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I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence  
cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made  
heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1,2.



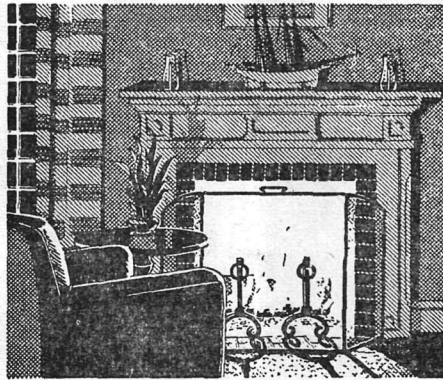
# The Korean Church

A FAMILIAR oriental term describes a fervent radiant Christians as having a "hot heart". God's children in Korea today are blazing examples of this. Christianity in Korea begins its day at five thirty with a regular early morning prayer meeting—a universal habit in the Korean church. I shall never forget the humble pride of the Sunday school superintendent of a country church who made the formal announcement to me during the worship service that that Sunday marked a full year of one hundred percent attendance of the Sunday school children at the daily day-break prayer meeting. This did not include a number of adults regularly attending. On the Island of Koje where the Communist prisoners of war have been encamped, a missionary chaplain reports that the early morning prayer meeting in his camp sees a regular attendance of six thousand prisoners of war who are now Christians. Visit any church in Korea at dawn, and you will find her a church of prayer. This is Christianity aflame.

Korea's Christian young people are on fire for God. A young seminary student, president of the student body and outstanding Christian youth leader, came to me the other day for a conference. His first words were, "I am empty". A bit puzzled, I asked him to explain. "I am empty. I have nothing in myself to offer. I have no ability, no power, no gift of help for my people, and very soon I must take my first church as a pastor. I trust God only for I am nothing". I listened in evident amazement, for Mr. Li was one of the most consecrated, promising, devoted Christians I knew. He continued, "Because I and a group of fellow graduates have felt such inability to perform our calling with power, we have been going nightly upon the hillside near our tent dormitory to pray all night for the fire of the Holy Spirit. God has met us. We have never been so happy or determined to do God's will at the cost of our lives!" Mr. Li knew what he was talking about: nearly fifty percent of his former classmates had either been killed or taken into the Communist army. He himself had spent three long months hidden in a hole under the floor of his mud-house to escape the searchings of the Communist soldiers. God is going to honor the humility of these burning young hearts and couple it with a divine

power that will one day take Korea for Him. Thank God for the spreading fire of Korea's Christian youth!

Then, too, Korea's Church leaders burn as an unquenchable flame in this dark hour. Out of its ranks during two years nearly five hundred martyrs have counted their lives not dear; and their burning memory has inspired countless others to rise in their place—pastors, Bible women, and lay leaders to carry the Gospel torch. They work on the front lines as chaplains among the Korean soldiers: they carry on a tireless evangelistic program throughout guerilla-ridden hills and on Communist heartened islands in dangerous coastal waters of Southwest Korea. They sacrifice to the point of near starvation for the sake of keeping their churches alive and moving on in the midst of Korea's precarious economic crisis and they shout the cry of victory and hope through it all! The challenge of Korea lies not in the flaming guns on her battle frontiers, the searing horror of napalm bombings, or in the burning trial of destroyed enemy encampments, but it is in the undefeatable army of God's people whose hearts are on fire with trust and faith and undying hope in this veritable hot-spot of Christendom.—*Selected.*



## This Pleasure-Loving Country

HOW FAR off the beam the pleasure- and sports-loving American public has become in its sense of value can be established from the figures handed down by a medical association at Dallas, Texas, the other day. Consider the following cold, cold statistics, then draw your own conclusions. They do not include the total spent for all sports which we will come to later:

Our national gambling tab for 1950 was 20 billion dollars; whiskey

cost us another 17 billion; cosmetics, eight billion; and automobiles, another 19 billion.

In contrast, as the medical association pointed out, money spent for "essentials" was as follows:

Education, 5 billion; physicians, 1.7 billion; hospitals, 1.3 billion; drugs and sundries, 1.1 billion; dentists, .9 billion; churches, 1 billion.

Unofficially, money spent on sports equipment and necessary materials, would run better than twenty-five billion. This would cover all athletic events, both big-time and small.

The biggest gripe comes from professional men and church people, and they cannot be blamed. Why, they ask, should twenty billion be thrown away on gambling or seventeen billion on whiskey and eight more on cosmetics? The latter item alone would just about cover all that spent on education, doctors, hospitals, drugs and churches.

