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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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Launching Out for God in Quebec



Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Dyck and their children. They are to leave for their new field on August 10.

Our attention was first directed to Quebec in 1957, when some initial contacts were made. In 1959 the Canadian Conference of Mennoite Brethren delegated the Canada Inland Mission, which is the Home Missions branch of the Conference, to make careful investigations in that province. During the next two years serious effort was put forth to discover whether it was feasible to establish mission work in Quebec. After several visits to that province and consultation with numerous evangelical workers of various denominations the opening of a mission station was recommended to the Conference.

However, the Lord does not commission us without calling workers. After our missionary work in the African Congo almost came to a halt (temporarily, we hope), the Lord made a missionary couple from that field willing to consider the challenge of preaching the gospel in French Quebec. Brother and Sister Ernest Dyck, formerly missionaries to the Congo, have been appointed to open a mission in St. Jerome, about 30 miles north of Montreal. We are grateful to the Lord for providing workers with experience and a fair mastery of the language for this task. St. Jerome has a population of nearly 26,000 and is situated in the midst of numerous smaller communities.

The work will require much faith, courage and perseverance. Neither is there a guarantee that there will not be violent opposition. But

Quebec is experiencing a transition today. Will the French-Canadienne be confronted with a living, redeeming Christ as he approaches the crossroads? Let us support our workers with prayer. Let us go forth with the Dycks in the name of the Lord of hosts! When He calls He also enobles and the fruit is sure to come. This is a crucial hour in the world. Let us be found watching, waiting and working while it is day!

We commend the Dycks to your faithful and fervent, intercession. An occasional word of encouragement will also certainly be appreciated by them. Their address will be: Box 214, St. Jerome, P. Quebec.

In the name of the
Canada Inland Mission,
H. Warkentin

Mennonites Plan New Settlement in B.C.

Several hundred Old Colony Mennonites of the Warman-Hague district, 15 to 25 miles north of Saskatoon, are waiting for official confirmation from the British Columbia government that they may settle in the west coast province. The Mennonites plan to move to the northern B.C. interior to settle virgin lands.

Negotiations between the B.C. government and the Mennonites have gone on for over a year before agreement was reached. Under the agreement, each Mennoite family would lease 480 acres

of unbroken land with an option to purchase. Land-breaking loans of \$2,000 from the B.C. government would be available to each settler.

The Mennonites are experiencing a shortage of land in their Saskatchewan location and fear that the young people may have to leave the farms. They plan to motor to B.C. in large trucks outfitted for the journey. The move is expected to spread over the next year.

M. B. Bible College News Release

Conference Approves B. D. Program at College

By unanimous vote, the delegates of the Canadian Conference in session at Coaldale approved the expansion of the curriculum at MBBC to include a program of studies leading to the B.D. degree. The program will include 2 or 3 years of Greek and one year of Hebrew. Several special seminars are planned for the last year, which must be taken in residence at MBBC. Those entering the program will be required to have a B.A. degree and will take the first two years in conjunction with the Th.B. program. According to Dean F. C. Peters, the College plans to begin offering the last year of the B. D. program in 1962-63. No students will be accepted for the last year during the coming academic year. All students in the B.D. program will be required to write a thesis in addition

to their regular course work. During the first two years the candidates will be screened and only those given faculty approval will be allowed to go on to the third and final year.

A committee headed by Dean Peters is working on the curriculum for the new program.

Student Loan Fund Established by Conference

The Conference convening in Coaldale went on record favouring the establishment of a student loan fund to be used for needy students.

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Introducing Missionaries

Missionaries who formerly served under the K. M. B. Conference are herewith presented to members of the M. B. Conference so they may become acquainted with and intercede for the new workers of their missionary staff.



Rev. and Mrs. Johnny H. Toews
Home Church: Zion, Dinuba, Calif.
Field: Peru. Ministry: General Missionary.

First Impressions of a Missionary Returning to the Congo

Three weeks are not a very long time for gaining a complete and correct impression of a new situation as found in the Congo at this time, but I would nevertheless wish to share with the constituency at home some of the first impressions received during the three weeks I have again been on Congo soil.

In the first place, it was a new experience to be met by a national air hostess at the door of the jet, in which we had just landed, rather than by a Belgian hostess as formerly. The fact that the Congo is under national control rather than under colonial government was fur-

ther impressed upon us while passing through the line of national health, immigration and customs officials. In former years a white person was rarely stopped by a national policeman. Now one is obliged to fulfill every line and tittle of the law or be prepared to pay a fine. At the same time, I have been impressed with the fact that deep inside most of these men still respect the missionary. In these few weeks I have been permitted to continue on my way without paying a fine because I was a missionary who had just come back to the Congo.

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EDITORIAL

Give with Care

Give to the Lord cheerfully and generously, but give with care. Most of us receive many calls for money to support an increasing number of causes, both secular and religious. Perhaps the reason that more movements are starting with the hope of existing on donated funds is that money is becoming more and more plentiful.

In our giving we all need to have an understanding of the purpose and work of the cause we support. We are as responsible for acquainting ourselves with the use to which our money is put as we are for freely giving to the Lord. The better we know how our money is being used, the more intelligently we can pray for the work we support.

Our local congregations, district conference boards and general boards constantly keep the work they are doing before us. They publish reports of activities and money received and expended. For this guidance and opportunities for giving we are grateful and appreciative. These organizations have been established by the local churches or district conferences. They are our representatives and their work is always open for us to examine.

Movements other than those thus organized also depend upon donated funds. It is with respect to these that we need to exercise care to see that the cause they represent is worthy of the brotherhood. It may save us from later disappointment or regret that we have given our money.

Here are some questions we should ask. Do we understand the nature of the movement? Does it publish financial reports? Are the reports audited? How do we personally evaluate the service of the movement apart from the emotional appeal for funds? Do we know exactly how the money will be spent? Have we sought the Lord's guidance in our giving? Have we taken time to counsel with others who are acquainted with the movement? What do we know about the Christian witness and life of the leaders of the movement? Are reports of activities published as a matter of public information? What do other religious or secular publications have to say about the movement?

As the Lord commands us to give cheerfully and generously, it is also our obligation to give intelligently and purposefully.

(E. Z. in "Gospel Herald")

DEVOTIONAL

The Divine Counsel to Lukewarm Christianity

By the late Dr. A. H. Unruh upon special permission.
Translated by the Rev. A. P. Dirks, North Kildonan, Man.

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The eye-salve of which the Lord speaks, if rightly applied, will change an evil eye into a single eye. The pastor has to lead the church, but how can he if he is blind? And how can such a congregation be a guiding influence in the community? Clear vision is indispensable, if the goal which God has set for man is to be realized. Further, the church has to strive to understand the signs of the times. The contemporary leaders of Jesus' time, the scribes, were able to foresee the weather which was affecting their business, but they failed to understand the great sign of their time which was manifested in the coming of the Son of God. They had no spiritual power to lead the people to the Lord, instead they incited them to crucify Jesus.

All this is possible in the church if the eye-salve of spiritual discernment is not being used. The pastors of the local churches are not only obliged to guard the unity of

the congregation, they must present the church as a chaste virgin to Christ. Paul stresses this particularly in II Cor. 11:2. Clear vision is a qualification of a leader's high commission. John in his letters points out the deplorable position of a church whose angel (church leader) is either dead or blind. Sardis and Laodicea were such churches. Such leadership can only have had results for those who trust them. The following story may illustrate: It was in the year 1905 when a flyer passenger train was bound for West Philadelphia with a dead engineer at the throttle. He had leaned over from his cab to check the condition of the lower part of the engine and had struck a post, whereupon death followed instantly. The fireman was able to stop the train and save the passengers. No doubt, fright seized the passengers when they heard that their train had been guided by a dead man. It is clear, too, that a anxiety must have seized the

churches at Sardis and Laodicea when the announcement from heaven was made public that their leaders were dead and lukewarm. The true Christian realizes that a lukewarm church needs a new anointing of its eyes, if it wants to function as a leading body for the surrounding community. The many invitations to attend its meetings are a proof that it intends to lead.

Some may ask where the required preparation to carry out the great commission can be obtained. The Lord says, "Buy from me." In the parable of the ten virgins the wise virgins sent the foolish ones to the market to buy oil. The Lord calls the lukewarm to have a personal meeting with Him in order to be revived. Revival in the church does not begin when the members rally around a new preacher, but it begins when everyone withdraws into his own closet and in true repentance on his knees before the Lord asks to be released from his poverty. Ministers should not be satisfied if they can attract large numbers to hear their messages. They should not rest until their hearers are led to faith in Christ.

The words of Jesus are absolute truth. People may distort the truth by adding their own explanations. The whole truth is only available from Jesus in His Word through the Holy Spirit. At the time of the Reformation, Christianity began anew to buy from the Lord, after it had bought false doctrines from the priests for some time. In time the reformed church sank once more into dead dogmatism and orthodoxy, until a period of revival stimulated searching the Bible for the truth. In our time, which is characteristically lukewarm, it is necessary to receive truth from the Lord only, because modern theological systems are permeated with false teaching and exegesis. In view of this condition let us seek the countenance of the Lord and ask Him for gold, raiment and eyesalve.

