

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2

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## Tokyo Crusade Preparation

A Committee Report

Headquarters have been established in Japan to coordinate the various phases of the month-long Tokyo Crusade to be held May 6 through June 5, 1961, in the 10,000-seat Meiji Auditorium. The downtown Tokyo office will coordinate the efforts of some 400 Japanese pastors, business men and lay leaders working on the following committees:

A Music Committee is at work training more than 5,000 singers who will participate in the 1,000-voice choir each night during the crusade. A prominent feature will be the musical contribution of the famed Imperial Symphony Orchestra, which will appear nightly.

Counselor training, directed by the Follow-Up Committee, is recruiting some 4,000 personal workers from 570 churches in the Tokyo area.

The Prayer Committee has distributed call-to-prayer posters to churches throughout Tokyo and environs. Christians in 29 countries

have sent word, promising to pray regularly for the success of the Crusade.

The Public Relations Committee has succeeded in getting permission from the police to install bumper stickers on automobiles—something never done in Japan before. The Committee has also displayed large ad posters in subway stations used by several million commuters each day, and erected billboard signs to publicize the event.

Other communities—13 in all—include the Finance Committee, Delegation Committee, Student Committee, etc., all hard at work and vigorously functioning for this event which can be the largest evangelistic outreach in Japan's 100 years of Protestant missions.

The Crusade will be conducted by World Vision, Inc., under the sponsorship of more than 600 churches in Tokyo. Dr. Bob Pierce, World Vision president, will speak nightly.

a missionary post. Sister Wiebe is a registered nurse, has several years of nursing experience and has served as assistant superintendent of the Concordia Hospital in Winnipeg. She has studied at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College from which she was graduated in 1956 with the bachelor of religious education degree. She is the daughter of John P. E. Wiebes of Herbert, Saskatchewan.

### Visit by Students from Foreign Countries

Toronto, Ont. — A unique experience in Christian witnessing was extended to members of the Toronto Christian Fellowship on Sunday, January 8. Students from foreign countries who are studying at the University of Toronto were invited to attend the morning worship service and then to join one of the families for dinner and an opportunity to observe first-hand a Christian home atmosphere.

This plan originated with one of the Mennonite Brethren missionaries, Rev. John Esau, who is as-

sociated with these students in post-graduate studies at the Ontario College of Education. Rev. Esau is also the president of the College of Education chapter of the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship.

The students who attended the service were from the countries of Malaya, Ghana, Pakistan and Jamaica, and represented various religions such as Hindu, Catholic, Moslem and Christian. Those who opened their homes to these students enjoyed stimulating discussions on a variety of topics. In spite of the fact that these young people may be Moslem or Hindu, they seem to be fairly well versed in the Scriptures and know what the Christian religion stands for.

Some of the students are here on scholarships. One of these is Miss Sarojini Menon from Malaya. She received her university education in Singapore and is studying here under the Colombo Plan. She added

### Rev. I. W. Redekopp Studying in North Carolina



Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the growing Elmwood M. B. Church of Winnipeg, is studying at the present time at the School of Pastoral Care, Winston-Salem, No. Carolina, U.S.A. The course for which Rev. Redekopp has enrolled lasts six weeks and it is of great value to pastors and ministers of the Gospel.

Brother Redekopp is a graduate of Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas and he also completed the graduate course at the Kansas University in Wichita, upon which he was awarded the Master of Science degree.

Rev. Redekopp has done more than six years of pastoral work in the Elmwood M. B. Church, which

interest and realism to the visit by coming in her national costume which is a colorful sari.

Another interesting conversationalist was Hamed Amhed from Pakistan. His father is a doctor who encouraged him to attend the Canadian Chiropractic College here in Toronto. He is the first Asian student to attend the College and since his father is not permitted to send money for his support, Amhed is dependent entirely on his own resources. His work is in the area of research in the College of Education. He also studied in England for two years before coming to Toronto.

Those who participated in this program, which was a new experience to most of them, felt that they were encouraged and challenged spiritually as they were called upon to "give a reason for the hope that is within them."

Artrude L. Doell.

at present has 610 members. They will benefit from the course Rev. Redekopp is taking and the additional rich experiences which their pastor accumulates as he makes contact with personalities who exert a nationwide influence.

### Dr. A. H. Unruh in Hospital

According to information received from British Columbia, Rev. A. H. Unruh, of Chilliwack, suffered a stroke. He is now in hospital, and as reported, unconscious.

### Three Missionaries Visit Kelowna

Kelowna, B.C. — The brethren Henry Brucks, Abe Esau, and Elmer Warkentin were with us at the conclusion of the old year and the dawning of the new. The report by word and picture on the situation in the Congo was most interesting. We realized again that God is still on the throne and that He answers prayer. The personal experiences which Rev. Brucks related brought us face to face with the realities of the missionary's life.

Brother Esau had visited us several times before. Through his messages on Isa. 6 and 53 we received

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### To Serve in South America



Miss Anne Wiebe, R.N.

Miss Wiebe of the Elmwood Church, Winnipeg, is a new member of our conference missionary staff. The Lord willing, she will be going to Paraguay for service after Spanish language study in Costa Rica. Plans are that she serve in the Friesland Colony hospital in eastern Paraguay for several years after which she will be assigned to

## EDITORIAL

### Faith and Conscience

Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck. —I Tim. 1:19.

Faith concerns what one believes to be true; conscience concerns what one believes to be right. Faith gives one a creed; conscience gives one standards of ethics. Is there a relation between the two?

Some people think that there is not too much relationship between what one believes and how one acts. There are those who think that faith alone is important. They subscribe to a creed, but in conduct they pretty much accept whatever is conventional. What they believe does not interfere too much with what they want to do. To believe, they think, is chiefly important. Then there are those who think that conscience alone is important. They strive to be ethical, but in their conduct follow a conscience that is not directly related to doctrinal belief. To be good, they believe, is the important thing.

But Paul definitely relates the two. He exhorted Timothy to hold both faith and a good conscience. Those who have repudiated conscience have as a result, he says, made shipwreck of their faith. He would tell us that if we refuse to live up to what we know, we will lose any faith we may have had.

This is true even though conscience is not enough to give us the moral guidance we need. Conscience does not tell us what is right. It merely tells us to do the right. It condemns us when we do what we believe to be wrong. It gives us an easy, comfortable feeling when we are doing what we believe to be right. And this in spite of the fact that our conscience may be in error. Paul persecuted the Christians with a good conscience. He thought he was preserving the true faith and serving the cause of the Lord. Suddenly one day he saw that he was wrong. After that his conscience told him to preach the Christ Whom he had been fighting.

So our consciences need instruction. Further light from God's Word, the discovery of new facts, new experiences, and further instruction may lead us to approve what our consciences once disapproved, or to disapprove what our consciences once allowed. We should all seek for a better instructed conscience, for in this way God leads us into His will for us.

And yet, right or wrong, we should follow our consciences. A good conscience is one that does not condemn us. The man who lives under self-accusation cannot be a happy man nor a growing Christian. We must walk according to the light we have. One who is sincerely wrong will in some way be brought into better light. But we cannot suppose that probably our conscience is poorly instructed. It is spiritually perilous not to live at any given time as we believe God wants us to live. The man who violates his conscience is likely to lose his faith.

Why is this true? Because belief and conduct are inextricably related. In faith we accept what God is and what He says. In conduct we do what God wills. If we violate the integrity of that relationship in conduct, we cannot keep faith inviolate. If our hearts condemn us, we cannot look to God in confidence and love. Wrong moral attitudes are sure to give rise to doubts and unbelief.

Therefore unbelief often has a moral base. We say we do not understand, or that we just can't have faith. The real truth may be that we are living at a level where our consciences do not approve and our sin breaks our connection with God and makes a real dependent faith impossible. Our lack of faith may only be a rationalization of our lack of obedience. We say we can't believe, when we really mean that we are unwilling or unable to obey. If we will bring our living into line with conscience, then creedal matters will straighten out without too much difficulty. After we say, "I yield," we can much more easily say, "I believe."

Guest Editorial by Paul Erb  
Reprint from Gospel Herald

### FAITH

To shout and praise the Lord  
When Jericho's walls lie flat —  
That's fine.  
But I think God's great heart skips  
a beat

If, right when things look like sure  
defeat,  
A calm face lifts from the battle's  
heat,  
And cries, "Our God will win."

## DEVOTIONAL

### Devotion to the Master

Rev. John Regehr, instructor at M.B.C.I.

The kind of man God is seeking, and the kind of man God can use, to carry on His great work in this New Year, is a man who has an all-absorbing devotion to the Master. This devotion is not a sentimental effervescence, nor a frothy infatuation. This devotion is a bent of the will by which one is held to God in a vice-like grip simply because God is God.

This was the devotion of Isaiah, who was privileged to see God in all His glory and holiness. Having seen the vision he was welded to God, and to his God-given task, and he remained devoted to God through the pressure of long, tedious years, and the pressure of bitter persecution.

Such was the devotion of Ezekiel, who, when he had seen the glory of God, no longer sought for excuses when the task of preaching to a rebellious people was assigned to him.

And such was the devotion of Paul. When he was laid low by the brilliance of the glory of Christ, he asked, "Who are you, Lord?" A few days later he was preaching of this same Jesus. He remained true to his call and devoted to his Master until the death stroke fell. The intensity of his devotion he expresses to the Galatians. He tells them that, when it had pleased God to reveal His Son to him, he "did not confer with flesh and blood." No other advice, nor counsel, nor suggestion, nor directive was any longer necessary.

