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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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## College President Now in Washington



Dr. Leonard J. Franz

A recent letter from President Leonard J. Franz, currently on sabbatical leave from his duties at Tabor College, indicates that he and Mrs. Franz are at present situated in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Franz is attending lectures by two outstanding scholars. One series, entitled, "The Philosophical Issues in World Relations," is presented by Dr. Charles Malik, Lebanese diplomat and scholar, and a former president of the United Nations General Assembly. The course is "a sharp analysis of basic issues which produce our world as we have it today," he says.

"Christianity and the Hispanic World" is taught by Dr. John A. Mackay, former president of Princeton Theological Seminary.

and a former educational missionary to Peru. Dr. Franz comments on the "significance of Hispanic culture and the role Latin America is playing in the modern philosoph-

ical and religious world. I am sure our missionary activities are very appropriate at this time," he says, and adds that we need to keep in mind the great issues—some good, some bad—which motivate our Latin American neighbors.

## Large Attendance at Crusades in Europe

By Leo Janz

The Janz Brothers' Team conducted seven crusades in Europe last summer. All of them were very well attended. Many hundreds were counselled in each crusade. The response to the gospel was particularly impressive in the rural crusades. One of them was held in Dillenburg, Germany, a small town of about 10,000 inhabitants. The attendance there was phenomenal. Even at the opening service the tent was filled, and as the meetings progressed the crowds increased to such proportions that the tent had to be extended twice during the 2½-week crusade. On week nights the attendance climbed to 6,500 and on Sundays, in the afternoon and evening services, a total of about 13,000 crowded the large tent. Often people began coming to the tent four hours before the beginning of the service in order to be assured of a good seat. During the two weeks and four days over 100,000 people from the town and surrounding area attended the meetings. At first the response to the invitation was somewhat slow, but after a break at the end of the first week, hundreds came forward for counselling.

Late this fall the Janz Team returned to Dillenburg for a Saturday afternoon follow-up rally. Because no large hall was available, the meeting had to be held outdoors. In spite of threatening rain before the service, approximately 4,000 people were present. A sea of umbrellas went up when, halfway through the service, rain began to fall steadily. Although hundreds did not have their umbrellas, very few left; the

crowd listened quietly to the message as the heavy rain continued.

Reports come to us continually from the Dillenburg area of souls being saved many weeks after the crusade. A Christian doctor said, "People ask me daily about Christ and the Crusade." A Christian in a responsible position in a large factory said, "Sometimes I have not been able to begin my work properly until 11 a.m. because of the many questions asked concerning Christ and salvation." As a result of the crusade Jesus Christ became the daily topic of conversation throughout the entire area.

Extensive follow-up work is in progress at the present time and will continue throughout the winter months in all places where the Janz Crusades have been held. Prayer is requested for the many young converts.

## Two Ordination Services in Manitoba

**North Kildonan, Man.** — The dedication service of Corny and Elfrieda Balzer was fittingly opened by the choir singing, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Rev. C. C. Peters was the guest speaker. He based his sermon on John 17:14-26, a portion of the high priestly prayer of Christ. The Balzers are prepared to sing and teach in Germany. In verse 14 we read that the world is opposed to Christians. That is still true today. Jesus knew that and was and still is praying for His followers. Satan tries to discourage the Christian, but the prayer of our Lord gives him strength to remain true.

Rev. Wm. Falk reminded his congregation that they have responsibilities when workers are being sent to a field of service. We are to pray for them, give financial assistance and support them in every way possible.

The brethren Abram Toews, W. Falk and Victor Toews, pronounced the blessing of the church upon the couple as they committed them and their work to the Lord in prayer. The song, "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee," sung by the choir after the prayers of dedication, made a deep impression on all.

After the commitment by the couple and the congregation, the Balzers gave their testimony by

singing the lovely song, "Möcht' ich ein Zeugnis sein." After the benediction the choir sang, "To Battle Go Forth."

May our Lord, Who is praying for us, be their guide in all their work.

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**Brandon, Manitoba**

"Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise."

This hymn was sung for the opening of the ordination service of our pastor, Rev. H. Gossen, and his wife Agatha, on Sunday, November 5. A large number of friends and well-wishers had gathered for the occasion.

We were pleased to have Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M. B. Church, in our midst. He gave us a heart-searching message entitled, "A Challenge to the Church." He based his message on Deut. 12:19 and 24:27, emphasizing, "Take heed that thou forsake not the Levite." To us that meant, "Take heed that thou forsake not the preacher" with regard to 1) his pay, 2) prayer support, 3) his preaching, 4) his problems, 5) his perils. The Lord used this message to stir our hearts to greater faithfulness towards our pastor.

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## What is the Menn. World Conference?

The idea of a Mennonite World Conference was first suggested by Christian Neff, late elder of the Weierhof, Palatinate, Germany. The first conference was held under his leadership in Basel, Switzerland, June 13-16, 1925. Although a number of European countries were represented, H. J. Krehbiel, president of the General Conference Mennonite Church, was the only delegate present from North America. Particular attention was given to the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Mennonite Church in 1525, but a session was also devoted to the question, "How can we improve the spiritual life of our congregation?"

At the second World Conference, called World Relief Conference, held in Danzig August 31 to September 3, 1930, five or six North Americans were present, including Harold S. Bender, C. F. Klassen, and David Toews. The program was devoted exclusively to a study of the relief work of the Mennonite churches, particular attention being given to the great need of the Mennonites in Russia at that time. A special message of courage and comfort was sent to the Russian Mennonite congregation.

The program of the third World Conference, held at Amsterdam, June 29 to July 3, 1936, on the

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## EDITORIAL

### World Evangelism as Seen by a Missionary

In a message at a Mission Board meeting in Ontario some time ago, Edward J. Miller, Gulfport, Miss., explained to the more than 2,500 people present how the world could be reached with the Gospel in 33 years.

The present world population is estimated at 2,400,000,000 souls, 65 per cent of whom have never heard about Christ. Furthermore, the world's population is increasing at the rate of 90,000 souls per day. Thirty souls are being born into the world for every soul that is being born into the kingdom of God.

Mass evangelism is being used with success widely today. However, that is not the answer to winning the world for Christ. If Billy Graham would preach every night and win 20,000 souls for Christ at each meeting, it would take him 330 years to win the present population of the world to Christ. Mass evangelism is clearly not the answer.

Another method would be to send out hordes of missionaries. Here again the difficulties of learning new languages and overcoming cultural barriers would doom the venture to failure as far as winning the whole world to Christ would be concerned.

The solution is much simpler than either of the above. If you win one soul this year and the two of you each wins one next year and the process continues unabated, the world can be won to Christ in one generation of thirty-three years. This means that every generation has the opportunity of winning its world to Christ.

This method is being used very effectively today to teach illiterates to read. Dr. Frank Laubach developed the slogan, "Each one teach one." Communism has also found this method very effective in increasing its membership.

The Apostle Paul enjoined Timothy as follows: "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Too often we have taken this to mean only the ministers. But does it? Would the "each one teach one" idea not be a better interpretation? Certainly if the world can be won for Christ by each of us winning one soul each year, we should be willing to try it.

Do we not hear Jesus saying to us today, "Ye are my witnesses"? A church in which every member starts talking about Jesus is bound to win souls.

Guest Editorial by L. C. Hartzler

## DEVOTIONAL

### Spiritual Aid to Education

By Rev. Peter Eldersveld

"It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me" (John 6: 45).

If there is a God, and if He made the world, then it would seem to follow that the more one learns about the world, the more one learns about God, and the closer will one come to Him. As one's knowledge of the universe increases, one's knowledge of God should also increase, because this is God's universe.

But evidently that is not necessarily so. Education which is a process of learning all about this world does not always bring men closer to God. As a matter of fact, it seems to lead many farther away from Him. The more they learn about the world, the less they believe in God. Some of them even claim that their education com-

pelled them to give up their faith in God.

What is wrong? Is our logic wrong? Isn't it true that the more one learns about the world, the more one should learn about God? Or is there something wrong with education? Doesn't it do what it is supposed to do?

Well, probably there is something wrong with both our logic and education. Our logic fails to take into account the kind of people we are, and education fails to take into account what kind of a world this is. We are the kind of people who get lost in this universe because our vision is impaired and our minds are darkened by sin. We are strangers to God by nature; we cannot find Him in His world. And so we develop a system of education which takes a secular view of the universe, looking at it as though there were no God in it at all.

Many people get lost in the world

of education. They have come to the conclusion that God is not in the picture at all.

I think it is high time we begin talking about spiritual aid to education. The biggest problem in our schools is not money, or buildings or even the teacher shortage. The biggest problem is spiritual. What place does God have in modern education? And this is something the churches ought to be talking about, rather than seeing how much public money they can get for their parochial schools.

The Church Federation of Greater Chicago had something rather significant to say about that a few years ago, in a 35-page booklet which was the result of three years of study by a commission of fifty members. It said, in part:

"The public schools have an obligation to recognize in positive and forthright policy and practice the conviction that true moral, ethical and spiritual values are religious values; that God is the ultimate sanction for moral and spiritual values. This obligation must be discharged with full respect for the convictions of the small minority (3 of 7%) which does not recognize God as the living reality of life, but without giving this small minority the right to veto the wishes of the much greater majority."

That is a commendable statement as far as it goes. But that position has been effectively resisted by the small minority which claims that this is discrimination, that it would soon introduce sectarian beliefs into public schools and thus violate the freedom of religion. Indeed, it often appears that the small minority has more to say about education than the majority. And it has been upheld by the courts, which have maintained that public schools must be strictly neutral in matters of religion.

However, we are not only having a hard time trying to bring God into our schools, but we are also having a hard time trying to keep Him out. Somehow the idea of education without God doesn't seem right to an increasing number of thinking people. Even among those who warn against the dangers of bringing religion into our schools there are many who will admit that it cannot be excluded from the whole sphere of education. It is sheer nonsense to say that God has nothing to do with all the vast areas of learning. But how do you bring Him in under a system of free, democratic, public education? That is the problem.

