning, Mr. John Boldt showed us that the Church needs the young people. In the evening, Rev. G. Thielman pointed out why young people need the Church.

During the week, several groups of young people went to the homes of the ministers and the older members of the congregation. They sang for them, read the Word of God with them and prayed with them. It was a time of wonderful fellowship.

On Wednesday evening, instead of the regular Bible study, we had a special young people's meeting. We considered the life story of the late Rev. Herman Warkentin, missionary to India. Sometimes God speaks to us through the devoted life of another person, and that night He really did. I believe we all saw what God can do with a yielded life.

Ed Wiens

## Christ in My Recreation

A Song which expresses my testimony is:

Down from His glory, ever-living story,  
My God and Saviour came, and Jesus was His name,  
Born in a manger, to His own a stranger,  
A Man of sorrows, tears and agony.  
Oh how I love Him, how I adore Him,  
My breath, my sunshine, my all in all.  
The great Creator became my Saviour,  
And all God's fullness dwelleth within.

Christ is all in all to me. This song tells of all He has done for us. He left His place in glory to rescue us from eternal damnation. The story of His death on the cross is an ever-living one. He is so great yet He humbled Himself for our sakes, was born in a manger, suffered great agony for us. That's why He can understand us so fully.

However, none of this can mean very much to us unless we invite Him into our hearts so that we can say, "My heart is Christ's home." In many hearts Christ would be considered a visitor, instead of an owner. In order for Him to have complete control, Christ must have access to each room.

### Access to the whole house

Some let Him into the dining-room, where He feeds the hungry soul with the Bread of Life. Some let Him into the library and read the books He would have them read. Where most fail, however, is in keeping Him out of the play-room. "You can live in the rest of my home," they say, "but this room of pleasure and leisure is mine." But let me tell you what Christ has

# YOUTH IN ACTION

meant in the play room of my heart.

Some time ago I went to a ranch camp with a group of Christian young people. Every morning, we had what we called a "sharing-time," when each took a verse of Scripture and shared the wonderful facts we had found hidden within it. Then we had fun horse-back riding or hiking, or playing games in the lodge. In everything we did we could feel Christ's presence with us. Even though it was a time of fun, in the spiritual moments three of my friends were among the nine who sought Christ as their Saviour.

A while ago, I went to another city. The surroundings were of the world, but my Friend and Saviour was with me. Through the generosity of friends we had a barbecue. It was fun, but not half so good as the time I had enjoyed in the Christian fellowship before.

At another occasion we had a party which was called a "Funspiration." It was what its name implies—loads of fun and full of inspiration. The Christian fellowship was wonderful. The games and entertainment, which had all been planned by the young folk between the ages of fourteen and nineteen, all were enjoyable, but we felt God's presence there too. If anyone says that a Christian can't have fun, and let Christ possess the play-room of the heart, they are completely wrong.

The tests of whether or not Christ approves of the recreation, and whether or not He has been allowed access to the whole of the heart, comes from His witness. If I do not feel His presence with me, then I know that I am in surroundings unsuitable for Him, and I just can't enjoy myself. So let us not be as Paul put it in 2 Timothy 3:4, "Traitors, heady... lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God," but let us rather also say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." 2 Tim. 1:12.

By Grace Bell, Toronto  
Reprint from "The Young Soldier."

## Study Group Asks MCC Advice on Proposed Youth Corps

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Stemming from legislation concerning a Point Four Youth Corps introduced in Congress last year by Representative Henry S. Reuss of Wisconsin, the Colorado State University Research Foundation, operating under a grant from the International Cooperation Administration, is conducting a study on the advisability and practicability of such a pro-

gram under which young U.S. citizens would be trained to serve abroad in programs of technical assistance. Following the study the Research Foundation will make recommendations for the establishment of a Youth Corps program.