In each of the cases we have cited, the devotion to God was made manifest in service. This devotion, then, is not merely a frame of mind, or a religious feeling. It is active, productive, creative.

Such active devotion is a combination of three basic ingredients: love, obedience, and sacrifice. We may say, then, that devotion is: the binding of the soul to the person of Jesus Christ — for this is love, the submitting of one's mind to the commandment and the will of Christ — for this is obedience, and the submitting of one's body as a total burnt offering to the work of Christ — for this is sacrifice.

It should be added that true devotion to God deals only in the superlative in these three areas. I must love God above all else. Nothing must ever be permitted to force a wedge between my Redeemer and me. Men with such love are effective. I must obey in the finest detail. No other power must ever be permitted to deflect my obedience, even for a moment, to another's domination. There may be no lapse in my submission to His will. There may be no temporary withdrawing of allegiance if, at the

moment, the price seems too high. Men who obey thus are influential. I must sacrifice to the last ounce of energy, the last dime, the last hour, the last pet idea. No price must be considered too great for the Christ Who gave all. Such men are fruitful in God's kingdom.

God is seeking for men who have ceased to think about themselves as though they needed some consideration too. God seeks men who are devoted to the point of self-forgetfulness. Such men He can use. Such men He will use, because such men have become yielded enough to be nothing but tools in the hand of their God.

### "As Thy Days"

Deuteronomy 33:25

"As thy days"—oh, blessed promise!  
Day by day His strength is mine,  
Balm for every bitter sorrow,  
Grace to wait and not repine;  
Strength to cast my care upon Him,  
Faith to trust His power divine.

"As thy days"—oh, faithful promise!  
For His word can never fail,  
Tho' my hopes lie, oh, so broken,  
And my prayer a mournful wail;  
In His strength, I cannot fall,  
For His promise must prevail.

"As thy days"—oh, wondrous promise!  
Everlasting, tried and true;  
May I rise and rest upon it,  
Finding hope and strength anew;  
Like the manna day by day  
Comes His strength to see me  
through.

Sara Ann Wilson

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Fascinating Programs by Children and Adults

**Leamington, Ont.** — "Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2). That was the theme of the Christmas program presented by the Young Women's Mission Group on December 11. Twenty-five members took part in the program which featured several songs by the ladies' choir, a recitation by Mrs. Elsie Dueckman and a play entitled "No Price Too High." This play was written especially for our centennial year by Mrs. Esther L. Vogt of Hillsboro, Kans. A special feature for the children was given by Miss L. Campbell, a local Bible Club worker. Special music was supplied by Mrs. Harry Willms and Mrs. Peter Schmidt. Rev. Derksen closed the service with prayer.

On December 18, the senior choir consisting of 40 voices presented the cantata, "The World's Redeemer," by Fred B. Holton. The church was filled to capacity and the melodies were enjoyed by everyone. Frank Bartel Jr. was the director.

December 24 was, as usual, the highlight of the year for our Sunday school pupils, as they presented their Christmas program. Sixty-five children took part, once again telling us the Christmas story in song and verse.

We concluded the year 1960 in the presence of the Lord as we gathered for our New Year's Eve service. Rev. Warkentin gave the message, after which many testimonies and prayers were offered, thanking God for His guidance and seeking His will for the coming year.

Mrs. Gertrude D. Wiens

## Recent Highlights

**Kronsgart, Man.** — On December 24, the Sunday school presented "Gates of Christmas" at their Christmas program. After the program the young people went out caroling. The message on Christmas morning was brought by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Hyde. The guest speaker the following morning was Rev. H. Harder from Winkler.

Wednesday night was student night. This consisted of a program of congregational singing and testimonies by Howard Wiebe, Loreen Penner, Murray Enns and Caroline Born, students at the University of Manitoba, M. B. Bible College, High School and Winkler Bible School respectively. A double mixed quartet and a choir served with special songs. In a short message, the pastor directed our thoughts to the grace of God in Christ Jesus (II Tim. 2:1), who is the source of spiritual strength. Before the closing remarks were made by John

Redekopp, a film called "A Careless Word" was shown. After that, all partook of lunch which was served in the basement.

On New Year's Eve the congregation assembled for fellowship and the observance of the Lord's Supper.

T. Peters

## Services for Spiritual Enrichment

**Foam Lake, Sask.** — The Sunday school Christmas program was presented in the M. B. church on the evening of Dec. 23, with all pupils taking part in a program that had taken many hours of practice. Miss Agnes Giesbrecht was pianist and Brother Isaac Goosen, S.S. superintendent, acted as chairman. Candy bags and gifts were distributed at the close of the program.

The annual Watchnight service was held on Dec. 31 with an impromptu program of many varied items of music, song and recitation as well as testimonies of God's goodness and mercy throughout 1960. A fellowship lunch was served afterwards.

It was our privilege to have Brother Matt Ottom, student of the Canadian Bible College in Regina, as our guest speaker on New Year's Day. He chose II Cor. 2:14-18 as his text, stating that we as children of God are a peculiar people (I Peter 2:9) and should be easily identified as such. He asked such questions as: Are we different from the unsaved? Are we separated from the world, or do we compromise? Do we appreciate the privileges we have in Christ Jesus or are we like King Saul, who harboured known sin and still tried to please God? We should be like David, trusting God for victory. How do we spend our time? In daily devotions and prayer, or do we waste it in radio and television entertainment? Remember, God has chosen us (John 15:16) that we should go and bring forth fruit. May God help us to follow Him all the way throughout 1961 and thus live a fruitful life.

Mrs. A. Dell

## New Year Came During Fellowship Service

**Vineland, Ont.** — On Dec. 31, the members of the M. B. Church assembled in order to recall the Lord's goodness and mercy so richly bestowed upon us in 1960. Rev. H. P. Wiebe read to us and commented on Psalm 103, after which our pastor, Rev. H. H. Voth, presented a message based on Psalm 139:23,24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart." During the testimony and prayer meeting many members of

the congregation praised and thanked God for His rich blessings of the past year.

After the service, everyone was invited to a lunch in the church basement.

Following the period of fellowship around the table, another service was held which lasted until shortly after midnight. Several musical numbers were presented: a violin and piano duet by Ernie and Betty Dyck; several songs by a trio in which Hilda, Helen and Marian Dirksen sang; and a quartet consisting of Peter Martens, Peter Driedger, Edward Wiebe and Edward Unruh. Henry Unruh read a poem in the form of a parable, "Ten Church Members," which challenged us to action in the new year. The second testimony meeting of the evening was further proof of the Lord's goodness in the past year. Rev. H. H. Voth urged all Christians to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14).

A time of prayer was observed as silently the old year passed and the new year began. In that quiet time each person had the opportunity to thank God for past blessings and ask Him for guidance and help in the future.

With grateful hearts we say with the Psalmist, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

Miss Anne Wiebe

## WEDDINGS

### Silver Wedding Anniversary for Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Redekop

**Winkler, Man.** — Sunday, New Year's Day, the Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Redekop of Winkler were honored by relatives and friends in a special way on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. To commemorate the day a program was rendered in the Mennonite Brethren church in Winkler during the afternoon.

Bringing sermonettes were the Rev. George D. Pries of Winnipeg, Rev. A. Heide of Kronsgart, Rev. A. Block from Ontario, brother to Mrs. Redekop, and Rev. Frank H. Friesen of Morden. As the main speaker, Mr. Friesen based his message on Psalm 92.

Ernest Redekop, eldest son of the honored couple, sang two solos, "Jesus Christus" and "Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe," accompanied at the organ by his sister Adeline. A recitation, "Silberhochzeit," by daughter Viola and a cello solo by Adeline were followed by a number of speakers from the audience, who expressed good wishes and congratulations.

At the close of the program, the Rev. Redekop spoke, expressing his gratitude to God, who had so richly

blessed them in their 25 years of married life.

Serving as chairman of the program was the Rev. J. H. Quiring of Winkler.

Then followed a reception in the lower auditorium around tables decorated with evergreen sprays tied with silver cord and tall white candles.

Rev. and Mrs. Redekop were both born in Russia and came to Canada in 1923 and 1926 respectively. They were married in Winnipeg on October 13, 1935, by the Rev. A. H. Unruh.

Mr. Redekop was a student at Pniel Bible School in Winkler for a number of years and after graduation became one of the faculty. In 1940 he was ordained to the ministry and has served the M. B. Church continuously.

There are five children: Ernest, Adeline, Theodore, Clarence and Viola.

## Schaefer—Sewell

The home of Bishop and Mrs. P. J. Schaefer, Gretna, Man., was the scene of a quiet wedding on Monday, Dec. 26, at 3:30 p.m., when Bishop Schaefer officiated at the marriage of his son, Professor Theodore Peter Schaefer, and Miss Niccola Sewell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sewell of London, England.

The wedding was attended by members of the Schaefer family including Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Schaefer of Winnipeg and Mr. and Mrs. John Harms of Crystal City.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served to those present. Then the couple left for a wedding trip to the United States.

Upon their return Professor and Mrs. Schaefer will reside at 141 Wellington Crescent, Winnipeg 9. Prof. Schaefer teaches chemistry at the University of Manitoba.

## Klassen—Neufeld

On Monday evening, Dec. 26, Alita Hilda Neufeld of Matsqui, B.C., and John David Klassen of Leamington, Ont., were united in marriage in the Matsqui M. B. church. Rev. H. Neufeld, father of the bride, officiated and was assisted by Rev. John Epp of Clearbrook.

Irene Neufeld played the wedding music and accompanied John Suderman in "The Lord My Shepherd Is" and "O leg aufs Haupt." Best men were Henry Neufeld and John Berg. Ruth Neufeld was bridesmaid, Annamaria Loewen was junior bridesmaid and Lynette Neufeld was flower girl. A candlelight reception followed in the basement auditorium.