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Impressions of the Congo

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Materially and economically speaking, it seems that there has been rapid deterioration. The neglected state of the lawns, shrubs and public buildings in Leopoldville and other centers shows the lack of interest in those things. Our own center of Kikwit is in danger of being overgrown with brush, except for the large section for national residents, which has grown tremendously. Many stores are almost out of stock. Wages have soared to new heights especially in the political and educational fields. Cars and trucks are hard to get, and in many cases repairs are not available. Older vehicles are giving out and are being junked.

In the third place, I have been

impressed with the national pride which exists. Of course, this need not be and should not be a negative aspect. In the past week I have attended three school closing exercises: the official schools in Kikwit, where Henry Derksen has been teaching the classes in religion; the primary school of the Baptist Mid-Mission; and the schools at Kafumba station where the primary school, the preparatory school for secondary education and the teacher training school participated. In all of these exercises there was a distinct national emphasis which I greatly appreciated. All three programs were entirely in the hands of nationals and were very well presented. All three lasted about three hours, which is also very typical. The programs at the Baptist school and at the M. B. school at Kafumba were prefaced by messages from Scripture by the respective pastors and led by the national head teacher.

In the fourth place, I have been impressed with the fact that the Church is carrying on. The leaders need the assistance of the missionary, and because of the economic situation, they need financial help as well, but it is gratifying to see that the church is taking hold, or rather has taken hold, and we trust that it is moving forward. On July 2 we had a most blessed time of fellowship here in Kikwit with a group of M. B. church members, who had come to the city from various parts of our field. They would like to erect a place of worship, and how we would like to see that done!

They are looking for help from the mission. We have told them that it is time the initial step came from them. We believe we should bear part of the financial burden of getting started. There are thousands of unsaved people in this city.

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CHURCH NEWS

Willingdon M. B. Church

Burnaby, B.C.

By Martha Braun

"We Have a Great Deliverer" was the theme of the message given by Br. J. Dahl at our July 23 morning service. He based his message on Heb. 9:24-28, pointing out the greatness of our deliverer, Jesus Christ, who is able to deliver us from the penalty of sin. "It is by His death on the cross that we may go free, for He paid the debt for us. We also have deliverance from the power of sin through the resurrection and ascension of our blessed Lord and Saviour. He is now at the right hand of God, interceding for us. Christ will also deliver us from the presence of sin. When He shall come, which we believe is close at hand, He shall release us from the very presence of sin. Then sin shall have no more dominion over us, but we shall henceforth be made perfect in Christ and we shall stand faultless before His throne, praising Him in all eternity that He is such a great deliverer."

For the evening service we had the Lighthouse of Hope radio group here. The quartet served with several numbers in song. We also enjoyed hearing a solo, "There is a flowing fountain" by R. Martens. The message of the evening was brought by Br. H. Regehr, using Rom. 1:1-7 as his text. As Paul, a slave of Jesus Christ, was commissioned to go forth and proclaim the glorious news of salvation, so also are we, who know Him as our Saviour, to witness for Him. We pray that God will give us grace and strength to be doers of the Word we have heard, and not hearers only.

Board of Missions News

The brethren of the Board of Missions and its Administrative Secretariat are scheduled to meet in Hillsboro August 23 to 26 for their summer meeting. The report and observations of J. B. Toews on his summer's visit to our mission fields in South America will be one of the considerations of the Board. Brother Toews was scheduled to be back in Hillsboro the first week in August. The prayers of the churches are solicited in behalf of the meeting.

World Vision has expressed its appreciation for the service of our Japanese brother Phillip Tsuchiya during the May evangelistic crusade in Tokyo conducted by its president, Dr. Bob Pierce. Brother Tsuchiya, instructor in our Japan Bible School and speaker on our daily gospel broadcast in Japan, was the interpreter for Dr. Paul

Rees, who coordinated the pastors' seminars.

The World Vision office in a letter to the Board of Missions office also reports that it estimates 180,000 different individuals came out to hear the gospel during the 30-day period of the Tokyo crusade. Of these nearly 9,000 stepped forward in public confession of their need of Jesus Christ. Forty-four per cent of these indicated a first-time decision for salvation. Another 40 per cent said they were not quite ready to make a decision, but were very interested. Forty-three per cent said they had no church contact or background. Let us thank God for the outreach of the gospel in Japan and pray for the converts and all who heard the Word.

The camping program in Japan is the cause for prayer on Saturday, August 12, referred to in *Intercessor* and *Gebetsanleitung*. The adult camp August 12 to 16 will commemorate the first 10 years of our work in Japan and emphasize the future ministry of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Japan. The junior camp August 17 to 19 will offer instruction to young people on following Christ and on the life of Abraham. The camps are under the leadership of workers in our Japan churches.

Helen Vetter, conference missionary serving in Nigeria under the Sudan Interior Mission, is now on furlough with her parents at Onida, S.D. She arrived in New York June 22.

Two more men missionaries are returning for service in the Congo with their families remaining in the homeland. They are Irvin L. Friesen, whose family will reside at Reedley, Calif., and Harold Kruger, whose family will live in Saskatoon, Sask. These brethren are scheduled to depart by plane August 18. Brother Friesen is to give special attention to Christian literature urgently needed in the Congo at this time and Brother Kruger is to assist the national church in the school program. Let us faithfully intercede for these brethren, their families and their ministry in the Congo.

Ecole de Moniteurs teacher training school in the Congo has by the grace of God been able to complete a school year in spite of the political tension, limited staff and numerous problems and irregularities. Diplomas were presented to 19 students—12 from the Congo Inland Mission and seven from our mission. Ecole de Moniteurs has been jointly operated by CIM and our mission in the Congo. The total enrollment consisted of 70 CIM students and 43 M. B. students. Let us pray for each graduate and student and also for the new school term to

begin in September. A beginning class of 45 students is anticipated. George Faul of our mission is to return to the Congo to assume the directorship of the school.

Siegfried Epp and Katy Penner arrived in Leopoldville July 19. For the present Sister Penner will be serving in Kikwit with Dr. and Mrs. Walter Shelly, personnel made available by MCC to serve under the Congo Protestant Relief Agency. Brother Epp has been assigned to hospital construction at Kajiji.

Orville Wiebe shares the following information concerning violence and persecution in Angola, which borders Congo on the south. "On a trip to visit several Kajiji posts, I passed within several miles of the border of Angola. A year ago our missionaries fled Congo by way of Angola. Today people from Angola are fleeing to strife-torn Congo for refuge. At Kajiji I met the pastor of the Protestant church of Caungula, Angola. He told me a story of persecution and brutality that reminds one of the massacres of the early Christians by the Roman Emperor Nero. He reported 16,000 persons had been massacred just across from our Panzi field. He listed 14 villages where the male teenagers and older men have been killed, with only very few managing to escape. In the area adjoining our Kajiji field the persecution has not been so widespread, but more selective. The pastor said a common practice is to jail and often kill anyone caught reading anything. Since Protestants do not smoke or drink, a rather crude but effective means of identification has been developed. Citizens are offered cigarettes or wine. If they refuse, they are marked for trouble. Christians gather in small groups in fields or forests, but they no longer dare worship in their chapels. The pastor himself was saved by a soldier who was to arrest him but who came in secret and warned him to flee."

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Letter of Acknowledgement

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it" (Heb. 4:1).

The sudden passing of our brethren Neufeldt, Sawatsky and Martens truly has been a stern language of our Lord to the individual as well as to the entire church. We humbly bow under the hand of the Almighty Who directs the affairs of His own. Even though it is human to ask, "Why this way, oh God?" we meekly ask, "What for, oh Lord?" We pray Him to fill the gaps left by these three servants.

It has comforted our aching hearts to hear and read of so many of God's children praying for us in

this hour of trial. We would like herewith to express our heart-felt thanks and appreciation for every prayer, card, letter, telegram and word of sympathy. May the One who sees every weeping heart reward you for it. Let us together press steadily on toward the promised glory in heaven with all the faithful who have gone on before.

In behalf of the Yarrow M. B. Church,

J. P. Martens

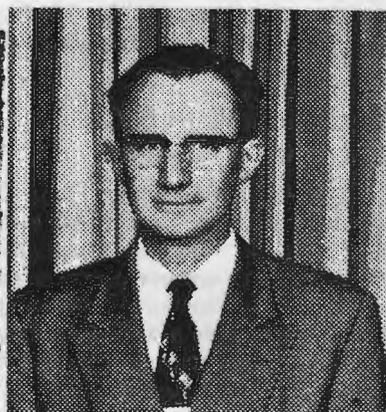
P. P. Neufeldt †



Walter Sawatsky †



Herbert P. Martens †



As reported previously, these 3 brethren lost their lives on June 29, 1961, in a traffic accident near Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, while they were travelling to the 51st Canadian M. B. Conference in Coaldale, Alta.

May we remember them and intercede for their families in prayer.

Large Tent Meetings near Lancaster, Pa., USA

Attendance in the thousands was registered for the church revival services held here in a large tent. The three-week series closed Sunday, July 2.