This is not the place to moralize, but we must admit that this country's sense of values, unless straightened out, will some day head it for a terrific fall. —*Al Abrams*, sports editor, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

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# Editorial

## Christian Freedom

TODAY WE hear a great deal about freedom. True, it is one of the finest words in the English language. It holds a place of peculiar significance in American thinking. The word freedom has both a negative and positive meaning. The negative aspect is freedom from something—from tyranny, or poverty. The positive meaning is freedom to do something—freedom to speak and worship.

With all our discussions about freedom, this noble word is still much abused. Too many think of freedom as the right to act as they will; it matters not how unjustly or unworthily. Man conceives of freedom simply in terms of casting off restraints and giving themselves to unhampered expressions. "Liberty without restraint is self-destruction." The man who will not be bound to anything or to any group is always the most enslaved.

The true concept of spiritual freedom never means man being his own master, but man cleansed from the old self life and Jesus Christ enthroned in the citadel of the heart. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." "So if the Son sets you free you will be really free." (Williams). This freedom of the

Spirit is in antithesis to the letter of the legal ordinances. Inner fruitfulness of the Spirit is more important than outward conformity of the flesh. And if the Holy Spirit is pre-eminent within, the conduct of the outward man will be governed accordingly. Consequently our preaching and teaching emphasis must ever be on the Spirit-filled life.

At the heart of all freedom there is a certain bondage. To be intellectually free one must pay obeisance to certain laws of thought. Political freedom consists in recognition of individual rights. No man is morally free who does not respect his conscience. The highest type of Christian freedom is when we become love-slaves of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many times Christian freedom is imperiled by license and legalism. How shall the church escape these dangers? For guidance to the above question, we suggest the following principles: The ground of Christian freedom is founded upon the revelation of Jesus Christ through His gospel. The equality of Christian freedom is faith. The fraternity of Christian freedom is knowledge. The perfection of Christian freedom is love.

—J. F. L.

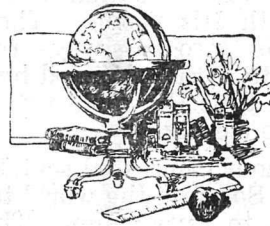
### The Devil's Burdens

THE LATE Dr. Foster used to tell about his aged mother, who was a very anxious, troubled Christian for a while. The family would rally her on her needless worries, but it was no use. But one morning she came down to breakfast wreathed with smiles, and told of a dream she had had that night.

She was walking along a highway with a great crowd of people who seemed tired and burdened. They were nearly all carrying little black bundles, and she noticed that there were numerous repulsive-looking beings, which she thought was demons, dropping those black bundles for the people to pick up and carry. Like the rest, she, too, had her needless load, and she was weighed down with the devil's bundles. Looking up after a while, she saw a man with a bright and loving face, passing hither and thither through the crowd, and comforting the people. At last He came near her, and she saw it was her Savior. She told Him how tired she was, and He smiled sadly and said:

"My dear child, I did not give you these loads; you have no need to bear them. They are the devil's burdens, and they are wearing out your life. Just drop them; refuse to touch them; you will find the path easy, and you will be borne on eagle's wings."

He touched her hand, and, lo, peace and joy thrilled her frame. Flinging down the burdens, she was about to throw herself at His feet in joyful thanksgiving, when suddenly she awoke. Her cares were gone, and from that day to the close of her life she was the most cheerful and happy member of her household. So He can give each one of us rest.—A. B. Simpson.



### Life's Transcendent Way

*This is the first of a series of studies on I Corinthians 13 by Dr. Claude A. Ries of Houghton, New York.*

WE ARE on the threshold of another year with its God-given opportunities, privileges and responsibilities. It will be a year of digging for truth, happiness, success. Many wonderful nuggets will be found. But if, after all our digging and discovery, we are not changed and more like the Author of truth, all our toiling is not much more than the grinding of machinery. *The most important thing that comes out of any mine is the miner himself.*

In other words, the greatest thing a person does in doing a piece of work, is himself. Measured in eternal values that means that everyone who does not know the Lord Jesus shall come to know Him and that every babe in Christ shall get out of his babyhood and become a grown-up man or woman in Christ. Such was ever the admonition of the Apostle Paul in his Epistles.

In his great love chapter, the Apostle writes, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I argued like a child; now that I am a man, I am done with childish ways." Love is the great criterion. The love-saturated life bespeaks manhood in Christ.

Christian maturity is revealed in the fact that "love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose; always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient!" (Moffatt translation).

Bishop Berry was away from home. He was homesick. As he went down the street he saw a poor urchin in front of a grocery-store window. The boy's face revealed his great hunger. The bishop went up to the lad and said, "Go in, get what you want, and I'll pay for it all!" The surprised urchin couldn't believe his ears. But he went in and bought oranges and bananas, stuffing every pocket full. Then he rolled up his sweater and packed that full. The bishop paid for it all and the boy headed down the street, with the fruit bulging out all over him. Then the good bishop looked up to the Lord and prayed, "Lord, let the fruit of the Spirit stick out all over me so hungry men can be fed."