The couple have both attended the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg. The groom is teaching high school in Essex, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Klassen intend to make their home in Leamington, Ont.

### Toronto Christian Fellowship Banquet

Toronto, Ont. — On Friday, January 6, the members of the Toronto Christian Fellowship gathered for a banquet and annual business meeting. Presiding as chairman was Rev. Herbert Swartz, the Home Missions worker in Toronto.

Re-elected as vice-chairman and Secretary-Treasurer were Niel Rempel and Ben Doell, respectively. Dr. Dave Warkentin was elected Superintendent of the rapidly growing Sunday School, with Jake Wiens as assistant, and Secretary-Treasurer Henry Kliewer. Werner Heinrichs is Co-ordinator of the Building Research Program.

The initial planning for the erection of a building is presently being worked out through a member-participation program which is creating a great deal of interest and makes the proposed building and the future church program of vital interest to each member.

### Missionaries at Kelowna

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a new vision of God and of ourselves. On Sunday night he led the congregation in a heart-stirring testimony meeting.

From Thursday to New Year's Day, Brother Brucks presented a series of messages on the Lord's high-priestly prayer (John 17). Our Lord is at the right hand of God interceding for us and for the world as it is today.

Brother Elmer Warkentin comes to us from Borneo. He reported on

the work there by means of a film. He also spoke on "Three Graces Needed for Missionary Work."

All the meetings were very well attended not only by our members, but also by members of other churches in the city.

### Translation Work in Mexico

Miss Viola E. Reimer, daughter of George T. Reimer of Steinbach, Man., will leave early in the New Year for Mexico where she will do translation work for the Wycliffe Bible Translators. Miss Reimer is a graduate of Grace Hospital school of nursing and Winnipeg Bible Institute and completed a year of studies at the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

### Home for Mentally Ill

The Mennonite Relief and Immigration Committee of Saskatchewan reports that the Home for the Mentally Ill shall not be built at Watrous, as formerly planned, but instead it shall be erected at Waldheim, Sask. This decision was reached because the Waldheim Hospital Organization offered its property; the hospital, including all equipments, a nurses residence, a doctor's residence and nearly \$10,000 in cash, with the stipulation that this Institution be erected on these grounds at Waldheim.

Members of the Committee are: J. P. Kehler, Watrous, chairman; A. Schultz, Waldheim, vice-chairman; J. D. Friesen, Saskatoon, secretary-treasurer; J. Regehr, Herbert; J.

Bartel, Waldheim; J. Klassen, Swift Current; J. Knelsen, McMahon; K. K. Siemens, Saskatoon, and J. Block, Waldheim.

### Twins — 'Doing Well'

Boston (AP) — Lana and Johanna Nightingale, 12-year-old identical twins, were reported doing "remarkably well" recently at Peter Bent Bringham Hospital where they underwent a kidney transplant operation Dec. 28.

Lana, who donated a healthy kidney to her sister, was reported walking around the hospital daily. Johanna, is reported in excellent condition. The girls are from Steinbach, Man.

Johanna faces another operation for removal of her diseased kidneys. Lana is scheduled to be discharged within a few days. Probably she is discharged by now.

### Winkler's Increase

Winkler, Man. — Town Council has had an official census of the town's population and found that residents in the incorporated town now number 2,105.

Procedures are underway for the annexation of an adjacent area south of the town limits which has an additional 664 people. Once the annexation has taken place, Winkler will have a population of 2,679.

The overall population of greater Winkler, including the settled area on the north and east-south sides of the town's limits is presently believed to be about 2,800.

Dominion bureau of statistics census figures for Winkler in 1951 show a population of 1,331, and in 1956 1,634.

### Record Corn Crop

Ephrata, Penna. — Farmers of Pennsylvania have harvested their second largest corn crop in the state's history, according to a state crop report. The total is estimated at around 83 million bushels, or an average of 64 bushels per acre. Lancaster County's corn acreage was approximately 95,000 acres and averaged 74 bushels per acre.

### Future Subscribers

Born — To Rev. and Mrs. Herbert L. Swartz, on December 16, 1960, a son, David Kevin. Rev. and Mrs. Swartz are the Home Mission workers for the Mennonite Brethren Church in Toronto. David is a brother for Heather and Beth. Artrude L. Doell.

### Fourth Set of Twins Born to Amish Couple

Middlefield, Ohio. — Twin daughters born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Miller of this northeastern Ohio community were the fourth set of twins born into this family.

In addition to the four sets of twins, the Millers also are parents of four other children. The latest arrivals were named Alta and Alma.

### Missionary Activity

#### Latin America

J. H. Franzes are transferring from the Chaco in Paraguay to the capital city of Asuncion. Their assignment in Asuncion will be to assist the church and missionary witness in the city and to conduct a deputation ministry in the churches of our South American Conference in the interests of missions. Pray that the Lord's direction regarding the enlargement of our witness for Him in Asuncion may be discerned. The opening of additional places of witness in the city is under consideration. Annual summer Bible schools for children are again planned.

An extensive survey of seven areas of Brail has been made by Peter Huebert and Kenneth Gerbrandt in the interests of expanding our conference evangelistic outreach in that country. The brethren studied and evaluated population trends, economic developments and religious conditions for the benefit of our Brazil mission as it seeks to enter the many open doors in Brazil with the gospel.

Alvin Voths and son Murray, Anne Wiebe and Richard Wienses and children Beverly and Donald arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica, on December 29 for a period of Spanish language study in preparation for missionary service in Latin America.

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#### India

Some extra work has been given to the nurses at the Jadcherla medical center in India since a number of India missionaries are home on furlough. The additional responsibility consists of clinics at Nagarkurnool on Monday, at Kalvakurty on Wednesday and at Shadnagar on Friday. At each place a large number of patients are treated. The medical visitation work to those three places is now being mainly done by Frieda Neufeld with some help by nationals. Shall we pray for the needed wisdom, grace, love and patience to deal with these people in their physical and spiritual needs. Medical work on the India field is done at Jadcherla main hospital, Wanaparthi, Devarakonda, Nagarkurnool, Shamshabad and by visits to Kalvakurty, Shadnagar and Gumdum.

Also in need of our intercession are the Bible women and evangelists as they explain the way to eternal life to many people who are illiterate and slow to grasp spiritual truths. It is encouraging, however, when patients profess and witness for Christ as personal Saviour and when those who meet death can say they die with Christ Jesus in their hearts.

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# The Cause of Foreign Missions

## Krimmer M. B. Mission Program

The history of the Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church testifies to an early missionary zeal and sense of responsibility for the unreached. With the turn of the twentieth century the first representatives took up the challenge of bringing the gospel to the Negroes in North Carolina and Tennessee. The outreach extended itself to North Carolina, with a record of years of consecrated service until this ministry was interrupted through political unrest and Communist occupation in December 1948. The response to the cause of foreign missions in proportion to the numerical size of this brotherhood is a record of outstanding dedication and sacrifice.

The mission program of the Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church at the time of the merger with the Mennonite Brethren Church presents the following status:

### Peru

The vanguards of the missionary outreach of the KMB Conference in South America began a ministry among the Campa Indian tribe in 1946. This field is located within the eastern jungle lands of Peru. The Campas are a tribe of about 12,000 people living along the rivers of this jungle basin. The operational center for this ministry is at El Euncentro. The 14 years of faithful service to this tribe with a very primitive culture has resulted in a group of some 40 believers who constitute the beginning for the establishment of a church. Linguistic efforts carried on by missionary Sylvester Dirks and his family have resulted in the translation of the Gospel of Mark into the Campa language which at present is being prepared for publication. Great efforts are being put forth to extend the production of other Bible portions for distribution among this needy tribe of Indians.

The past several years have also seen the development of a ministry among the Peruvian population located in the city of Atalaya and its adjoining geographical areas. It is estimated that some 40,000 people live in this jungle area of eastern Peru, for whom the KMB Conference has assumed the responsibility to bring them the gospel of redemption.

A program of literacy through school instruction for the Indians and Peruvians gives the promise of extending to these peoples the abil-

ity of reading and writing. Short-term Bible schools serve as the channel for the development of Christian leadership which is to assume the responsibility of nurturing the scattered believers in towns and villages along the river banks. Patience, endurance and unwavering faith have been demonstrated by the mission personnel of the KMB brotherhood in their efforts to evangelize this part of Peru.

### North Carolina and Tennessee Conference

The early gospel ministry by KMB missionaries in North Carolina and Tennessee has experienced the visible blessings of God. Six local congregations with a membership of 194 are organized into what is known as the North Carolina District Conference. The testimony of God's grace among these believers reveals a fruitful ministry through the dedication of four ministers. The organizational structure of this group of believers is known as a district conference and is functioning in this framework. A limited amount of financial assistance is extended to this brotherhood by the KMB Conference for the support of some ministers and for extension work through the channels of vacation Bible schools. At the time of the merger of the two brotherhoods, North Carolina is being recommended to be recognized as a district conference which shall continue to receive some financial assistance and spiritual encouragement from the larger brotherhood to extend the effectiveness of the witness into the geographical area where the Lord has placed this group of our fellow brethren.