On some Sunday evenings the tent was not large enough to accommodate the audience which numbered approximately 6,000. Many churches cancelled their regular Sunday evening young people's meetings during the series.

The meetings were conducted by Brunk Revivals Inc. of Harrisonburg, Va., and were sponsored by the Spiritual Life and Revival Committee of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference.

Amish Leaders in USA Seek Exemption from Law Regarding Social Security

Eleven leaders of the Old Order Amish Church recently held an audience in Washington with Abraham A. Ribicoff, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, on the problem of Amish participation in the Social Security system. They were accompanied by J. Harold Sherck on behalf of the MCC.

The Amish are seeking exemption from participation in all phases of Social Security, which they feel is in contradiction to their faith and way of life. It is reported that the secretary reacted favorably to the request, and promised to investigate ways in which satisfactory legislation might be drafted for submission to congress.

The group interviewed by Secretary Ribicoff included five bishops from Pennsylvania and Ohio and Valentine J. Byler of New Wilmington, Pa., who received nationwide publicity recently when his horses were seized for non-payment of Social Security taxes.

Later the group was joined by other leaders from Indiana, Michigan and Illinois. A memorandum setting forth the Amish stand on Social Security was presented to members of congress by Bishop David Z. Fisher of Christiana, Pa.

Doukhobors in B.C. Have New Leader

In Grand Forks, B.C., John J. Verigin's first act as spiritual leader of British Columbia's orthodox Doukhobors raised new hope for the settlement of the land controversy. Mr. Verigin made a \$580 down-payment on three parcels of crown land in the West Kootenays.

Magistrate William Evans, an expert on Doukhobor affairs, said Mr. Verigin's purchase was a big step towards solving the land problem. He said the Doukhobors are found to be influenced by what their new leader, Verigin, daes.

The land question dates back to

the 1930's when mortgage companies foreclosed on about 18,000 acres of communally-owned land because the Doukhobors were unable to keep up the payments.

The provincial government purchased the land from the companies in 1938 and allowed the farmers to remain as tenants paying a nominal rent or as squatters. On the recommendation of a royal commission, the provincial government offered to sell the land back to the Doukhobors for 60 per cent of its assessed value. But squabbling over religious issues has blocked a solution for several years. A few Doukhobors, chiefly members of the radical Sons of Freedom sect, believe that it is sinful for an individual to own land. Fanatical members of the sect have threatened reprisals against any Doukhobors who purchased land. Doukhobor observers believe that the land controversy has been at least partly the cause of the bombings, house burnings and other violence in the Kootenay district during the last three decades. Stephan Sorokin, leader of the radical sect has urged his followers not to oppose individual ownership of land.

One of the parcels of land acquired by Mr. Verigin is the official residence of the orthodox Doukhobors' spiritual leader near Grand Forks. Mr. Verigin is expected to take up residence at the 7-acre farm once occupied by Peter (the lordly) Verigin, leader of the Doukhobors when they came to Canada at the turn of the century.

The new leader was named in Grand Forks at a weekend meeting of representatives of 27 Doukhobor communities on July 22. It now remains for the rank and file members of the 10,000-strong group to ratify the appointment.

Mr. Verigin is the orthodox Doukhobors' first spiritual leader since the death of his uncle, Peter Verigin III, in a concentration camp in Russia in 1942. Mr. Verigin, 38, came to Canada from Russia in 1928 and became leader designate of the orthodox sect last year.

Gerhard G. Dyck †

Brother Gerhard G. Dyck was born December 14, 1887, at Blumstein, Man. As a youth of nine he moved with his parents, Gerhard and Anne Dyck, to Kronsgart, where he experienced the blessings of the Lord and shared the fellowship of the saints.

In 1912 he received Jesus as his personal Saviour and committed his life to Him. He was baptized upon confession of his faith and received into the fellowship of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

On December 14, 1913, he was married to Tina Bueckert, Rev. Johann Warkentin officiated. The Lord blessed this union with 10 children, 6 sons and 4 daughters.

The two oldest sons, Gerhard and John, preceded him in death.

Brother Dyck sought to serve his Master in his own quiet way. He found joy in contributing to the cause of missions in an inconspicuous way. He was ordained as deacon by the Kronsgart M. B. Church in June, 1944, and served in that capacity until he moved to Winkler, when he requested to be released from this responsibility.

In November, 1957, brother and sister Dyck left the farm and purchased a house in Winkler, close to the M. B. church. Brother Dyck was a regular attendant at church services. He seldom missed a prayer meeting, in which he took active part.

Two years ago he suffered a stroke from which he never fully recovered. However, he rallied sufficiently to enable him to attend church functions. On July 18 he suffered another stroke while on his way home from the evangelistic service. This time the Lord called him home to glory.

He reached the age of 73 years and 7 months. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife Tina Dyck, 4 sons, George, Arthur, Bernhard and Alfred, 4 daughters, Rosa (Mrs. Corny Penner), Mary (Mrs. Wendelin Mann), Annie (Mrs. Aron Dyck) and Katherine (Mrs. Jacob P. Wiebe), the in-laws, and 25 grandchildren. All have the blessed assurance that father has fought the good fight of faith. He has finished the course. The entire family rejoices in the hope of meeting their departed loved one in glory.

Funeral services were held at the local M. B. church on July 23. Rev. A. A. Hyde brought a message based on Joshua 1:1-8 and Rev. J. H. Quiring spoke on Deut. 5:24.

Two of Our Readers Write

One of the readers states the following: "The Mennonite Observer is a good paper, and I enjoy reading it."

Some one who resides in the U.S.A. writes as follows: "We enjoy the Mennonite Observer immensely as it helps us to keep in touch with our churches and friends in Canada. We certainly look forward to it every week. May the Lord continue to bless you in the work."

M. B. Bible College

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Interested friends would be encouraged to lend money on a non-interest basis to the fund. These funds would then be made available to needy students generally in their last year of school.

One brother has already given \$1,000 to this fund and it is hoped that several others will respond shortly so that the fund can be

made available to students during this school year.

First Donation for Unruh Memorial Fund Received

The first donation of \$1,000 was received for the A. H. Unruh Memorial Fund. The Fund was approved by the Coaldale Conference and is designated for a building to be erected and named in honour of the first president of MBBC. The late Dr. Unruh spent most of his life in the educational ministry of the Mennonite Brethren Church. The College Board hopes to announce the provincial organizations soon. It is hoped that all former students and friends of the revered teacher will participate in the drive. The goal of the drive is \$50,000. According to President J. A. Toews, the Board presently anticipates using the proceeds for the erection of a dormitory. A special section will be reserved for a Mennonite Brethren library and research centre.

According to President Toews all funds should be sent directly to the Conference Treasurer, Rev. G. H. Sukkau, 81 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.

Impressions of the Congo

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May we ask you to put this matter on your prayer list?

Until now all property and legal matters pertaining to the state have been taken care of for the church by the mission, because it was not possible to incorporate the church. That is now possible, and papers of incorporation have been prepared and are soon to be submitted to the state department for official signatures. We do pray that this step may be blessed of the Lord and one which will help the church become a mature body. This should also be a matter for prayer.

In the fifth place, I have again been impressed with the greatness of the heathen population. Independence has not caused the hundreds of thousands of heathen villagers to turn to Christ. They are for the greater part still outside the fold among the "other sheep" for which our Lord prayed, as recorded in John 17. Therefore our mission responsibility has not yet been fulfilled.

The unstable political situation makes it inadvisable to bring the family to the field. One does not know from one month to the next what political changes will take place and what they will bring. We do pray that as the political leaders seek to get together, order may be re-established. Will you add this matter to your prayer list?

In closing I would like to say that I thank God for the privilege of serving Him in this land at this time, even though the family could not accompany me. The same Lord watches over all and it is blessed to be in the center of His will.

John B. Kliever



The Cause of Foreign Missions

Our National Churches Abroad:

Asuncion

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my Word, and hast not denied my name" (Rev. 3:8).

These words are characteristic of the new group of Paraguayan believers in the city of Asuncion. The Lord opened a door which for several years seemed to be closed. The strength of this small church is little, but she endeavours to observe the Word of God and to testify to the name of her Redeemer often under difficult circumstances. The promise of the Lord to open the door wider, even under these circumstances, is a great challenge.

The work in the capital city of Paraguay was begun with the help of the Lord in 1955. Two and one-half years later the first two converts were baptized. During the next two years there were no visible results. Often the services were attended by one to three adults and several children.

But the two brethren remained faithful, and in 1959 we had the

privilege of baptizing 15 persons. Thus a church was organized, and through baptism and the acceptance of members from other evangelical churches, the membership increased to 25. But tests and temptations decreased the active membership to 19. Members were excommunicated, joined other churches or moved away. Six months ago the average attendance on Sunday morning was 30, which has now increased to 60. We are most grateful to the Lord for all these who have accepted Him as their Saviour and whose sinful past has been covered by His precious blood.

The moral background of these people is very, very dark. Many seemingly have no conscience regarding certain matters, which would serve as a point of contact for the Holy Spirit to convict them of adultery and fornication. National conditions have broken down the barrier of conscience. These unfortunate circumstances are underscored by the hot temperament of the Latin American people and the sinful nature of man.