Is that your prayer as well as mine?





## The Divine Indwelling

Rev. Bob C. Nelson, Hope, Michigan

*"Christ in you, the hope of glory"* (Col. 1:27). *"At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you"* (John 14:20).

**H**ERE ARE two amazing scriptures. They declare that Christ the Son of God, who is very God, the second Person of the Trinity, will and does indwell the hearts of certain people; and that these know that He dwells within them; and that this holy indwelling is necessary for the enjoyment of heaven itself.

The unfolding of this precious truth reaches as far back as the Garden of Eden. There God walked in the cool of the day in fellowship with Adam. But because of Adam's sin this vital relationship was disturbed and broken. Centuries later God wants the attention of a man. How will He reveal Himself? God will indwell a bush out yonder in the wilderness. The bush will be a flame of fire, certainly a proper revelation of God's holiness and character for "our God is a consuming fire." Strangely enough the bush was not consumed and God spoke with Moses there.

There came a day when enslaved Israel would leave Egypt. They desperately needed Divine guidance. Therefore God indwelt a pillar of a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to lead and protect them.

Shortly after, the Tabernacle with its symbols and types was made according to the pattern showed Moses

by God in the mount. In the Tabernacle, and also in the Temple which followed, called the "most holy place" or "the holiest of all," God indwelt this room. There He displayed His shekinah glory. There the High Priest came once a year to make atonement, first, for his own sins, then for the sins of the people. From this holy of holies God would commune with His people. The loving God was progressively revealing Himself to a race, blinded by sin. In course of time He would reveal Himself more clearly.

That hour came. God sent His only begotten Son into the world to represent and to reveal him. The Bible says, "that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (II Cor. 5:19). Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9). John, in his Gospel, declared, "The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (Jn. 1:14).

Note again the dual text of this meditation! "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you," and, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." That day would follow our Lord's resurrection. The grand fulfillment would be at the Day of Pentecost. May we use Dr. Clarke's explanation thus, "After my resurrection, ye shall be more fully

convinced of this important truth, that I and the Father are one; for I will live in you by the energy of my Spirit, and ye shall live in Me by faith, love and obedience."

What the most holy place was to the Tabernacle and Temple, the human spirit is to a moral being. God through His Spirit would cleanse man's depraved spirit. Then He would fill that human spirit with His Presence and indwell the heart of the yielded, consecrated soul as He indwelt the most holy place of the Tabernacle. Man then becomes the dwelling place of God.

Man's most important need is the personal presence of God. Out from the God-filled and God-controlled life flows fragrance, sweetness, blessing and victory. God's presence is the only truly distinguishing characteristic between the people of God and the unsaved people of the world. God's presence in the soul produces spiritual stability and a renewed personality. He gives inner guidance, wisdom and understanding of the Scriptures.

Do you desire God's presence in your heart and life? If so, then three things are needful. First, you must forsake sin. God will not dwell within a divided heart. Sin must go under the blood of Jesus. You must forsake worldly pleasures and your own way and go God's way. Moses prayed, "Shew me now that way" (Ex. 33:13). Jesus said, "I am the way" (Jn. 14:6). "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I Jn. 1:7). Secondly, you must pray earnestly for the fullness of God's blessing. God hears and answers the sincere, fervent prayer of any soul who wants God's best. God loves to bestow His choicest blessings on those who long after Him and honor Him by faith and obedience.

A spiritual life is saturated with prayer. God honors the praying man or woman with His presence. The world needs God-filled, praying men and women. You may be that man or woman and mightily influence your generation for God and affect the lives of people yet to be born.

Thirdly, if you would enjoy God's presence, you must possess an intense desire for Him. You must want Him so badly that you will give up everything and everyone that might keep you from Him. If you will do these three things, then God will become an exceeding precious being to your soul. You will have the Divine indwelling. Christ will dwell in you, your hope of glory. You will have

heaven on earth to go to heaven with.

Friend, do you enjoy that distinguishing characteristic of Christianity? Is God real in your life? Is He real to others through your life? If not, why not yield all to Him just now? Live for God and He will bless you. —*Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.*

## The Heartbeat of the Plans for the Japan World Congress on Evangelism

*Sam Wolgemuth, Japan YFC  
Director*

THIS IS the "year of our Lord, 1953" according to the accepted Christian calendar. In contrast, the religious tradition of the Japanese refers to it as the "year of the serpent, 28".

