

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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## Convention at Herbert

**Herbert, Sask.** — Sunday school workers from the South Saskatchewan M.B. churches gathered here on April 19 and 20 for a two-day convention sponsored by the provincial Sunday school committee.

A pre-supper session for Sunday school superintendents, teachers, and committees began on Saturday afternoon at five. Rev. D. Ewert, instructor at the M.B. Bible College, delivered the devotional challenge. Problems and new material were also discussed.

Everyone was welcome at the second session, which began that evening at 7:30. Mr. A. Barkman of Flowing Well, Sask., led in the invocation. Special features included the film, "As the Twig Is Bent", and songs by groups from Greenfarm, Regina, and Herbert. Rev. David Ewert delivered a message on "Building Our Sunday School", basing it on I Cor. 3:11-15.

Visitors at the convention gathered Sunday afternoon for the third service, where Greenfarm, Flowing Well, and Turnhill served with

songs. Rev. Ewert spoke on "Biblical Sowing", based on Galatians 6:7-10. Three workshops followed on the following themes:

- \* Parent-Teacher Co-operation—Abe Goerz.
- \* District Canvassing and Publicity — H. W. Dueck.
- \* Scriptural Conversions in Camp Work — A. Kroeker (Winnipeg).

At the evening session the workshops preceded the message. Topics discussed were:

- \* Enhancing Introductory Worship Periods — H. Thiessen.
- \* DVBS Planning and Administration — A. Kroeker.
- \* Nurturing Converts and Newcomers — Nick Willems.

Rev. David Ewert delivered his final message on I Corinthians 7: 29-31. Songs were by groups from Main Centre and Woodrow. Because of lack of time the main feature, a panel discussion, had to be postponed.

Miss Dorothy Funk served as pianist for the choir. Mr. John Isaac read parts of Isaiah 53 and Revelation 5 for the Scripture reading and led in prayer.

## Retires After 27 Years As Director

**Kitchener, Ont.** — A special choir program on April 20 culminated 27 years of service as choir director in the Kitchener M.B. Church for Mr. N. J. Fehderau. He is now retiring and will be replaced by John Goerz, who over the past years has directed both the junior and the male choir in the church.

At the choir program Rev. J. J. Toews expressed the deep appreciation of the congregation for the service of Mr. and Mrs. Fehderau. He presented them with a gift on behalf of the church.

Following the program past and present singers in the church senior choir gathered in the adjoining educational building to pay tribute to the retiring director. On behalf of the choir members, C. J. Rempel

presented Mr. and Mrs. Fehderau with an original painting by a local artist. In his concluding remarks Mr. Fehderau spoke of the faithfulness of the many singers and the spirit of co-operation which he had enjoyed.

Mr. Fehderau reported that during his years as conductor the choir had practised 815 songs. At the present time the choir has a repertoire of 463 songs.

## One Killed in Accident at Gem

**Gem, Alta.** — One person was killed, one seriously injured and three others hospitalized as the result of an auto accident that occurred in this Mennonite settlement at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, April 27.

Dead is Miss Lena Geddert of Gem, age 18, and seriously injured was Ted Dechant, 19, also of Gem.

## Emphasis on Spiritual Growth at Convention

**Winnipeg, Man.** — "It is rather dangerous to foist a certain artificial spirituality upon a child. But we can try to foster spiritual growth," Rev. F. C. Peters told more than 100 Sunday school workers gathered in the South End M.B. church on April 26 for the first service of the two-day Sunday School Convention.

Rev. Peters served as main speaker at the S.S. Convention sponsored by the four M.B. churches in Winnipeg. More than 160 workers registered during the sessions, which began Saturday night and concluded on Sunday evening. Mr. D. E. Redekop served as convention chairman.

### Test of Spiritual Growth

"Becoming spiritual is becoming more like Jesus Christ," Rev. Peters asserted in his first message. In another message he said that it is dangerous to measure ourselves with others as to spirituality. We can, however, test ourselves to see if we have grown spiritually.

Speaking on the spiritual qualifications of a Sunday school teacher in his second message, delivered Sunday afternoon, Rev. Peters gave some tests by which Christians can measure their spiritual growth.

- \* What is my diet? Am I a more intelligent Bible reader than I was five years ago? What kind of books do I read?
- \* Can I forget myself in the work for Christ—or am I easily hurt?
- \* Can I accept responsibility?
- \* What is my attitude toward sin?
- \* Am I growing in my service? Am I constructive in my attitude? "Negativism is attention-getting and hinders the work of God."

### \* What about my passion for the lost?

Spiritual growth comes through growth in knowledge and belief, through the development of proper attitudes and loyalties, and through proper activities, Rev. Peters stated in his message. This calls for adequate lesson preparation on the part of the teacher, as well as for the involvement of the child in spiritual processes.

"Nothing can replace the influence of the home," Rev. Peters insisted. He felt that one can become too enthusiastic about the Sunday school and try to make it do everything. The Sunday school can only supplement the home and try to change some wrong attitudes developed in the home or community. That is why it is so important that the home have a truly spiritual atmosphere—that Christ in very truth be the Head of the home.

In addition to the three messages by Rev. Peters the Sunday school workers heard reports on the national Sunday school convention at Gem and a review of the new English material. They also participated in four workshops on the first evening. Topics were: Methods of Participation for Adults, Rev. H. Regehr; Teaching Young Christians Discipleship, Rev. H. R. Baerg; Laying the Foundation for Spiritual Growth, Miss Nettie Kroeker; and Building an Adequate Sunday School and Church Library, Leslie Stobbe.

A question period after the lunch during the intermission Sunday afternoon proved helpful indeed, as several practical questions were discussed freely. Leslie Stobbe served as moderator for the question period.

## Sing Parts of "The Messiah"

**Yarrow, B.C.** — The 60-voice senior choir of the Mennonite Brethren Church here presented parts of "The Messiah" on Sunday evening, April 20. Mr. Rudy Boschman directed the choir.

Visitors from throughout the valley filled the large church for the evening of music. Present were people all the way from Chilliwack to Vancouver and from across the border at Blaine, Wash.

Soloists for the presentation were the Misses Evelyn and Holda Reimer, soprano, Bill Reimer, bass, and Mr. George Reimer, tenor. Choruses that the choir sang included: "Behold, the Lamb of God"; "Surely, He hath Borne Our Grievs"; "All We Like Sheep"; "Lift Up Your Heads"; "The Lord Gave the Word"; "Their Sound Is Gone Out"; and "Worthy Is the Lamb."

Part of the evening's program consisted of organ music played by Miss Hilda Martens. Favorite hymns and the Pastoral Symphony were played.

## EDITORIAL

### An Important Decision

Hundreds of Mennonite young people annually face the question of where to go and what to do during the next winter. Decisions made in spring often determine next winter's activity. That is why we venture to make a suggestion at this time.

The advice of parents or friends and the experiences in the home and community play a vital role in decisions concerning future study or work. We must also realize that the alluring offers of a materialistic world and the modern concept that only he who "gets ahead" fast can make his mark in this world help young people to make decisions.

The spirit of this age is materialistic. This spirit is manifested by many young people who, in making life's decisions, ask, "Where can I earn the most money? Where do I receive the best security? How can I advance quickly up the ladder of success?" It is deplorable that even in Christian homes—and sometimes in Christian high schools—these questions receive undue consideration by parents and educators when advising young people.

Wise young people who are seeking true joy and real happiness will not let these considerations determine their course of study and vocation. They know that only when they are in the will of God can they be really happy. They know that only in serving the Lord to the best of their abilities can they achieve genuine success and true greatness. They also know that the level of their Christian experience—the degree to which they are growing to maturity in Christ—determine how rich their inner life will be.

In this respect the past teaches us that the level of the Christian's experience of Christ is determined by his knowledge of the Word of God. Only as he gains a more complete picture of Christ and His way of life will the believer's experience gain in depth and his character become more Christ-like. It is thus apparent that a thorough study of the Bible is a prerequisite for all believers, be they teachers, engineers, farmers, white-collar workers, doctors, nurses, or active in the many other professions open to young people today.

That is why attendance at a Bible school or Bible college is not wasted time, but a period of extremely high value spiritually. Many young people would save themselves long periods of unhappiness and doubt, of fruitlessness and failure, or sheer inner misery if they would take off a few years to attend a school where the Bible is taught.

In this connection a comment by Rev. F. C. Peters is significant. He at one time said that many Christians advance beyond their convictions—they do something before they are convinced that it is right—and then must rationalize their position and try to convince themselves that what they did was right. Such was the case of a young man who entered chemical engineering when he knew that the Lord wanted him in Bible school. This was also the experience of a young lady who continued in a good-paying job while knowing God wanted her in Bible school. It is no wonder that these people develop intellectual doubts and inner insecurity—the result of a strained relationship between them and their Lord.

For studying Christian young people the question of credits or academic advancement is not the most important. The supreme question is, "Where will I get to know my Lord better? How can I enter into a richer experience of Jesus Christ?" The answer to these questions leads to a life of fruit-bearing and the resultant inner satisfaction that God gives. These are greater values than success or mere achievement.

We would thus exhort young people to seriously consider the educational and spiritual challenge of our Bible schools and college. They will help you to a full life. They will help you to be someone, instead of only doing something.

### Regarding Payment By Cheque

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you to remember, however, that when you pay your subscription by cheque—and live outside of Winnipeg—you should either add exchange or write on the cheque "add exchange". Exchange charges are usually 15 cents per cheque. By doing this you will help us to serve you better.

## DEVOTIONAL

### Thought Habits for Christians

By Milo Nussbaum

Some years ago as a farm boy I noticed that horses which had worked all day would trot off to their favorite spot in the pasture as soon as they were set free from the harness. While they were in the harness it seemed that the last ounce of energy had been expended, but as soon as they were free to do as they pleased they found new life. It seems now that they acted very much like we do in our thought habits.