The religious ignorance of the people makes for fanaticism, which closes the door to light and truth, but praise God, the key is in the hand of our Redeemer. Thus you will see that the moral and religious background makes it difficult to begin a work and establish a church.

The economic status of the people varies. The first two members are well off. Several are from the middle class. Unemployment affects the working class and, as a result, we have a number of poor people in

the church who need a helping hand.

The expansion of this work is not only a possibility, but a necessity. The population of Asuncion is approximately 250,000. Of these 95 per cent are Catholics. We are not the first and only missionaries in the city. Several other missions have been working here for 30 and more years, but there are still a number of districts without an evangelical witness. So far our work has affected approximately 15,000 people. Recently work was started in
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Amagasaki

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" (John 15: 16).

This verse is an inspiration to the Amagasaki Mennonite Brethren Church in Japan. The brothers and sisters realize they are chosen of God to fulfill the work of spreading the gospel and are also assured that in the power of the Holy Spirit their labors will bear fruit.

Following a baptism this past April, the membership of Amagasaki is now 65. Some folks spend close to one hour by public transportation to come to church. It is a challenge to have new people attending the services almost every Sunday.

The religious background of the people in the Amagasaki area is mainly Buddhist and Shinto (ancestor worship). But many of the Japanese young people tend to be atheistic and live for pleasure and materialism.

The economic status of the members of the congregation varies from low income to moderately well-to-do. The church is surrounded by factories which produce paint, printing ink, diesel engines, thread for spinning cloth, liquor. The residential area consists of two-storey apartment houses and single family houses.

Just as Christ was moved with compassion for the multitudes, so we cry out when we see Amagasaki's multitudes: "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." The total population of Amagasaki is close to 400,000. There may be four or five small groups in other parts of the city giving a fundamental evangelical witness. But in our particular area with about 50,000 souls, there is no other evangelical church. Hence the potential for outreach is unlimited.

The ministry of the Word on Sunday morning is shared by three brethren. Masaru Oyama works in a diesel engine factory 10 minutes away from the church. Akiraka Inoue is an English teacher in the nurses' school connected with a large hospital. Sachiyo Miyamoto has entered his second year in



The Amagasaki church choir ministers at a worship service.

the Bible school. Once a month one of the missionary brethren meets with the church council, fellowships with the church in breaking the Word of God and leads the communion service.

The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of the month. Communion is followed by the meeting of the church council consisting of 10 brethren. These brethren handle the affairs of the church such as planning the yearly activities, reading the testimonies of baptismal candidates, inviting evangelists, praying for the spiritual growth of the members and seeking to restore the backsliders.

On the second Sunday of each month, the married men fellowship at the church. After a simple lunch, each brother shares what he has received from the chapter of the Bible to be studied that month. On the third Sunday the women of the church have a similar fellowship in the Word and prayer. On the fourth Sunday afternoon the young people assemble for singspiration, Bible study, testimony and prayer. In this way we trust that the Japanese brothers and sisters will become men and women of the Word and rely upon the Word of God to answer their questions and settle their problems.

Each Sunday evening a group of young people goes out on the busy street corners to pass out tracts and invite passers-by to our church. A gospel message is preached every Sunday evening and an invitation extended to souls to receive Jesus as Saviour. In this way many have been led through to salvation.

A number of brethren have preached gospel messages on Sunday evenings. We are encouraging
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The work in Asuncion includes this fine Sunday school group



Part of our national congregation in the capital city of Paraguay



Dear Boys and Girls,

"This is the day which the Lord hath made" (Ps. 118:24). Sunday is a wonderful day. We don't hurry and work all day. We do many nice things instead.

Bobby liked Sunday. He knew it was a very special day, because Mother put on her best dress, Father did not go to work and wore his good suit.

"Is this a big day?" Bobby asked his mother.

"Indeed it is," she said. "This is Sunday. Sunday is God's day, so we are going to God's house this morning. Today you will be at Sunday school with other little boys and girls of your age. You will be doing as big people do. You will sing songs to God. Your teacher will tell stories from God's Book. You will pray to God."

Mother, Father and Bobby drove to church in their car. Mother took Bobby by the hand and led him to a big room. A very lovely lady was waiting at the door.

"Here is my son, I know you will take good care of him. I will come back later," said Mother.

Bobby looked about. He liked this room. He liked the teacher, too. They sang songs and heard a fine story about Jesus. All too soon Mother came for him.

"Sunday school is over! How did you like it?" asked Mother. "I liked it fine," said Bobby. "Oh, Mother, this is a great day."

"Yes," answered Mother, "this is the day which the Lord hath made."

Do you enjoy Sunday school as much as Bobby did?

Love, Aunt Helen

A Cheerful Helper

By Joe R. Liggett

Beth's brown eyes sparkled as she followed Aunt Vie through the early morning air to the cafe. It was Sunday, but the fact did not seem to affect Aunt Vie. She frequently complained of a pain in her side, but drove herself day after day without taking any time off to enjoy life.

Aunt Vie hurried into her cafe, without taking note of the song of the birds or the bright sun just rising over a lofty mountain range. Beth tripped inside behind her aunt and closed the door on God's wondrous, beautiful land.

Soon breakfast odours filled the air. Beth drank hot chocolate and turned to her endless job of carrying soiled dishes to the sink and washing them. For a moment she felt like crying. It didn't seem like Sunday, having to work at this all day.

Beth thought about the Lord Jesus and the joy she once knew. She recalled her mother's oft-repeated words: "God works in all things for our good and His glory." Was that really true? As Beth pondered this she forced back the hot tears and buried her hands in the sudsy dish water. Dishes—dishes—dishes! Washing dishes all day on Sunday!

Beth was deeply grateful to Aunt Vie for giving her a home after the terrible accident had claimed the lives of her parents. She was quite used to this work now and

was glad to help her aunt, the endlessness sometimes lowered her spirits. And before she came here, Beth had been taught to revere the Lord's Day. No unnecessary work was done in her own home on that day.

Beth tapped her foot irritably on the floor, as she reached for more dishes. She tried to turn her thoughts from herself and her troubles. Occasionally she tripped to a tiny kitchen table where her Bible lay open, and read snatches from it. While she was reading, distant church bells called worshippers to the service. Bitterly the girl thought: If Aunt Vie had any brains, she ought to know that people like to go to Sunday school and church on Sunday, especially those who are used to going.

Beth trudged back to her work, suddenly ashamed of her petulance and complaining, and penitently asked the Lord to forgive her.

Aunt Vie complained of feeling bad much of the time. But she put off going to the doctor, and worked hard to keep the cafe going. Beth's job was doing dishes and anything else that was a help to Aunt Vie. Old Mack, Aunt Vie's aged uncle, managed the two gasoline pumps outside the cafe and kept the cabins clean.

Old Mack came into the rear of the cafe and sat down at the little table where Beth's Bible lay, just

as she was finishing the last soiled dish.

"Hi, Beth girl," he said, picking up the Bible.

"Uncle Mack, I'm hungry too." Beth went to the front and called their orders to Aunt Vie. Returning she sat at the little table across from Uncle Mack, who asked,

"How come a young woman like you's always reading the Bible. Most of 'em reads funny books and such stuff and watches the screen." Old Mack quizzically turned his sun-wrinkled face toward her.

"We took turns reading the Bible every night at home and—" Beth's voice broke. "During a worship service in our living room I was saved."

Beth returned Old Mack's frank gaze and he smiled.

"Hm. Guess it's all right. I don't understand the Bible; too deep for me." He thumbed through the pages, pausing here and there to scan a passage and ask Beth what it meant.

Then Aunt Vie rang the bell and Beth brought the pancakes. Uncle Mack pushed the Bible aside to make room for their plates.

"Do you mind if I pray?" Beth asked. Then she prayed quietly. Beth had the feeling that the old man really enjoyed eating breakfast with her, while she read her Bible aloud. This morning there was little business and Beth lingered over the food and her Bible.

"Read where you left off yesterday, Beth girl," Uncle Mack urged. "Where Jesus told the thief on the cross he'd be with Him in heaven—something like that."

Beth quickly turned to Luke 23:43, delighted that Uncle Mack remembered what she had read. When she finished reading, Mack regarded her speculatively for a moment and said, "You know, Beth, when you read I get some good from that Book."

He abruptly pushed back his chair and stood up, as a warning bell sounded at the pumps. He went outside shaking his head.

"I love to read to you, Uncle Mack," Beth called after him.

Then Aunt Vie came into the room and asked, "Are you trying to convert old Uncle Mack, Beth?" She leaned against the table looking very tired and pale. "You're so much like your mother in that respect. She was always so good."

"The gospel is for whosoever will receive it, Aunt Vie," Beth replied, as she rose to clear the table. "But we have to tell the Good News."

Her aunt was silent for a moment and then said, "Beth, I'm going to the hospital today for a check-up. I wonder if you and Uncle Mack can keep things going? Mack helped me in the cafe before I put him at the pumps. He's handy and he thinks he can make it go just fine with your help."

"I'll try, Aunt Vie. You shouldn't have to hire anybody. I'll do my best."

"I know you will, honey. You are a very capable young lady." Aunt Vie's smile made Beth feel good. "Oh, thank you, Auntie!"