Those who know Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour know that the power of the serpent has been broken. Christ, on the cross, fulfilled the verdict that was leveled against the devil in Genesis. "The seed of the woman shall bruise thy head." His has been a fatal blow. The enemy is a defeated foe. In the power of Christ, the child of God meets and overcomes the satanic powers.

Let this year of our Lord indeed be a year of unprecedented spiritual victories in Japan. Let us pray that this year the supernatural power of the Gospel shall be felt across the length and breadth of this great nation. The key to the release of this power rests within the grasp of those who name the name of Christ. The Word declares: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin, and heal their land." Do we as Christians want to see the hand of God released for the healing of this land? Then let us pay the price for it.

Does the land need healing? All agree that it does. "Shintoism is being revived as in the former days," says one newspaper. Tobacco interests anticipate a 20 percent increase in cigarette sales for this year. The liquor industries propose an increased production of millions of gallons of intoxicants. Sin and immorality are abroad on every hand. Surely the

heart of a loving Saviour bleeds as multitudes are swept into the gaping jaws of Hell.

God has sent revival to other lands. There is a Balm in Gilead. On the island of Lewis, just off the British Isles, God has been moving in mighty revival during the last two years. It has moved across the island until

every town and hamlet has felt its impact. Says Duncan Campbell, God's ministering servant mightily used during this experience: "Christians prayed, prayer meetings were increased: all nights were spent in prayer and confession. Christ became paramount. People left offices, farms, and shops in the middle of the day for prayer and praise. People sang. Hymns of praise rose in victorious triumph. Sinners were convicted."

"People, moved by the Spirit of God, came to confess their need of the Saviour. Many came for miles without even a knowledge of special services. They came because the Spirit had drawn them. They came penitent and broken. Theatres were closed, saloons boarded shut, dance halls lost their pleasure seeking customers. God's Spirit convicted of sin, of righteousness and judgment to come. A God-consciousness was apparent everywhere."

It can happen in Japan! Japan has long been known as the "land of the rising sun". Is there not perspective in that which can be redirected? Is there not an area of common ground upon which the Church of Jesus Christ in Japan can stand? Hear the Word of the Lord? "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me . . . That they may know from the Rising of the Sun . . . that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else . . . Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

The Church, the Body of Christ, is God's instrument on earth. This in-

strument, empowered by the Holy Spirit, can present Christ so "that they may know there is none beside Him." There are no insurmountable barriers when He leads the way. Jesus said: "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed . . . and shall believe . . . these things which he saith shall come to pass."

Every Christian must share. There must be prayer, travailing prayer, believing prayer. There must be heart searching, confession of sins, sins of omission and commission. There must be infilling, the infilling of the Holy Spirit. There must be witnessing. Every available person must be used. Gifts differ, methods vary, but the message is the same. Let us not defend our own positions but promote as one the message of Christ "in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace."

The World Congress then is a call for:

1. UNITED prayer
  - a. Prayer—that God will revive and intensify our (my) "first love" experience with Him.
  - b. Prayer—that God will impassion our souls with the heartbreak of the Saviour Who shed His blood to save men and women in Japan from going to an eternal Hell.
  - c. Prayer—that God will, by a spiritual fusion, join the body of Christ as one to wield an impact for the Gospel on these islands that will frustrate the designs of the devil.

### 2. UNITED Fellowship

The Congress sessions in Tokyo, August 9-16, will bring together Christian leaders from around the world. Every pastor, Christian leader, and missionary in Japan is personally invited. Under the leadership of Bob Cook, President of Youth for Christ International, these leaders will join for prayer and instruction in the Word. Then in Congress sessions the experiences, opportunities, and problems of the various fields of the world will be discussed. Each worker will receive a vision of world needs from first-hand information.

### 3. UNITED Evangelism

Delegates from all parts of the world will join with their Japanese brethren in a concentrated program of evangelism. During Congress week in Tokyo, August 9-16, evening meetings will be conducted throughout this vast city of over seven million people. National Christians will be joined by missionaries and guests from other lands in preaching, witnessing, and literature distribution.

In the following two weeks, August



17-September 1, at least 50 simultaneous evangelistic campaigns will be conducted throughout all of Japan. We are hoping to be able to have at least one campaign in every prefecture. Local committees chosen by pastors and missionaries will work out the details for these meetings. Members of the Youth for Christ staff will assist them. In this way the fruits of the campaigns will be tied in with the local church and mission programs. Every Christian, young and old will be given encouragement to do personal witnessing, each in his own community, seeking to bring men and women to Christ. Additional meetings in factories and places where people gather will be promoted. Special efforts will be made to reach children and young people with the message.

A limited number of men and teams will be available after September 1 to assist in additional areas. These folk will also be available to aid church leaders in follow-up classes.