Secular education is actually a contradiction in terms, for how can you really educate without God? How can you teach the truth about this world if you leave God out of it? The whole universe is like an open book about history, science, time, space, men, nations, plants, animals, music, speech, life and death. We send our children to school to learn how to read that

book, to study it, to see what's in it. That is education. But must they learn to read that book as though it has no author? Must they tear out the title page that has His name on it? Can they ever really learn to read it that way?

That is the way the Russian children are educated today. Communism has taken the name of God out of its school books. It may not be used in the classroom, except to deny that God exists, or to ridicule those who believe in Him. God has no place in Soviet schools because He has no place in the Soviet view of the world. All science, particularly the conquest of space, is said to prove that there is no God. Meanwhile the names of Marx and Lenin have taken His place in Communist education. Every Russian child must learn those two names and what they stand for, but he must learn to forget about God.

We claim that we are opposed to Communism because it is wrong and violates everything we hold dear. Are we opposed to it in our education? We teach our children about the evils of Communism but do we teach them that it is basically godless in its view of the world and of man and his rights and liberties? Or must we omit that in the classroom because it is too sectarian, because it violates religious freedom, because it discriminates against a small minority of atheists who believe there is no God in this world? Can we really educate our children intelligently in the face of the Communist threat if we give them a secular view of the universe and keep God out of education?

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"When fear knocks at the door of the heart, send faith to open it, and you will find that there is no one there."

Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour upon others without getting a few drops upon yourself.

Notions will hurt none but that have them. —Cromwell

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Thanksgiving In Spite of Drought

**Foam Lake, Sask.** — "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" (Psalm 116:12). With the reading of this Scripture, Brother Reimer, our pastor, opened our Thanksgiving and Missions Festival on October 8. A capacity crowd was assembled for the happy occasion. Guest speaker was Brother Martin Arndt of Springside, Sask., who was accompanied by his wife, two daughters and one son. He titled his message, "Where Are the Nine?" (Luke 17:11-18). He said that if this year's drought had done nothing else, it had shown man that he is dependent upon God. Dare we say as the Communists do: "We seed and harvest in sunshine without God"? Even though the sun shines upon the just and unjust alike, it is still of God. Men today are crying to God to intervene in the tense world situation as the ten lepers in the text did.

The ten had faith that Christ could help them and as they obeyed His command they found themselves cleansed, but only one returned thanks. Where are the millions in North America who should be thankful? These fearful days should turn everyone to God. Even Christians do not return thanks as they should. Do we petition God to have mercy upon us? Have we thanked Him for cleansing and freedom from sin or do we belong to the nine who never opened their mouths in praise and thanksgiving to God? Do we also give sparingly of ourselves and our material goods when He has given so abundantly? Jesus showed His desire to receive thanks by asking, "Where are the nine?" May we petition God to give us truly thankful hearts.

Brother Reimer also brought a message on thanksgiving based on Psalm 50:14. Thanksgiving had its beginning when Cain and Abel brought their offerings to the Lord

(Gen. 4). The Jews observed it at harvest time. In North America it was begun by the pilgrim fathers, who offered thanks in public. In Gen. 8:22 God states that there will be seedtime and harvest as long as the earth stands. We are prone to attribute everything to our diligence, not giving God the glory for the gifts He bestows upon us. Gratitude is like a microscope—little becomes much. Thanksgiving is rewarding, we are blessed by it. Our troubles become smaller and our blessings increase as we praise Him.

The local choir and the Arndt sisters rendered appropriate numbers in song with Agnes Giesbrecht at the piano. A fellowship dinner was served in the basement during the noon hour, which lasted until 2 o'clock.

Foreign missions was the theme for the afternoon service. Brother Martin Arndt spoke on the broad and narrow ways (Matt. 7:13,14). Both roads have an end, one ends in destruction and the other in eternal life. The narrow way is not an easy road, but Jesus Christ is our companion. Brother Reimer then read Romans 1:8-17, where Paul writes about himself as a servant, a sent one and a debtor under obligation to serve others. We too are debtors because we have the message by which the sinner can be saved from hell, which lies at the end of the broad road. How can we pay the debt we owe? By giving, praying and serving God and our fellow men.

The choir and singing groups served with suitable selections. Many guests were present from Wynard, Parkerview and Punnichi churches to partake of the blessings of the day. May we be determined to do more for our precious Lord and Saviour, Who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts.

Mrs. A. Dell

## Baptism at Winnipegosis



Left to right: C. A. Friesen, missionary; Linda Natrasony, Helen Borne, Helen Wiggins, Lillian Natrasony, Rev. J. J. Neufeld, guest speaker.

On September 10, the M. B. Church at Winnipegosis met for a baptismal service. The guest for the joyous occasion was Rev. John J. Neufeld, field director of the Manitoba M. B. Home Missions.

The four candidates were Helen Borne, Helen Wiggins, Linda and Lillian Natrasony. We gathered on Friday night for a discussion and study of the meaning of baptism and biblical principles underlying the rules of the M. B. Church. On Saturday night, the church gathered to hear the testimonies of these young people. One had been saved as a young girl, two others found Christ at camp and one gave her life to Christ after an evangelistic meeting in our church several months ago. All indicated their desire to follow the Lord in baptism and to serve their Master.

Following the service we conducted a street meeting in town. This open-air service is held every Saturday night throughout the

summer months. On this occasion, Rev. Neufeld challenged sinners to come to Christ and one of the baptismal candidates gave a testimony.

After Sunday school on Sunday morning, we gathered at a nearby river for the baptism. The weather was cool, cloudy and windy, but the Lord was with us. Brother Neufeld brought a message based on Romans 6:1-4, stressing baptism as a symbol of death to the old life and resurrection to a new life in Christ. Then the four young people were baptized in the watery grave by our guest speaker.

In the afternoon, the believers gathered for the Lord's Supper and the reception of the newly-baptized into the local M. B. Church. This was truly a weekend of blessing and encouragement for the candidates, parents, friends and workers of our small church, and a strengthening of our witness as a Christian group in a dark community.

C. A. Friesen

## Praise the Lord and Do His Will

**Kelowna, B.C.** — We are very happy that Rev. George Konrad, principal of the Bible school at Clearbrook, followed our invitation to our thanksgiving service. With him came Miss Neufeld, missionary to Ethiopia.

We had our Thanksgiving and Missionary Festival on Sunday, October 22. The church was decorated with fruits, vegetables and flowers, which grow in the Okanagan Valley. Rev. Konrad spoke on, "How to have a thankful heart." He read II Chron. 20 and gave three steps to gaining a thankful heart: 1) State your problem to God in prayer, 2) Accept God's remedy, 3) Let the Lord fight for you rather than fighting the battle in your own energy. When Jehoshaphat compromised with the world, he was weak.

Rev. Nick Pauls spoke on, "The Meaning of Thanksgiving." He showed how thankful we should be for all the things we have har-

vested. The harvest was not only that of the field by the labour of our hands. There was a spiritual harvest; the several baptismal services during the year were also a harvest.

In the afternoon we had a missionary service, at which Miss Neufeld told the children two stories about children in Ethiopia.

Rev. Konrad read Judges chapter 4, the story of Deborah and Barak. He pointed out that when the people fell into sin, God let them fall into the hands of the enemy. It took one obedient woman to save the nation. Today the world is in the hands of the enemy. Who will follow the path of obedience to save the world? In some places there are 40 lady missionaries to one man. Where are the men?

That evening Miss Neufeld gave an illustrated report on the work in Ethiopia. God has done great things through those who have worked hard doing His will.

G. G. Fast

## Fall Blessings at Arnaud

**Arnaud, Man.** — The Lord has richly blessed us in the past months, not only materially but also spiritually.

Our annual Thanksgiving and Mission Festival was held on October 1. Our hearts were filled with praise because we had reaped a bountiful harvest in spite of the dry summer. To tune our hearts for the occasion, Rev. H. Regehr and Rev. H. P. Toews directed our thoughts to God's Word. Rev. Regehr's theme in the morning service was, "Thankfulness in the Life of a Christian," based on Phil. 4:6, Col. 2:6-13 and 3:15. Rev. H. P. Toews read Psalm 115:12-15 and Psalm 103:1-5 and impressed us with three thoughts: The Lord is mindful of us, the Lord blesses us, we are indebted to serve.

The afternoon service was centred around missions and the individual's attitude to mission work.

The highlight of the day was the ordination of Mr. John Pauls as deacon. Rev. J. J. Toews stressed the prerequisites of the church and of the servant.

The Niverville young people, led by John Stoesz, presented a challenging program on October 15. It dealt with the life of Missionary Herman Warkentin, India, whose desire was to live a consecrated Christian life. The reading of the biography was accompanied by fitting songs from the choir and special groups.

Our Sunday school reached a milestone on October 22—Promotion Day. Miss Nettie Kroeker presented an inspiring story to the children. She appealed to the parents and Sunday school teachers to do their part to help the children learn and live the Bible. In the afternoon, Miss Kroeker had a very helpful talk for the Sunday school teachers.

E. Thiessen

## Serving Christ Cheerfully



Miss Irene Bishop

Irene Bishop, Perkasio, Pa., MCC worker in Europe for 15 years, is reporting in Manitoba Mennonite churches. She has given leadership in emergency food and clothing distribution, immigration processes for refugees, summer voluntary service camps, in Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, and Holland since the end of World War II. Miss Bishop delights in her work knowing that the Lord has called her to do it.