Where does your mind go when the restraints of duty are removed? To what pleasant pasture do you run when the day's work is over? The horses went to their places through force of habit. Our minds do much the same thing. After choosing the same feeding place for a few times in succession we discover that we have formed a habit and choice is no longer necessary.

What kind of thought habits do you have? Are they in keeping with the Word of the Lord?

#### Consequences of Your Thoughts

As the worst part of falling is the abrupt landing so the worst part of wrong thinking is the result it produces. Jesus said that our thoughts determine our speech. (Mt. 12:34). Sometimes we say what we had not planned to say, but we never say what we had not thought. If we spent more time guarding our thoughts we would need to spend less time guarding our speech. The critical and caustic word is produced by that kind of thought just as the sincere and serene word is produced by that kind of thought. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Another consequence of the thought life is found in Proverbs 23:7. "As a man thinks in his heart so is he." Thought determines character. A thief thinks about stealing. The farmer thinks about farming. The preacher thinks about preaching. The child thinks about childish things, the man about mature things. But each discovers that he becomes like what he thinks. What occupies your mind occupies the whole man.

Your thoughts determine your looks. The suspicious squint of the miserly face is the inside showing out. The open-faced sincerity of the saint is also the inside showing out. Not only does one's face betray the thought life but the whole body shows it. The drunken bum thinks little of himself and he shows it. On the other hand the director of the choir is immaculately dressed and bears himself masterfully. He shows what he thinks.

Your thoughts help to determine how long you live. A thought life that is tied up in knots from worry

and fear will bring an untimely death to its earthly house.

#### Content of Your Thoughts

We who are Christians get some helpful instruction from Philippians 4:8 concerning our thought life: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report... think on these things."

With one short sentence the Lord outlaws much thinking that is utterly destructive to the Christian life. These standards of thought will save us an immense amount of trouble if we will give heed to them. The next time you hear a juicy bit of gossip just bring it before this judge.

Some people seem to have an unusual capacity to remember shady stories. Yes, even some Christian people let their minds become a hotbed for this kind of thing. God's standard will not allow that. Much modern slang is in the same class. It ought not once to be mentioned among you.

Many emotional disturbances are caused by wrong thinking. Some think about their failure so long that they suppose that all of life has been a failure and that conclusion makes them to fail the more. Some think about criticism so much that before long they suppose that everyone is a critic and everything they try to do is worthless. Others entertain the evil about them to the exclusion of all that is true and pure and lovely and they conclude that all is evil.

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## Showers of Blessing

By Abe Reimer

**Vauxhall, Alta.** — The M. B. church at Vauxhall has experienced a spiritual "rainy season." God has virtually pelted us with His Word.

These blessings commenced on Thursday night, April 3, when a week-long series of evangelistic meetings was launched by Rev. A. P. Regier of Coaldale. All the evening services were in English for the benefit of the young people. Morning services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday and Monday were in the German language.

Some of the themes which Rev. Regier so ably developed were: "Three Answers to a Gospel Message"; "The Crucifixion of Christ, the Most Shameful Act in History"; "Backsliding"; "Standards of Conduct for Christian Youth"; "How to Retain the Resurrection Life"; "Balaam, a Man of Divided Affection" and "God's Remedy for Sin."

The "showers" let up Wednesday night permitting the message to sink in. This period lasted until Sunday for most people at least, but for Sunday school enthusiasts in two cars it was different. The "sky" began to "cloud over" very early on the morning of Friday, April 11, and the "showers" were once more descending at the convention site in Gem with the singing of the first hymn.

A wedding at Vauxhall, the

fourth one in as many years, necessitated the absence from the convention on Saturday of the majority of Vauxhall visitors. However, a carload of undaunted workers ventured the broken terrain in time to attend the evening program. Another careful made the trip in time for the Sunday morning service.

Even though the S.S. Teachers' Convention was over, the "skies" did not "clear". Ours was the privilege to rush home for further meetings. These commenced Sunday night when Rev. D. D. Derksen, Boissevain, Man. initiated a four-night series of deeper life meetings. Themes of his timely messages, which were in German, were: "The Cry of a Believing Soul out of Darkness"; "Your Life Complementing Your Testimony"; "Christian Service in the Light of the Word"; and "The High Standard of a Christian."

The climax to these two weeks of intensified Gospel presentation came on Thursday, April 17. Here Br. C. C. Peters, MCC worker in South America gave an illustrated and stirring report of his ten years of service among our people.

And what is the result? We can but turn to Matthew 13:1-8 and pray that God will use His message to penetrate the hearts, conditioning them to bear eternal fruit.

## Travelogue in Arnold Church

**Abbotsford, B.C.** — Mr. John Redekop of Abbotsford recently gave a pictorial report in the Arnold M. B. church on visits to North Africa, Palestine and several surrounding countries, including a brief visit behind the Iron Curtain.

Mr. Redekop and Mr. Harvey Dyck made numerous motorcycle trips during their student days in Germany, covering a total of 35,000 miles.

In his travelogue Mr. Redekop reminded the audience that they should be very thankful for the privileges enjoyed in Canada. Among the scenes he showed were some reputedly authentic scenes from the life of Christ, such as Golgatha, Gethsemane, and Christ's grave.

## Henry Borns Return From South America

**Hillsboro, Kans.** — Brother and Sister Henry C. Born and family arrived in Winnipeg from Asuncion, Paraguay, on April 17. They were met in Winnipeg by relatives who took them to Winkler.

The Borns returned from Paraguay about two months sooner than originally planned because of the

serious illness of Brother Born's mother.

Since 1954 the Borns have been workers in Volendam Colony, Paraguay, under the Mennonite Brethren Church Board of General Welfare. During the past two months Brother Born has served as one of the instructors in the South American Mennonite Brethren Conference Bible Institute and local Bible school at Bage, Brazil.

Present plans are that Brother Born will attend school during the year of furlough to prepare for further service in South America.

## Christian Business Men Congregate

**Winnipeg, Man.** — The date was January, 1958.

A few months previous (November 1957) the Soviet Union had launched its first satellite. The news shocked the western world.

Few had thought that Soviet technicians had made such big strides in the scientific field. Waves of excitement and fear rippled through the United States and Canada, as citizens asked themselves: "Has the military and scientific leadership of the world shifted to Russia?"

Pentagon officials knew one thing for sure. If the Soviet Union was

capable of launching a satellite into orbit, it must have a rocket of almost 5000-mile range, or the intercontinental ballistic missile — a grave threat to the western world.

The United States government ordered the U.S. Navy to hurtle a satellite into space as soon as possible, using the Martin-built Vanguard rocket as the vehicle.

Tom Willey, general manager and vice-president of the Glenn L. Martin aircraft company of Baltimore (secretary of the Christian Business Mens' Committee International) was ordered to speed arrangements for the launching of the satellite. He was placed in charge of all Martin activities at the Patrick Air Force base at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

In May 9-11, at the Upper Mid West Regional Convention, to be held at the Fort Garry hotel, Winnipeg, members and friends of the Winnipeg Christian Business Men's Committee will have the opportunity to hear and see the man who is so closely associated with the space age.

A speech by Mr. Willey will highlight the opening kick-off luncheon on May 9 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Fifteen other international directors of CBMC are expected to attend the convention as well as approximately 200 American and Canadian visitors.

Most prominent of the international directors will include CBMC president, Don F. McKechnie, McKechnie Boles company, Ottawa; Harry R. Smith, president of the Bank of America; T. E. McCully, executive secretary; and Aaron

Denlinger, treasurer, partner L. J. Denlinger Coal and lumber company, Paradise, Pa.

The purpose of the convention and the CBMC, which is interdenominational, is to witness to other businessmen in the community of the power of God in every day life. CBMC is not another church and all work is on a personal basis of sacrifice and money.

The men firmly believe that the solution for today's ills—wars, crimes and H-bombs do not lie in man's own capacity to lift himself by his own bootstraps, but rather through the regeneration available through the death of Christ.

CBMC is represented in many countries of the world, including the Far East, Britain, Switzerland, Africa, Korea, Jordan, the United States, Canada and others.

Chairman of the convention will be D. E. Redekop, 665 Viscount Place, Winnipeg. John Olfert, 65 Beaverbend Crescent, is in charge of registration.

## Planning Third M.B. Church in Vancouver

**Vancouver, B.C.** — A committee of 12 men, six from each of the two M.B. churches in the city, is looking for a suitable location for the third M.B. Church in Vancouver.

Crowded conditions at the two churches have forced them to consider erecting a third church. Financial support for the new church project is being given by both churches.



LENGUA INDIANS in the Chaco of Paraguay are turning to the Lord in increasing numbers, as evidenced by these two pictures of baptismal groups. On March 22 forty-one candidates were baptized (lower picture), 13 of them younger women (above picture). Rev. G. Giesbrecht, missionary is performing the baptism.



## Father and Son Drown in Africa

By F. F. Froese

Warman, Sask. — On Monday, April 14, we received the news of the sudden homecalling of Mrs. Froese's brother, Arthur (Art) L. Goossen, and his oldest son Melvin, 13, on the mission field in Nigeria, Africa. Brother Goossen is a graduate of Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn; and the family was in Nigeria for its third term under the Sudan Interior Mission.

We received an airmail letter from his wife Jeanette on April 24 describing the accident. For the benefit of the many friends who learned to know and love him, we are giving you here some excerpts from her letter describing the accident:

"When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee. (Isa. 43:2) As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you" (Isa. 66:13).