Will the Church and spiritual leaders now seek to find a unity in Christ and, in a united faith, become laborers together for at least one major evangelistic spiritual witness that gives united expression to the faith that saves in Christ?

"So shall they fear the name of the LORD . . . and his glory from the RISING OF THE SUN. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall 'put him to flight'."

### In Answer To Prayer

A DYING minister said: "I feel happy and assured of my salvation, as a poor, lost sinner, saved through a Savior's precious, atoning blood." But there seemed to be something weighing upon his mind.

One inquired, "My dear brother, is there anything that is now a cause of anxiety to you?"

The dying man drew from under his pillow a piece of paper, on which were written the names of twenty-five unconverted, leading men of his parish, and with tears he said: "Yes, there is one cause of anxiety, and here it is: It is the salvation of these twenty-five men. I have prayed much for these men, name by name. If I could know that these men would be converted, I could then say, 'Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.'" With this great burden he died.

Some time after his death, at an ecclesiastical gathering, his successor was inquired of about these men.

## Power in the Word

Ewart H. Wyle

OUR GUIDE was named Anton Nasar, although we all called him Tony. Tony has been a guide for many years and is an exceptional man in every way. His gracious personality and his willingness to render service to us made our stay there an extremely happy one. Now, Tony has always been a Roman Catholic and a deeply religious man. As we met at the Jerusalem Airport in Jordan, Tony greeted us with the following words "Welcome to Jerusalem, the City of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." In due time we learned to know Tony better and we marveled at his knowledge of the places that we visited and their Biblical back-



ground. We were supposed to leave Jerusalem on a certain day to return to Beirut, but our plane did not arrive, having been used for some other purpose. We found out later that engine trouble had developed in the plane prior to its change of schedule. As a consequence we returned to our hotel, and that evening our party of sixteen decided to hold a prayer meeting, thanking God for His watch-care over us and for the fact that we were safely on the ground, not risking our lives in a crippled plane. Our guide Tony happened to be there, and we invited him to share in our meeting. It must have been both an astounding and a revealing experience to him; for after a circle of prayers, Tony stood up and, with tears streaming down his face, gave one of the most marvelous testimon-

With much feeling he replied, "Brethren, every one of these twenty-five men has been converted in answer to the prayer of our sainted brother."

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."—James 5:16.—*Sel.*

ies I have ever heard in my life. It so happened that we had used our Bible in connection with a little devotional service, and the thing that particularly astonished Tony was the fact that both clergy and laymen seemed to be on an equal footing in the presence of God. Standing on his feet, Tony told us that in recent months he had been in a great deal of trouble with his church authorities. Realizing one day that his knowledge of the places to which he conducted so many people was scanty and mostly hearsay, he decided to secure a copy of the Scriptures, that he might become acquainted firsthand with the story of Jesus. Without a doubt Tony must have read his Bible as a hungry man devours food. It was not long before Tony began making references to portions of the Scriptures, thus greatly increasing his efficiency as a guide. However, his church authorities heard about this and told him that he must not read the Scriptures, that it was a sin for him to do so. Tony could not understand this attitude and stoutly refused to obey. The matter was even taken to the bishop, who called Tony into his presence; but again Tony stood his ground and insisted that he was no less a Christian than before—in fact, a much stronger one; but his argument got him nowhere. As a consequence Tony was suspended from his church, and it was in this condition that we found him, not quite having let go of the old, and not quite sure where he was going. Time and again Tony's voice rang out, "You have a fellowship here with one another that is wonderful to behold. Each one of you, cleric and layman, speaks to God as if he were a close personal Friend. That is the kind of God I read about in the New Testament, and this is what I have been looking for."

There he was, an intelligent Christian Arab leader, caught in the meshes of a medieval system, catching a glimpse for the first time of a free religion, the basis of which is in the reading of the Scriptures. In our discussion with Tony later, he bared to us the fact that there were dozens of others who felt as he did, and that they would like to form an independent church where one could read his Bible and worship God as he sees fit. There is power in the Word, and Tony wants to use it.—*Bible Society Record.*



## The Preacher's Notebook

### They Say That--

—the 1,100,000 Jews from all over the world who have now returned to Israel are twenty-five times as many as those who left Babylon under Zerubbabel (Neh. 7).

—Churches throughout Connecticut were urged to "educate" their members about the aims, organization and achievements of the UN by the Connecticut Council of Churches. They do everything in some churches these days but preach the Gospel and teach the Word.