### Inter-Mission Ministries

In addition to its own mission program in Peru, North Carolina and Tennessee, the missionary dedication of the KMB brotherhood and its young people has found an expression in a wide inter-mission ministry. Representatives from the KMB conference supported by their brotherhood have assumed responsibilities as doctors, nurses, teachers and evangelists by assisting several inter-church missionary societies generally known for their consistent Biblical missionary program. In keeping with the recommendation for the merger of the two conferences, the mission personnel of the KMB brotherhood engaged in this inter-mission ministry will become a mutual responsibility

for spiritual support and financial assistance. Missions represented in this cooperative endeavor are the Mennonite Brethren Conference, The Evangelical Alliance Mission, The Sudan Interior Mission and the Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

### Missionary Personnel of the KMB Conference at the time of the KMB-MB merger:

**Peru** (KMB field): Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Dirks, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Friesen, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Toews, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Walter.

**North Carolina** (KMB field): Mr. and Mrs. Rondo Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Rockford Hatten.

**Africa** (Of the Mennonite Brethren Mission): Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Priebe (Congo); of the Evangelical Alliance Mission: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Munger (Southern Rhodesia); of the Sudan Interior Mission: Miss Valla Vee Benedict (Nigeria), Miss Linda Kasper (Nigeria), Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kleinsasser (Nigeria), Miss Helen Vetter (Nigeria), Miss Ina King (Ethiopia), Miss Mary Wollman (Ethiopia).

**India**—of the Evangelical Alliance Mission: Miss Rebecca Glanzer, Dr. and Mrs. Mayard Seaman.

**South America**—of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lomheim (Brazil).

**Retired**—Mrs. P. H. Siemens.

### Missionary Personnel of the KMB Conference whose status is to be clarified with the EMB Conference:

The Salem KMB Church at Waldheim, Sask., has felt led to affiliate with the EMB Conference. The status of the following missionaries, who are members of that church, was not clarified at the time of the general conference, but it will be established through the proper channels of negotiations with the EMB Conference. All are working under the Evangelical Alliance Mission: Miss Betty Ratzlaff (Aruba), Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ratzlaff (Southern Rhodesia), Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wakelin (Venezuela).

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Mennonite Brethren Conference hereby wishes to commit the program and the missionaries of the Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church, who become the mutual responsibility of the merged conference, to the prayerful intercession and support of the joint brotherhood.

## Board of Missions

(1960 Foreign Missions Report)

### Europe

**Our conference gospel broadcast in Europe** known as "Quelle des Lebens" ("Springs of Living Water") will be aired medium wave instead of short wave beginning on January 6, 1961, and will be heard from 7:00

to 7:15 a.m. instead of 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. on Fridays. These changes are expected to greatly improve the reception of the message of the broadcast. The significance of this development is described by H. H. Janzen in the article, "God Answers Prayers."

H. H. Janzen is scheduled to minister as follows during the rest of January: 13-15, Bible studies in the Colmar Mennonite Church in France; 19-22, Bible studies in the Phafstatt Mennonite church in France; Tuesday and Wednesday of each week, teaching in the European Mennonite Bible School at the Bienenberg, Liestal, Switzerland; preparation of two radio programs each week and correspondence with inquirers; and preparation of material for the paper, "Quelle des Lebens" ("Quelle des Lebens" replaces "Wort des Lebens" as the name of our conference periodical in Europe to correspond with the name of the radio broadcast). Pray for Brother Janzen in his full program of responsibilities.

**Special prayer** is requested for an extended evangelistic campaign planned for Enns, Austria, in the New Year. Enns is a city of approximately 10,000 souls which has been without a positive, evangelical witness for years. Our workers in that area, Lawrence Warkentins, together with A. J. Neufelds and Cornelius Balzers are beginning an extensive evangelistic effort. Let us pray for a large spiritual ingathering.

### Congo

All of our missionaries in the Congo had been preserved during the recent unrest and violence as the year of 1960 ended. A number of them, however, were directly affected by the unrest, particularly the doctors, E. W. Schmidt in Kikwit and Vernon W. Vogt in Masi-Manimba (Masi-Manimba is between Leopoldville and Kikwit). Both doctors were surrounded by fighting and treated persons injured in the skirmishes. In Kikwit, many persons attempted to take refuge in the hospital, and in Masi-Manimba many patients fled the hospital as a result of the unrest. Brother Vogt reported that 85 per cent of the patients had left the Masi-Manimba hospital, but that they were slowly returning. He also reported a sleeping-sickness epidemic around Masi.

At one point during the uprisings in Kikwit, practically the entire population of the city had fled to the surrounding areas. Kikwit is a city of 15,000 to 20,000 population.

The doctors are seeking to witness for Christ to their patients and co-workers in the hospitals as best they can under the circumstances. However, the general atmosphere of unrest, the attitude of the people and other religious influences make this difficult. They indicate that their medical services are appreciated.

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## Hello, Girls and Boys

In the Bible we read "And fell down and worshipped Him."

Last week we had our last holiday associated with Christmas. We call it Epiphany. Mom and Dad call it "Heilige-drei-Könige," and we like to call it the day the wise men came to worship Jesus.

One day wise men in the East were surprised to see a new star in the sky. They wondered what it meant. It seemed to hang over the land of God's people. They thought it must be the star of the great King that God had promised to send to the world.

They decided to take the long journey to see the King. They loaded their camels with food and water, and also rich gifts for the new King. For days, and weeks, and months, the wise men travelled on.

When they came to the land of God's people, they asked, "Where is the new-born King? We have come to worship Him."

When the wicked king of the land heard this question he was greatly troubled. He wanted to be the only king. But he said he wanted to know where the Child was so that he, too, could worship Him.

God sent the star again, to lead the men to the place where Jesus was. They fell on their knees before Him. They offered Him their rich gifts.

God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to the wicked king. They turned their camels, and went back another way to their own country.

Let us be like the Wise Men. "And they fell down and worshipped Him."

Love, Aunt Helen.

## The Shoemaker and God's Word

A good many years ago, in Nantes, a Bible was given to a beggar. Unlike most of his class, the man could read, and when he found that the book was not known in the towns and villages which he passed through in his wanderings, he conceived the idea of adding to his meagre income by reading a portion to those who would pay for it.

One day he stopped before the little shop of an old man who made sabots, or wooden shoes worn by French peasants, and begged alms of him.

"You ask charity of me!" exclaimed the old man. "I am just as needy as you."

The beggar replied, "If you are not willing to give me alms, then give me a sou and I will read a chapter of the Bible to you."

"A chapter of what?"

"Of the Bible."

"What book is that? I never heard of it before."

"It is a book which speaks of God."

The old shoemaker, curious to know something of the contents of the Book, gave the beggar a sou,

upon which the latter produced his wonderful Book, and sitting down on a stone seat in front of the house, began to read. He opened the Bible at the third chapter of St. John's Gospel, and the poor old man listened with delight to the words of grace and truth.

The narrative of the interview of Nicodemus with the Lord Jesus deeply impressed him, and especially was he struck with the words "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." After the reader had read the words, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him," the old man became anxious to hear more and cried, "Go on! go on!"

"Oh, no!" replied the beggar, "only one chapter for a sou."

Another sou was quickly handed over, and then the old man hearkened with speechless joy to the sweet story of the Saviour at Sychar's well, and felt as he had never felt before when he heard for the first time the divine words: "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in

him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

The time soon came, however, when the fourth chapter of John was finished and the beggar stopped for another sou.

The old man could not go on paying sous, for he was very poor. But he begged the man to tell him where he had got such a marvellous book. The beggar said that he had got it from a pastor at Nantes, and then went his way.

He took the Book with him, but the shoemaker remembered the words he had heard from it. Night and day he repeated to himself, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

One morning, about a fortnight after the beggar had passed through the village, he rose early and told his son that he was going to Nantes.

"To Nantes, Father," said the son, "you cannot think of it. It is much too long a journey for you, it is more than sixty miles."

"I know, but I have made up my mind to go to Nantes."

All efforts to dissuade him from his purpose failed and he started off on the long walk to Nantes, where he arrived at length. He sought out and found the pastor, who had a store at which Bibles were sold.

"What do you wish?" asked the pastor, as he entered the store.

"Sir," he replied, "I have been told that one can obtain a book from you which tells about God."

"Is it a Bible you wish?"

"Oh, yes sir, that's it!"

"At what price?"

"Price, sir!" said the old man.

"Certainly; we do not give Bibles away."

"Well, I am unable to buy one, sir. A beggar told me that you gave him one, and I am as poor as he is."

"Where do you come from?"

He told him the name of the village where he lived. The pastor knew it was a great distance away and said, "How did you come?"

"On foot."

"How are you going back?"

"On foot again."

"Then you have undertaken to walk more than one hundred and twenty miles to get a Bible?"

"Yes, sir, and I shall think myself amply rewarded if I get one."

"If that is so, you shall certainly have a Bible. What size shall it be, one with fairly large type? Do you read fairly well?"

"Ah, no, I do not know a letter."

"But what are you going to do with a Bible if you cannot read?"

"Oh, sir, my daughter can read, and there are three other people in our village who can read."

The shoemaker was given a Bible and, after thanking the pastor heartily, he carried it home with joy. On reaching his native village, he invited the people to come to his house in the evenings and those

who could read read to the others in turn.

The old sabot-maker followed all that was read with the greatest of attention and committed many portions of Scriptures to memory. However, the words did not rest in his mind only, they touched the inmost chords of his heart and he and his family came to know Jesus as their Saviour.

Reprint from Salvation Army's *The Young Soldier*

## Sparrows

There is no bird so common or of so little value as the sparrow. Not only are there a great many of them, but their feathery coat is not beautiful and their song is not sweet like that of many other birds. But we should remember one thing. God's Word lets us know that God takes as good care of the sparrow as He does of other birds.

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." The Word continues: "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matt. 10:29, 30).