## Evangelism Urgent

Hepburn, Sask. — For some time our pastor, Rev. J. J. Bergen, has been concerned about the souls in our community who seem to have no interest in spiritual matters and do not become sheep of the Lord's fold. Thus the decision was reached to invite Rev. J. J. Toews of the Fort Rouge M. B. Church in Winnipeg for weekend meetings to instruct us how to reach out for these souls through church evangelism.

The topics discussed were: "Why Church Evangelism?" (John 15:1-16); "Objectives of Church Evangelism" (I John 1-3); "Organization for Church Evangelism" (I Cor. 14:23-33, 40); "Methods for Church Evangelism" (I Kings 17); "The Church's Purpose in Evangelism" (John 6:5-14); "Preparing for Church Evangelism" (Judges 7:1-40), and "The Power for Church Evangelism" (Heb. 11:1-6).

Mrs. Frieda Klassen

## Important Occasions at Newton Siding

From day to day and year to year we are passing from one stage of life to another. For a child this may mean passing from one grade to the next and for an adult it may mean stepping from one height to another. We have experienced both of these at Newton Siding during the past months.

On September 24, we had our annual promotion program. This was an important day for those who were promoted from one Sunday school class to another. It is the prayer of the teachers that the children may have made spiritual progress as well.

On October 8, we had a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. A. Mann,

who have left Newton Siding and are now living in Winnipeg. During the short program, many expressed their gratitude to Rev. Mann for the help he had given them through his messages and thoughtful advice.

For two Sundays in October the young people sang at the home for the aged in Portage la Prairie. It was a joy to see how this service was appreciated by the aged at the home. We thank God for opportunities such as this and for the blessings He bestows upon us when we serve Him.

## Wedding and Silver Wedding Anniversaries



Penner—Loewen

The Brandon Mennonite Brethren church was the scene of a wedding on October 14, when Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Loewen of Brandon, was united in marriage to Mr. John Penner, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Penner of Brandon. Rev. H. Regehr officiated, assisted by Mr. H. Goosen, pastor of the Brandon M.B. Church, and Rev. H. Isaac, pastor of Grace Mennonite Church, Brandon. Soloist Henry Thiessen of Alexander sang, "The Wedding Prayer," and "O leg' aufs Haupt."

Miss Helen Loewen, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Miss Anne Pries of Alexander acted as bridesmaid. Mr. John Fast of Rivers and Mr. Wally Reimer were the groom's attendants.

Out of town guests included friends and relatives from Ontario, Saskatchewan, Winnipeg, McAuley and Elm Creek.

One often hears the question, "Why celebrate a silver wedding anniversary?" The predominant thought at each of the wedding anniversaries is thankfulness for God's guidance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Warkentin celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on August 26. Since Brother C. C. Warkentin is a deacon in the North Kildonan M. B. Church and since they have very many friends and relatives, it

was probably one of the largest celebrations of the kind held in our church. Their children, Corny and Elfrieda Balzer, on furlough from Germany, were also present. The immediate family rendered a delightful program. A buffet lunch was served and enjoyed by all. The couple expressed their thankfulness for the opportunity of serving the Lord, for health and for the fact that all their children are born again believers.

## Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Friesen

The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Friesen was celebrated on September 27. Mr. Friesen is the Sunday school superintendent of the North Kildonan M. B. Church. The Friesens were happy to have all their children and many close relatives present. After a short service, a reception followed in the lower auditorium of the church. A lovely lunch was served and the family and friends rendered a program. The couple was very thankful for all the blessings the Lord had bestowed on them.

## Mr. and Mrs. John De Fehr

had their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 18. Many friends and relatives had come to join in giving thanks with the couple to the Lord for all that He had done for them in the past 25 years. The reception took place in the lower auditorium of the North Kildonan M.B. Church and a program followed, led by their son, Leonard. A highlight of the program was the singing by a niece of Mrs. DeFehr. Her songs were very well chosen. The hearts of those present were touched.

## Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peters

On October 22, friends and relatives gathered to share the Lord's blessing at the Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peters of Waldheim, Sask. The chairman of the program, Mr. J. Warkentin of Saskatoon, read a portion of Scripture and led in the opening prayer. A local group rendered several musical numbers. A male quartet sang, "Sweeter than All," and, "Keiner wird zu Schanden."

Rev. John Goertzen read Deut. 8:2 and Job 37:4 as a basis for his message. He said that an anniversary such as this was a time for rejoicing, remembering, thanksgiving and dedication.

A trio was sung by three nieces of the couple. Mrs. W. Friesen, the flower girl of 25 years ago, sang a solo, "The Lord Has Been Good to You."

Rev. H. A. Willems, who officiated at the wedding, spoke in German, reading from Numbers 10:29.

Mrs. V. Schmidt

## Mr. and Mrs. Peter Block

recently had their Silver Wedding Anniversary in the Waldheim M. B.

church. Their son-in-law, Roy Bartel, was the chairman of a program consisting of songs, recitations and messages from the Word of God.

Mr. H. Thiessen opened with Scripture and prayer. The Block's youngest son, Billy, recited a poem, and their three daughters sang a trio, "Each Step I Take." A local musical group played, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me," and, "We Have an Anchor." Mrs. P. Epp brought a recitation, "Gott, der dir Gnad' erwiesen." She also read a poem on behalf of Grandmother Block, who was confined to the wheelchair for the occasion. The Henry Thiessen family from Manitoba sang, "In Shady Green Pastures." A group-song was rendered by some of Mrs. Block's brothers and sisters.

Rev. John Block brought the German message while Rev. John Goertzen spoke in English. Both based their messages on Psalm 95.

Mrs. V. Schmidt

## Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Epp

Kelowna, B.C. — Saturday, October 14, was a blessed evening for our church as we gathered for the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. I. Epp. Our pastor, Rev. A. J. Sawatsky, spoke on Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Rev. E. Nickel, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church and chairman of the Ministerial Association of Kelowna, spoke on the same text. Rev. Stevenson, pastor of the Pentecostal Church, related a few experiences they had had with their neighbors, the Epps.

Special musical numbers were rendered. Six ladies of the Helping Hand Club sang. A duet was sung by Walter Goertzen and Harry Patterson. Ruth Epp recited a poem and Carol Epp sang, "Count Your Many Blessings." Brother Abe Schellenberg related a few experiences that he had had together with Brother Epp while attending the Winkler Bible School. Mrs. Epp told of some experiences in their lives. Brother Epp related some experiences and sang a solo, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

After the reception there were good wishes from a number of guests who represented specific organizations. Those who spoke were Mrs. Wood, member of a choir which Mr. Epp led, Mr. E. Wells as a fellow orderly of Mr. Epp, Mrs. Toews as a relative, Mrs. Jake Voth and Mr. Peter Janzen as friends of the Epps. Mrs. J. J. Wiebe had many thanks for the faithfulness of Mrs. Epp as a member of the sewing circle.

We are certain that the Epps will continue to be a blessing to the church as they have been in the past.

G. G. Fast



# The Cause of Foreign Missions

## A Zealous City Pastor



Cali Church pastor, Daniel Duque

The day dawned bright and sunny. The pastor of the Cali Mennonite Brethren Church in Colombia thought nervously of this memorable day in his life. His wife, equally nervous, found it difficult to concentrate on the Sunday school lesson she was teaching. What was the reason for their excitement? It was the day of the ordination of Daniel Duque, the pastor of our church in Cali, Colombia.

Daniel Duque was born in Cali over 40 years ago. He knew nothing of the gospel during his early years. He says of his childhood: "I was brought up in a rather evil environment. I had to help sell liquor and tobacco to those who came to buy, but, thanks to God, none of those things ever touched my lips."

When Daniel was 12, the family came in contact with an evangelical preacher who gave them their first taste of the gospel. The Word says, "O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). Daniel tasted and decided to follow the Lord. Since he had little formal teaching and little contact with this new evangelical religion, his life was not as consecrated as it might have been. He always felt that there was a higher power protecting, guiding and reprimanding him, but he did not recognize this as the hand of God.

In his late teens, Daniel again met the gospel preacher who first introduced him to the Word. This worker interested him in going to the nearby city of Palmira, where the Gospel Missionary Union was conducting a Bible school. In 1935, Daniel entered the Palmira Bible Institute and there he says, "I received the basis of my theology, and I lived a true Christian life. I knew that I wanted to work in the vineyard of the Lord, for I learned to love Him and to love the work."

After two years of study, Daniel began pastoral work in a town to the northeast of Cali and Palmira. During the next five years he worked in various towns of the area. It was then that he married a promising young school teacher named Maria, and together they served the Lord. The Duques then returned to the same Bible institute for another period of study and further service.

Several years later they moved to Cali and entered the business world. Daniel used his talent as a cabinet maker and also worked as a salesman. During this time, they attended the Gospel Missionary Union Church here in Cali although they were not actively engaged in pastoral work. However, they were not at ease in this situation and kept asking the Lord to show them His will. In 1957, the Lord led them

to accept the pastorate of a group of our Mennonite Brethren believers in the country town of Villa Hermosa, a group of which Daniel says he "had not heard very much." During his stay in Villa Hermosa, the church was organized and he also regularly visited groups of believers in the surrounding area.

From Villa Hermosa the Duques came to Cali, where they have been serving our church for two years. They say, "It is two years ago since we came to the Cali church and it seems but yesterday." During the present school year they also served as house parents to the six fellows attending our Bible institute.

Several months ago the Cali church requested the ordination of their pastor. Thus, on June 11, 1961, after having been examined by a committee of missionaries, our brother Daniel Duque was ordained to the ministry. Of his work as a pastor, Daniel says, "I only feel one thing and that is that we have not accomplished all our work as we desired, but the Lord knows how much we love Him and desire to do His will."

Pray for this couple which is serving our Mennonite Brethren in Cali.

Mrs. Wilmer A. Quiring

## Board of Missions News

**Siegfried Epp** reports from Kaji in Congo that he is well received by the Congolese and that satisfactory progress is being made on the hospital construction. He expects the building contract to be completed in November. His work has recently included the bi-weekly distribution of food to 2,250 Angolan refugees.