"These two verses have been brought to my attention several times since the awful tragedy on Saturday afternoon. So before I tell you the details of the passing on of Art and Melvin I must tell you how the Lord has and is sustaining through it all. Never at any time have I felt Him so close and His grace so sufficient as I do now. I have never in my life needed strength and grace from Him as I do now and He is surely proving Himself strong on my behalf. I have felt something that I couldn't put in words until in two letters I received yesterday it was expressed just right and this is it — to be feeling the pressure of His love toward me. The shock has been great, and I know that as the days go on I'm going to realize more and more the great loss I've experienced. In a time like this it is wonderful to belong to the Lord!

"On Saturday afternoon Art and I thought it would be nice to take Melvin and a few of his friends for a little outing. The children always enjoy going down to the swinging bridge so we took them there. Melvin had chosen six of his friends to go along. When we arrived at the bridge they were out of the car immediately and on their way down to the sand bank beside the little stream. Just as they were leaving the car I called to them and told them to be careful. They said they would.

"The boys had taken a short-cut down. Art, Arlys, Stephen, I and our African boy crossed the swinging bridge and went down the hillside on the path that is usually taken. It took us much longer than it did the boys so that by the time we could see them, they were having a grand time in the sand. I said to Art, 'Aren't they having lots of fun!'

We had to be careful of our steps, for the hill is very rugged, and by the time we looked up again they

had started to go into the water. We were very much surprised, since we had no intention of letting them go into the water. The largest boy swam across this wider place in the stream and some of the others followed. Melvin was one of them. They say there is a strong undercurrent in this place, and it wasn't long before Melvin was beginning to struggle. The older boy tried to rescue him but Melvin fought so that he was not able to do anything for him. In the mean time two boys a little smaller than Melvin got caught in the same current and were brought to safety by this older boy.

"Art and I saw from a little distance what was happening, for we had not actually reached the place as yet. Seeing Melvin going down and coming up again we realized immediately that he was in danger. He called for help several times. Art was a good way down and throwing his camera away and taking off his shoes, he walked right into the water. Just before he stepped into the water I said to Art, 'Don't go, don't go!' He replied, 'I must, I must.'

"Art knew nothing about swimming and therefore he walked right in, in desperation and in hope he might be able to help Melvin. Those who brought out the bodies later investigated and said that about five feet from the bank there is a steep drop. It is estimated that the hole is anywhere from 12 to 16 feet deep. I saw Art go under and never saw him come up again, but the older boy who was in a position where he could see things a little better said he came up twice.

"While all this was going on I had already turned around and started to seek for help. When I got to the top of the hill, one of our other missionary couples had just arrived. I called for help and the man went right down to see what could be done. His wife and I returned to the mission here to get help. Three doctors from here and all the other men folks and nurses (male) went down to help. They did all they could, but there was no response from either of them in any way. They rushed to Jos for oxygen, and two more doctors came out. They worked for four hours on the bodies, not receiving any response of any kind.

"I shall never in all my life forget the things I saw that afternoon, and yet I am glad I was there to witness it all. We cannot dwell on the loss we have suffered but we think on the gain they have made. The bodies were brought here to the mission and were laid to rest on Sunday behind the church. The funeral service was conducted by our field director. He spoke from

Matthew 14: "and they passed over on the other side."

"The mission had Fylena (Jeanette's cousin) and Helen Vetter (their co-worker) brought down on Sunday morning by plane in time for the funeral. Fylena will be here until Helen comes to take her holiday and then we will go back to the station together to carry on the work the Lord has given us to do. Do pray much for we are depending on the Lord and you."

Thus far the letter. Brother Art and family left last July for their third term of service under the S.I.M. In a letter written two days before his passing, he writes that they are spending several weeks over the Easter holidays with their son Melvin, who was attending the school for missionary children some distance from their field of labour. It was there the accident took place.

God's ways are past finding out, yet we know that they are perfect. Another precious corn of wheat has been planted in African soil. May it spring forth in an abundant harvest of souls in that hard and difficult Moslem field.

### Choir Exchange in Ontario

St. Catharines, Ont. — The music committee of the M.B. churches in Ontario has arranged an exchange of visits among the choirs of the M.B. churches in Ontario.

The M.B. Church here had the privilege of hearing the Kitchener M.B. Church senior choir at its morning service on Sunday, April 27. The choir was under the able direction of John Goerz.

At the evening service on April 27 the Ontario M.B. Bible Institute served the M.B. Church here with a program. Rev. Wilmer Cornelson, principal of the school, served as chairman and Rev. C. J. Braun delivered the message, speaking on Ezekiel 13:3. Of special interest was a skit depicting the call of some of the M.B. pioneer missionaries to their work in China and Africa.

The revival and evangelistic meetings held last week have also been a blessing spiritually. Sinners have been saved and Christians received a new vision, dedicating themselves more fully to the Lord. The church is thankful to God for this.

### Conclude Club Work with Program

Ashern, Man. — Parents and interested friends gathered in the mission chapel here on Tuesday, April 22, for the final program of the children's club.

The program consisted of songs, choruses, music, Bible verses, and

a few poems. Mr. Ben Doerksen, the missionary, spoke on Mark 10: 14: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

Throughout the winter the children from town and the country have gathered every Tuesday evening for a program of singing, a Bible story, and handcrafts. Types of crafts included: painting plaques, woodwork, model airplanes, wood-burning, embroidery, wire jewellery, and making slippers.

The average attendance was 30 children, although the total enrollment was 63. The Lutheran Church, hockey, and communicable diseases cut down on the regular attendance.

During the last weekend Rev. William Wright, missionary to Nigeria, gave us an insight into their work among the Africans. He inspired us anew by his messages and slides, not only to go or give, but also to pray. Again and again he stressed the importance of prayer warriors in the homeland.

### Evangelism in Vancouver

Vancouver, B.C. — Rev. B. J. Braun, president of the M.B. Biblical Seminary in Fresno, Calif., served in evangelistic meetings in the Mennonite Brethren Church on Prince Edward and 43rd from April 14 to 19.

The three choirs of the church provided the special music for the week of services.

### Another Father and Son Tragedy

Hillsboro, Kans. — The "Zionsbote" reports that an Art Classen and his son drowned in Africa. A memorial service was slated for the Whitehorn M.B. church, Blaine, Washington. Further details are missing.

### Mental Health Society Enrolls Eight Groups

Grunthal, Man. — Eight Manitoba church groups to date have joined the Manitoba Mennonite Mental Health Society, Rev. Peter J. B. Reimer, secretary, has reported.

More than 7,000 members of the constituent groups have elected 149 representatives to the official meetings of the society. The next meeting will be held May 10 in the Evangelical Mennonite church at Morris, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Church groups in the society include: Evangelical Mennonite, Bergthaler Mennonite, Rudnerweider Mennonite, Old Colony Mennonite, Whitewater Mennonite, Bethel Mennonite, Arnaud and Steinbach Mennonite.

## Missionaries Meet to Discuss Work

By Helen Dueck

Would you, our praying friends, like to visit us in one of our Missionary Council meetings in India? Semi-annually we as a missionary family meet on one of the mission stations for a time of spiritual fellowship. We also meet to discuss the work with its problems, difficulties and needs and to consider the progress of the respective phases of the work. We usually meet for about three to four days. You may wonder what we discuss for so long a time. Here is just a glimpse of our last meeting held in Mahbubnagar January 31 to February 3.

As we gathered in Mahbubnagar at 10 a.m., Friday, Brother John A. Wiebe, our host, opened the meeting with Romans 12:1,2: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service . . . that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." The "good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" was the theme of the conference sessions. At the commencement of every meeting one of the brethren gave an exhortation based on this theme. It was a guiding thought as we went into the discussions to seek not our "own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30).

### Welcome to New Missionary

Brother P. V. Balzer, our missionary council chairman, began the meeting by welcoming our latest missionary recruit, Sister Marie Riediger, and also our guests—Brother Peter Berg, Manitoba, and Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Friesen. Brother and Sister Herbert Friesen, children of the Wiebes, were enroute to Java, where they were to serve under the auspices of the MCC. During brief intermissions in the sessions, the ladies' quartet and Brother Friesen served us with numbers in song.

We began our discussions with our central institutions—the Central High School at Mahbubnagar and our medical centre at Jadcherla. The respective missionaries in charge gave comprehensive reports of enrollment, financial status and needs. When it was time to adjourn, we went into an improvised dining room for a delicious rice and curry dinner.

### Consider Position of Institutions

At 2 p.m. we assembled again. Before the business session we again turned to our Bible for meditation in keeping with the theme, followed by a season of prayer. Continuing our discussion on central institutions, the Bible school at Shamshabad and the mission Press at Mahbubnagar were considered. Along with statistics, Brother Balzer brought up for discussion the curriculum of the

Bible school as related to the needs of those who have some schooling and those who are illiterate as they enter. With regard to the press, the condition of the equipment and the latest available pamphlets were brought to our attention.

As our business sessions were resumed the following day, we turned to the work in general. We discussed the progress of the Indian church in relation to various aspects of the indigenous emphasis; proposed building projects on the stations; the situation in our middle schools in view of their financial stress and the indigenous program; the medical work on the different stations. Then, finally, we had the election of new officers and committees.

On Sunday we gathered with the Indian Christians for the morning worship service. In the afternoon we had a time of fellowship as we observed the Lord's Supper. Then in the evening we had a time of encouragement and inner fortification once again as we shared our experiences in a testimony meeting. As we heard how the Lord leads each individual servant, our hearts were filled with gratitude for His faithfulness and the prayer that in all things we may do according to the "good, acceptable, and perfect will of God."

## A Reminder to Pray

By Linda Dyck

Come with me to the West Indies, where a missionary couple was faithfully serving in the vineyard of the Lord. They had two more years to go until their second furlough was due. The Lord had been blessing their efforts and using them to bring Christ to the lost.