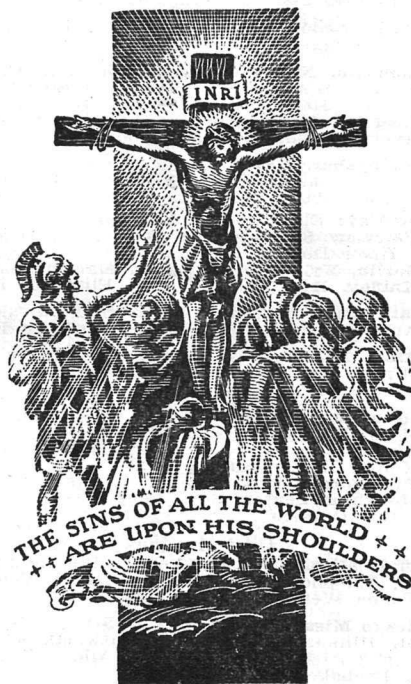
—there is a prayer room in the new UN building. There is no door, no altar, no religious symbol. Nobody is to be offended by anything that suggests God or His Son Jesus Christ. There is a pedestal made from an upright section of a two and one-half century old tree from the Congo and on top of the pedestal a bowl of flowers, replenished every few days by an anonymous donor. Unfinished walls covered from ceiling to floor with fiber-glass curtains and an olive green rug and a UN flag, and five straight russet upholstered chairs, to help maintain "the required atmosphere of calmness and peace," according to the New York Times. Another thing that helps to keep it "peaceful" is that practically no one but visitors uses the room. Guards questioned said they had never seen a representative of a member government go into the room for even a few minutes of quiet before a crucial session of Council. No wonder everyone wonders why peace doesn't seem to be in prospect in the program of this public assembly.

—a very noted preacher said: "A positive Protestantism, united, really believing in Christ's leadership organized from city councils up to World Council could start a reformation that would make the first Protestant reformers proud of their offspring." And then a news reporter said: "Personally we doubt it. We don't happen to think that organization is the answer. We seem to recall that the early church did pretty well for itself with nothing more than a sense of urgency." And then we happen to think about it that the preachers who led the great Welsh revival prayed, "Lord set the church afire." God did it. The Holy Ghost

found yielded Christians and did the organizing. There were 300 extra prayermeetings in that small province during that period and that church set a pattern that the angels could be proud of, and from which we can learn much.

—the world is losing its faith because the church has lost its fire and that reminds us that the founder of The Church said, "Ye are the salt of the earth; if the salt has lost its savor it is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under the foot of man." History has it written on many pages that the Church either maintained a saving influence in the world, separating society from sin or the world entered the church and ruined it.

—the Executive Director of the Department of Worship and the Fine Arts of the World Council of Churches thinks that Protestants are getting "back" to liturgical forms in worship. He attributed this "revival" of interest to a new awareness of the "sterility" of non-liturgical 19th Century worship. You'd expect him to say that but a news reporter suggests that he forgot that 42 million of 52 million Protestants came out of that "sterile" background.



—a longtime president of Union Theological Seminary writes a book entitled "Communion Through Preaching" which might throw some light on this question of "sterility." He says there are few congregations which do not suffer from a surplus of "ministerial chat." "A talk on current events, or on some social evil, or on managing one's feelings, escaping one's worries or overcoming one's fears, or 'integrating one's personality' . . . is hardly the vehicle for the personal approach of almighty God eliciting adoration, trust and love." You would hardly have expected him to say that.

He was talking about a "monstrance" and that's a finely worked vessel, usually made of gold or silver, which contains the "consecrated Host." There are several million followers who are taught to believe that this is the "Real Presence of Christ." They have a lot of liturgy to help them with their worship. Dr. Coffin says this isn't the "monstrance" of Protestantism. On the contrary the preaching of the ministers and the faith of the Reformers was based on the assurance that "God met His people in His Word." And then he suggests that a sermon to be what a sermon ought to be, "exalts God in Christ for worship that He may enter into personal fellowship with listeners." And then the preacher wondered: is our preaching like that? Do our services do this? If we follow the tendency that's developing in Protestantism to go back to liturgy and symbolism is it returning to a form of "monstrance" that is likely to direct our thinking to things, and make us lose sight of the Person, and thus lose the power that His presence brings into Christian life and testimony and make of our church another "monstrosity" with a form of godliness denying the power thereof?

You can read in *Time*, which discusses this item: "Preaching is the essence of Protestantism. By hearing the Word preached, and receiving it with faith, Protestants get the Divine grace which Roman Catholics believe can come only through receiving sacraments." That's right; all other things being equal. But when you are a preacher there are times when you must be a realist and as you stand before your people, wonder if this is happening in our services? Do my people experience "Christ in you" which is the hope of glory? We can't place Christ in things—in anything—and expect that the handling or visualizing of things or even saying nice words

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## Births

**BAILEY**—On Jan. 1 Raymond Lynn came to the home of Bro. and Sr. Claude Bailey of Hope, Kansas. A brother for Vivian and Lucille.