When Aunt Vie called goodbye, Beth noticed how thin and worn she looked. Beth knew she had been working much too hard, so hard that she had no time for God. The words of Matthew 16:26 came to Beth: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Beth thought over the situation. She hadn't been to church for several weeks, but when school started in fall she would not be expected to work such long hours and perhaps she could attend church then. There were many temptations here and not a saved soul to talk to for encouragement.

Does God really work in all things for our good? The thought puzzled Beth. It's easy to say we shouldn't complain, but her case was different. Surely the Lord didn't want her to spend all her life in this way. Then she turned to other thoughts as more customers entered the cafe.

Early that evening, Uncle Mack hung a "closed" sign on the front door and came inside to help Beth.

After the day was finished, Beth went to the three-room cabin which she shared with Aunt Vie. It was still early, and she thought how good it would be to go to church. She had never been to church at Millville and knew nobody there, and the people who came to the cafe during this vacation season were mostly tourists. She had met few girls and fellows from Millville. She looked at herself in the mirror and saw a discouraged, brown-haired girl.

"Will it always be like this?" she gasped and threw herself on her bed in tears.

A knock at the door quickly sent her for a hanky. Who could it be? The time was shortly after seven. Drying her eyes, she tripped to the door.

Uncle Mack stood outside, neatly dressed in a new suit. It was the first time she had seen him in anything dressy, and he looked like a different person.

"Beth," he said. "Vie told me you always went to church at home, but haven't been able to go lately. She hadn't given the matter any thought until now and wants me to take you."

"Oh, Uncle Mack, I'd love to go tonight!" Beth cried eagerly. "I'll be ready in ten minutes."

"I'll go gas the car," Uncle Mack said.

Ten minutes later Beth was ready for church and picked up her Bible when the telephone rang. It was Aunt Vie calling to say that she would have to take a long rest. She wanted to know whether Uncle Mack was taking Beth to church. Then she said, "Pray for me, Beth, honey!"

Beth hurried outside, wiping her eyes, but with a light heart. "Aunt Vie just called," she told Mack. "She

Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(47th Installment)

"Do you know," Lionel Findlay continued, "I can remember how my mother used to teach me to pray when I was just a little fellow. That is the only clear recollection I have of my mother, and I think she must have prayed for me too."

"Yes, and God has answered those prayers now!" Nancy said joyfully.

Lionel Findlay nodded. "Yes, He has through you. God sent you into my life, Nancy, I know He did. He sent you to show me His great love for me. He sent you to teach me how to love. I know I'm not worthy of you, Nancy, but one day, by the grace of God, I hope to be. I've consecrated my life to the service of Christ, and I'm going to try to make up for all those wasted years!"

"I'm sure you will, Lionel." Nancy could not restrain her happiness.

"I'm not asking you to pledge yourself to me now, Nancy. I'll wait until I have something more to offer you than the remnants of a wasted life, but I want you to know that I love you. I want you to know that there is no other woman in the world for me. Nancy, I love you!"

Nancy responded warmly to his love and then collected her thoughts. "We were on our way to Granny Weston's."

"You still want to go there?" Lionel asked.

"Oh yes, Lionel, I really must. If I don't go tonight, I won't be able to see her for another week."

"All right, let's go!" he said, and, taking her hand, they stepped out together.

"Granny Weston is the most wonderful person," she remarked as they drew near to the cottage.

He smiled indulgently. "You're very fond of Granny Weston, aren't you?"

"Yes, I am, Lionel. Everybody loves her, you just can't help it!"

"You make me want to meet her myself. Do you suppose she would welcome a stranger at this late hour?"

"She'd love to meet you, I'm sure. She's heard about Mr. Findlay, but she doesn't—"

wants prayer." She turned her gaze on the old man.

"I—I guess," he said gruffly, "prayer won't hurt me any, either! Now where's that church we're going to?"

Beth bowed her head and silently told the Lord that from now on she would be thankful for any circumstances in which she might find herself, even hard ones. She wanted to be a cheerful helper to Aunt Vie, Uncle Mack and most of all to the Lord Jesus.

From "The Young Soldier"

"She doesn't know the latest developments, does she?" he added with a twinkle in his eye.

"N-no, she doesn't know you've come to the Lord."

"Well, then, if you'll let me come in with you, I'll tell her myself."

Nancy Norwood led the way to the front door, knocked and announced her arrival in her usual cheery way. To Granny Weston's surprise and delight, there were two visitors at her bedside. Nancy stopped and kissed the wistfully radiant face and turned to introduce her companion.

"Granny, dear, this is Lionel Findlay, about whom I told you."

She stopped as she realized that something strange was happening. She looked from her male companion to the frail little grey-haired lady in the bed and was struck with amazement. Lionel Findlay seemed dazed and bewildered, as though he was trying to recall something.

"I—I think we have met before, somewhere," he said and drew nearer to the bed.

Granny Weston gave a cry, a glad cry of recognition which to her meant the fulfilment of years of hoping and praying.

"Lionel! Oh, Lionel, my son! My son!"

CHAPTER XXVII "FEW THERE BE"

Mrs. Norwood beamed with pleasure as she handed round the cups of tea, first to her visitors and then to her husband, who had recovered enough from his illness so that he could lie propped up with pillows on the big lounge in the sitting-room.

"It is good of you to call, Mr. Brandon," she said warmly. "And Mrs. Brandon."

"Especially when you have so many claims on your time," put in Charles appreciatively.

Maxwell and Margaret Brandon smiled in response.

"Well, we have to see how the patient is progressing, you know," said the pastor congenially. "But to tell you the truth, we really enjoy our visits to Burnside Avenue."

"Yes," echoed his wife, "you always make us feel so welcome."

Charles and Thelma Norwood exchanged quick, uneasy glances. They hadn't always made the pastor and his wife welcome. Ever since Charles had begun to recover, they had talked about their relationship to the Brandons and they knew that it would never be right until they had relieved their consciences by making a full and complete apology to the ones they had wronged. They had decided to do it at the next opportunity, and it seemed that now was the time.

Mrs. Norwood began nervously. "Well, really, that is the least we

could do—after—"

She hesitated. "After the way we have treated you in the past," Charles finished shamefacedly.

The pastor held up his hand in quick protest and said generously, "We're going to forget the past, Mr. Norwood."

Charles shook his head. "Not before I've told you that I'm downright ashamed of myself for the way I acted towards you and your family, Pastor Brandon!"

It was an admission that did not come easily from a man of Charles Norwood's calibre, and he spoke with great seriousness. And his wife did not hesitate to join him in mutual self-condemnation.

"I was just as much to blame, Mr. Brandon," she confessed frankly, "and I want to tell you and Mrs. Brandon how sorry I am."

The pastor looked from one to the other with an assuring smile. "It's all over as far as my wife and I are concerned. We don't want to talk about it any more."

"We want you to forget it," Margaret assured them.

Thelma Norwood was not easily assured. Obviously there was something on her mind. "You are both very kind," she faltered, "but I can't help thinking that—that—"

Her voice trailed off into silence, and they looked at her with concern.

"You mustn't distress yourself, Mrs. Norwood," the pastor interjected.

"But I can't help thinking that you might never have lost your little David if I—"

Her words were choked with emotion and she covered her face with her hands. "Please, Mrs. Norwood, you mustn't talk like that. We don't think of it that way at all."

Margaret Brandon put a comforting hand on her arm.

"But sometimes we must," Thelma Norwood objected.

"Not now," put in the pastor, reflectively. "Although our hearts are sad when we see the vacant place in our home."

"It was so tragic, and to think that it should have happened to you, of all people!" There were tears in Mrs. Norwood's eyes.

Maxwell Brandon spoke up soberly. "There isn't any reason why we should be spared sorrow and suffering any more than anybody else. We must remember that the Lord does not promise any of us an unbroken succession of joys in this life. That is something we hope for in the life to come."

"That's true enough," interposed Charles, who had been quietly listening to the conversation.

"But He has promised the unfailing assurance of His presence and a never-ending supply of His grace, which is sufficient for every need." There was conviction in the pastor's words—that strong and deep assurance which comes from vital personal experience. And as Charles and Thelma Norwood lis-

tened, they began to realize that they themselves had scarcely begun to tap the rich resources of divine grace and power on which this man and his wife were drawing so heavily and which made them spiritual giants in the midst of the people to whom they ministered. Mr. and Mrs. Norwood were suddenly overwhelmed with the enormity of what they had done. They realized that in their bitter opposition to Pastor Brandon and his ministry they had been working against God, and they were truly humble in their hearts.

"Mr. Brandon, we have been very wrong," Mrs. Norwood confessed.

"It's God's forgiveness we need," said Mr. Norwood, with a new sense of reverence and awe.

"You're certainly not alone in that!" replied the pastor quickly. "We have all sinned against the Lord in countless ways, and our consolation lies in the fact that "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

"Thank God for that!" exclaimed Charles fervently.

"The Lord has been very gracious to us," the pastor went on. "He above everything that we could ever deserve!"

Charles nodded. "I can say 'Amen' to that, pastor. The Lord has spared my life as a direct answer to prayer, I am sure of that. I want you to know that I am consecrating my whole life to His service from now on."