**China's 700 million people** have been harassed by a cholera epidemic and by famine for three successive years. News of the present condition of Christians is scarce, but no doubt many of them are suffering during this period of privation. Pray especially for the children of Christian parents that, even though most of them only know a Communistic education, they will become strong believers, able to stand for Christ whatever the cost.

—Missionary Mandate

**The third** of our summer schools for preachers and village workers in India is scheduled for November 18 to 22 at Amarabad Hills for brethren from Nagarkurnool and part of Deverakonda fields. The school for brethren of the Hughestown and Shamshabad fields is to be held November 23 to 26. Our intercession for these schools and our Indian minister brethren is needful.

**A new poster** featuring our conference work in Europe and our workers from North America has just been published and mailed to the churches. The poster contains individual pictures of our 18 North American workers laboring for the

cause of Christ and the church on the European continent. Individuals and organizations desiring copies may obtain them by writing to: Board of Missions, 315 South Lincoln, Hillsboro, Kans., USA.

**H. H. Janzen** is scheduled to minister the Word in Steyr, Austria, November 22 to 25 and in Wels, Austria, November 26 to 29. A. J. Neufeld is to teach in the European Mennonite Bible School, Bienenberg, November 13 to 25.

**Institutes** to encourage and strengthen leaders and evangelists of our churches in the Congo is a major effort of our mission at this time. Under God the vitality, growth and outreach of our Congolese churches depends upon the leadership and service of these brethren. A. J. Esau planned to conduct the spiritual refresher institute for brethren in the Matende area from November 12 to 19. Institutes for leaders in the Lusenvu, Kipungu and Kafumba areas are to be conducted during the coming weeks and months.

**The 14th anniversary** of the beginning of work in Brazil and the eighth anniversary of the founding of the church are to be observed in an all-national workers' and missionary conference Feb. 9-14, 1962. Special speakers are being invited and a music festival being planned.

**One of our Congo missionaries** believes the greatest contribution of our mission to the Congo is the translation and distribution of the Scriptures in the Kituba.

**Camps in India** for married women as well as for girls and young

women proved to be a great blessing to many who attended. Lost souls came to know Christ as Savior and others came to know Him anew by being restored. Prayer is requested for a vital Christian testimony by campers in their homes and villages.

**The health** of Michinori Kadota, a student in the Japan Bible School, was presented for intercession in September. On October, 21 he was able to leave the hospital and enroll for the second semester beginning October 31. Prayer is requested for the health of each Bible school students and for grace to train each one to become a fit vessel to carry the Gospel to their own people.

## Dear Readers,

The book, **Conquest for Christ**, written by Mrs. H. H. Nikkel and published by the Committee on Church Schools of the M. B. Church, covers the mission work of the Mennonite Brethren and Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Conferences from the beginning of their foreign mission program until 1960. The material is divided into sections that will lend themselves to a thorough and systematic study of our mission work in the different parts of the world.

A weekly class with young people or adults would benefit by studying one lesson each period. Thus the entire material could be covered in one year. Some may prefer to study this book for several months, conclude several sections and then study some other material for a while. In this way the material in **Conquest for Christ** could be studied over a two-year period. Each home in our conference should possess this book so that we may be informed and reminded of the heroes of the faith in our brotherhood. Ladies' and men's organizations will study this material with profit.

The publishers are preparing a packet of maps, tests, etc., which can be ordered separately for class study of the material. The price for the packet will be released later. These maps are to help create interest and shed light upon the material. The tests can be used by the teachers as a study guide and also as an incentive for thorough study of the material by the student.

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## OF INTEREST

The Royal Mounted Police has been a national police force only since 1920; prior to that date its job was policing the prairie provinces.



## THE Young Observers

Hello, Girls and Boys,

A year has gone by since last Remembrance Day. It has been a happy, carefree year for most of us. We have always had good food, kind friends, nice clothes and pretty toys. Do we thank God for these things? In almost every newspaper we read about wars and unrest and uprisings in some far-away country. Wherever there is war the children and grown-ups suffer. They have to do without many of the things we take for granted. On this Remembrance Day, let us thank God that we have had another year of peace and plenty. Let us pray that the coming year will be peaceful too.

Peace, perfect peace,  
Our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and He is—  
On the Throne.

Peace, perfect peace,  
In this dark world of sin?  
The blood of Jesus whispers,  
"Peace within."  
Love, Aunt Helen

## The Dove That Spoke Truth

(A fable with a good lesson)  
By Abbie Farwell Brown

The dove and the wrinkled little bat once went on a journey together. When evening came a storm arose and the two companions sought everywhere for shelter. But all the birds were sound asleep in their nests and the animals in their holes and dens. They could find no welcome anywhere until they came to a hollow tree where old Master Owl lived.

"Let us knock here," said the shrewd bat. "I know the old fellow is not asleep. This is his prowling hour, and except for this stormy night, he would be abroad hunting. — What ho, Master Owl!" he squeaked, "will you let two storm-tossed travellers in for a night's lodging?"

Gruffly the selfish old owl bade them enter and grudgingly invited them to share his supper. The poor dove was so tired that she could scarcely eat, but the greedy bat's spirits rose as soon as he saw the viands spread before him. He was a sly fellow and immediately began to flatter his host. He praised the owl's wisdom and courage, his gallantry and generosity; though all knew that however wise old Master owl might be, he was neither brave nor gallant. As for generosity—both the dove and the bat well remembered his selfishness toward the poor wren, when the owl alone of all the birds refused to give the little fire-bringer a feather to help cover his scorched and shivering body.

All this flattery pleased the owl. He puffed and ruffed himself, trying to look as wise, gallant and grave as possible. He pressed the bat to help himself more generously to the viands, which invitation the sly fellow was not slow to accept.

All the while the dove had not uttered a word. She sat quite still,

staring at the bat and wondering about the insincere speeches of flattery. Suddenly the owl turned to her.

"As for you, Miss Pink-Eyes," he said gruffly, "you keep careful silence. You are a dull table companion. Pray, have you nothing to say for yourself?"

"Yes," exclaimed the mischievous bat, "have you no words of praise for our kind host? Methinks he deserves some return for this wonderful, generous, agreeable, tasteful, well-appointed, luxurious, elegant, and altogether acceptable banquet. What have you to say, little dove?"

The dove hung her head, ashamed of her companion, and said very simply, "O Master Owl, I can only thank you with all my heart for the hospitality and shelter which you have given me this night. I was hungry, and you gave me your best to eat. I cannot flatter nor make pretty speeches like the bat. I have not learned such manners."

"What!" cried the bat, pretending to be shocked. "Is that all you have to say to our obliging host? Is he not the wisest, bravest, most gallant and generous of gentlemen?"

The dove remained silent. She could not speak untruths even for her own happiness.

"Truly, you are an unamiable guest," snarled the owl, his yellow eyes growing keen and fierce with anger and mortifide pride. "You are an ungrateful bird, Miss, and the bat is right. You do not deserve this generous hospitality which I have offered, this goodly shelter which you asked. Away with you! Leave my dwelling!"

"Yes, away with her!" echoed the bat, flapping his leathery wings.

And the heartless creatures fell upon the poor little dove and drove her out into the dark and stormy night.

Poor little dove! All night she was tossed and beaten about by the storm, because she had been too truthful to flatter the vain old owl. But when the bright morning dawned, draggled and weary as she was, she flew to the court of King Eagle and told him all of her troubles. Great was the indignation of that noble bird.

"For his flattery and his cruelty let the bat never presume to fly

abroad until the sun goes down," he cried. "As for the owl, I have always doomed him to this punishment for his treatment of the wren. But henceforth, let no bird have anything to do with either of them, the bat nor the owl. Let them be outcasts and night prowlers. And as a token of our affection, little dove, your name shall be used by poets as long as the world shall last to rhyme with love" (Matt. 10:16).

## It's Just Like My Dad

My Dad's a fine fellow, I couldn't have done better if I'd chosen him myself.

When I was small—not yet ten years old—my Dad would sometimes look me in the eye and say, "Henry, sometimes I could eat you."

At first I couldn't think of a suitable reply, nor did he expect me to say anything. I'll tell you why. After saying he could eat me he would pause and say, "Sometimes I wish I had."

That was his way of letting me know that he liked me a lot, but didn't always approve of my conduct. It meant he loved me. I'm fortunate having such a Dad, but occasionally I grumble about him. Let me tell you of one such incident that made me terribly cross.

Can you imagine me dressed in a most smart and gentlemanly fashion, and about to disappear through my front door to keep an important engagement? I'd washed my face—and I'm not sure that was necessary—parted my hair and cocked it up a little in the front, noted that my hands were as clean as usual and straightened the tie around my neck. I felt smart.

I haven't so far mentioned my knees, for on this occasion they didn't need washing. Fortunately my shoes, too, were still shining from yesterday or the day before.

"Hey, son!"

That was my Dad! Now my Dad has many voices and that was the one I knew I had to obey; I only hoped it didn't mean I was in trouble.

"Yes, Dad, I have washed my face," I said in reply to his question, and to prove it I showed him the wash cloth which was still wet. I pointed out to him that the soap was wet also.

"Perhaps you splashed the soap when you squeezed the water out of the wash cloth," he said.

That was the moment when I was terribly cross, but I didn't say anything—I just looked him over. I think he knew he'd hurt my feelings because he smiled almost immediately; a friendly smile it was, and he then said my face wasn't too bad, really. There was just one little place I had missed, he added.

"One little place!" I said aloud. "Well, that's soon fixed."

Why my Dad turned on the water then I couldn't imagine. I again

pointed out that the wash cloth was still wet. He sprang into action, agreed with me, but said it wasn't wet enough and plunged the cloth in the water, saying, "Lovely clean water!"