**BARR**—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barr (Doris Keefer) Grantham, Pa. announce the birth of a son, Keith Daniel, born January 28, 1953. A brother for Dennis.

**CRIDER**—Bro. and Sr. Monroe Crider of Chambersburg, Pa. are happy to welcome a daughter, Twylla Marie, into their home on Dec. 26, 1952. A sister for Dana.

**ENGLE**—Mrs. Carol Engle, Stanley and John Dean welcomed Kent Lee into their home on Feb. 15 at Nappanee, Indiana.

**GIBBLE**—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gible, Columbia, R. 2, welcomed a daughter, Donna Rae, into their home October 21, 1952.

**HOLTRY**—God blessed the home of Brother and Sister John E. Holtry with a baby girl, Anita Ann, on December 7. A little sister for Dennis and William David. A new member for the Mowersville Congregation.

**JUMPER**—Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jumper of Carlisle are happy to announce the birth of a son, Joel Dwight, on January 26, 1953.

**LEHMAN**—Bro. and Sr. Robert Lehman of the Mechanicsburg, Pa. congregation announce the birth of a daughter, Ruth Ellen, on November 23, 1952.

**POTTEIGER**—A daughter, Bonnie Lou, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Potteiger of Carlisle, on Feb. 3, 1953

**WENGER**—Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Wenger of Carlisle, are happy to announce the birth of a son, Leslie Eldon, on January 24, 1953.

**WERT**—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wert of Carlisle are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Laurel Eileen, on Feb. 1, 1953.

**GILBERT**—Mary Martin Gilbert, daughter David B. and Anna Martin, was born May 1894 and departed this life February 1, 1953 at her home, Dixon, Illinois, after an illness of a few months. She was united in marriage to Ray E. Gilbert on October 22, 1913 and to this union were born four children. At the age of 13 she was received in the fellowship of the United Brethren Church at Coleta, Illinois where she was a faithful member, attendant, and worker until her death.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Durward, of Dixon; and three daughters: Mrs. Stanley (Fairie) Means, Dixon; Mrs. Milton (Marcel) Schowlaben, Sterling; Mrs. James (Norma) McWilliams of Norwalk, California. Also eight grandchildren, her father, the Rev. D. B. Martin, and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Gayman of Polo, Ill. and one brother, Jesse of Dixon. And she leaves many friends and neighbors who will miss her greatly. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. F. R. Wild at Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Dixon.

**HESS**—Robert Ray son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Z. Hess went to be with Jesus, Jan. 23, 1953 after a short life of about 11 hours here on earth. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Jane, in 1948.

Those left to feel his loss are his parents, one sister Erma Ruth, and two brothers John J. and Earl Eugene. A short service was held at the Cross Roads Cemetery by Bishop I. W. Musser and Rev. Harry Brubaker.

**KEEFER**—Daniel Smith Keefer, Grantham, Pa., was born July 23, 1887 and departed this life February 4, 1953 at the age of 65 years, 6 months, and 11 days.

He is survived by his wife, Edna I. Keefer, one son, Paul Daniel, and four daughters, Mrs. Anna Hulihan, Mrs. Doris Barr, Patsy, and Pauline, and four grandchildren.

In his younger years he professed faith in Christ and was baptized. In his later years his interest in spiritual things was renewed. Some of his last testimonies were of his readiness to go, and his expressed interest in his children's spiritual welfare are a source of great consolation to the bereaved family. During his last illness the 23rd Psalm was a source of much blessing and assurance to him.

Funeral services were conducted at Grantham, Pa. with Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Jr. and Rev. Albert H. Engle officiating. Interment at Grantham, Pa.

**LEWIS**—Leah J. Lewis was born in Clarence Center, New York April 8, 1877 and passed away February 4, 1953, aged 75 years, 10 months and four days. She was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church and faithful in her devotion to the Lord and the Church.

Surviving are a sister, Mary of Clarence Center and two brothers, Edwin of Ohio and Eli of Michigan. Funeral services were conducted from the Brethren in Christ Church in Clarence Center, New York by J. N. Hostetter and Earl C. Bossert. Text: Heb. 4:9. Interment in Clarence Center Cemetery.

**MILLER**—Ellen D. Miller was born Jan. 14, 1872 in York Co., Pa. She died Jan. 10, 1953 at her home in Ironville, at the age of 80 years, 11 months, and 26 days. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Andrew and Elizabeth Deitz Lehman. She was married to William H. Miller sixty-two years ago and they resided in Ironville for the past thirty-eight years. She was a member of the Brethren in Christ church for many years and attended church at Locust Grove, York Co. and Manor, near Mountville, Pa.