How many there are who fret and trouble themselves about the affairs of this life, and so occupy their time in putting forth great effort to gain something in this world, that they have little or no time to give to God's Word, or to pay attention to eternal things.

They forget that God cares for all, and provides food and raiment for all His creatures, and thus He is the preserver of all men, but especially of those who believe.

So it is wrong for anybody to worry about food and clothing and especially for those who believe, for God has loved them so much that He did not even spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for them all.

May each one, young or old, who reads these lines seek first to know and confess the Lord Jesus as the One Whom God sent for them, and rejoice not only that He has saved them but also that they are such objects of His care that the very hairs of their head are numbered.

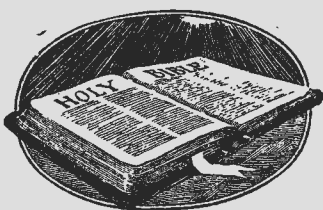
"My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

## Please Uncle, Explain!

**Manchester (Reuters)** — Peter Mark Barter, a 13-year-old English boy wrote a letter to the newspaper, *The Guardian*, in which he stated as follows: "I was sent two \$1 bills for Christmas.

"One has on it In God We Trust, and the other one hasn't. Which was printed first?"

"Has the United States just started to trust in God or stopped trusting Him?"



## Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(19th Installment)

"I can't understand you, Nancy," he said at last.

The girl shook her head. "And you never will, Trevor, until you know the power of Christ in your own life," she said wistfully.

He did not answer as he gave her one long, appraising look. A strange girl, Nancy Norwood . . . She was so near that he could have gathered her into his arms that very moment, yet she was as far from him as the poles! He took a deep breath. Yes, she was right. He didn't like to be beaten . . . He would make one last, final bid to hold her, he resolved to himself.

"Nancy," he pleaded earnestly, "don't let us be too hasty. There's too much at stake!"

"But, Trevor—"

"No, let's go home and sleep on it, and we'll probably see things in a different light tomorrow!"

But Nancy shook her head. "There's nothing to be gained by putting it off, Trevor. We know where we stand right now."

Determined not to accept defeat, Trevor pressed his point. "But Nancy, what difference would another day make? I want time to think it over. Why couldn't we leave it till tomorrow night?"

Nancy suddenly realized that she was very tired. All this had taken so much out of her . . . Could she face the ordeal again tomorrow night? No, if she put it off she might weaken. With a prayer in her heart for strength, she made her final stand.

"No, Trevor!" She spoke with an effort. "We can't go on like this. It's got to end tonight."

Still he refused to be convinced. "Listen, Nancy, what are you doing tomorrow night?" he asked suddenly.

Nancy thought a moment. "Oh, I'll be out tomorrow night!"

"Where?" he demanded suspiciously. "Not down at the church again?"

"Not exactly," she answered with a rather weary smile. "It's the first of our open-air meetings on the beach tomorrow night."

"Surely you're not going to that!" he exclaimed disgustedly.

"Why not?" came her challenging reply. "It will be a wonderful witness for Christ, and Mr. Brandon has asked me to sing."

Trevor gave a scornful shrug. "Oh, really, Nancy, you're hopeless!" he cried bluntly.

Nancy shook her head sadly. "There you are, Trevor. Don't you see what I mean?" she said again. "The things that are dear to me you despise."

"Yes, but there's no need for us to keep on arguing about them like this, Nancy! We could just go on being friends."

"No," she insisted firmly, "it's impossible, Trevor. We haven't the same ideas on friendship. We've had all this out before, and we're not getting anywhere like this. We might as well say goodbye."

The note of finality in her voice, and the strength of purpose in her face, told him that he was fighting a losing battle. But Trevor was not the kind of man to admit defeat. Mustering all that remained of his dignity, he consoled himself with the final angry thrust. "You might wish you had a friend one day!" he declared with something of his old knowledgeable air.

Nancy's face lit up with a sudden radiance. "I have a Friend, Trevor, a Friend Who never fails!"

She spoke truly, for the presence of her Divine Friend was very real to her just then. And as she watched Trevor Warne turn away disappointed and defeated, there was a great longing in her heart that all those who were dear to her might know the joy of friendship with the Saviour too.

It was out of this crisis that the thoughtless crowds who thronged the foreshore on that warm summer evening stopped to listen as her clear, sweet voice reached them with the message:

"I have a Friend,  
A Friend Who never fails me,  
I have a peace,  
A joy no cloud can dim,  
In Christ my Lord,  
Who gave His life to save me—  
Oh, won't you come,  
And give your heart to Him?"

As she sang on, oblivious to all but her song and its message, she did not realize that the noisy side-shows had temporarily lost their attraction for the pleasure-seeking throng, and that the little open-air band with which she stood was the centre of a surprised and eager crowd, straining to catch every word that floated on the still night air.

Nor was she aware of the man who stood back from the crowd, unseen in the shadows, listening intently. A well-dressed man he appeared to be, with a certain professional air about him that would have made him conspicuous in the daylight.

But nobody noticed him now as he stood there motionless until Nancy's song was finished. And nobody heard his muttered comment as he took a notebook and pencil out of his vest pocket and began to write.

"A voice in a million!" he said to himself. "That girl has a voice in a million!"

### CHAPTER XII

#### TREVOR MAKES A REQUEST

Maxwell Brandon had just sat down in his study for a few minutes' relaxation before giving his mind to next Sunday's sermons, when the door-bell rang. And with an inward sigh he pulled himself to his feet and prepared to answer it. He was feeling tired tonight, after all the work involved in launching last night's open-air meeting and the usual demands of a busy day, and had been hoping for a quiet evening.

"Oh!" He gave an exclamation of surprise as he opened the door and found himself face to face with his caller. "Trevor!"

"Good evening, Mr. Brandon," began the young man with a smile. "I suppose you're surprised to see me?"

"Well, yes," admitted the pastor. "This is rather an unexpected pleasure. Come in."

"Thanks, Mr. Brandon." Trevor stepped inside in response to the invitation. "If you could just spare me a few minutes—"

"Why, certainly, Trevor," agreed the pastor willingly. "Come into the study and sit down."

Leading the way into the rather gaunt-looking room which he used as a study, Maxwell Brandon wondered what could have brought Trevor Warne to see him. A very self-sufficient young man he had always thought him to be and hardly likely to seek advice or help.

"We didn't see you at the open-air meeting last night, Trevor," ventured the pastor, when they were both settled down in their chairs on either side of the fireplace.

Trevor laughed. "Oh, no, Mr. Brandon! That sort of thing isn't in my line, exactly."

"No?" The pastor appeared mildly surprised. "It seems to be quite a new venture in the district, but very worthwhile. We contacted quite a number of people last night, and gave out over a hundred tracts to passers-by."

Trevor shook his head. "I reckon that's the last thing—giving out tracts!"

"Many a person has been brought to the Lord through reading a good tract, Trevor," Mr. Brandon reminded him. "It is an excellent way of contacting people who won't come inside the church."

Trevor clasped his hands across his knee and leaned back in his chair with an almost arrogant composure. "That's where I think the whole idea is altogether wrong, Mr. Brandon," he declared. "If people don't come to church, that's their own affair. Why should they be pestered by a lot of religious cranks? They have their reasons for not going, I suppose."

"Which reminds me," interposed Maxwell Brandon firmly, "that we haven't seen you at church so much lately, Trevor."

"Who, me?" The sudden turn in

the conversation took the young man a little off his guard.

"Yes, we've missed you from many of the meetings lately."

"Oh, I always make a point of attending at least one service every Sunday, Mr. Brandon," the young man was quick to point out. "That's about all I've been able to manage for a while now. You see, I've got a big project on hand."

"H'h—well, first things first, you know, Trevor," warned the pastor soberly.

Trevor nodded. "That's just what I've been doing, Mr. Brandon!" he said heartily. "This is really important. My whole future is involved in it."

"Well, it sounds very interesting."

"Yes," went on the young man enthusiastically, "that's what I came to talk to you about, Mr. Brandon."

"Oh, well, go on then, Trevor." Maxwell Brandon gave his caller a keen scrutiny as he sat back in his chair, more convinced than ever that there was some motive behind this visit.

Trevor was all enthusiastic as he began his story. "I've always wanted to get into the newspaper world, Mr. Brandon. I've always been keen on that sort of thing. And there's a wonderful future in it!"

"You mean news reporting?"

"Oh, that's just a very small part of it!" The young man leaned forward confidentially. "No, I'm going to be one of the top newspaper men in this country, Mr. Brandon!"

The pastor smiled. "Well, you're certainly ambitious, Trevor." Then he added rather pointedly, "But how do you propose to go about it?"

Trevor Warne's chest expanded visibly as he drew a deep breath. "That's just it, Mr. Brandon. I've got the opportunity of a lifetime!"

"Oh?" The pastor waited for him to continue.

"Yes. You know the Southdown Chronicle, our local 'rag'? Well, it's never been much of a success; in fact, they've been losing money on it for years. Now it's not generally known, but they've sold out to a big city company and they're looking for someone to manage it for them!"

"H'h," commented Maxwell Brandon thoughtfully, "and how did you find all this out?"

"Oh, that was easy! You see, Dad's been handling all the legal side of it, so he knows the inside story, and when he saw the opportunity he put in a good word for me."

"You mean that you have applied for the position of manager of the newly-constituted Southdown Chronicle?" Maxwell Brandon thought he was beginning to see the purpose of his seemingly pointless interview.

"Yes, and I've practically got it, too!" Trevor's eyes sparkled with anticipation. "I've put in my application."

"And you just have to wait and see?"