Now I ask you, whoever heard of lovely washing water? I'm sure there's no such stuff.

My Dad knew by the look on my face that I was getting angry. The heat inside me just then would have boiled that water.

My jacket and tie were swiftly removed, my shirt was unbuttoned as if I was about to have an operation, and then my Dad did a most peculiar thing. He slapped a very wet and soapy cloth fairly and squarely on the back of my neck. I want to be fair to my Dad—he did wash my face, but got around to it by way of my ears. This I found to be most embarrassing.

My ears are like most other ears; they have a number of little twists and hairpin bends in them. Judging by his comments, the points of similarity between my ears and a dirt track were numerous, for he seemed to find dirt and cinders thrown to the farthest point of each bend.

Then came the final onslaught. My Dad reached that one little place that wasn't quite clean, and just to make sure, he not only scrubbed that one little place but all the face around it as well.

My hair needed combing again. It's horrible being gripped at the top much as one would grip a turnip to pull it from the ground.

My Dad made all this hard work look quite pleasureable for himself, and as usual gave me one of his broad grins.

"I suppose you don't want to clean me inside as well as outside," I said.

If you knew my Dad you would know at once what his reply was. Anyway, you don't know him so I'll tell you. He said he knew of only One Who could cleanse me inside, and got very serious when he said it—Jesus. You see, he was talking about having a clean heart. And that's why I like my Dad. I didn't go out. It was too late. I didn't want to leave him, somehow.

I was still clean that night when my Dad and I knelt together and said, with our eyes tightly closed, "Our Father . . ."

By Glyn Dalton  
"The Young Soldier"

# ANTONIA

written by Jean A. Rees

(15th Installment)

The next day was Saturday and I suggested to Tony that she just worked until lunch time and then had an afternoon off.

"What would you like to do?" I enquired.

"I would like to go and have a walk up in those woods," she said, "I love wandering off by myself and looking at the birds and the flowers."

"You do," I said, "that's a very good idea."

"I'd really like to have time to think about a lot of things," she added, "and I think maybe I could shake off a bit of my depression if I walk up there."

"Don't let yourself get depressed," I said, "there's nothing to be depressed about."

I thought perhaps it was just the way she was feeling and let her get on with her work.

Tony's eyes looked a little clouded as she set off for her walk, and I told her to come back looking more cheerful. She assured me she would try and set off walking briskly towards the woods. When she came home she told me all about her experiences, so I can tell you what happened just as if I had been there.

Tony set off on the little road that winds up behind the Grange, where the woods really are a place of beauty. The winter sunshine was gilding the trees and giving everything a sparkle and promise of the coming spring. As she reached the top of the hill an amazing view spread itself out before her. Tony sat down on a log and contemplated it rather gloomily; instead of cheering her up, the very beauty around her seemed to have a depressing effect. It seems absurd, she thought, to think that the One Who made all this could really be interested in a person like me. I believe it's just wishful thinking. He might be interested in some of the great people, or some of the clever people, but such an utter failure as I am, how could anyone be interested in me? At that moment she looked up and saw someone regarding her with amused interest. It was Mrs. Westbrook. The mysterious newcomer from the Fancy Goods Shop.

"Cheer up, child," she said, "your troubles can't really be as bad as all that at your age. Why so gloomy?"

Tony got up, stammering with embarrassment.

"I wasn't really gloomy," she said, "I'm just a little bit depress-

ed and, anyway, why not?" she ended defiantly.

"Why not, indeed?" said Mrs. Westbrook, "I suppose we all have our trouble. Tell me about yours, it may take my mind off my own."

Then, Tony told me, there was something compelling about this woman's personality, and before she knew what she was doing, she was sitting back on the log with her hands clasped around her knees, telling Mrs. Westbrook all about herself and her childhood and her problems.

"You see, it was altered when Nanny Hopkins went. When she was with us life was quite different. You came back to the nursery if you'd been out and there she was. She was always there. You felt safe, somehow, with her. Oh, she was very strict, she had very strict rules, but she was always there. She never favoured the twins more than me."

"Well, why should she?" asked Mrs. Westbrook, in her rather attractive husky voice.

"Why, everyone favours the twins," said Tony, almost in surprise that anyone should ask such a question, "but she was always quite fair. We had all our own things, and they were never allowed to take my things. Mother always let them have anything of mine they wanted."

"Most unfair," commented Mrs. Westbrook.

"I suppose it was really, although I got used to it. But with Nanny Hopkins everything was fair and I never had to clear up after them like I've always had to since."

"Clear up after them?" queried Mrs. Westbrook, "Why?"

"I've always had to clear up after the twins. They're so clever and do everything so nicely, and Mother always said 'you can't do anything special so you can tidy up after them and save their time.' I do quite a lot of their mending. I'm quite fond of sewing really, and Mother says they can do such clever things it's a waste of their time doing the plain ones, so I have to do all those for them. Not that I mind that, but with Nanny Hopkins everything was fair, and if she ever did punish us it was only what we deserved and she never said anything about it afterwards. It was all over and done with. She taught me to do all kinds of lovely things, too. We used to make dolls' clothes and she taught me how to knit. I dressed endless dolls when Nanny Hopkins was with us. She taught us to cook, too, on the nursery stove. We used to make drop

scones and all kinds of Scottish recipes she had. What fun it was! I was nearly desperate after she went."

"Why did she go?" asked Mrs. Westbrook.

"Well, you see she was a very religious woman."

"Ah," said Mrs. Westbrook.

"And Mother thought she was stuffing us up with too much religion. She believed in heaven and hell and judgment and all that kind of thing and Mother thought she was filling our minds with old-fashioned stuff, so she got rid of her, and after that it was terrible. Mother tried to look after us herself, but when we came home she was never in; she was out at some bridge party or social function or something and, well, we were really too old for a Nanny, she said."

"Of course you can't blame your mother in a sense," said Mrs. Westbrook thoughtfully, "she wouldn't want you stuffed up with a lot of old-fashioned ideas."

"No, but it wasn't all that old-fashioned, you know it was all out of the Bible. I'd give a lot to have a faith like Nanny Hopkins had."

"Well, my dear, so would we all, but that kind of faith is old-fashioned, too. We've got to be realistic nowadays."

"Yes, I suppose we have. I say, Mrs. Westbrook, I hope you don't mind me burbling on to you like this. I seem to have talked an awful lot about myself."

"Not nearly enough, my dear. Tell me some more, all about what you're doing now."

Then Tony told her all about the typing and how dreadful it was and how badly she was doing it.

"You shouldn't do things you're not cut out to do. What are you good at, by the way?"

"I'm not good at anything."

"You said just now you were good at sewing."

"Oh, just plain sewing and knitting."

"And cooking?"

"Yes, I can do a little bit of cooking but of course I never do any."

"What about coming to tea with me tomorrow and trying your hand at some of those drop scones?" she said.

"Oh, Mrs. Westbrook, do you really mean it? I should love to come," Antonia said; "I'll ask Margaret if it's all right. I think we're going to church in the morning. Will you be going to church?"

"No, thank you, my dear. I had quite enough of that when I stayed with my in-laws."

"Oh, are they religious?"

"Frightfully religious," said Mrs. Westbrook in a sarcastic tone. "My farther-in-law is churchwarden and, of course, my mother-in-law is the last word in the church worker. She organizes the Church Whist Drive and is responsible for the Church Dance. So you see," she said with heavy satire, "she is an in-

tensely religious woman."

Tony looked a little bit embarrassed at this and said, "What I meant was—are they Christian people?"

"Oh, that's quite another matter. A few months of living with my in-laws made me realize that religion and Christianity were two entirely different things."

"What about your husband?" asked Tony, rather hesitantly.

"He's not very well," she said, "he's coming out, I mean coming home, shortly."

"I wonder," said Tony to me afterwards, "why she said 'out' and corrected it to 'coming home'? Do you think he can be in prison or something?"

"It does sound rather like it," I said, "but still she did say he'd been ill, so maybe she means he will be coming out of a sanatorium."

They had parted and Tony had promised to be with her at four o'clock the following day. Tony was really quite excited about going to see the mysterious stranger. As far as I can see there must have been something about Tony that appealed to this woman because so far Tony was the only person who had been invited to see Mrs. Westbrook, and I waited with some curiosity the news of the tea-party.

I was very interested in taking Tony to hear Clifford Thornton preach. It was almost astonishing to learn that apart from a few compulsory services at school, this was the first time she had gone to church for many, many years.

"It just never seemed to arise at home," she told me, "Daddy always went out and played golf. Sometimes Mummy went with him, or else we all went out in the car for the day to the coast, but going to church never seemed to occur to any of us."

"Didn't you go to Sunday school?" I said.

"Oh, we did when Nanny Hopkins was with us. She insisted upon our going, but that was only for a very short time, and it wasn't really a very wonderful Sunday school I think. The little ones used to play with sand trays and have a lot of models and things, but I never seemed to learn very much of what I wanted to know. I learned far more from Nanny Hopkins when she used to tell us Bible stories after tea. That was the most perfect time of the week," Tony told me, clasping her hands round her knees and looking wraptly into the fire. "We all used to sit around the nursery fire and Nanny Hopkins would tell us what she called a Bible serial story and she really made those Bible stories live. In her broad Scots accent, I can see even the twins getting positively excited at Daniel and the three men who were put in the fiery furnace."

"Where's Nanny Hopkins now," I asked.

(To be continued)

# MCC News & Notes

## Parcels to Russia

By Peter J. Dyck



MCC gift parcel mediation for the assistance of relatives in North and South America to send gift parcels to their loved ones in Russia. Shown is the recipient of a parcel. Everything she is wearing comes from the gift parcel: dress, stockings, shoes, etc. "My dear mother in Novosibirsk," writes the daughter who sent the parcel through MCC mediation and help, "received the parcel with great joy, love, and tears."