Their two children were eagerly studying. Then the older one became ill. Medical aid was sought, but in spite of all efforts the verdict was, "Patsy must return to Canada."

So Patsy had to go. After all preparations were made she bade farewell to her father and brother. No, it was not a joyous occasion, but it was necessary.

Within a matter of hours after boarding the plane mother and daughter were in America. Though the joy was great at seeing grandpa, grandma, and the other relatives, it was tinged with regret—for mother had to return to the field.

Parting was not easy. No more could Patsy go to mother with her troubles or to seek advice. She wouldn't be receiving mother's gentle caress either for some time—maybe never. At least several years

would pass before the family would be united for family devotions, for the sharing of family joys.

This is not an isolated case. Similar experiences are made by other missionaries. Why Patsy—and the others—had to go through such an experience only eternity will reveal. But could it be that we have neglected to pray for the missionaries as we should?

Of course, we do pray that God will bless them and make them a blessing. But do we ever think to pray specifically for their physical

needs as well? Is the enemy able to afflict some servant of the Lord because we haven't put up a wall of prayer about him?

Our God hears and answers prayer. He delights to answer the petitions of His children. Where are the young people, the fathers and the mothers who will devote more time to praying for the spiritual, the physical and the material needs of God's ambassadors abroad? They need my intercession. They need your prayer in their behalf. Let's not fail them!

## Enthusiastic Response to "Messiah" Performance

Altona, Man. — Two capacity audiences in the Altona Collegiate auditorium heard a 122-voice choir and soloists under the direction of Ben Horch perform Handel's "Messiah" on April 17 and 18.

The enthusiastic reception by the audience of the fine performance rewarded the conductor and choir for their persistence and hard work during six months of practising. Many of the singers had never participated in the oratorio.

A 30-member orchestra, with musicians coming from as far away as Manitou and Winnipeg, provided a fine accompaniment.

The choir received good support from the soloists: Mrs. Justina Wiebe of Winkler, soprano; Miss Adeline Willems of Winnipeg, contralto; Victor Martens of Winnipeg, tenor; and Rudy Baerg, student at the M.B. Bible College from Coaldale, bass.

## Conservatives Form New Church

Altona, Man. — Approximately 100 families have left the Sommerfelder Mennonite Church to form a new, more conservative, Mennonite church, to be known as the Reinlaender Mennonite Church.

The splinter group has chosen Rev. Cornelius Nickel of Blumenthal as bishop and ordination took place on April 18.

Reason for the division, which came after several years of tension, has officially been given as the installation of electric lights in several churches.

This is the third division to occur in the Sommerfeld Mennonite congregations since 1890. At that time the church was born following a wholesale withdrawal from the Bergthaler Mennonite Church in opposition to Bishop Funk's progressive program, including emphasis on education and more spiritual life in the church.

The third division came in the 1930's, when a revival produced the Rudnerweider Mennonite Church under Bishop Wm. Falk. Present leader of this church group is Bishop J. H. Friesen.

As in the 1890's, so now in 1958, it is the more conservative ele-

ment that has withdrawn from the mother church. At that time it was the majority, this time it is a distinct minority—500 of the 3,500 members in the Sommerfelder Mennonite Church.

The new Reinlaender group includes 12 of the 16 ministers formerly in the "Lehrdienst" of the Sommerfelder. However, three new ministers have already been chosen to assist Bishop Johann Friesen and the other three that remained in the Sommerfelder group.

The Sommerfelder Mennonite Church is retaining all its meeting-houses, with the Reinlaender Mennonite Church at present negotiating for the purchase of one or more vacant church buildings in southern Manitoba.

## Wider Coverage With Increased Power

Altona, Man. — Radio station CFAM has been granted an increase in power from 1,000 to 5,000 watts, the CBC Board of Governors has announced.

Last week W. E. Kroeker, Peter Brown and D. K. Friesen appeared before a public hearing of the board to give reasons for the requested increase in power.

Opposition to the increase in power for CFAM came from two sources; Winnipeg radio station CKY and representatives of a group interested in establishing a radio station in Steinbach. The latter appeared in person at the Ottawa hearing.

CFAM began operating at 1,000 watts in March, 1957. They have a good signal to the north, but it was found that there was considerable interference from United States stations to the west of Altona, especially in such towns as Manitou, Killarney and Boissevain.

The increase in power to 5,000 watts, with a pattern directed in a more westerly direction, should overcome some of this interference.

No man can push himself ahead very far by patting himself on the back.

The person who has a chip on his shoulder carries an unnecessary load.



## THE Young Observers

### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

A man was taking a walk along the cliffs on the coast of England. As he walked he read a paper that he had taken along. He was several yards from the edge of the cliff. Above him the warm sun shone brightly, the soft grass was under his feet, and his head bent over his paper he walked along.

Suddenly he looked up from his paper. He stopped short—just in time. Before him was the edge of the cliff. He was only two feet from the edge. He thought he had been walking parallel with the cliff, but in reality he had been moving gradually and unknowingly nearer and nearer to it. He was in danger all the time, but did not know it. A few steps more and he might have been dashed to pieces over the cliff.

Many boys and girls in this world are in danger and do not know it. They are in danger of losing their souls, of being lost and going to hell. They play and have fun, but never stop to think what would happen if they should die.

We can warn them, telling them that Jesus can save them. He can give them a new heart and put their feet on the road to heaven. What are you doing to tell such boys and girls about their danger and about Jesus, the Saviour?

Aunt Selma.

## Camping in Africa

"Ready to go?" Dad poked his nose into the dining room where Jamie and Bobby were drinking lemonade. Nearly a week had passed since Bobby, his mother, and Jamie had arrived from Canada at the mission station in Angola where Jamie's parents were serving. Now the day for going to camp had arrived.

"Yes, we're ready!" Bobby said, jumping up.

"Goodbye Mother! Goodbye Auntie!" Jamie called. "Hope you have a good time at your camp."

"Goodbye you men! Take care of yourselves. We'll see you in a week." Mommy said, and joined Aunt Jean on the verandah to watch them off.

The wagon just outside the gate was piled high with provisions. In the front were two or three low stools for the passengers, and mother had tucked a big hamper into a shady corner.

"That's your lunch," she said, "and Cilolo will cook supper when you get there."

"Where are the horses?" asked Bobby, puzzled. "This looks like a wagon."

"Here they come!" Jamie's Dad said.

"They're not horses, they're cows!"

"They are oxen, Bobby, and they travel at the high speed of about two miles an hour."

"But I can walk faster than that!" Jamie said.

"Yes, you can." Dad told him. "But it is a long way to walk. You may want to get out and walk part of the way, when you get tired of sitting."

The driver soon hitched up the oxen and they set off down the sandy road, waving good-bye to the mission and Mother and Aunt Jean, who were leaving that afternoon by station wagon for the girls' camp.

It was for the boy's sake that Dad had decided to use the old ox cart. It was late afternoon when Dad stopped and pointed across a wide plain.

"We're nearly there now," he said. "See that river over there? We will camp just on the other side."

Jumping down, the boys ran along the road ahead of the wagon. Over the bridge they could see a winding path up the hill to a cluster of trees.

"Follow the trail!" Dad shouted, "Tell the men we're coming."

Before the boys reached the woods several natives ran out to meet them, greeted them with hand clapping and then ran on down to help bring up the provisions.

"Let's go back and help," Jamie suggested.

"I want to see the camp."

"But we might as well carry a load in. It will soon be dark, and we have to make up our beds."

They raced back to the wagon and loaded as much as they could carry, and then followed the men up the trail again. At the camp site they found two or three grass huts and a big enclosure made of branches.

"Which is our hut, Dad?" Jamie asked.

"Over there, son."

Eagerly the boys went in. The hut was built of small tree trunks

propped against a cross bar and then covered about a foot deep with dried grass, which was tied to the trees with bark rope.

"Isn't this fun, having a hut like this, Jamie? Just like a 'venture story in a book," said Bobby. "I wonder what that is for?" He pointed to where the earth had been hoed up and piled with soft grass.

"That must be our beds!" Jamie said, trying one.

"Let's get our bed rolls and make them up ourselves, shall we?"

"Yes, let's. Daddy's busy now."

They spread ground sheets over the piled grass, and then the big red blankets.

"What a lot of blankets!" Bobby said, trying to tuck them under.

"Boy, I'm sure we'll need them. It must get cold here at night. I wish we had sleeping bags like Dad."

That evening, over sausages and buns and the pie Mother sent along, they chattered excitedly of the days before them, and Dad explained how the boys would walk in from their villages the next day.

All through the next day they came, little groups of boys from villages in the surrounding districts.

"But where are the boys going to sleep?" Bobby asked. "There aren't enough huts for all of them."

"Here, I'll show you," Dad said. "Come along over here."

They went into the big enclosure, which was already full of laughing, noisy boys.

"But they haven't any beds!" said Jamie.

"No, they just use those straw mats you see. They will spread them out and light little fires all around to help keep them warm, a fire between each two beds"

"I think I like my hut better!" Bobby said.

"Well, Bobby, I thought you would like to come out here and sleep with these boys!" his uncle teased. "And aren't you going to eat mush with them either?"

"What does it 'taste like?'"

"Come and see. We'll ask these boys to give you some."

The boys willingly handed Bobby a tin plate with some cornmeal mush and a little tomatoe for relish.

"Ci pepa! (It's good)" they said, and then laughed at Bobby's face as he tried it. It was apparent he didn't agree with them.

The days flew by. Early in the morning Jamie and Bobby had breakfast at the rough table, while beneath it a fire of embers kept their feet and legs warm. When the sun came up the round of activities for the day began, with Bible study, games, and swimming.

One evening it was testimony night. As the boys talked, Dad told Jamie and Bobby how they had been saved—at camp, in the gospel service, or perhaps right in their own villages. Then a little golden brown boy stood up.