(To be continued)



## MCC Annual Meeting to Convene January 20

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — The Mennonite Central Committee will hold its Annual Meeting on January 20 and 21 at the Atlantic Hotel, Chicago. The meeting, which is open to interested persons, will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 20. An inspirational service will be held on the evening of January 20, to which Mennonites in the Chicago area are invited.

One of the major problems to be faced at the meeting is how the MCC should respond to widening areas of tension arising in today's world.

Peter J. Dyck, MCC director in Europe and North Africa, will come to the meeting to interpret new developments in working with the European Mennonites in programs of common interest. Later he will visit the Canadian Mennonite Relief and Immigration Council in Waterloo, Ont., and the MCC office at Akron, Pa.

Under a new membership arrangement, C. A. DeFehr will represent the Mennonite Brethren and new members of MCC will be David Neufeld and Esko Loewen of the General Conference Mennonite Church, Amos Horst of the Lancaster Conference of the Mennonite Church and E. J. Swalm of the Brethren in Christ Church.

## Refugees in Congo Need Immediate Aid

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Reports from missionaries and relief workers in the Congo as well as from general news sources indicate that the Baluba refugee situation has now reached a very critical stage, necessitating a definite increase in food distribution to save the lives of the starving Congolese.

In government hospitals as well as in remote villages throughout the Bakwanga region, thousands of persons in various stages of starvation will soon die unless more aid is immediately forthcoming. Two-thirds of the estimated 250,000 refugees are described as being in a very serious condition from lack of food.

At a state hospital in the refugee village of Miabi, representatives of Congo Protestant Relief Agency report seeing nearly 50 babies who could live no more than a few days. Only a medical assistant was in charge of the hospital and prac-

tically no medicines were available. "It was as pitiful a sight of human misery and suffering from lack of food and medical care as I have ever seen," said Orie O. Miller, Akron, Pa., now in the Congo in the interests of MCC and CPRA.

The Balubas, refugees from political and tribal warfare, are living in a 400 square mile area around Bakwanga in Kasai province. They are gathered in 11 village complexes around Bakwanga and along the roads leading from the city. The refugees come from all parts of the Congo and many are from the Congo Inland Mission area.

Only about 80,000 of the estimated 250,000 refugees arrived in the Bakwanga area in time to plant crops this season. The majority are newcomers who have no crops to harvest.

The only relief effort made so far was by a four-man team from the Congo Protestant Relief Agency. The team, composed of two missionaries of Congo Inland Mission and two Mennonite Paxmen, is distributing about 30 tons of food a week. With two trucks and a station wagon, they distribute rice, beans, milk and other commodities. They are also distributing seeds and manioc roots for planting.

United Nations is now planning the distribution of 30 tons of food a day and a year's relief and rehabilitation program. The secessionist mining province of Kasai, under President Albert Kalonji, is not recognized by the UN, but the two have begun to cooperate in helping the refugees. In order to save as many lives as possible, Congo Protestant Relief Agency may join forces with the proposed United Nations' crash relief program, along with other welfare groups and the Kalonji government.

The major part of the total program of the Congo Protestant Relief Agency is food distribution, but it also includes "Operation Doctor," a project designed to provide 100 additional missionary doctors for the staffs of overflowing mission hospitals.

CPRA is directed by Congo Protestant Council, a council of the Congo churches with the missions as associate members. For many years this council has been the organization for fellowship, cooperation and coordination of the efforts of more than 40 missions. North American contributions to CPRA are coordinated by a New York committee.

MCC is one of the seven groups cooperating in CPRA and is channeling its Congo relief contributions through this agency. The extent of MCC participation in the Congo relief program is a major item for consideration at the MCC Annual Meeting in Chicago, January 20 and 21.

## CNIB Acknowledges Donation

(We are publishing this letter in order to promote the good services of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. It is a letter to one of our subscribers who sent a donation to the CNIB.)

Dear Mr. Falk,

We have this date received a letter from The Christian Press, Ltd., Winnipeg, advising that one of their readers had forwarded a donation which was to be sent along to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in support of our work. You were the kind donor. We wish to express our appreciation to you for the gift of \$10.00 and we forward herewith our official receipt which should be retained for income tax purposes.

The CNIB is a private welfare organization, non-sectarian and non-political. We number amongst our friends many of the Mennonite faith who are blind. Some of these people speak English, but there are a number who do not. Within the last two months we have enlisted the aid of a Mennonite minister (Rev. J. J. Thiessen, Herbert, Sask.—Ed.), who is himself blind, and well-known to us. He resides in Saskatchewan. He has visited the homes where English is not the predominant language and has explained the services of the CNIB. As a result of this effort, we have been able to do somewhat more for this group than previously and we feel, too, that they now have a much better understanding of the nature of our work. Your gift will be used to meet the cost of some of the additional services. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. Evans, Superintendent  
CNIB, 1031 Portage Ave.,  
Winnipeg 10, Man.

## Congo

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During the unrest the Kafumba Church held special meetings for prayer that the Lord would undertake for the situation in the Congo. This is indeed encouraging.

Arnold Prieb was invited by the Kajiji Church to minister there during the Christmas season. He was accompanied by Orville Wiebe. The position of our missions in the Congo is that the national church shall be responsible for its program

and that our missionaries are available to serve and assist the national church when called.

The ministry of missionary doctor Ernest Schmidt in Kikwit during the recent unrest has been internationally recognized by the press. The London Daily Express described him as a "lone Canadian doctor seeking to maintain some standard of right." During some fighting in the area, nurses in the hospital where Brother Schmidt serves refused to treat certain wounded people, but Brother Schmidt was able to convince them to treat all alike.

Henry Derksen spent several days in Leopoldville just before Christmas making various contacts in the interests of our work in the Congo. He was able to make a number of successful contacts with governmental offices and representatives of other missions. He was consulted by British and American officials regarding the situation in Kikwit. Politically, the situation seems to be one of "wait and see." Some missions are making plans to return additional missionaries during 1961. Our mission has met with educational, medical and information officials of the province in which it works and has found these men interested in helping their country as well as the people who are there to help their country. Our mission has inquired about time on the air to begin a radio ministry. Brother Derksen also reports that Orie O. Miller of Mennonite Central Committee has been in the Congo. Brother Miller indicated that 200 Congolese were dying every day at Bakwanga in Kasai province east of Kikwit and that the Protestant Relief Agency was receiving only about one-fourth of the food needed to meet the starvation need.

The Bob Kroeker family has returned to America from the Congo. The Kroekers arrived in California on December 21 and are now residing in Dinuba. They have returned because it is not yet possible for families to move from Leopoldville into the interior and since it is not advisable for fathers to work in the interior with their families remaining in Leopoldville.

While conditions in the Congo at present limit the services of our missionaries, it is significant that they can be in the country. Their presence and activities indicate our interest and concern for the Congo, its people and the church. By being in the country and serving in such ways as are now open to them, they are able and ready to assume other responsibilities which our mission should fulfill for Christ and the church as these may be opened to them in the providence of God. Herewith the Congo, the national church and its people are again committed to the faithful intercession of God's people.



# NEWS from HERE and THERE

## Make-Up Women Banned

Roman Catholic authorities at Rome have served notice that women using extravagant make-up will be banned from communion in Italy's Catholic churches. The Sunday edition of Vatican City's daily newspaper slashed out at foreign women tourists who come to Rome wearing clothes that are "ridiculous" and "offend good taste."

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## Conference in Prague

The Baptist Union of Soviet Russia is calling a World Christian Conference on Peace in Prague, Czechoslovakia, to be held in June, 1961. Denominational groups in both East and West are invited to send representatives. Among the signers of the invitation are Jakov Zhidkov, Alexander Karev and Ilya Ivanov, all of whom have visited the United States on several occasions in past years.

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## \$100,000 in 1960

The large First Mennonite Church of Berne, Ind., aspires to a total mission support of \$100,000 in 1960. The 1,300-members congregation, largest in the General Conference Mennonite church, held its annual mission festival in November, when nearly \$14,000 was contributed.

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## 900 Languages

One of the problems of Africa is the multiplicity of languages there. South of the Sahara alone there are about 900 languages. Many of them have no alphabet or written literature.

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## Caring for Lepers

Dr. Kazuo Saikawa, a well-known physician in Japan, has given up his practice to devote the rest of his life to caring for the lepers of Formosa. He is paid a small salary by the United Church of Christ in Japan, whose members consider him their medical missionary. A nurse who served with him in Japan has also given her life to serve in the leprosarium.

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## Statue of Christ

Proposed erection of a large statue of Christ on top of the Mount of Olives, traditional site where He is believed to have ascended to heaven, has been approved by the Jordanian government. The site overlooks Jerusalem and the Jericho Road.

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## Will help Refugees

Rome (Reuters) — The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization is planning a \$6,000,000 relief program for some 300,000 Baluba tribal refugees in The Congo.

## Mental Illness Detected

This country's 350,000 clergymen encounter more cases of mental illness than do the nation's 11,000 psychiatrists, according to the psychiatrist chairman of the St. Paul chapter of the Academy of Religion and Mental Health. He said it is important that clergymen be able to recognize emotional illness and know how to handle the person and refer him for help. He added, "It is important for the psychiatrist to accept and understand the person's religious convictions. If the psychiatrist tries to get a patient to transgress his conscience, the problem only gets worse."

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## 125th Anniversary

Scheduled for the summer of 1961 is the observance of the 125th anniversary of the Bergthaler Church of Manitoba. The Bergthaler Church had its beginning at Mariupol, South Russia in 1836, with a colony established on a 30,000-acre tract east of the Molotschna settlement. The first emigration to Canada took place in 1874.