A question often asked us is whether the MCC sends parcels to Russia. The answer really is "no." The MCC helps private persons send parcels to their relatives and friends in Russia in that it receives the order, the money, the addresses, and the instructions and then fills out the order as well as possible. But MCC has not sent parcels to Russia on its own and is not planning to do so in the future.

The MCC began parcel mediation—for it is really only mediation—several years ago when various letters from Canada and the USA requested assistance. When parcel orders from South America began coming in with only part of the necessary money enclosed, we were embarrassed. On the one hand it was very clear that these par-

cels were being sent to close family members in Russia; they were real parcels of love, often going to parents, brothers or sisters, or even husbands or wives who had been separated by grim fate. On the other hand, we knew that the relatives—much as they would like to—could never pay for the parcel, for in addition to the contents the customs fee had to be paid for. What should be done?

After several days, the answer came in a letter from South America. "Please send a parcel to my dear mother in Russia for me," wrote a son in Paraguay. He gave the exact address, his mother's clothing size and other particulars regarding the contents of the parcel. He closed with, "To cover the cost, I am enclosing ten dollars." He had enclosed ten Canadian dollars, but that was not enough to send a twenty-pound parcel to Russia with customs prepaid. However, this dollar remittance sparked a happy thought: there might be more dollars available at the source from which these came indirectly, if we would ask for them. That was done and the parcel was sent according to wish. It cost forty dollars, of which the son had sent us ten and the North American brotherhood gave thirty. That contribution of thirty dollars made it possible for a son to send a parcel of love to his mother through our mediation.

### Thank You Letters from Russia

"My mother writes that she cannot begin to describe how they felt when a notice was pressed into her hand saying she should come to collect a parcel. Her heart leaped with joy, prayers of thankfulness ascended to heaven, tears of happi-



Frankfurt. Mrs. Peter Dyck packs parcels requested by people in North and South America to be sent to their relatives in Russia. MCC mediation of parcels has enabled less fortunate individuals to send gift parcels to their loved ones. Shown: the order has arrived. The exact address, sizes and the wishes for parcel content were clearly indicated. Elfrieda Dyck packs this gift parcel of love in accordance with the expressed wishes.

## Devastating Flood Waters in Japan



This is the area of the Kasugade M. B. Church in Japan. Houses with only one story leave only the roof to which to retreat.



Washed up in front of the meeting place of the Minato M. B. Church were these large drums and debris. This area was flooded with five to six feet of water. Song books, Bibles and library books have been laid out to dry.

ness flowed and she thanked God on her knees."

A lady writes, "The gift arrived exactly on Erika's birthday. We were so very happy, and everything fits her so well. The shirt and trousers for my son were also just exactly right. And I thank you for the material and the stockings. We received everything. May our dear Father reward you doubly."

Again a recipient writes in a letter: "Thousands and many more thousands of thanks for everything. Time and time again I must go and marvel at the things. So lovely; we would never have been able to afford something like that. Everything is so soft and it is all so warm. I really don't know how to express my thanks. I know I cannot do it on paper at all."

From a person in the West for whom we mediated a parcel to his relative, we learned: "They received the parcel with joy and cannot find words to express their thanks. First of all, they are so needy, and secondly, these were such costly things. They write that competent folk have looked at these things and estimated that they would not be available there for 2,000 rubles."

In addition to the clothing, which makes up the bulk of the parcels,

now and again other gifts are enclosed such as glasscutters, fish nets, tools, eyeglasses, hearing aids, medicines and even toys for the children. Therefore, we read in one letter, "We were all so pleased with the things. The children could hardly fall asleep that night because of their excitement and joy. The lovely doll and the teddy bear were extra-special gifts for them"

### Personal Gifts

The Soviet Union does not object to relatives in West Germany corresponding with their loved ones in Russia. The German edition of *Pravda* has stated: "Naturally the Soviet state has nothing against such letters and other traffic through the mail." But Red Cross parcels are being suspected of being sent with political motives. Thus it is necessary to distinguish between private gift parcels, which are sent to relatives in Russia, either with or without MCC mediation, and Red Cross parcels from West Germany. The following are the facts regarding our parcel program:

1. The parcels which are sent through our mediation are not sent from West Germany but from Switzerland. (Continued on page 11-4)

**Leaving for Europe**

Brother and Sister Cornelius L. Balzer and infant daughter are scheduled to leave Winnipeg by plane November 15 and arrive in Frankfurt November 16. Members of the North Kildonan Church, Winnipeg, the Balzers are returning to our conference work on the European continent following a brief two and one-half month furlough in Canada. The musical talent of the Balzers has been greatly used of the Lord in the radio, evangelistic and church building ministries of our conference in Europe. The Balzers will appreciate our intercession for a safe flight and for open doors of service in Europe.

**Bethesda Committee Meets**

The Bethesda Committee and the officers of the Canadian M. B. Conference met in Winnipeg on November 3 in order to find ways of solving Bethesda's present financial problems. The brethren who took part in the sessions of the committee were: A. A. Wiens, Yarrow; C. J. Rempel, Kitchener; H. W. Redekopp, North Kildonan, I. Block, Borden; J. H. Quiring, Winkler; F. C. Peters, D. K. Duerksen, G. Sukkau, Winnipeg, and J. Wall, Culross, Man.

**Farewell at Steinbach**

Steinbach, Man. — Farewell services were held in the Steinbach Mennonite church on Sunday, October 15, for Erna Fast, R.N., of Chortitz, Man. Miss Fast, who has already served under Mennonite Central Committee for two and one-half years, is again entering its service as public health nurse in British Honduras. She flew to British Honduras, Central America, on November 7.

Miss Fast is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. David J. Fast. The Fast family is well known to MCC, for five of its members have served with the MCC at one time or another.

**Oldest Resident Dies**

Mrs. Frank H. Goertz, believed to be Newton's oldest resident, died October 24 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Koehn, where she had resided for 14 years. Mrs. Goertz observed her 100th birthday last January. She had been bed-fast for about four years, but her mind remained clear until her death. Surviving are one son and four daughters, 35 grandchildren, 121 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

**Vandals Smash House Windows**

An investigation is being launched into the willful smashing of three costly dual-pane picture windows in the newly-completed home of Principal John Bergen in Winkler. The windows were smashed on October 30, the night before Hal-

lowe'en. The vandalism is thought to be the act of some high school boys.

H. F. Wiebe, chairman of the school board, issued the following statement: "The Winkler School Board is gravely concerned about the instance of vandalism in Winkler. It is with a view to supporting the efforts of our town police that we are offering a reward of \$25 for information leading to the identification of the person or persons responsible for the breaking of the windows."

**48 Die in Airliner Crash**

**Rio de Janeiro** — A Brazilian airliner smashed into a hillside and burned in a Recife suburb recently. An airline spokesman said 48 of the 85 persons aboard were killed. He said 35 of the 76 passengers and two of the crew of nine survived. Most of those aboard were of Portuguese or Brazilian nationality.

The plane, a Panair do Brasil DC-7, was enroute from Lisbon, Portugal, and was coming in for a landing at Recife, on the northwest coast of Brazil, before making its final scheduled stop here. The two crew members who escaped were the purser and a stewardess.

The plane was making its landing approach when it hit the top of a hill in the Tijipio suburb near the Recife airport. Witnesses said two explosions occurred before the plane hit the hill and burst into flames.

**Hurricane Strikes Belize**

The 200-mile-an-hour hurricane Hattie struck Belize, capital of British Honduras, on October 31. The sea invaded the city to depths of 9 to 10 feet. The city has a population of about 31,000. Of these, 30,000 have been evacuated and more than 200 were reported dead. The city was virtually destroyed.

**Destructive Fire in Hollywood**

A multi-million dollar blaze—the worst in southern California's history—has destroyed more than 300 costly homes, several in the \$100,000 price bracket, including those of several movie actors. Former vice-president Richard Nixon was among those who had to flee their homes. The fire raged out of control like an ugly, flaming crown in the Hollywood Hills-Santa Monica mountain range above swank Bel-Air and Brentwood.

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## Seat Belts Save Lives

More than 1,000 of the people who died in traffic accidents in Canada last year would have survived had they used seat belts. That is the considered statement of the Canadian Highway Safety Council after drawing on the results of studies and surveys conducted by governments, universities and societies in several countries.

The Council declares that one-third of the traffic deaths in Canada could be prevented by the use of seat belts. It believes another 15% could possibly be saved if seat belts were installed and used. No estimate can be made of the reduction of injuries through the use of seat belts in automobiles, but it is certain that figure would be large.

Seat belts in cars are not new. They were used in Europe 20 years ago. But it was not until specific research was done into their value as life-savers and injury-reducers that public attention was drawn to them. Even now, in spite of proof produced through expensive and extensive research by medical and scientific authorities, the average motorist is apathetic to seat belts. He holds tightly to any excuse he can find to avoid not only their installation in his car, but their use once they are installed.

"They're uncomfortable," he says. Ridiculous. Seat belts make any motor ride much more comfortable, even a run of two blocks to the cigar store. On long trips, wearers of belts in cars are more refreshed and comfortable. Wearers may find them conspicuous at first, but then they feel that way with a new hat or new shoes. Once accustomed to the belts, they forget they are there—until the accident happens and the belts save lives and reduce injuries.

"They're expensive," is another cry. So is a hospital, a physician, surgery and a long lay-off from work. But the cost of seat belts is lower now than ever. All 1962 models of Canadian cars have belt anchorages as standard equipment. Prices of seat belts are dropping regularly, although quality is generally improving. Good belts cost between \$7 and \$10 per set.

"If the car catches fire or is submerged in an accident, the wearer is pinned to his death," is a complaint. In the first place, belts can be released in a second. Then, since wearing a seat belt reduces chances of injury, such a wearer has a better chance of surviving to take advantage of any avenue of escape. Thirdly, research into 10,000 accidents by Cornell University showed only two-tenths of one per cent of all traffic accidents involved fire and only three-tenths of one per cent involved submersion.