"This very day, when Nala was speaking to us, I confessed my sin. I believe in Jesus and He has come into my heart. Now I am one of joy, I am indeed happy."

Jamie tugged at Dad's sleeve. "Dad, I'd like to tell them I am a Christian, too. Will you help me?"

"That's great, son! Stand up and I'll translate for you."

Jamie stood very straight. Whispering and chattering stopped, and all the native boys looked at him. For a minute he felt afraid. Then he heard Dad whisper.

"Go ahead, Jamie. The Lord Jesus will help you."

"When I was a little boy I knew about Jesus but I didn't understand about trusting Him," Jamie said. "Then last year I went to a school where they told us about Jesus every morning, like you hear in this camp. The teacher had a book with a black page, a red page, a white page, and a gold page. She told us our hearts were black with sin and we needed to believe in Jesus so He would wash away our sins and make us clean, like the white page, so we could go to Heaven. I asked Jesus to come into my heart that day and it made me happy. I'm glad some of you have taken the Lord Jesus for your Saviour, too," he added, shyly.

Bobby stood up.

"I love Jesus, too!" he said, loudly. "I can't tell about it very good, but I know Jesus is in my heart!" He put his hands on his chest.

"If you can't tell it, maybe you can sing it, Bobby?" Jamie's Dad said.

"I can sing that song about the book Jamie was talking about."

"Go right ahead!"

"My heart was black with sin, Until the Saviour came in, His precious blood I know, Has washed it white as snow. And in His Word I'm told, I'll walk the streets of gold, Oh, wonderful, wonderful day! He washed my sins away."

The big circle of boys around the fire clapped softly when Bobby finished and then Dad told them what it meant.

"Now let's sing' one we all know!" he said.

So the black boys and the white boys raised their voices in harmony to sing in different languages:

"Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so."

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Travel with Bobby, Jamie and Aunt Jean as they leave Canada by plane, visit Portugal, and land at the mission station in Africa where Jamie's parents are missionaries. Then accompany them as they explore the station, get caught in bamboo trees, go antelope hunting, and lion hunting. The book, *African Holiday*, costs only 80 cents at

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# FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(58th Installment)

Liesbeth started in the direction of the Netherlands when Tieleman Jansz van Braght and his *Martyr's Mirror* came to her mind. She never had seen the whole book, only about two hundred pages of it. Mr. van Braght between 1600 and 1700 had written the book at Dordrecht and it, too, was somewhere down there in northern Holland.

While Liesbeth looked over a map of western Europe that she always carried with her on deck of the boat, Mascha and Katja ran toward her. They were excited and out of breath. "The little six-month-old baby across the aisle from your bunk is dying. We thought you might want to come down," they said almost in unison.

Liesbeth had never seen a person die. She hurried downstairs, followed by the twins. Fellow passengers were sitting around the young mother who held the dying infant in her arms. Some of the women offered suggestions, but the Albanian mother of the ill child could understand nothing they were saying. No one knew how to speak her language. The child was whimpering and breathing hoarsely. After a few minutes one of the ship's crew called for the woman and her child, and that was the last Liesbeth saw of the baby. After a few hours, the woman returned without the child. It had passed away and would be removed from the boat within the next day or two, some of the women told Mutter that night. In those days ocean voyages still were quite hazardous for small children. They were in danger from disease on land and peril of hazards on the sea. Thanks to Mutter's care and sweet hot tea, the twins had already celebrated their tenth birthday and Franz his thirteenth. All three were well and hearty and had every chance to live through the hazardous journey unscathed.

After the steerage bunks were tidied up a bit and breakfast was out of the way, steerage passengers were compelled to line up on the upper deck for a medical inspection. If an illness was discovered, the sick person was sent to the ship's infirmary for treatment. So far there had been no sign of seasickness among the passengers. When mealtime arrived, every passenger left the big Zwischendeck and lined up in front of the kitchen with the necessary ship's utensils and was ready to receive her or his share of the food.

Four meals a day were served—breakfast, lunch, Vesper and supper. The meals were tasty and there was plenty of everything. A double-decker tin utensil with a handle and a large metal cup were sufficient to carry the foods for each meal downstairs or somewhere on deck—wherever the food was to be consumed. The food was typically German and supplied well-balanced meals. A typical breakfast, for example, was coffee or chocolate, Zwieback or oatmeal; also Pflaumenmusz, which, contrary to the Mennonite usage of that term, was not a souplike dessert, but a plum preserve similar to jam or jelly. Lunch was always a substantial meal—lentil, beef, cabbage or pea soup, coffee, boiled, broiled or canned meat or herring, potatoes and white bread, crackers or some other grain substitute. For Vesper there was cake, a German tart or some other pastry and a beverage. The evening meal was similar to the noon lunch, although for supper the potatoes usually were boiled in their skins, black bread, and a fresh vegetable, like a cucumber or a tomato, sometimes was added. Items of dessert—rice pudding being the most frequent one—usually were a part of the noon and night meals. The passengers washed their own utensils and at the end of the ocean voyage were permitted to keep them as souvenirs.

The Cassel dipped noticeably toward the southwest in the direction of the Strait of Dover as it plodded along its path halfway between The Hague and Ipswich and, a little later, between Rotterdam and Colchester. The sky was somewhat overcast when the steamer negotiated the twenty-one-mile strait. The chalk cliffs of Dover and of Calais were in plain view. Liesbeth knew that both of those seaports had a rich background of medieval history. She would have loved to see Dover's Roman fortifications, architecture and relics, also Calais' Church of Notre Dame and watchtower of the Middle Ages. Dover in England and Calais in France, like Friesland in Holland and Heidelberg and the Lorelei in Germany, of necessity had to be kept in Liesbeth's mind for the itinerary of a future European trip.

Mutter and the girls enjoyed the voyage thoroughly. They saw little of Franz, but when they did he was on the upper deck, his happy countenance proof that he was having

the time of his life, relaxing and encountering new experiences almost every minute of the day. At night, however, Franz was dead to the boat and everything else the moment his head touched the pillow. The boat's swaying seemed to have a soothing effect on his vitality. The girls, likewise, slept like rocks. So far they had shown no signs of finding fault with their two-story bunk and bedding. Not even the crying and screaming of babies had any effect on the twins' nocturnal relaxation. Mutter, too, was doing a good job resting. "I am trying to build up a reserve of strength for the time when I shall be seasick," she said jokingly. Up to then, no one of the family had been ill, least of all Mutter. Up to that point the sea voyage had been fun.

While Vater usually had withdrawn from other people, Mutter always was in their midst. She chatted in High German or in chochlotsky, or Ukrainian, or in Low German with two or three women below or above deck. She sang with a group of women, girls and children. As far as Liesbeth could tell, everyone enjoyed Mutter's company. She was friendly and sympathetic, a good conversationalist and could hold her own in any group of women. Quite often the topic of discussion was religion or some phase of it. On one occasion Liesbeth overheard Mutter saying that all people were God's creatures and that she could see no reason why the folk everywhere could not be as friendly toward each other as the seventy steerage passengers, from many countries, were toward each other. Mutter, in all simplicity and humility, was fulfilling her mission as a Mennonite apostle of peace, not, like Vater, by withdrawing herself from others, but by learning to understand them and by being neighborly toward them. From all appearances, Mutter was far more successful in her mission than Vater was.

After passing through the famous picturesque Strait of Dover one morning, the Cassel hugged the coast of England. Liesbeth had hoped that for a while her boat would pass close to the French coast and perhaps stop at port there so she could get a glimpse of Le Havre and Cherbourg, and maybe the Cabunel Islands. Later on she hoped it would move closer again to the English coast and pass the shores of Ireland. However, the boat's itinerary required that there must be contact with England at Southampton. It might just as well, Liesbeth thought, as she floated along the interesting Spithered Channel and looked at the Isle of Wight, which occupied a significant place in any discussion of the Roman and Norman conquests, Danish pirates or French wars. Finally, at the end of a slow journey through a ten-mile narrow passage she was gazing at

England's busy southern port of Southampton.

The Cassel stopped at Southampton for only a few hours. A large three-stack steamer was standing beside the Cassel, so close that Liesbeth could almost touch it. She was about eighty miles from London, the capital of Great Britain. In it were the world-famous Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London and London Bridge. On deck, gazing at England, her thoughts wandered back to Gnadenfeld, where her India missionary teacher had taught the students several English songs and where they had studied English history and some English literature. Shakespeare and Stratford on Avon came to her mind. She remembered Spurgeon and his book of sermons in Vater's library and John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* that had made a strong impression upon her young mind. Her thoughts raced through Tennyson's poem with a Crimean background. About six years before, she had been within a few miles of the city of Balaklava in the Crimea which was the setting for that poem. She was in England where in Somersby, Lincolnshire, Tennyson had lived and worked! The Norman invasion at the time of Christ came to her mind. She remembered a few facts about Anglo-Saxons whose language was reported to be related to the Low German of the Frisians and perhaps to her own everyday Low German. In her mind she added England to the list of other places that she would like to visit sometime.

The high, windswept chalk cliffs of the English coast from Dover in the east to Devon and Cornwall to the west and the mountainous shores of Ireland fascinated Liesbeth's geology-loving mind. In her imagination she saw those white hills in the bottom of an ocean that covered the England before her eyes, gradually emerging from the water with a deep-white coast of sea deposits and millions of tiny fossilized ocean animals. In her mind she perceived an immense glacier moving down from the north, covering all of England and northern Europe to a depth of thousands of feet. Then she imagined the icy sheet melting and dripping with moisture, a beautiful prosperous England with numerous lakes, rivers, woods, fertile meadows and fields emerging from the glacier depths.

(To be continued)

When adults act like children, they are silly; when children act like adults, they are delinquents.