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## Passing of CPR Chairman

William Allan Mather, 75, chairman of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and a former president of the railway, died recently in Winnipeg General Hospital.

Mr. Mather was president of the railway from March 8, 1948, to May 4, 1955, when he became chairman. He had been with railway since he was 19 years old, except for four years when he attended McGill University, graduating with a degree in engineering in 1908.

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## 51 Holiday Accidents

The New Year's holiday became a weekend of violent death for many Canadians.

At least 33 persons were killed in traffic accidents across the country. Another 18 fell victim to various other accidents, running the three day holiday toll to 51.

In the United States the count for the 78-hour holiday period also ended at Monday midnight. At that time the deaths in traffic accidents reported numbered at least 333.

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## Ten Mayor's Greetings

CFAM News carried New Year greetings from mayors of ten Southern Manitoba communities throughout New Year's Eve — one on every newscast.

Taking part were Mayor Careless of Emerson, Mayor Landerkin of Pilot Mound, Mayor Barkman of Steinbach, Mayor Harris of Carman, Mayor Rempel of Altona, Mayor Johnson of Morris, Mayor Loewen of Gretna, Mayor Kroeker of Wink-

ler, Mayor Cochlan of Morden and Mayor Johnston of Manitou.

Premier Duff Roblin also extended Christmas and New Year's Greetings to CFAM listeners.

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## Bonn-Moscow Trade Pact

Bonn (Reuters) — West Germany and Russia signed a new three-year trade pact less than 24 hours before the current agreement expired.

The pact was signed behind closed doors by Soviet Ambassador Andrei Smirnov and Hilger van Scherpenberg, secretary of state at the West German foreign ministry.

A communique said trade between the countries will be about 20 per cent higher during the next three years — about 900,000,000 marks (\$225,000,000) a year each way as compared to 714,000,000 marks (\$180,000,000) each way in 1959, according to informed sources.

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## Cuba Arrested U.S. Man

Havana (AP) — George Kaufman, a member of the Associated Press staff in Havana, and his wife were arrested by Cuban military intelligence agents. No reason for detention was given.

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## Sale of Comic Books

There are one billion copies of comic books sold in the United States each year at a cost of 100 million dollars. This is four times the budget of all the public libraries in America. It is more than the cost of the books used in all of our primary and secondary schools.

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## Vehicles in South America

Favorite vehicles among Mennonite colonists in South America are the German Volkswagen, the English Ford or the American Jeep. Orders for several of these cars have been placed recently by prospective owners at Curitiba, Brazil, indicating the growing economic strength of those communities.

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## Weekly Radio Program Hours

One of the the world's 29 missionary radio stations, without any financial backing of government or commercial interests, is about to exceed Soviet Russia in its volume of international broadcasting. According to a recent Associated Press report, Red China has climbed past the United States in the number of weekly program hours on the air. Here is the official standings to date:

Communist Russia — 975 program hrs. weekly

Red China — 674 program hrs. weekly

United Arab Republic — 625 program hrs. weekly

United States — 590 program hrs. weekly

Not considered in this tally was the Far East Broadcasting Co.

which operates 637 program hours weekly in its total operation. This would place FEBC third on the list. Three months before these figures were released, FEBC announced a "Capacity Operation" project designed to increase their broadcasting load to 980 program hours weekly! Already broadcasting 637 program hours weekly, FEBC — using 15 transmitters with a potential listening audience of 1,646,000,000 people who live on three-fourths of the earth's surface — could exceed the powerful Soviet propaganda broadcasting system.

Capacity operation for FEBC requires: 1) More personnel for each operation. 2) Funds for operational costs. FEBC maintains U.S. headquarters at P.O. Box 1, Whittier, California.

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## Record Flow of Yule Mail

A total of 27,220,275 pieces of mail went through Winnipeg's main post office between Dec. 8 and 24 last year, setting a record for the Christmas period.

The total, 2,684,275 up from last year, continued the upward trend in mail handling over the past years. A break-down in the figure showed 10,839,200 stamped mail, 3,316,303 pieces of metered mail, 11,179,123 pieces of transit mail into Winnipeg and 1,885,649 circulars.

A year ago the Trans-Canada Air Lines, says it had shipped approximately 3,500,000 greeting cards from Winnipeg to almost every conceivable destination in the world since Dec. 15. That figure was based on about 100,000 pounds of mail which TCA had flown out of the city since mid-month, about 5,000 pounds more than the year before.

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## Under Pacific Stars

### A marine's last letter to his parents

On November 22, 1943, under the stars of an alien sky somewhere in the South Pacific, Philip Welsher, 22, of the United States Marines, breathed his last. Mother and Dad and beloved home were far away; horror, violence and devastation were all around. But Phil was "looking up," far beyond the stars, into the face of his Saviour.

Phil's last message to his mother and dad was written more than a year before his death. His pals found it among his few possessions and mailed it home at once, in accordance with the request found on the envelope. He wrote:  
Dear folks:

I am writing this letter in the hope that it will be forwarded to you after my death. My purpose in writing is twofold. First I want to assure you that we are separated temporarily; we shall soon be united with Christ in the presence of God. As I write this I am in very little danger, but who can say what the morrow may bring? We simply trust God to give us the victory in temporal things as well as in spiritual matters.

As I pass on, I wish to leave behind a testimony to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that God may be glorified more in my death than in my life. Today, knowing that I may very soon be called to give an account to my Maker, I can say that I am trusting only

# YOUTH IN ACTION

in Jesus Christ, who died as a sacrifice for my sins that I might have eternal life. He paid the price with His own precious blood, and by simple faith in Him I am cleansed from all unrighteousness.

I am now with Jesus, and all is well with my soul. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26).

My second purpose in writing this letter, Dad, is that you might make the way of salvation clear to a friend to whom I have written a similar letter. Give him the message as from me that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:3-4). Say, also, that in Him we shall all meet again.

Dry your tears, Mom; a son has been called Home, where he waits to be joined by the dearest parents a boy could have. Perhaps consolation may be found in knowing that when we shall again be together, it shall be even as He has promised: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be

no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4). Just for a little while, I would say, good-bye, and God be with you till we meet again.

Your loving son, PHIL

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Phil had something the world doesn't have. Would you like that same peace, confidence and satisfaction he had? Then put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, who

died and rose again that you might be forgiven, delivered from sin and eternally saved.

By receiving the Saviour through that old familiar text "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16), Phil was saved by Christ. But he was also secure in Christ, who said, "I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish" (John 10:28). Now he is in the presence of Christ, for he has departed "to be with Christ, which is far better" (Philippians 1:23). All this may be yours, too. Commit your heart and life to God's Son, Jesus Christ the Lord.

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## What Then?

John 3:16

When the great plants of our cities  
Have turned out their last finished  
work;

When our merchants have sold their  
last yard of silk

And dismissed the last tired clerk;  
When our banks have taken in their  
last dollar

And paid the last dividend;  
When the Judge of the earth says,  
"Close for the night,"

And we stand up before Him, **What then?**

When the choir has sung its last  
anthem,

And the preacher has made his last  
prayer;

When the people have heard their  
last sermon

And the sound has died out on the  
air;

When the Bible lies closed on the  
altar

And the pews are all empty of men  
And each one stands facing his record

And the great Book is opened,  
**What then?**

When the actors have played their  
last drama,

And the mimic has made his last  
fun,

When the film has flashed its last  
picture,

And the billboard displayed its last  
run;

When the crowds seeking pleasure  
have vanished,

And gone out into the darkness  
again;

When the trumpet of ages is sound-  
ed,

And we stand up before Him, **What then?**

When the bugle's call sinks into  
silence

And the long marching columns  
stand still,

When the captain repeats his last  
orders,

And they've captured the last fort  
and hill,

And the flag has been hauled from  
masthead,

And the wounded afield checked in,  
And the world that rejected its  
Saviour

Is asked for a reason, **What then?**

When the bugle call sounds and  
the great angel announces that time  
shall be no more (Rev. 10:5,6),  
friend, if you are not saved, **What then?**

It is appointed unto man once  
to die but after this the judgment.  
(Heb. 9:27)

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# EDUCATION

## SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

### Mennonite Brethren Bible College

#### A Cappella Choir on CBC

The 35-voice choir of the College was featured on the CBC's Parade of Choirs on January 9. The half-hour broadcast, originating in the studio of CBW, Winnipeg, featured a presentation of a Bach Motet, *Jesu meine Freude*, and covered the prairie provinces. The rendition was under the direction of Victor Martens of the College Music Department.

The College choir will present a program at the Fort Rouge Mennonite church on January 15, and will appear at the South End Mennonite Brethren church on January 22.

#### President Speaks at Bible Conferences

President J. A. Toews was the guest speaker at a Bible Conference held December 30 to January 1 and sponsored by the Herbert Mennonite Brethren Church. His messages were based on the seven letters to the churches of Asia. Rev. Nick Janz is the pastor of the church. On January 6 to 9 Rev. Toews served at the Mennonite Brethren church in Saskatoon, where he dealt with church principles according to the book of Acts. Rev. George Braun is the pastor.

#### New Applications for Second Semester

A number of applications for the second semester have been processed. Applicants come from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Some of the applicants are former students returning for an additional semester while others are beginning their work at the College with the second semester. The semester system was begun last year to accommodate students who were not able to come for a full year or needed a semester of work to complete their course.

### Tabor College

#### Named to Who's Who

The name of four Tabor College seniors have been selected for publication in the 1961 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

They are Perry Klassen, Weatherford, Okla.; Jerry Neufeld, Fairview, Okla.; Suzanne Siemens, Buhler; and Don Unruh, Winnipeg, Man. All of the nominees have established high academic records in addition to participating extensively in campus activities.