Maxwell Brandon held out his hand. "God bless you, Mr. Norwood! And you, too, Mrs. Norwood. God bless you both!"

"Thank you," said Mrs. Norwood with a confident smile. "Mr. Brandon, God has made you a blessing to many since you came to South-down Grove."

"It is a great privilege to be used in the Lord's service," replied the pastor in his humble way.

Mrs. Norwood nodded. "It's wonderful how things work out when you put the Lord first in your life. We just don't know where to begin our thanksgiving. There's Charles' recovery, Lionel's conversion, Granny Weston, and Nancy and Lionel."

Together they marvelled at the amazing sequence of events that had bound them all together in the bonds of Christian faith and love.

"There is no doubt that Lionel Findlay is a different man!" declared Charles emphatically.

"Yes," observed the pastor. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."

"Did you know that he intends to train for the ministry, Mr. Brandon?" Thelma asked proudly.

The pastor nodded. "Yes, he told me of his call to preach the gospel, and I believe the Lord has a great work for him to do—Lionel and Nancy together."

(To be continued)

MCC News & Notes

Nhatrang Hospital Dedicated

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — July 9 was dedication day for the Evangelical Clinic, a new hospital in Nhatrang, Vietnam. The hospital, a cooperative venture between MCC and the National Evangelical Church of Vietnam, will be used as a base for mobile clinic work in outlying villages of the Khanh Hea province.

Many people came to witness the ceremony which culminated much dedicated work by both Vietnamese people and MCC workers. Pastor Tin, the Vietnamese director of the hospital project, served as chairman of the meeting.

The clinic program is being administered through the Hospital Committee consisting of four members of the Evangelical Church and MCC doctor, J. B. Dick, Steinbach, Man. Dr. Dick serves as medical director of the hospital.

While waiting for the completion of the hospital building during the past year, Dr. Dick and Elenora Weaver, R.N., Gulliver Mich., used a small building on the hospital grounds as a clinic and did some mobile work.

Khanh Hea is a needy, centrally located province of Vietnam, with

CHAN-Y-VIEN TIN-LANH
Evangelical Clinic



The MCC built hospital at Nhatrang with the hospital committee before the entrance. Left to right: Pastor Tin, director of the medical project; Dr. J. B. Dick (Steinbach, Man.), MCC worker; Pastor Huyen, Bible School Dean; Rev. Huong, Pastor of the Orphanage; Pastor Thai, former president of the National Evangelical Church of Vietnam.

a permanent population of 800,000 including many tribes people. All of the 20 doctors in the province reside in Nhatrang and most of them are associated with large military establishments in the city.

The greatest need in Khanh Hea province exists outside the city of Nhatrang in the smaller fishing villages and rural areas. That is where the mobile clinic will serve.

The project began when the Evangelical Church requested that MCC assist in establishing Christian medical services in Khanh Hea province. Under the resulting agreement between the church and MCC in July, 1960, MCC is providing one doctor and two nurses plus their housing and maintenance, half the cost of hospital construction, a monthly cash subsidy of \$250 toward operating expenses, and additional medical equipment and supplies.

A house for MCC personnel and a warehouse for general use were also constructed. Paxman Alan Hostetler, Nappanee, Ind., served as foreman of this construction work.

MCC has operated a relief program in Vietnam for seven years. During most of these years a medical and Pax team has been located at the Banmethuot Leprosarium of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The clinic at Banmethuot is now operated entirely by the Christian and Missionary Alliance, but is still receiving assistance from MCC through material aid and the services of a Paxman.

The National Evangelical Church, with approximately 30,000 members, is the main Protestant group in Vietnam.

Progress Delayed on Trans-Chaco Road

Asunción, Paraguay (MCC) — Construction on the southern end of the Trans-Chaco Roadway remains at a standstill at Km. 176½, where it was stopped by heavy rains two months ago. Only recently have the men been able to get to the machines, which were rained in at that time. The area of the Chaco where building was in progress was almost completely under water.

During the past months the Paxmen and Mennonite colony fellows, along with other men working on the road, have been doing repair work on the 17 washouts beyond Km. 80 and Rio Negro. Many of these have been repaired and the road is now in fairly good condition.

Heavy rainfall and the terrain

will create the necessity for similar repairs on the completed road in the years ahead.

European "Christmas Tour" Idea Explored

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Numerous inquiries have been received concerning the possibility of a tour to Europe for family members and friends of workers in the European MCC program. It has also been suggested that this be a "Christmas Tour" and that Christmas be spent with the family members overseas.

A recent release from the Atlantic Steamship Conference reports an attractive round trip offer effective November 1 to February 28. The round trip fare would be approximately \$300. Expenses on the continent would be in addition to this.

To determine the extent of interest in such a trip, MTS requests that persons interested in a tour between the approximate dates of December 15 and January 15 write immediately to Menno Travel Service, Akron, Pa.

E.M.B. Conference

Nearly 400 delegates and many guests from the US and Canada attended the annual E.M.B. Convention held at Mountain Lake, Minn., from July 4 to 9. The reception of four new congregations as members of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Conference was a highlight of the convention. The new churches are the Cedar Valley Chapel near Mission, B.C., and the congregations at Saskatoon, Sask., Winkler, Man., and Omaha, Neb.



Eight members of the 10-member church council, back row left to right: Sachiyoichi Miyamoto, Masaru Oyamam, Moriki Hatanaka, Saizo Nagata. Front row: Toru Yamaguchi, Nobukatsu Oku, Akairaka Inoue, Chusai-mon Yoshida.



The Amagasaki Mennonite Brethren Church building

Amagasaki Church, Japan

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as many as possible to become lay preachers.

Wednesday evening a prayer meeting is held. Every Friday evening one of the Christian homes is open for cottage prayer and fellowship meeting. The purpose is closer fellowship and the salvation of unsaved neighbors' invited to the meetings. Since the baptism in April we have eight complete Christian homes where both husband and wife are baptized believers. On May 5 we had a double wedding which added two more Christian homes.

The congregation has a fine church building with an auditorium for 199, but is in urgent need of Sunday school rooms and a parsonage. At present prices, the expansion would cost \$2,500.00 and it would take the church three to four

years to raise that amount. Pray that the Lord will provide the necessary funds for the construction of these urgently-needed facilities as soon as possible.

Another great concern is the reclaiming of the backslidden. Pray that each one will repent of the sins which keep him or her from fellowship with Christ and the Church.

As you pray for the Amagasaki Church, pray for the brethren who minister the Word Sunday morning and evening so the believers will be edified and sinners saved; pray for the 10 brethren of the council so they will look to the Word to regulate church matters, and for all the believers so they will grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ and win their relatives and friends to Him.

Roland M. Wiens

NEWS from HERE and THERE

Accidents Claim Lives in Pennsylvania

Ira Hartz, who farms near Elverson, Pa., USA, was instantly killed when he was run over by his own tractor. He was a member of the Ebenezer Mennonite Church, and funeral services were conducted at the Conestoga Mennonite church.

Two-year-old Clair High was killed in a freak accident at his home. The little boy was standing by an open car door when his brother Dennis, 3, opened the front door and apparently pushed a button releasing the emergency brake. As the car began to coast, the door hit the younger boy and knocked him into the path of the front wheel.

In an accident at Middletown near Harrisburg, 14-month-old Sylvia Ruth Nissly was killed under the wheels of a truck driven by her father, Clair Nissly. The girl was playing under the truck unnoticed, when her father started it up.

Hay Duty Rebates Expected

The federal government is expected to announce soon that it will give farmers a rebate on the customs duty they are paying on hay imported from the United States to Manitoba. The rebate will be given only to farmers in drought-stricken areas. Farmers are paying \$1.06 a ton on U.S. hay, about 2 cents a bale.

A provincial department of agriculture spokesman said it was likely farmers would still have to pay the duty, but they would be able to apply to Ottawa for a rebate as long as they could provide proof of payment.

Use of Seat Belts in Cars

Based on the established fact that seat belts, if used by motorists, can prevent more than one-third of the fatalities in traffic accidents, the Canadian Highway Safety Council is planning a nation-wide campaign to promote their use. The reduction of the price of seat belts and the installation of belt anchorages in all 1962 models of Canadian cars makes it possible for the Council to begin a concentrated drive to save lives through seat belts.

Similar campaigns are already under way in Great Britain and the United States. The Canadian Highway Safety Council has been assured of active participation by

provincial, community and industrial safety organization in its forthcoming campaign from coast to coast. The business benefits that a few companies might receive from seat belt sales would be far outweighed by the large-scale saving of human life.

A Bible in Braille Five Feet Thick

The Canadian Bible Society presented a full Braille Bible to Miss Helen Rogers of Norwood. Miss Rogers, who lost her sight through a fire at the age of seven months, is able to read Braille and expressed a wish to buy a Braille Bible.

The Bible Society, which is the sole publisher of the Braille Bible, sent the books to the District Secretary, the Rev. C. R. Rudd in Peterborough, and he took the Bible to Miss Rogers. Since the Society readily gives this service to blind people and works in close co-operation with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the books were presented as a gift to Miss Rogers.