"You're safe if you're thrown clear of the car," claims a doubter. Not so, the researchers know. Risk of death or serious injury is five times greater for the person ejected than for the person kept in the

car.

"Wearing belts in a soft-top convertible is asking for trouble," declares a sports car enthusiast. Only 20 per cent of car accidents involve roll-overs so the odds are still with the belt wearer who is twice as safe in the 80 per cent involving no roll over. Upcoming designs of open-top cars will introduce roll bars to protect occupants who remain in the car in a roll-over.

There are other complaints which can all be answered to show that the odds are overwhelmingly in favor of wearing seat belts.

The Council repeats, and will always repeat, that to install seat belts is only the first step, useless if the belts are allowed to lie on the seats. Seat belts must be worn to save your life or reduce your chances of injury in an accident. The driver with common sense wears them all the time his car is in motion. It's a good habit. It could save your life.

"Highway Safety News"

## Livestock in Paraguay

**Asuncion, Paraguay.** — Five months in the Chaco have proved quite agreeable to the 18 bull calves and 30 pigs donated to the Mennonite colonists in Paraguay by Mennonite farmers of Lancaster County, Pa., USA. The shipment was flown here and distributed by the Experimental Farm in Fernheim. All the animals got periodic injections after their arrival and regular checkups by a veterinarian. All adjusted to the Chaco climate easily and no serious sickness was encountered. The animals will be used to improve dairy and swine herds in the colonies. The U.S. government paid for the transportation, which amounted to about \$8,000.

## Mennonite World Conference

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400th anniversary of Menno Simon's conversion, was strongly historical. Attention was focused on the significance of Menno Simons for the Mennonite brotherhood. Further efforts were made to aid the Russian Mennonite brotherhood through collections for their travel debts. A relief center was established at Karlsruhe for this purpose, under the direction of Benjamin H. Unruh. Some fifteen representatives from North America attended this conference, six from Canada. P. R. Schroeder, president of the General Conference, was among them.

The fourth World Conference was to be held in the United States in 1940, but the coming of the Second World War prevented it. In 1946, the conference pioneer leader, Christian Neff, died. Thereupon the Mennonite Central Committee took the initiative, inviting the conference to Goshen, Ind., and Newton, Kans., for August 3 to 10, 1948. It was a full program; no less than 45 major addresses were delivered. Though the attendance was large, only 27 representatives from overseas were able to come, largely financed by MCC and offerings in the churches in which European min-

isters spoke on deputation tours. This Conference set up a Preparatory Commission for the next World Conference.

The 1952 conference was held on the grounds of the St. Chrischona Seminary near Basel, Switzerland, from August 10-15. It was the first conference to have official delegates. The Preparatory Commission had set a quota of about 200 delegates, one hundred from America and one hundred from Europe and elsewhere. Holland was to have thirty-five, Germany thirty, the French, Alsatian and Swiss conferences each ten and other lands five. Some 200 delegates actually came, of which 112 were from America. The officers of the Preparatory Commission were asked to serve as the executive officers of the conference. Harold S. Bender thus became chairman. The general theme was, "The Church of Christ and her Commission." Discussion groups and special interest group meetings were held for the first time at this conference. Daily attendance averaged 600.

The sixth conference was held in Karlsruhe, Germany, from August 10 to 16, 1957, in the Municipal Auditorium. Attendance exceeded all previous conferences, averaging 1000 daily, 2500 on Sunday. There were 248 delegates: United States 88, Canada 22, South America 5, Holland 42, Germany 60, France 18, Switzerland 8, Belgium and Austria 1 each, Asia 3. The main theme was, "The Gospel of Jesus Christ in the World." All present reported a real experience of blessing and fellowship. The warm, evangelical spirit of those conference days still speaks to the reader of the published report of the conference proceedings.

A significant development of the 1957 conference was the adoption of guiding principles (constitution) for the continuing work of the conference. In this constitution the purpose of the World Conference is stated as "to bring the Mennonites of the world together in regularly recurring meetings of brotherly fellowship. It seeks thereby to strengthen for them the awareness of the world-wide brotherhood in which they stand." It was agreed further that "by its recurring sessions the Conference seeks, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to deepen faith and hope, and to stimulate and aid the church in its ministry to the world, that is, in greater obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the promotion of His kingdom in the world."

Organizationally, the constitution calls for the Conference to consist of a Presidium or General Council, an Executive Committee, and the delegate body. The Council is to consist of one representative from each participating autonomous conference or body, a second representative to be added for those groups having more than 20,000 members. This Council is charged with the continuing work of the Conference, acting through the Executive Committee, which it elects from among its members. The Council is responsible to the conference which elects the members on it. The Executive Committee automatically becomes the Executive Committee of the World Conference, and its officers automatically become the officers of the world conference. The delegate body is designated to meet only at the time of the conferences, to advise the General Council and to give general direction to the entire proceedings, to determine the allocation of the offerings, and to adopt the conference message.

The Seventh Mennonite World Conference has been scheduled to

convene, the Lord willing, at Kitchener, Ont., from August 1 to 7. The general theme will be, "The Lordship of Christ." A complete program will be published soon. The preparations for the conference are being carried out by the Presidium and the Executive Committee, as agreed upon at Karlsruhe. The Presidium met in Kitchener during the summer of 1959, in Europe in 1960, and again in Kitchener in 1961. From these sessions the Executive Committee, working through the secretariat at Elkhart, Ind., carries out the many aspects of planning for the conference and its program. A local committee on arrangements, composed of one representative appointed by each of the district conferences in Ontario, is responsible for all non-program physical arrangements. The Ontario churches have already raised the funds for the rental of the large Kitchener Memorial Arena, comfortably seating 7,000 people with standing room for many more. Participating groups contribute .007 cents per member again this year for incidental travelling expenses, stationery, printing and other costs. Normally speakers' travelling expenses are not paid by the conference treasury, nor are the travelling expenses of the members of the Presidium.

No less than 750 delegates are expected to attend the sessions. These have been allocated to all North American groups upon the basis of 1 for every 250 members. No limit has been put upon the attendance of foreign delegates. Attendance from abroad promises to be better than ever before, since a plane has been chartered at a very low price. Most of the younger churches will be represented by their own people. This is possible because of the cooperation of the respective mission boards. The delegates do not legislate. They will gather for special discussion groups. They will determine the use of conference offerings. They will decide upon the conference message. Other matters will come before them for counsel. The World Conference is not a "Super Church," but convenes basically for inspiration and discussion, or as the German and Swiss brethren say, it is a *Glaubenskonferenz*. Each of the participating groups retains its autonomy. The unity anticipated will be that of the Holy Spirit rather than organizational.

Just as the World Conference is not a legislative conference, so it is primarily not a delegate conference. The delegates will have two business sessions and will also meet for one hour daily to discuss the main theme. While this occurs, however, the full program schedule continues for the several thousand non-delegates who will undoubtedly be there. Every member of a Mennonite or Brethren in Christ church is welcome to attend the Conference together with family and friends. The larger the attendance, the greater will be the impact upon our churches when all return home with the inspiration and vision it is hoped the conference will provide. The wonderful thing is that the Ontario churches are very confident they have room for all who come, provided they know it in time. Information and registration folders will be distributed through all the churches in due time. Let us pray for the continuing preparation and for the speakers who are even now working on their presentations, that the Lordship of Christ may indeed become more real and powerful to all who attend, through them to the entire brotherhood and to the world.

The Secretariat  
Elkhart, Ind.

## EDUCATION

### SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

#### Parent-Teacher Meeting at Eden Christian College

The first parent-teacher evening of the year took place on Tuesday, October 24, at the College. The meeting followed the issuing of progress reports on the previous Friday. The large number of parents present and the genuine interest shown in the work of the school was a source of encouragement to the faculty and board. The parents made ample use of the opportunity to interview individual teachers.

Such informal meetings are of considerable value and contribute extensively toward maintaining and strengthening the unity between the school and the home, without which a Christian high school could not operate successfully.

R. F. Bartel, principal

#### Eden's Ladies' Auxiliary

The election of officers for the auxiliary took place in conjunction with the first parent-teacher meeting of the year. On the executive for the new school year are: Mrs. Abe Willms, Virgil, president; Mrs. Anton Dyck, Virgil, vice-president; Mrs. Henry Koop, Virgil, secretary; and Mrs. Frank Janzen of Niagara, treasurer. Other members of the executive are Mrs. Peter Derksen, Vineland; Mrs. Martin Durksen, Vineland; Mrs. Margaret Rempel, St. Catharines, and Mrs. Peter Dick, St. Catharines, representative for the wives of the faculty.

R. F. Bartel

#### Bethel College

The recently published Bethel College Directory shows that there are students attending the college from 23 states. Kansas is represented by the largest number—over 300.

The remainder of the student body is distributed as follows: Nebraska, 44; California, 17; South Dakota, 14; Iowa, 12; Oklahoma, 10; Idaho, 9; Minnesota, 5. Montana and Washington are each represented by four students. There are three students from both Colorado and Oregon and Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and Texas are each represented by two students. Other states represented are Illinois, Indiana, Georgia, Missouri, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Ohio.

#### Tabor College

An honorary degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on Prof. S. L. Loewen of Tabor College at the annual fall Honors Convocation at Sterling (Kansas) College on Oc-

tober 13. Prof. Loewen, who is chairman of the Natural Science Division at Tabor and currently on sabbatical leave, was also the principle speaker at the convocation.

Dr. Loewen was an instructor at Tabor for several years before going to Sterling College, where he taught in the biology division from 1931 to 1942. Since 1942 he has headed the biology department at Tabor. In addition to his teaching duties, Loewen served as registrar at Tabor from 1945 to 1956 and as dean of the college from 1956 to 1958.