#### Fund Drive for Gymnasium

Business and professional people of the city of Hillsboro have donated approximately \$12,000 to the Tabor College gymnasium building fund in a special drive sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

#### Death Saddens College Family

Students and faculty of Tabor College were shocked and saddened by the death of Dean Deutschendorf, college junior, on Dec. 29. Dean died instantly when the car in which he was a passenger struck a bridge six miles east of Clinton, Okla. Three other passengers in the vehicle received lesser injuries.

Dean was the son of Mrs. Anna Deutschendorf of Corn, Okla., and more recently of Hillsboro. Together with his mother and his brother David, a Tabor freshman, he moved here in September, where Mrs. Deutschendorf is employed in the Tabor cafeteria.

#### Advisor Finds Students Agnostics — Most For-sake Early Religious Beliefs

For the past three years the Rev. Theodore R. Smith, Jr., religious advisor at the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, has been making a survey of the religious beliefs of the students he counsels. Recently he released the results of his private survey which led him to believe that 65 per cent of them are agnostics. Of a total of 1,100 students, no more than 50 take part in the programs of the three campus religious organizations. Their reason: They think religious beliefs are incompatible with science. Mr. Smith, an ordained Methodist minister, believes that modern concepts of religion and science are not incompatible and blames the faulty thinking of the youths on poor teaching in their earlier life.

"Many fellows enter the field of science," Mr. Smith believes, "thinking they have to be completely objective. They feel they will have to give up religion because it can't be proved or disproved." Half of the members of this fall's freshman class of 370 have indicated they have no religious preference or belief, Mr. Smith said. He said he thought that students who lived by the rule of "prove it or throw it out" could never be true scientists. "Even in science," he said, "there are a number of presuppositions that can be neither proved nor dis-

proved. For instance, the idea that we live in an orderly universe. That can't be proved."

Forty-five per cent of the Stevens students indicated they had a Roman Catholic background, 45 per cent Protestant and 10 per cent Jewish. The percentage of students who have turned from these backgrounds, Mr. Smith found, is higher at Stevens, a science and engineering school, than at a liberal arts college where he formerly did counseling.

### M. B. Church Board of General Welfare

A limited number of copies of "Feeding the Hungry" are still available. Written by P. C. Hiebert, this book is the story of the famine and relief work in Russia from 1919 to 1925, which affected our brethren in that land. Copies are available for 75¢ from: Board of General Welfare and Public Relations, 315 South Lincoln, Hillsboro, Kans., USA. The price includes postage.

Officers of Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) met in Wichita December 12 to review and plan their work in the Mennonite colonies in South America. MEDA is an association of about 15 Mennonite business and professional men who have banded together to provide industrial and technical assistance for Mennonites in the South American colonies. Attending the December 12 meeting were E. J. Peters, Wasco, Calif., who is chairman of MEDA, and C. A. DeFehr, Winnipeg. Other Mennonite Brethren members of MEDA are M. S. Gaede and H. R. Martens, both of Reedley, Calif. Representatives of MEDA and Uruguay Settlement Associates together considered how the latter group might assist in industrial development in South America. Uruguay Settlement Associates originally provided assistance for the settlement of Mennonite refugees in that country. MEDA also considered the economic needs of Volendam colony in Paraguay and Bage colony in Brazil and how it might help meet these needs. The meeting was also happy to hear that current MEDA projects in Paraguay are proving worthwhile and successful. These include dairy, leather-tanning and shoe-manufacturing projects.

The Henry C. Born family has moved from Fernheim, Paraguay, to Curitiba, Brazil, where he will be serving in the South American Conference Bible Institute. The Fernheim Mennonite Brethren Church had a farewell service for the Borns on November 20. Brother Born's ministry in the Fernheim Bible School and churches has been much appreciated. The Borns have now served in Fernheim for two years during the present term of service.

November 25 was observed in Fernheim, Paraguay, as a day of thanksgiving for the deliverance of

### Six Sets of Twins at Hesston College

Hesston, Kans. — Among the 1960-61 Hesston College students are six sets of twins: Carolyn and Carol Nofziger of Lebanon, Oregon; Marion and Myron Kauffman of Lebanon, Oregon; Connie and Carol Graber of Rolette, N.D.; Rosella and Rodney Yoder of Kalona, Iowa; Dene and Gene Yoder of Harper, Kans.; and Rachel and Ruby Yoder of Hesston.

the people out of Communist Russia approximately 30 years ago. Peter Klassen Sr. compares the feelings of the freed people to that of birds released from a cage. Many may have forgotten those experiences, but some will never forget the dark days when the Mennonite people found themselves at the gates of Moscow in a desperate attempt to flee from the shackles of tyranny and slavery.

President Stroessner of Paraguay is sometimes referred to by our people as "the president of the Mennonites." He makes occasional trips to the Paraguayan Chaco. When he was asked why he likes to visit the Mennonite colonies, he said that in the Chaco he doesn't need a body guard.

...The Harold Dicks and Menno Isaacs, are continuing to find their 1-W teaching assignment in Cali, Colombia, a profitable experience. This is the first year of 1-W service in Cali for Harold and Bernice Dick and the second for Menno and Alice Isaac. These folks sing in a choir, in an English church service once or twice a month and in our Spanish Mennonite Brethren Church choir in Cali on other occasions. Our representatives have also been meeting with other teachers in Colegio Bolivar (the private school in which they teach) for devotional services and plan to discuss topics regarding practical Christian service which they might undertake.

Total number of 1-W men from Mennonite and Brethren in Christ groups is approximately 1,100 at the present time. The largest number of 1-W men come from the following groups: (Old) Mennonite 578, General Conference, 159, Old Order Amish, 128, Church of God in Christ Mennonite 56, and Mennonite Brethren 52.

A "Youth Peace Corps" was proposed by President-elect John F. Kennedy in the recent campaign. In an editorial in its December 13 issue, *The Wichita Eagle* in Kansas points out that the idea was not original with Mr. Kennedy and says: "If President-elect Kennedy was serious about his proposal, he may well find an excellent model or 'pilot project' for a youth peace corps in the Mennonite Pax program."

### Bible Week Speaker

Rev. J. Herbert Fretz, pastor of the Salem Mennonite Church, Freeman, South Dakota has been secured as Bible Week Speaker at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College for February 1-3, 1961.

Rev. Fretz has had a rich pastoral experience in Pennsylvania and South Dakota. During his pastorate at the Deep Run Church, Bedminster, Penna. he was active in the Historical Committee of the Eastern District Conference of the General Conference Mennonite Church. Several years ago Rev. Fretz travelled through the Holy Land.

During the evenings Rev. Fretz will be giving illustrated lectures of his Palestine tour. The topics will be:

- "The Old Testament World"
- "The Life of Jesus"
- "The Journeys of Paul"

The Bible expositions (two each day) will deal with two Biblical characters, Job and Paul, based on the books of Job and Galatians.

Everyone is invited for these

meetings. The times will be 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7.45 for each of the three days.

### Annual Minister's Course of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College

this year is scheduled for February 6-17. We extend a cordial invitation to all ministers and Christian workers to avail themselves of this opportunity to enrich their spiritual life, and to get new perspective for their ministry in today's world. We would kindly request, that you send in your application as soon as possible, in order that the necessary arrangements for board and lodging can be made.

All applications should be addressed to: The Mennonite Brethren Bible College, 77 Kelvin Street, Winnipeg 5, Manitoba.

With best wishes for a successful and blessed ministry in 1961,

On behalf of the faculty,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Toews.

### Is There a Double Standard?

"Does God have a double standard?" was the challenging question of a returned missionary as he addressed a convention recently. Does God have one standard for the missionary, and another for the layman; one for the man or woman who has dedicated himself or herself to foreign service, and another for the Christian who remains in secular work at home?

In the mind of the average Christian there is, consciously or unconsciously, a double standard. He has a standard which he expects a missionary to meet, and is often very outspoken, if that one fails to

measure up. This standard is usually a high one which he expects of his missionary. He expects his missionary, whom he is supporting to be a deeply consecrated person—one who is willing to sacrifice all to be an ambassador of the cross of Jesus. He expects that he should be willing to live on a meager salary and to forego many of the comforts of life.

We are not questioning Mr. Average Christian's right to such a standard for his missionary. Our question is, however: Does God have another standard for him? Is the New Testament norm different for the layman than for the Christian worker?

Should the lay person at home feel free to live without sacrifice, lavish material things upon himself and his family, with little or no thought of his stewardship of that which God has entrusted to him? Is he free to live without burden in prayer for the lost of the earth, or to live indulgently?

We have thought much about the question. Is there a double standard? In all honesty, Christians must admit that the following of the Master, the taking up of the cross, the living of a life expressing love for our Lord and for all those for whom He died, is for ALL!

—The Missionary Standard

### Correction

Edmonton, Alta. — The Mennonite Brethren Mission Group of Edmonton has its worship services in the auditorium of the James Gibsons School in Jasper Place. The school is located at the corner of 90th Avenue and 153rd Street, Edmonton and not at 143rd Street as announced in the Mennonite Observer in the 51st issue, Dec. 16 and 23, page 12.

### ON THE HORIZON

February 1-3. — Bible Week at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

February 6-17. — Minister's Course at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg.

February 5-19. — United evangelistic meetings, sponsored by the M.B. Churches of Winnipeg to be held in the M.B. Collegiate Institute auditorium every evening. Rev. Waldo Wiebe of Reedley, California is to be the speaker.

February 6-17, 1961. — Annual Ministers' Course, Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

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