There are 39 volumes in a Braille Bible, and when stacked on a shelf they require about five feet of space and weigh more than 100 pounds. New methods of production and binding are being studied constantly to reduce weight and bulk, but it is still necessary to have books about 14 inches square.

The whole Braille Bible costs \$100 to produce, and is normally sold to blind persons or institutions for one tenth of that price, with a single volume costing about \$2.50 being sold for 25 cents.

Miss Rogers was delighted with her gift. She has for some years been a Sunday school teacher in the church she attends in Norwood, and despite her disability takes an active part in church life and work. Her ability to read Braille is all the more praise-worthy since in the accident in which she lost her sight, she also lost both hands and reads the Braille lettering by means of the wrist stump.

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YOUTH IN ACTION

Baptism and VBS in Carman, Man.

By Mabel Friesen

Favorable weather prevailed for the Gospel Light Church baptismal service conducted 6½ miles south and one mile east of Carman on July 23, Sunday afternoon.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. D. Dyck of Newton Siding, whose message was based on the Scripture verse, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). He stated that believing should precede baptism and the Scripture refers to believing as a change of heart; faith and personal acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ—not merely an intellectual belief in an historical Christ.

Following the message, the baptismal candidates, John Scheper of Carman and Miss Edna Wiebe of Graysville, were baptized by the local pastor, Rev. A. Quiring.

The choir under the direction of Peter Enns sang several suitable hymns. Clifford Friesen closed the outdoor service with prayer, after which those gathered assembled in the church, where the baptismal candidates were received into the local church. Prior to closing the service, the Lord's Supper was observed.

The Vacation Bible School held at the Gospel Light Mission Church came to a close July 21, Friday evening, when 33 children and their teachers presented the closing program. Each class brought items related to their lessons.

The pre-school children, taught by Miss Helen Wiebe of Graysville and Miss Kathleen Coburn, recited short Bible verses. Their lessons centred around the theme, "God Is Everywhere."

The Primary class was taught by Miss Millie Olfert of Winkler. "God Can Do Everything," "Daniel in the Lion's Den," "Crossing the Red Sea," and "Jonah" were some of the stories dealt with.

The lessons for the Juniors were based on "New Testament Heroes" and referred to such characters as Stephen the Martyr, Barnabas the Steward, Philip the Evangelist, and others who were heroes for Christ. They witnessed of Him despite persecution and opposition. The Juniors, divided into two classes, were taught by Miss Amy Penner of Winkler and Miss Mabel Friesen. Miss Penner also served as pianist

during singing periods and at the program, where the combined classes sang numerous songs learned during the week.

Rev. A. Quiring made the closing remarks.

M. B. Students Meet at Kaiserlautern, Germany

By Helga Kutz

On the weekend of July 15-17, a small group of Mennonite Brethren students from North America currently studying in Europe met at the MCC home in Kaiserslautern, West Germany. They counted on the Lord's promise that where two or three are gathered in His name, there will He be also. With the students (Dr. and Mrs. John Willms, Herbert and Maureen Klassen, Bernie C. Peters, Arthur Bartsch, Henry Warkentin and Helga Kutz) were Mennonite Brethren workers, John and Mary Klassen of Neustadt, Clarence and Fern Hiebert, and Max Woerlen, all of Kaiserslautern.

The tone of the conference was set during an unusual series of self-introductions. Since the group was small each person shared with the group a deep and spiritual insight into his personality in terms of his present position as an M. B. abroad. As this period of sharing proceeded, it seemed to gain in intensity and the program which had been scheduled for Saturday evening was postponed. Because of the spontaneity and frankness of the contributions, we came away late that evening, feeling a strong bond of Christianity and anticipating some valuable discussions the next day.

After the Sunday morning worship service at a neighbouring Baptist church, at which Clarence Hiebert preached the Word, the small conference was resumed around the library table at Mennonite House.

The problem of the Christian's attitude toward art and culture aroused a great deal of discussion since it concerned many of us deeply. The student is constantly surrounded by works of art and in fact studies them in his university courses, and the reconciliation of the study of arts which is simply dedicated to art and beauty, with the knowledge that only that which leads to God is good, does present problems. In the short time available it was impossible to come to any definite solutions, but there was real value in becoming aware of some of the vital problems and questions in this area.

In the late afternoon discussion on the New Testament Church and Witness we saw that the basic problem lies in mistakenly looking to ourselves rather than to Christ for strength.

After intense and long discussions all day it was refreshing to turn to the Word for an evening of Bible study based on John 13. We became quiet as we encountered Christ's command to love Him completely and our fellow men as ourselves. It was good to see how Christ supercedes the limitations of human personality in the creation of His church on earth.

Monday morning was devoted to a discussion of ecumenical movements. R. C. Seibel, who is currently visiting the Mennonite groups in Europe, joined us at this time. A great deal of time was spent attempting to define the concept of unity. Without a basic understanding of the term itself it seemed impossible to discuss the unity of the Christian church. To unify without compromising is difficult, and we tried to be as practical as possible in determining what we as individuals could do to keep the avenues of fellowship between different members of the Christian church open. Again the solution was to be found only in Christ's love. As we strive to love Him more we will naturally be drawn to all those who are so striving.

The conference ended at noon on Monday, and we were all grateful for the stimulation that our hearts and minds had received. Many of the problems were old and often discussed ones, but we were made aware that Christ must be the focal point in all avenues of life. We came away stronger and more determined to love Him in practice as well as in theory.

Helga Kutz,

Member of the

Kitchener M. B. Church, Ont.

Board of Missions News

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Norman and Eileen Willems, Christian Service personnel to serve under the Board of Missions in Colegio Bolivar in Cali, Colombia, are scheduled to fly from the West Coast August 19. The Willems will appreciate our prayers as they travel and enter into their teaching assignments in the school attended by our Colombia missionary children.

J. A. Loewen and David Wirsche in Panama feel that Lord has led to a successful beginning to reach the Waunana Indians with the gospel. The first Waunana has completed a reading course, and he has been trained to teach his family of five adults, who want to learn to read. The Indian is also much interested in the gospel.

Eugene Janzens are scheduled to terminate Spanish language study in Costa Rica August 11, after which they will return to the U.S. to prepare to enter Mexico. Sister Janzen and family will fly to the homeland and Brother Janzen will travel by bus to visit mission work in preparation for work in Mexico. Pray for their protection and for profitable contacts by Brother Janzen.

Katie Siemens and Rosella Towes arrived in India safely on July 26. Let us thank the Lord for granting them a safe flight and ask Him to grant them much joy to enter another term of service with great anticipation and dedication.

Total enrollment in the various departments of Bethany Bible Institute and College, Shamshabad, India, will be around 70 students this year, since there is again good participation from the various districts of the India field. The staff consists of national brethren and sisters, Paul Hiebert, the principal, and J. J. Kasper, who will be on the staff during the school year. This year the elementary students will be accommodated at Kalvakurty elementary Bible school in order to make the instruction at Bethany on institute and college level. A few special courses will be retained for the wives of ministers and special cases.

The elementary Bible schools at Kalvakurty, Narayanpet and Nagarkurnool are being operated entirely by national staff this year, according to Ted Fast, chairman of the missionary administrative committee. The Governing Council of the India Church has released several of the pastors of churches for a period of three months to help teach in these Bible schools. The Nagarkurnool school will add two terms at the end of the school year to provide an elders' institute designed for more mature Christian workers or pastors who are already in the ministry of shepherding a church group.

Dr. and Mrs. G. J. Froese and family sailed from New York on July 26 on the S.S. Steel Chemist via Beirut and Karachi and are scheduled to arrive in Bombay, India, August 23. From there they will take the train to our field at Hyderabad City and south.

The Mennonite Brethren Central High School at Mahbubnagar, India, reports that of last year's graduates, 52 per cent successfully passed the rigid government examinations. This percentage is considerably higher than that in the public schools of Mahbubnagar. Much of the success must be attributed to the Christian atmosphere of the school, to the conscientious efforts of the teachers in their instruction and to the faithful application of the students in their studies. The prayer of the mission is that a number of the graduates will find their way into Bible schools and Christian work in gratitude and devotion to our Lord and Saviour. The financial standing of the Indian Christians seems to be the greatest hindrance for the mission school graduates to take up Bible study. When the students have graduated, the pressure from home to enter profitable employment at once is so great that few can resist it. Prayer is needed that in this matter, too, spiritual discernment and vision may be given both parents and sons and daughters.

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South American Conference Theological Institute Ground-Breaking

Ground was broken on May 27, 1961, for the erection of the main building of the South American Conference Theological Institute at Curitiba, Brazil. Construction is proceeding toward the goal of completing the building for the coming school term.

The Institute has been initiated by the South American Mennonite Brethren Conference to train ministers, leaders, missionaries, teachers and workers for its churches. It offers advanced training for Christian service above the Bible schools in Brazil and Paraguay.

The ground-breaking service held on the site near the Vila Guaira Mennonite Brethren Church included a message by H. Goertz of the Conference Reference and Counsel Committee, a report on the planned building by A. Klassen of the building committee and a dedicatory prayer by G. Schartner. As the four brethren turned the sod, the school choir sang, "To the Work."