The Research Foundation, under the direction of Dr. Maurice Albertson, is devoting a major portion of its research to those agencies in the United States that have been doing work of the type related to the Youth Corps proposal. In this regard they have requested that the Mennonite Central Committee contribute information as well as advice concerning the feasibility and potential problems of the proposed program. Most of this information will be obtained from questionnaires to be completed by the MCC administrative staff and from related correspondence.

In addition, the Research Foundation will mail questionnaires to those participants who have served in programs of assistance abroad under the direction of the Mennonite Central Committee. These questionnaires will seek to elicit their impression, reactions and suggestions for work of this nature. MCC has prepared a listing of American young men who have recently served in the Pax program in under-developed countries abroad and in Voluntary Service work in Haiti and Newfoundland, and is sending this listing to the Research Foundation which will mail out the questionnaires. It is hoped that those receiving this questionnaire will assist in this study as directed.

## Youth Week Highlights

Clearbrook, B.C. — Youth Week began with two inspiring messages from God's Word. Rev. David Neumann spoke on the theme "You Need the Church," and Rev. John Epp brought the German message. His theme was "The Church Needs You." The choir sang Psalm 34, Living For Jesus, and O Master Let Me Walk With Thee.

The Youth Sunday evening service was one to which the entire family was invited. A large combined choir, consisting of members from the church and Youth choirs sang three appropriate songs.

Mr. Ed. Andres spoke on "Consecration," basing his message on I Chron. 29:5b, "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

Following the evening service the young people were invited to attend a fireside service in the lower auditorium of the church. A program of singing, instrumental music, and testimonies was followed by a

delicious lunch prepared by the Young people's social committee.

For their Wednesday night prayer and Bible study hour the Young people were privileged in hearing a message by Rev. A. H. Wieler, of the Abbotsford M.B. Church. Rev. Wieler's theme, "Youth for Christ" was based on I Peter 5:5-10.

The young people ended Youth week with an outing to Manning Park, approximately 100 miles east of Clearbrook. Tobogganing, skiing and skating were enjoyed by the approximate 120 people who took the day off from their regular duties to spend it in God's great outdoors!

Erica Dyck

## Serving in the Name of the Lord

"In the name of Christ." How better could one give a gift to anyone? The world-wide outreach of the MCC was presented by report and picture to those assembled in the church on the evening of February 3, 1961, by Brother John Hostettler, Akron, Pa. Comparing the audience of approximately 250 persons to the population of the world, Brother Hostettler stated that of the 250 persons 15 would be Americans, yet this 17 per cent of the world's population is in possession of 50 per cent of the food available. "The needy people of the world depend on those who have been blessed with an abundance of things," he stated. What a challenge! What is our attitude? Are we faithful stewards of time, talents and things?

Elsie Dyck, Greendale, B.C.

## Youth

Our time is the spring  
with the cold fled away;  
Our time is the spring  
when nature is tuning,  
Melodious charms  
to lure out of their hiding  
The streams and their waters,  
the green and the flow'ring.  
The sounds of the flowing,  
the task and the sowing,  
All sway to the showers  
of rain that befall,  
To build on the seed that  
has dozed through the winter,  
The tree of the summer,  
the fruits of the fall.  
Ah spring, that your living way,  
lush and inspiring,  
Send rains to the land that,  
with blessing ensuing,  
May thrive through the hot  
and ripen at dusk,  
To give to the reaper  
full stalks to be husked.  
Though a time of uncertain,  
yet a time to be sure  
Is Youth, that the harvest  
be plenteous and sure.

Harold Epp  
Chilliwack, B.C.

# EDUCATION

## SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

### Mennonite Brethren Bible College

#### Alumni Banquet Well Attended

A special banquet for the Alumni, faculty and board of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, held at the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren church, received an encouraging response. Sponsored by the Manitoba and Canadian Alumni, the banquet featured as special speaker the Rev. J. H. Quiring, chairman of the board. He asked the Alumni to give wholehearted support to their school. "The school is yours for possession, accept it," said the speaker. "It is yours for profit, utilize it. It is yours to promote, support it." The meeting was chaired by John I. Doerksen, president of the Alumni Association.