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Faith believes the Word of God for what it cannot see and it is rewarded by seeing what it believes.

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The most unhappy man believes in nobody and sometimes has doubts about himself.



# A Panoramic View of Mennonite Migrations

(Most of us are daily rubbing shoulders with non-Mennonites while at our place of work. Many of these are curious about our religious background and our faith. Therefore it is essential that we be able to outline at least the major steps in the historical development of the Mennonite church. The following panoramic view of Mennonite history, and in particular the Mennonite migrations of the present century, will help us to orientate ourselves (especially if we have not had an opportunity to study Mennonite history). Presented to the Rotary Club at Coaldale, Alta., on March 11, 1958, at their urgent request, this report by Rev. H. H. Kornelsen und Rev. B. B. Janz was received with great interest by the non-Mennonites of the district. Coaldale has one of the heaviest concentrations of Mennonites in Canada. —Ed.)

Since its inception the Christian church has developed through two ever-recurring periods: the gradual infiltration of the church by the world and cleansing of the church by periods of revival.

The influence of the world began in the first century. Of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation 2 and 3, five received a reprimand from Christ for compromise with the world. However, at various times God called forth men who recognized the weaknesses, errors and worldliness in the church. These had the courage to put the Word of God in its rightful place. They attempted to improve and reform; hence they were called "reformers." Their effect was often confined to their immediate surroundings. Many were soon forgotten. I would, however, like to mention a few of the more important ones before I begin my discussion of Mennonite migration.

Toward the beginning of the eleventh century Peter Waldus made his appearance in France. He taught the true Word of God and rejected military service and the oath. His followers were called Waldensians, and their influence spread through France, Italy, Austria, and Germany. Only in Italy did they manage to maintain their separate identity, however. On February 17, 1848, they received their religious freedom by a Proclamation of the government. Today they live mainly in the province of Lombardy. In all the other countries the Waldensians were gradually absorbed by related religious movements.

In England it was John Wycliffe, and in Bohemia it was Johannes Hus, who about 1400 started reformation movements. Wycliffe, a doctor of theology at Oxford, is considered by many to be one of the most important early reformers. Although his influence in England

waned for a time after his death, his writings proved invaluable to later reformers. It was through the reading of Wycliffe's works that Hus started preaching against the state of affairs in his own country. As a result he was declared a heretic and was burned at the stake on July 6, 1415.

In Germany, Martin Luther nailed his now-famous 95 Theses to the door of the church at Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. Six years later Ulrich Zwingli made public his 65 Theses in Zürich, Switzerland. Zwingli was killed on Oct. 11, 1531, in one of the religious wars of the time.

At about this time Jean Calvin came to the fore in France, where he preached the Word of God in his home province of Picardy, later going to Paris and other cities. Soon he had to flee, however, and in 1533 he went to Switzerland, where he continued the work begun by Zwingli. These new religious movements gained more and more adherents all over Europe and came to be called "Protestants" or "Reformed".

Out of these two main movements there also appeared several smaller ones. As a result of the invention of the printing press more people could read the Bible in their own language. This resulted in the emergence of a third movement, namely the Anabaptists. They became convinced that only baptism upon confession of faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour was biblical, hence the name "Anabaptist", or such as were baptized again.

There were two groups of Anabaptists, the one militant and the other pacifist. The former used the sword to spread their doctrine. These Muensterites, as they are sometimes called, were almost completely wiped out during a war in 1534. The Pacifist group emphatically rejected military service and the oath. Their basis was the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7.

Melchior Hoffmann, a former Lutheran, went over to the Anabaptists very shortly after the beginning of the new movement. A zealous missionary over large parts of Europe, he also came to Holland, gaining many converts there. Among the converts was also a young priest by the name of Menno Simons, who accepted the new faith in 1536 after much Bible study and soul-searching. He soon became leader and bishop of the new church.

Menno Simons was no fanatic, but he taught that every man must definitely be born again, according to the John 3:3: "Ye must be born again." Like Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and Melancton, Menno Simons was an educated man. He was able to read Latin, Hebrew and Greek,

and could also speak several modern languages. He made it his mission to go about among the scattered Anabaptists, installing leaders and bishops and in general organizing the church. During his ministry he travelled extensively throughout Holland, Belgium, Germany, and Poland.

About 1550 the Netherlands came under the domination of Spain, with Karl V as ruler. During his reign the persecution of the Protestants started in Holland. When in 1555 Philip II became king, these per-

secutions increased greatly. The brunt of the attack was suffered by the Anabaptists, now already called Mennonites (or in Dutch — Men-nisten after Menno Simons). By the thousands they were burned, drowned or beheaded. It is estimated that about 33,000 Mennonites gave up their life for their faith at this time. Menno Simons too was wanted and a great sum was placed on his head. However, time and again he managed to elude his persecutors, and eventually he found refuge with a count in Fresenburg, northern Germany. Here he died in peace and quiet in 1561, and was buried at Wüstenfelde.

(To be continued.)

## Water, Next Summer and You

### *Mud of the Morning*

The orange sun peeps over the eastern horizon. The dew of early morning sparkles on the leaves of each bean plant, then moistens the fingers of each worn hand that plucks a bean.

At dawn the bent migrant worker wearies his way to the bean field. He sets one foot down hard into the muddy bean row. The mud reluctantly releases his foot to move on—on to more clutching mud and a few more beans to earn a few more cents.

Mr. Migrant, his wife and older children—all trudge through bean fields in New York state or in fruit groves in California.

As the migrant's foot sinks laboriously into the mud between the bean rows day by day, so his life knows only manual toil and little aspiration.

But maybe his burden is lightened, the mud seems to cling with less weight when he thinks someone is interested in his welfare.

Who might be interested in him, "America's most neglected person"? Might someone care to transform him from his muddy and dull existence into a life of dignity . . . to be concerned that he lives in a shack and gets no education?

It is possible for you to spend next summer serving migrants in New York state and California in the summer service program of Mennonite Central Committee.

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When the weary migrants return at dusk from the fields, you and your team-mates may go to the migrants' camps to conduct, worship services and provide them with other wholesome activity.

This summer you may be one to help change the course of the neglected migrant. Join him in the bean field, and experience the bur-

den of the mud, for in this way the migrant can be sure of your concern.

Consider, too, the other summer projects in workcamps, medical projects, children's counseling and others. Write for information:

MCC Summer Service, Akron, Pa.  
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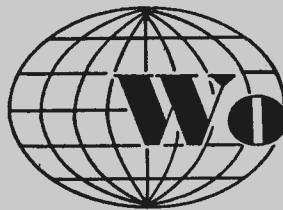
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# Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

## Giant Madison Square Garden Rally

A giant youth rally in world-famous Madison Square Garden has been announced for June 7 by Jack Wyrzten, director of Word of Life Fellowship. The Saturday night rally will celebrate the 18th year of the Word of Life Hour broadcast and will be heard across the country on a large network of radio stations. This will be the 7th Word of Life rally to be held in the Garden, the last one in March, 1955, drew a capacity crowd plus an overflow of more than 10,000.

The June rally is expected to draw more than 20,000 young people. Already plans have been made by groups who will come in car caravans, chartered buses and special trains from all parts of the eastern coast.

Jack Wyrzten, director of the Fellowship and a youth leader and radio preacher, will be the speaker at the rally.

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## British Methodists Sponsor Huge Visitation Campaign

Every Wednesday night for the past year, members of the six centers of Hull Methodist Mission, have been out visiting non-churchgoers, and they promise that the campaign will continue "as long as is humanly possible." The purpose is "not to visit as many houses as possible, but to really get to know people and only move on to fresh houses when it appears that there is little prospect of winning their allegiance or helping them further."

Over one hundred persons in Hull responded to an appeal for volun-

teers for this "Adventure in Evangelism," and were trained at a School of Evangelism, meeting at various mission branches.

(Dr. W. E. Sangster, leader of Methodist home missions, reports that he is about halfway through his nation-wide program of schools of evangelism. So far 10,000 people have attended the schools, and few leave unconvinced that the greatest opportunity for evangelism is on the church premises, and that with a real push the membership of the Methodist churches could be doubled, especially if leaders would go all out to keep youth in the fold. One of the program's slogans is "Adopt the Adoption System"—a method by which church families take a personal interest in boys and girls who come to Sunday school and other activities held in the church.)

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## Bible School Student Wins International Art Prize

A "scrap of painting" left behind in the classroom "because I was in a hurry" Monday brought international recognition to Allan Lea of Winnipeg, a first-year student at the Briercrest Bible Institute, Caronport, Sask.

Allan is a graduate of Daniel McIntyre high school in Winnipeg. His teacher entered the painting of her pupil last November in the Children's Royal Academy, London, England, after he had left it "lying around" in her cupboard. He did not even know it had been entered until he received word that he had won the Founder's prize with his water-color landscape of

an old man and a cart on a lonely road. He received a Gold Star certificate—only five are awarded—and a collection of books.

Allan is the first Canadian to be honored this way. His painting was selected from 5,500 entries from schools in the British Commonwealth and the U.S.A. The age limit is under 18.

The picture now is on tour with other prize-winning paintings.

What is Allan's desire for the future?

"I'd like to finish my Bible training first. Then I'll see..." On becoming an artist?

"I have no long-range plans... but I'll keep my hand in it."

Allan's biggest concern at the moment is finding a job at which he can earn the \$300 needed to continue going to school at Caronport.

## CANADASCOPE

### Frost and Swirling Snow Hit Prairies

While British Columbia basked in above-normal temperatures the unseasonably warm weather in Manitoba and Saskatchewan was replaced by dropping temperatures and swirling snow last weekend.

Winds of up to 50 mph whipped the falling snow on Monday into snow drifts that impeded traffic. Swirling snow made driving a hazard.