A very profitable term of the Friesland Mennonite Brethren Bible School, Paraguay, is reported by Harold Funk in spite of a small student body. The school, which concluded late in May, was taught

in North America. The school presented closing programs in the Friesland and Volendam Mennonite Brethren Churches, which included a presentation entitled, "Was bedeutet dir das Kreuz?" (What does the cross mean to you?)

A much-appreciated conference for ministers and workers of Mennonite Brethren churches in Brazil was sponsored by the South American Conference Theological Institute of Curitiba. Between 45 and 50 persons attended the May 22 to 26 conference. Workers attended from the churches around Curitiba and Bage. Hans Kasdorf discussed the pastoral work of the minister; H. C. Born, expository preaching; Henry W. Dueck, the conducting of worship services; and the brethren A. A. Dyck, Kasdorf, Born and Dueck, the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Board of General Welfare (Dienst am Evangelium)

The South American Conference Theological Institute was scheduled to begin its second semester July 10 with one additional student. He is Hans Warkentin from Gartental, Uruguay. Several Bible school

students have found it necessary to terminate at the end of the first semester for economic reasons. Hans Kasdorf and the male quartet from the Institute attending the M.B. conference in Fernheim July 2 and 3 also planned to visit M.B. Churches in Asuncion and eastern Paraguay in the interests of the Institute.

The conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches of Paraguay in Fernheim July 2 and 3 proved to be a great blessing. Inspirational services were held Saturday and Sunday. In the Saturday evening missions service H. K. Warkentin showed the film *The Moros Must Hear* and Rev. J. B. Toews presented a missionary message. The Filadelfia Menn. Brethren Church was packed with 1,100 persons. An offering of about \$300 was received which is the largest offering ever contributed in Fernheim.

The Sunday evening program by the South American Conference Theological Institute and Hans Kasdorf was a great blessing to the conference. Brother Kasdorf brought a dynamic evangelistic message, and several souls were saved in response to the invitation.

The opening conference message on Monday morning was presented by Waldo Hiebert. The ministry of the brethren Hiebert and Toews were much appreciated.

The business sessions were conducted on Monday with 28 delegates representing eight congregations and fellowship groups and about 200 persons attending. A conference of Mennonite Brethren

Churches in Paraguay was officially organized. Willy Janz was elected chairman; Albert Enns, vice-chairman; and P. K. Neufeld, secretary-treasurer.



Rev. Estavao Christmann

We consider it a signal advantage for the South American Conference Theological Institute (Instituto Teologico dos Irmaos Menonitas) to have been able to obtain the services of Rev. Christmann for our Portuguese language department.

Brother Christmann is a naturalized Brazilian. Born in Yugoslavia in 1925, he came to Brazil with his parents in the following year, and has spent all his years of training and service in this vast country. The family moved to Sao Paulo where the children received their elementary and secondary training. Later Brother Christmann entered the Baptist seminary in Rio de Janeiro where he took the theology course qualifying him for the bachelor of theology degree. He was graduated in 1953.

At present Brother Christmann is pastor of the Baptist Church in the Curitiba suburb of Ahu de Baixo. In this our initial year of operation at the Instituto Teologica dos Irmaos Menonitas he has instructed several hours every week in each class, teaching the Portuguese language and several subjects in Portuguese. We very much appreciate the services that Brother Christmann is rendering in this area of instruction.

H. C. Born

Young Peoples Retreat

Approximately 110-120 young people of the Mennonite Brethren Church in southeastern Manitoba enjoyed their annual retreat at a lovely secluded spot near St. Malo on Sunday afternoon, July 23. Participating churches were Arnaud, Niverville and Steinbach.

In spite of some rain, sports events including baseball, volleyball and football were held.

An open-air program climaxed the retreat, with Rev. John M. Schmidt of the Gospel Light Hour, Winnipeg, as guest speaker. Each participating group rendered a special number.



Ministers and workers in our Mennonite Brethren Churches in Brazil attending a Christian workers' conference sponsored by the South American Conference Theological Institute.



This ground-breaking service is a significant development in our South American Conference program. Turning the sod, left to right: H. C. Born, representing the Board of General Welfare; Frank Dueck, building committee; P. H. Janzen, conference education committee; P. Siemens, Bible school committee.

Invitation

to Attend Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp

Arnes, Man. — The summer program at Camp Arnes was planned to give each age group an opportunity to attend at least one camp.

A Leadership Camp is to be held here August 18-20. This conference is planned especially for young people. We realize that those who are to become leaders must receive an appropriate training. Camp Arnes endeavors to give assistance in this important work. Therefore we are heartily inviting you to attend the Camp Arnes meetings.

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the weekend of August 18-20. Supposing this camp had already taken place (as by mistake indicated in the previous issue), you would certainly have missed something. But since it is still to come, be sure to be there. For further information write: Camp Arnes, Box 37, Winnipeg 1, Man.

Results of Practical Music Examinations

The school of music, University of Manitoba, has announced the names of candidates who passed the Western Music Board's June practical examinations. The following Mennonite names appeared on the list.

- L.M.M. Piano**
Erika Joyce Redekop.
- Grade 11 Piano (Performer)**
First Class Honors: Irmgard Braun.
- Grade 10 Piano**
First Class Honors: J. Howard Dyck, Winkler.
- Honors:** Loreen Bernice Penner, Winkler; Rita Magdalen Suderman.
- Grade 9 Piano**
First Class Honors: Kathleen Joan Hyde, Bruxelles.
- Honors:** Werner Rempel, Choritz; Faith Rempel, Steinbach; Carolyn Toews; Joanne Elaine Funk; Dennis Hildebrand, Lorette; Penny Kroeker, Winkler; Wilma Braun, Kane; Francis Jane Elias, Winkler; Helen Boese, Elm Creek.
- Pass:** John Richard Peters.
- Grade 8 Piano**
First Class Honors: Timothy Peter Klippenstein, Homewood; Arlene Friesen, Steinbach.



Friesland young people trained in the Word in the 1961 Bible school taught by George Giesbrecht (left) and Harold Funk (right).

Asuncion M. B. Church

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a very densely populated area of the city, where thousands could be reached with the gospel. If we had enough workers, the work could be expanded into the interior of the country.

What are we doing to reach these people for Christ and build the church among them? On Sunday: worship service and Sunday school in the morning; a service in the new area at 5 p.m.; evangelistic service in the evening; Tuesday: instruction for new converts; Wednesday: a general service with emphasis on teaching the Word; Thursday: women's meeting in the afternoon; evangelistic service in the new area in the evening; Friday: prayer meeting; Saturday: youth work and choir practice.

In addition to regular services, there is home visitation and liter-

ature distribution. Evangelistic literature is mailed to 500 homes once a month. Last year attendance at DVBS reached 100.

Brother and Sister Albert Enns have been continuous workers in Asuncion. Several national brethren and sisters are active in literature distribution, Sunday school and VBS. Miriam Jantzen and Mary Esther Martens, teachers from North America, work with the national church mission program in addition to their duties in the Asuncion Christian Academy. Members of Mennonite Brethren Churches in Paraguay also assist in the work, particularly during the summer.

Since the work is the Lord's, it will grow and prosper if we here in Asuncion and you brethren and sisters supporting us will be faithful and redeem the opportunities in the ripened harvest field. May the Lord grant it.

Albert Enns.

- Honors:** Marlene Schellenberg, Winkler; Dorothy Wiebe, Winkler.
- Pass:** Mary Giesbrecht, Winkler; Kenneth Friesen, Morden.
- Grade 7 Piano**
Honors: Marilyn Braun, Manitou; Donna May Adele Enns, Swan River; Elma Martens, Horndean; Ruth Siemens, Winkler.
- Pass:** Richard Janzen; Gloria Diane Friesen, Altona.
- Grade 6 Piano**
First Class Honors: Sylvia Hinz, Souris.

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ON THE HORIZON

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- August 4-7.** — CBMC Retreat at Camp Arnes.
- August 8-17.** — Third Children's Camp at Arnes.
- August 20-22.** — United States M. B. Conference at Gnadenu M. B. church in Hillsboro.
- August 4-6.** — Manitoba M. B. Sunday School Convention at the Burwalde Camp with Rev. H. R. Baerg and Rev. C. C. Peters as speakers.
- September 7-9.** — Graduates of the M.B.C.I. will present each night the drama "Not Regina" at the M.B.C.I. Auditorium, Winnipeg.

Canadian Mennonite Bible College

The middle of the summer finds several of the faculty members absent from Winnipeg. Rev. Isaac I. Friesen, instructor of Theology and Bible, is attending a summer session at Union Theological Seminary, New York. Mr. Waldemar Janzen, the Registrar, is attending a similar session at the Lutheran Seminary in Chicago. Mr. George Wiebe, Music Instructor, is taking a full summer course at the University of Southern California, completing his residence work for the Master's degree in Music. Miss Margaret Sawatsky, Librarian, is enrolled for a course at the University of British Columbia. Dr. David Schroeder has been visiting various MCC units located in the province of Manitoba. He is also serving at a number of retreats being held at Moose Lake. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Adrian are spending several

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