Following the banquet, the group met in the College auditorium for a program. The speakers were the Rev. Rudy Janzen of Greendale, B.C., and the Rev. Henry Voth of Vineland, Ont., Alumni representative on the Board.

#### Summer School Dates Announced

The opening date for the third summer session at MBBC was announced to be July 10. As in previous years, the course will extend over three weeks and will include instruction by two teachers. President J. A. Toews and Dean Frank C. Peters will be the instructors for this summer session. The courses to be offered will be announced later.

Inquiries concerning the summer session are already coming in.

#### Increased Enrollment at Preachers' Course

Between forty-five and fifty ministers participated in the Annual Ministers' Course sponsored by the College. All districts of the Canadian M. B. Conference sent ministers, and a number of other denominations were represented. As in previous years, the ministers formed a separate class and received instruction in various subjects by the College staff. Featured this year were classes in Bible, Homiletics, Pastoral Counseling, Practical Theology, Religious Education, Theology and Music.

#### Negotiations With University Begun

The Board of the College voted in favour of continuing negotiations with Waterloo Lutheran University, which might lead to affiliation of the arts division of MBBC with the University. A working arrangement with Waterloo College has existed for the past ten years. Under the new arrangement students at MBBC would also be registered at the University and would receive a transcript of credits in arts courses directly from the Univer-

sity. Since Canada has no regional accrediting associations, such an arrangement would amount to full accreditation of MBBC. At present, the College teaches eight arts courses, which are integrated in the Bible College program. Five courses constitute one year's work in arts. The matter of affiliation will be presented to the Conference at the next session.

#### College Purchases Organ

A Conn organ was recently purchased from the funds accumulated by the students' work day projects. It is anticipated that further work day projects will liquidate the debt which was incurred in the purchase. A service of dedication is planned in the near future.

### Bible Emphasis Week at Eden

#### A Student Testimony

Bible Emphasis Week at Eden Christian College has meant a great deal to me. It has given me salvation, hope and life; for it has revived me and quickened me spiritually. My walk was like that of a blind man in complete darkness.

To be a Christian is not just to confess Christ with the mouth and leave it at that. A Christian must be a true disciple of Christ and as such must live a pure and holy life. Jesus Christ must be his example in every aspect of life: body, spirit and mind according to Philippians 2:6: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

This was the message God gave us through the Rev. Hugo Jantz. This message "burned my eyes," spiritually speaking, like light blinds the eyes of one who has been in darkness for a long time. This message made me realize that I was a sinful creature, and unless I renewed my relationship to Christ I was dead in trespasses and sin.

Bible Emphasis Week in Eden has given me a goal in life, something to strive for, and that is to be more like Christ. I have realized my vulnerability to Satan and sin as well as my dependence upon the strength of the Lord. By His grace I became His and by that same matchless grace I shall remain His until He comes.

Don Wiebe, Grade XII

### Bethel College

**North Newton, Kans.** — The 45-voice Bethel College choir, under the direction of Walter Jost, will present concerts of sacred music in South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Manitoba during the recess between the winter and spring quarters, March 1-7.

President and Mrs. Vernon H.

Neufeld will accompany the choir on the tour. Dr. Neufeld will conduct brief devotional periods at each concert.

The choir will present its first program at the Good Shepherd Mennonite church, Sioux Falls, S.D., Wednesday, March 1 at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 2, they will perform in the Bergthaler Mennonite church, Altona, Man. The following day, March 3, they will sing at the

Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, in the morning and at one of the Mennonite churches in Winnipeg in the evening.

The choir's repertoire includes sacred music of the 16th and 17th centuries by Leising, Schütz, Purcell, and Morley; a motet for double choir by Bach; well-known hymns of the Christian church; and sacred music of our time by Henry Woodward, Alvin King, Alexander Gretchaninoff, and Lloyd Pfautsch.