Dr. Loewen is a 1923 A.B. graduate of Tabor. He received the master of arts degree at the University of Minnesota in 1928 and continued work toward the doctor of philosophy degree, completing all residence requirements, including language and oral comprehensive examinations.

#### Formation of Inter-Mennonite Publishing Company Announced

Altona, Man. — The publishers of The Canadian Mennonite announced intention to turn over control of this newspaper to an inter-Mennonite company of shareholders early in 1962. Plans to incorporate the independent, non-profit Canadian Mennonite Publishing Company, Ltd., by January 1, 1962, were outlined by D. K. Friesen, secretary-treasurer, on behalf of D. W. Friesen and Sons, Ltd.

The present publishers founded the paper in October, 1953, to meet the needs of an English-language as well as an inter-Mennonite publication of information, instruction, interpretation, and inspiration relevant to the Canadian Mennonite scene. The paper has just completed its eighth year of publication.

Proposals for an inter-Mennonite publishing base, advanced by the Friesen firm from the beginning, were endorsed at a meeting of the Board of Consulting Editors in July, 1959. Members of the Board are: Peter F. Bargaen, Henry H. Epp, Diedrich Gerbrandt, Orlando Gingerich, C. Wilbert Loewen, Harold W. Nigh, John H. Redekop, Vernon Reimer, David Schroeder, and John W. Snyder.

A capital investment of \$500,000 will be sought through the sale of five hundred \$100 shares. The fund will ensure continuous publication and development of the paper. No sale of The Canadian Mennonite is involved. Present publishers simply intend to turn over the publishing control of the paper to the new company.

A number of individuals and church organizations have already expressed interest. All members in good standing in a Mennonite church and in harmony with the basic Christian principles and policies that have guided the Canadian Mennonite are eligible to become shareholders. Shares may also be purchased by church conferences, institutions, existing inter-Mennonite organizations, as well as individual congregations.

Every effort will be made to keep shareholding representative of the various Mennonite groups. The following proportion has tentatively been announced: Thirty per cent of the shares will be made available to individuals or organizations of the Conference of Mennonites in Canada as well as the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference. The remaining forty per cent will be allotted in equal parts to the members of the Non-Resistant Relief Organization (NRRO) and the Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee (CMRC) constituencies not included in the above two conferences.

The NRRO group includes the (Old) Mennonites, Amish Mennonites, and Brethren in Christ. The CMRC group includes EMB, EMC, EMMC, and Church of God in Christ Mennonite churches. Old Colony, Sommerfeld, Chortitz and Reinland groups are also included in this category.

The shareholders will elect a Board of Directors who in turn will appoint the staff and the printer. Application for shares in the Canadian Mennonite Publishing Company, Ltd., are now being received by the present publishers, D. W. Friesen and Sons, Ltd., Box 720, Altona, Man. A prospectus will be mailed out on request.

#### Bottle and Water Evangelist

New York — Down by the riverside, Jewell Pierce sends his gospel message far and wide. "I cast it upon the water," he said, "in clear glass bottles, sealed with cork."

The 43-year-old Pierce of Piedmont, Ala., calls himself the "bottle and water evangelist." In the last 23 years, he has thrown 27,800 bottles, stuffed with printed religious literature, into Alabama's Coosa River, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. "These bottles float and reach those whom I never see," he said.

He has had responses from 5,640 persons, who have found the messages and read them, in 28 American states and nine countries, as far away as Salonika, Greece. That one took 13½ years to get there.

He prefers to use whisky bottles "gathered from the city dump, behind pool rooms and from back alleys, because these bottles were used for the wrong purpose the first time," and because the glass is clear.

Pierce, who works at a Piedmont textile firm, said one message was found in a farming community where flood waters had covered the land the previous winter. The result of the message was that a church was established there.

Pierce pays the cost of the gospel tracts, stamps for correspondence and the bottle corks out of his own wages.

"The messages deal with the importance of religious duty and service, the training of the mind and body for spiritual satisfaction and the achievement of God's plan for each person's life, he said.

To each person replying to the water-borne message, Pierce sends a copy of the Gospel of John. "I have never met any of them," he said, "but I know they have received the good news needed for eternal life."

Winnipeg Tribune

#### Parcels to Russia

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2. Through our mediation only a very few food parcels have been sent, and that not upon our advice. The people in Russia are not starving. Nevertheless, a food parcel can also be a gift parcel, a real token of love when it comes from relatives.

3. Parcels are packed and sent by us only when relatives request that we give them assistance and provide us with the exact address, clothing sizes, instructions on the contents of the parcel, and the information regarding their relationship to the recipient in Russia. Of course, we expect them to send as much money as they can, to cover the expenses.

4. In 1960, we were able to aid in sending 156 parcels, with a total value of \$6,942 and an average value of \$44.45 per parcel. The senders paid the greatest share of the costs. The balance of \$2,000 came from voluntary contributions from the brotherhood in North America, Holland, Switzerland and Germany. From Holland alone we received \$1,000. Thus we were always in the happy position of being able to aid a brother or sister in South America or elsewhere in sending a parcel to their loved ones in Russia even if they did not have the means to do so. As far as we know the parcels have all arrived in good condition and were delivered to the recipients free of duty or other charges accruing during the 19 days enroute.

We believe that we can continue as we have done in good conscience since these parcels are entirely private gift packages and no political motives can be attached to them. Through our brotherhood in North America, Holland and other countries we can help our brethren in South America and occasionally elsewhere send gift parcels to their loved ones, which otherwise they could not send.

### You Are Cordially Invited

to participate in Dedicatory and Thanksgiving services. God willing, the South End M. B. Church at Portage Ave. and Raglan Road, Winnipeg 10, will have its Thanksgiving and Mission Festival services on Sunday, November 19, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The following Sunday, November 26, the Church plans to dedicate its new sanctuary to the Lord. Three services will be conducted on that day, namely, at 10:30 a.m., at 2:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. The morning and afternoon services will be held in German and the evening service in English.

Everyone is heartily invited to attend all the services in order to receive the blessings God has in store for us.

In behalf of the Church  
J. P. Neufeld

### Important Meeting to be Held

The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Division of the Mennonite Disaster Service will be held at North Park Bible Church, 1628-9th Avenue N, Saskatoon, Sask., on November 25, 1961, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (CST)

Besides the regular business there will be a review of the activities

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of MDS on the provincial, national and continental levels and plans for the future will be outlined. The latter will be presented by the new provincial coordinator, John Garman.

A special feature this year will be an area workshop in the afternoon. A special speaker for the day is also expected.

The executive feels that this year's meeting is of vital importance to our constituency considering the urgency of the times. We trust all MDS committee members, co-ordinators, congregational representatives and interested friends will be present.

Irvin Schmidt  
MDS Secretary

### Ordination Service at Morden

God willing, the Morden M. B. Church will have an ordination service on Sunday, November 19. Brother Heinrich Boldt is to be ordained as a deacon. Every one is heartily invited to participate in the blessings of the service.

In behalf of the Church  
F. H. Friesen

### Special Announcement

The annual Sunday school convention of the South Saskatchewan District of the Mennonite Brethren Church will take place Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19. The Saturday sessions will be held in the Greenfarm M. B. church and the Sunday sessions will be held in Herbert.

Our convention theme is, "Evaluating Our Sunday School." Mr. P. J. Harder, a Christian high school teacher from Saskatoon, will be our convention speaker.

South Sask. S.S. Executive  
Clifford H. Nickel, Secretary

### Ordination Services

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Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the South End M. B. Church of Winnipeg, also gave an inspiring message on God's Word, basing it on I Tim. 4:15. The theme of his message was, "What the Pastor Owes the Church." He emphasized

the doctrines of Christ's death, resurrection and ascension and pointed out that our lives must correspond to these truths.

The dedicatory prayers were spoken by Rev. A. Froese of Bois-sevain, Rev. J. H. Quiring and Rev. J. P. Neufeld. These were followed by the prayers of Rev. and Mrs. Gossen. Rev. H. Gossen also gave a short word of testimony.

The local church as well as representatives from the Lena, Bois-sevain, Justice and Alexander churches expressed well-wishes with suitable Scripture passages to Rev. and Mrs. Gossen. The choir sang three selections: "Ye Christian Heralds Go Proclaim," "Go, Labor On," "Spend and be Spent," and "The Conquest of the Ages."

After the closing prayer by our chairman, Brother Henry Loewen, all were invited to a light lunch in the lower auditorium.

We thank the Lord for a blessed evening and trust that we will not only be hearers but also doers of His Word.

Mrs. Hedy Funk

### ON THE HORIZON

Every Sunday. — German school program of Manitoba public schools over radio station CFAM from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (CST).

November 11 and 12. — Peace Conference sponsored by South Saskatchewan churches to be held at Herbert, Sask., Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Rev. I. H. Tiessen, Chilliwack, B.C.

November 11-12 — Conference of United Mennonite Churches in Ontario, at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

November 12. — Opening program of Mennonite Bible Institute, Didsbury, Alta., at 2:30 p.m.

November 19. — Thanksgiving and Mission Festival at the South End M. B. church, 1420 Portage

Ave. and Raglan Rd., Winnipeg 10. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

November 19. — Ordination services at the Morden M. B. church at 2:00 p.m.

November 18 and 19. — Annual Sunday School Convention at the Greenfarm M. B. church on Nov. 18 and at Herbert on Nov. 19. Guest speaker is Mr. J. P. Harder of Saskatoon.

November 26. — Dedication services at the South End M. B. church, 1420 Portage Ave. and Raglan Rd., Winnipeg 10. Services to be held at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 18 to Dec. 6. — Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches, New Delhi, India.

November 26 to December 3. — Evangelistic services at the Linden M. B. church, Alberta. The evangelist is Rev. Waldo Wiebe of Reedley, Calif.

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