The cold snap caught Manitoba with the leaves coming out, lilac buds breaking open, and apples blossoms ready to open. The horticulturist has stated that the near-zero night temperatures have damaged the buds and blossoms, but not the leaves on the trees.

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## St. Laurent Retires from Politics

Former prime minister Louis St. Laurent says he has no intention of again accepting public office—even if he were given the opportunity of becoming the first French-Canadian governor general.

Mr. St. Laurent, 76, has resumed the law practice he interrupted 16 years ago for a political career he undertook only as a patriotic duty.

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## Diversions Project to Begin

Construction is expected to start next month on the \$1,800,000 Seine river diversion—an 18-mile long channel that will take water from the flood-prone river into the larger Red river.

The provincial government will pay five-sixths of the costs and seven municipalities will pay the remaining one-sixth of \$300,000.

The project will take about three years to complete.

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Graduates of the four-year Bible and three-year ETTA courses at the Winkler Bible School are seen above. Back row, left to right, Art Labun, John Loewen, Corny Isaak, Herman Voth, Edgar Toews, Peter Reimer, Henry Enns, Henry Hiebert, Herman Rempel, Henry Funk and David Peters; second row, from the left, Margaret Funk, Martha Enns, Anne Enns, Emma Neufeld, Frieda Koop, Helga Pauls, Ruth Hamm, Ed Hamm,

David Froese, Henry Janzen, Mary Funk, Rita Buhler, Hilda Martens, Ruth Klassen, Margaret Wiebe and Leona Enns; front row, from left, Clara Hyde, Rose Klassen, teachers John Goossen, John Boldt, Dr. G. D. Huebert, principal, Rev. D. K. Duerksen and Rev. Wm. Baerg, Anne Wiebe, Marianne Kiewer and Martha Hildebrandt.

(Photo by Winkler Photo Studio)

## Obituaries

### Peter Fast

Peter Fast, 28, of Niverville, Man., passed away on April 19 in the Concordia hospital, Winnipeg. Funeral services were held from the Niverville M.B. church on April 22.

The late Mr. Fast came to Canada with his mother, one brother and two sisters five years ago. Recently the family heard of the death of their father in East Germany. After attending the morning worship service in the Niverville M.B. church on Sunday, April 13, he became ill that afternoon. The next day he was taken to the Concordia hospital, where his illness was diagnosed as leukemia. He passed away April 19.

He is survived by his wife, mother, two sisters, and a brother.

## Weddings

### Cahais — Wiens

Miss Ruth Wiens and William Cahais were united in marriage on Sunday, April 13, in the Arnold M.B. church. Rev. C. D. Toews and Mr. P. C. Penner spoke, Rev. Toews performing the ceremony.



Soloist was Andy Verhagen, who sang, "The Lord's Prayer." A reception followed in the basement of the church.

The young couple has moved to Toronto to take up residence there. Mr. Cahais is an auto body repairman.

## Future Subscribers

Born to Frank and Patricia Klassen, Harrar, Ethiopia, East Africa, on April 22, 1958, in a mission hospital in Addis Ababa, a son, Frank Walter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Wiens, Abbotsford, B.C., their first son, Gordon Michael, on April 22, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornie Petker of Tofield, Alta., are happy to announce the arrival of their first son, Danny Wilbert, on April 14, 1958.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willy Baerg, 96 Sidney St. North, Kitchener, a daughter, Elisabeth Ann, on April 16.



### Political Turmoil Affects Work

The strife between the rebel and central governments in Indonesia is affecting the living conditions of MCC relief workers but they have not found it necessary to leave their posts.

All three units — in Java, Halmahera and Timor — report higher prices and, in the case of Timor and Halmahera, communication service is poor and there is a shortage of gasoline and food. Cases of starvation have been reported in Java. Psychological tension appears to be mounting.

Non-Indonesian fraternal church workers, such as MCC people, apparently have not been under pressure to leave the country. In fact the Indonesian government this spring granted entrance visas to three new fraternal workers who represent the West German Rhenish Mission, according to Ecumenical Press Service. MCC has some pending requests for entrance visas.

### Number of Refugees Increase

An increased number of refugees crossed from East Germany into the west zone of Berlin during the Easter holidays, according to a report from an MCC worker serving in a Red Cross camp for refugees.

The number crossing during that period is reported to be 3,000. The average number crossing daily, past reports have indicated, is around 300 persons.

They go to large refugee camps or to small private ones, such as the one recently opened by MCC, to wait for official recognition as refugees so they may enter West Germany as citizens.

### Hostel for World's Fair Renovated

Four MCC Paxmen helped paint and repair the Protestant Youth Center in Brussels, Belgium, so it could be used for a hostel during the World's Fair, now in progress.

The men are Paul Stuckey, Walter Schmucker (both of Archbold, O.), Willard Van Pelt (Columbiana, O.) and David Gingerich (Chappell, Neb.).

The men report: "We believe our work in Brussels was needed, appreciated and meaningful to us who helped there. We were of course

handicapped by language in our associations with the youth, but we hope we did leave an impression."

While in Brussels they fellowshipped with Jules Fl. Lambotte, pastor of the Mennonite mission in Brussels, and with David Shank, director of the Mennonite Children's Home at Ohain, Belgium.

### European Refugees Await Resettlement

Among the thousands of Asiatic refugees crowded into Hong Kong are some 1200 European refugees, the Ecumenical Press Service reports.

All have visas for resettlement in overseas countries — particularly Australia and Brazil — and more than 80 per cent have obtained resettlement opportunities through the Service to Refugees of the World Council of Churches, EPS says.

The Hong Kong governmental authorities have fixed 250 as the desirable upper limit for the number of European refugees in the badly-overcrowded colony, EPS states, but 3200 other refugees remain in north China because Hong Kong cannot admit them, even though it has already exceeded the quota and resettlement visas have been obtained by WCC.

The chief reason seems to be a lack of sufficient funds available to the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration for ocean transport, EPS reports.

As a representative of North American Mennonites, Norman Wingert (Upland, Calif.) is distributing food and clothing to some of the many destitute refugees who are stranded in Hong Kong.

### Trainee Sponsors Needed by May 15

"Misconceptions and enmities are being torn down and new understandings and friendships are rising in their place" through such efforts as the MCC-sponsored trainee program, the U.S. Department of State has declared.

Applications to provide a home for six months for an international trainee are due by May 15. Thirty-five young people from Europe are to arrive in August.

Represented among the young men are six carpenters, a mason and construction worker, florist, truck gardeners, punch-card calculator and bookkeeper, druggist, printer, welder and two farmers (others as well would be interested in going to farms).

In the group of young women are five who prefer city household work, three who like rural household work, four who have listed general household work, three secretaries (not English), a kindergarten teacher and two nurses.

Families who would like this experience in international living may wish to consider opening their homes to one of these trainees. Write to MCC, Akron, Pa.

## Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

—Brother and Sister Willy Janz and family, Friesland Colony, Paraguay, are making preparations to come to North America for a period of schooling. They plan to leave Paraguay early in June.

—While the Friesland Mennonite Brethren Bible School has a small enrollment this year, the work is moving forward with God's blessing. Eight students are enrolled in two classes. The teachers are the Brethren Willy Janz and Harold Funk.

—The Spanish language ministry of Brother Funk illustrates the service and contribution which our Mennonite Brethren can eventually make to the Church in South America. Brother Funk preaches in Spanish. Together with Brother Janz he planned to visit an evangelical Paraguayan congregation in General Aquino. The congregation appreciates this ministry because of a limited number of church workers.

—The Friesland Mennonite Brethren Church recently baptized and received four believers into its fellowship. The congregation continues a midweek Bible study. Ten members anticipate emigration shortly.

—It is indeed encouraging to note interest among our Mennonite people in Paraguay to identify themselves with and serve the needs of Paraguay's people. Enroute to Brazil from Fernheim Colony, Brother and Sister Peter Klassen, Sr. were detained in Asuncion for several days. The housefather of the MCC center in Asuncion, Ernest Braun, took Brother Klassen to visit a mental hospital and sanatorium. Following his visit, Brother Klassen made the following observations (translated from the German): "In these institutions one can see indescribable misery. Hundreds of sick people find shelter and care. In the sanatorium TB patients are treated without charge. It is a clean place. Two of our young brethren—Bergen and Unruh—have responded to the call of the Lord to work among the emotionally ill. Not only in the institution, but far beyond they have established a good reputation. Two other brethren—Peter Hein and Heinrich Unger—have joined them in their work. The sanatorium would like to have more Mennonite workers. I am thankful to the housefather of the MCC home for taking me to these institutions. The services of the Brauns in the MCC home to the Mennonites of Asuncion as well as to those who stay there enroute are highly appreciated." Brother and Sister Klassen were enroute to the Guarituba Mennonite Brethren Church where he is conducting services. He is conducting Bible classes for the youth and ministering the Word to the congregation.

## COLLEGES

### Mennonite Brethren Bible College

A timely message for this time of year was given to us by Rev. Groening of the Bethel Mennonite Church. He spoke of the discouraged Elijah, saying that defeat in our lives is the result of physical, mental and spiritual exhaustion. When we are exhausted, discouragement and despondency easily overtake us. However, we must wait on God and He restores the strength which has been depleted.

It was also a privilege to hear Rev. Wilbert Loewen, chairman of the Manitoba Mennonite Disaster Service, who told us something of the work that the MDS has done. The MDS came into existence because Christians wanted to apply the principle of "love thy neighbour". Whenever disaster strikes in a community or neighbouring community in which a MDS group is located, volunteer workers are ready to help. This service is rendered in the name of Christ.

The week of April 21 was peace emphasis week at College, with Dr. F. C. Peters the speaker. On Monday Dr. Peters discussed the basis from which we must reason. Jesus Christ and His message is the highest authority for the Christian. Therefore nonresistance must be studied in the light of the New Testament which teaches love for our brother, neighbour and enemy. This is compatible only with a principle of nonresistance.