## Books on Bible and Sacred History

### Unger's Bible Dictionary

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### Evangelistic Services in Winnipeg

**Winnipeg, Man.** — Rev. Waldo Wiebe of Reedley, California, evangelist in the Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church, who is conducting revival meetings in the M.B. Collegiate Institute auditorium, Winnipeg (February 5-19), has spoken to large audiences during the time of his services here.

The themes chosen, and the object lessons taught were appealing to children and adults. The systematic, logical and powerful presentation of the Christ centered messages out of God's Word attracted many, even on nights when the weather was rather unfavorable.

The goal of leading souls to Christ and of enriching the spiritual life of believers is being reached. The evangelist does not only pro-

claim the Gospel in public services, he also extends spiritual help to many who contact him personally.

In summing up Rev. Wiebe's work, it can be stated that God is using His servant for the purpose of extending His kingdom and for the reorientation and edification of believers.

### Red Cross News

A great many members of churches and synagogues in Manitoba are also volunteer workers of the Canadian Red Cross Society. It has become a tradition that on the Saturday and Sunday before the annual campaign, which commences on March 1, that a tribute be paid to these volunteers whose efforts on behalf of the distressed needs the prayers of all.

Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26 will be observed as Red Cross Sabbath and Sunday.

### Menno as Reformer

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#### The Lasting Witness

Some readers will possibly be ready to state at this point that we should not honor, commemorate and

celebrate our leaders but that we should concentrate on the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In this case it may be in place to remind ourselves of what H. F. Mannhardt of Danzig said when Mennonites commemorated the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Mennonite Church. He states: "We Mennonites cannot accuse ourselves of honoring our spiritual leaders and praising them too highly. On the contrary, we are insufficiently acquainted with the fathers of our brotherhood and have not given them enough recognition. Even in our day, after many biographies and accounts have been written about the noble martyrs and such leaders as Manz and Denck, Sattler and Hubmaier, there are countless Mennonites who do not even know their names. And what about Menno Simons? How few in this large congregation have looked into his writings, deeply founded in the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ? Who of you, dear brethren, and sisters, knows through Menno's own words what he says in his writings 'About the New Creature,' 'About the True Faith of a Christian,' or what is in his 'Foundation Book?'... Clearly and warmly he demonstrates that true Christianity does not consist in forms and doctrines only but must be proven in life and in the discipleship of Jesus Christ."

One of the results of the commemoration a taxi driver, formerly a communist, called the minister at whose place I was staying and asked him about the possibility of having an interview with him, because he would like to join the church. He had attended the Menno Simons commemoration and was so deeply impressed by the faith of the fathers that he had now decided to join the church. Rev. Frits Kuiper, who had already been meeting him from time to time when his wife and daughter had passed away, was happy to have a meeting with him to make arrangements for his joining the Christian fellowship.

in the M. B. Collegiate Institute auditorium every evening. Rev. Waldo Wiebe of Reedley, California is the speaker.

**February 17-19** — The 16th Annual Mission Conference at the Altona Elim Bible School.

**February 24-26** — Inter-Mennonite Sunday School Convention in the M.B. Collegiate Institute auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg 5, Man.

**March 2-3** — Conference of the Association of Mennonite Aid Societies in the Atlantic Hotel, Chicago.

**March 3-5** — Annual Bible and Missionary Conference, Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

**March 5-12** — Evangelistic meetings in the Carman Gospel Light Mission.

**March 19-26** — Evangelistic Meetings will be held in Oliver Gospel Chapel. Rev. Elmer Warkentin is the evangelist.

**April 2** — Easter, Resurrection Day Commemoration.

**March 10-12** — Annual Saskatchewan Mennonite Youth Conference at Drake, Sask.

**April 7-9** — Canadian M.B. Sunday School Convention in British Columbia.

**April 16** — Graduation Exercises at Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Man.

**June 18** — Graduation at Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg.

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