The second message was on the logic of nonresistance. The theory of nonresistance is not logic-tight, but its logic lies in harmonizing the teaching with the over-all pronouncements of the Scripture as viewed in their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. For the Christian it is a question of the authority of the state or of Jesus Christ. Christ is to have our ultimate loyalty. This makes nonresistance a theological problem. Thus the Christian must be a student of the Word. Then his convictions will be settled. Nonresistance has been practised in the past and has been found both practicable and applicable.

In the third discussion we were shown that the example of Jesus teaches us that violence has no place in the Kingdom of God. Truth is not to be defended by carnal means. Truth finds its power in obedience.

Dr. Peters emphasized the fact that we must be active in peacetime. We should speak in behalf of others and we must be willing to help in misfortune through disaster and relief service.

In closing it was pointed out that we must come to a personal conviction in the matter. For us it is a matter of following Christ—of discipleship.

A devotional program was arranged for the visit of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College. Jerry Hildebrandt of MBBC spoke on choosing a vocation and Ivan Unger of CMBC spoke on discipleship. After a light lunch and a short skit in a lighter vein the evening came to a close with a testimony and prayer meeting. Such visits do much to foster friendly relations among fellow Christians.

Saturday, April 26, was spring clean-up day. The students involuntarily "volunteered" to assist in the task. Pails, mops, brushes, ladders, soap and hoses plus hundreds of gallons of water were employed and the buildings received a noticeable face-lifting. The buildings are more livable for it and the much-needed exercise no doubt benefited us.

A. Koop.

### Goshen College

On April 22 at 9:00 a.m. Goshen College students and faculty witnessed a significant event on the Goshen campus in the groundbreaking ceremony marking the beginning of construction of the new \$150,000 building for the Goshen College Biblical Seminary.

The ceremony, which was led by President Paul Mininger, included brief addresses by Dean H. S. Bender of the Seminary, Dean Carl Kreider of the College, and Lester Grabill, president of the Seminary student body, invocation and prayer by President-Emeritus S. C. Yoder and President Nelson Kauffman of the Mennonite Board of Education, and a hymn by the Seminary Octette. Ground was turned by the president and the two deans, by members of the Seminary faculty, by representatives of the Seminary student body and the Alumni association, and by members of the building committee.

Also participating in the groundbreaking was President-Elect Dr. Erland Waltner of the Mennonite Biblical Seminary at Elkhart. His presence symbolized the association of the two seminaries in the co-operative program known as the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries which is to be inaugurated next fall.

The construction of the new building is to proceed parallel with the construction of the church-chapel building on the college campus, but is to be completed in time for occupancy this fall. The removal of the Seminary to its own building on the south side of the college campus along Highway No. 15, will relieve crowded conditions in the other college buildings and greatly strengthen the work of the Seminary. The building to be erected will include a separate but attached Seminary chapel, along with the classroom building and library. The building committee includes besides President Mininger and

Dean Bender, Ralph Gunden as College business manager, and Romayne Sherman. Building engineer is Harold Brooks. The site of the building is the former Dierdorf property, purchased by the College several years ago.

## BIBLE INSTITUTES

### Winkler Bible School

**Winkler, Man.** — The Baccalaureate Service of the Winkler Bible School was held at the local M.B. church on Sunday morning, April 13. The graduation service that afternoon saw three students of the Bible Course and twenty-nine students of the Sunday School Course receiving their diplomas.

Rev. F. H. Friesen, Morden, delivered the Baccalaureate address, while Rev. D. K. Duerksen, staff member, delivered the graduation message.

The 74-voice student choir sang "Alles, was Odem hat, lobe den Herrn" under the direction of Mr. John Boldt to begin the Baccalaureate service. Two sermonettes by graduates of the fourth class were given by Edward Hamm and Henry Janzen. Rev. Friesen based his message on Phil. 3:12-19. He challenged the students to strive to know Christ, to experience Him and to witness for Him. The mixed voice and male voice choirs served with several songs and Rev. W. Baerg spoke the closing prayer.

A capacity audience saw thirty-three graduates, dressed in black caps and gowns, receive their diplomas from Rev. G. D. Huebert during the graduation service. David Froese, fourth class graduate, delivered the valedictory address and Margaret Funk answered on behalf of the student body. Other items were songs by a male quartet, a ladies' quartet and several songs by the choir. Rev. Duerksen chose the latter part of 1 Sam. 17:37 as his theme: "Go, and the Lord be with thee." These words were spoken by Saul to David when David went forth to slay Goliath. The speaker emphasized that, as David did, so must we put our all at God's disposal, trust God implicitly, and do all we can for God.

Graduates of the regular four-year Bible course were: David Froese, Newton Siding, Man.; Edward Hamm, Morden, Man.; and Henry Janzen, Elm Creek, Man.

### East Chilliwack Bible School

Having had a rest during the Easter holidays we were ready to apply ourselves again at school. Monday Chapel services are our testimony meetings, and this Monday was of particular interest as we shared our Easter blessings with one another. We stand in awe as

our thoughts are centered on the great gift God gave us. Humbly we thank Him Who gave His life for us.

Rev. Neufeld of the Mennonite Church visited us in Chapel on Wednesday morning.

The past weekend of April 19 to 21 will remain a pleasant memory for us. We were able to make a tour to Oliver and Kelowna. Twenty-five students and teachers boarded the bus at noon Saturday, April 19, and began a rainy but extremely enjoyable trip. We arrived at Oliver about 6:00 P.M. After a delicious supper we brought a program in the Chapel.

Following this we went on to Kelowna. Crossing the lake by ferry was certainly beautiful with the lights reflected on the clear and rippling waters.

Sunday morning we participated in the Sunday school and morning service. The afternoon was spent in a most enjoyable way for the Kelowna young people took us to a lovely sight, called Gallagher's Canyon, where we played volley ball, softball and had a wiener roast. We presented a program in the evening that consisted of singing, testimonies, a play and a message.

We left for home at approximately eight on Monday morning. After a very enjoyable journey through lovely scenery, we arrived home, exhausted, but having experienced God's hand of blessing and protection.

—Eva Rogalsky.

## Thought Habits for Christians

(Continued from page 2-4)

As these things come to fill your mind bring them to God's measure and as they come up short throw them away.

What then shall be food for thought? About every Christian one should be able to say, "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

### Control Your Thoughts

Fill your mind with the good things of God. Concentrate upon them. Abhor that which is evil. Hold fast that which is good. Like a magnet removes metal from grain being fed into a mill so ask Christ to cleanse and keep your mind. Let the peace of God guard your mind.

You can't make feed out of husks merely by running it through the mill. Neither can you make a godly life out of bad material merely by running it through the mind. The mill that is grinding corn won't have room for the straw. Whatever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, think on these things. Your thought habits will then be Christian.

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## On the Horizon

**May 4** — Annual campers' reunion of the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, to be held at the South End M. B. church, Winnipeg.

**May 4 to 9** — Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler, Man., M. B. Church, will serve the Calgary Highland M. B. Church in a series of deeper life services. All services will be held in the new worship centre at 40th Ave. and Centre B Street, N.W.

**May 9 to 11**—Upper mid-west regional Christian Business Men's Committee Convention at Winnipeg.

**May 18** — Dedication services for the Gospel Light Mission church will be held in Brandon, Man. The entire day will be devoted to special services, with the worship service at 10:00 a.m., dedication service at 2:00 p.m., and missions service at 7:00 p.m.

**May 25**—School closing program of the M.B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg, will be presented at 2:30 p.m. in the South End M.B. church.

Graduation exercises will take place at 7:00 p.m. that evening in the North Kildonan M.B. church. All times are Central Daylight Time.

**May 29**—Baccalaureate service of the M.B. College in the college auditorium at 8 p.m. (Central Daylight Time).

**May 31**—The senior class of the M.B. Bible College will present a program in the college auditorium at 8 p.m. (CDT).

**June 1**—Graduation service of the M.B. Bible College in the South End M. B. church at 7:00 p.m. (CDT).

**June 6 and 7** — The annual conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba will meet in the Elm Creek M. B. church.

**June 8 to 15** — Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M. B. Bible College, will be serving the Highland M. B. Church, Calgary, Alta., in a series of evangelistic meetings. These services will also be held in the new church centre.

**June 28 to July 1** — Teenage camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba.

**June 27 to July 2** — Fifty-sixth conference of Mennonites in Canada, to be held in Saskatoon, Sask.

**July 4 to 9** — The forty-eighth sessions of the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference will be held in the North Kildonan M. B. church, Winnipeg, Man.

**July 4 to 13** — Ten-day children's Camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man.

**July 15 to 27** — One 13-day children's camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man.

**July 27 to 31** — Family camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. Dr. F. C. Peters will speak.

**August 1 to 3** — The Youth Missionary Conference of the Alberta Mennonite Brethren churches will be held at Vauxhall, Alta. Rev. J. B. Toews will speak.

**August 1 to 4** — Youth Camp at the Gospel Light Bible Camp, Clear Lake, Man. Address inquiries to 834 Lorne Ave. East, Brandon, Man.

**August 5 to 14** — Children's Camp at the Gospel Light Bible Camp, Clear Lake, Man. This camp is sponsored by the Gospel Light Mission at Brandon.

**August 6 to 15** — Mission children's camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp.

**August 15 to 17** — Manitoba-wide youth camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. Dr. F. C. Peters will speak.

## Alumni Postpones Program

Winnipeg, Man. — The alumni of the M.B. Collegiate Institute has postponed its presentation of "Singing in Springtime" by one week. New date is May 17. See advertisement on this page for further details.

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