She is survived by her husband William H. Miller; a son, Walter V., Lancaster, R. 1; a daughter, Cora M., wife of David Wagner, Mount Joy; 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, two brothers; Oscar and Joseph Lehman, both of York, R. D.; and one sister, Mrs. Agnes Raub, Red Lion, Pa.

Funeral services were held in the Silver Spring United Brethren Church. Bishop Henry N. Hostetter and Rev. Fred F. Frey were in charge. Interment was made in the Silver Spring Cemetery.

**REDCAY**—Mrs. Fannie Belle Redcay departed this life to be with her Lord on January 9, 1953 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Mary Gilbert, 138 S. Third St., Chambersburg, Pa.

Sr. Redcay, who was 87 years old, was born in Lurgan township, a daughter of the late Martin and Sara Chamberlin Railing. She was a widow of Henry Redcay.

Sr. Redcay was a member of the Church for many years. She was not able to attend church services regularly, especially in recent years. Yet she remained faithful and in her illness rejoiced that she was going to be with her Lord.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Gilbert, and Mrs. Cora Welker of Chambersburg; two

sons, Walter Redcay of Orrstown, and Clark Railing, of Chambersburg; two stepchildren Aaron Redcay, Quincy, and Mrs. Alice Walsh, Allentown; 17 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Goshen Funeral Home on Jan. 12, 1953 conducted by Bishop Charlie B. Byers and Eld. Daniel Burkholder. Interment in Norland Cemetery.

**WINGERT**—Sr. Mary Catherine Wingert, 75, of Chambersburg, Pa. passed to her eternal reward on Jan. 17, 1953 at the Chambersburg Hospital after being in ill health for several years.

Sr. Wingert was born near Upper Strasburg, a daughter of the late Andrew and Elizabeth Lehman Wingert.

Sr. Wingert was a faithful member and very useful in the services of the Church, having taught in Sunday School at Air Hill and Chambersburg respectively as long as her health permitted. The labors of Sr. Wingert have ceased, but her work will continue as precious memory in the Churches she served. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for their works follow them".

Surviving are three nieces: Mrs. Eugene W. Stenger, with whom she made her home; Miss Mary Elizabeth Wingert, Scarsdale, N. Y. and Mrs. Norman Diehl, Shippensburg; and a nephew, William B. Wingert, Scarsdale.

The funeral services were held at the Sellers Funeral Home on January 21 with Bishop Charlie Byers and Rev. Harvey Musser, officiating. Burial in Air Hill cemetery.

**SWITZER**—Ronald Gene Switzer was born near Leedy, Okla. Nov. 3, 1941; and departed this life Feb. 7, 1953 at the age of 11 years, 3 months, and 4 days.

He is survived by his parents Bro. and Sr. R. E. Switzer of Weatherford, and his maternal grandfather John Keefer of Weatherford. Five sisters and three brothers survive.

His one delight was to go to church, especially the home church at Red Star, and even his physical body relaxed while he enjoyed the services.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday Feb. 8 at 3:00 p. m. at the Red Star Brethren in Christ church near Leedy, Okla.

Rev Ray L. Smee and Rev. William Lewis officiated.

## Weddings

**CULLEN-HEISE**—On Jan. 3, 1953 Sr. Agnes Ruth Heise daughter of Eld. and Sr. J. Henry Heise of Fordwich, Ont. and Eld. Cecil I. Cullen also of Forwich, address, R. 1 Gorrie, Ont. were united in marriage by Eld. Jacob A. Reichard in his home. May the Lord be glorified by this union.

**LEHMAN-GARLING**—On Saturday, February 7, 1953 in the Waynesboro Brethren in Christ Church, Sister Arlene Marie Garling, daughter of Bro. and Sister Walter A. Garling of Waynesboro, Pa. and Bro. Charles Leroy Lehman, son of Bro. and Sister Simon A. Lehman, of Carlisle, Pa. Route 1 were united in holy matrimony by Rev. Simon Lehman, Jr., brother of the bridegroom. May God's choicest blessing be upon this young couple as they journey together through life.

**MYERS-WENGER**—On Sunday afternoon October 5, 1952 Sr. Faith Wenger, daughter of Sr. Emma Wenger of Chambersburg, Pa. became the bride of Bro. Nelson Myers, son of Bro. and Sr. Joseph Myers of Chambersburg, Pa. Bishop Charlie Byers performed the ceremony in the presence of many friends and relatives in the Air Hill Church. May God bless this new home.

## Obituaries

**CROWN**—John Elmer Crown died Feb. 19, 1953, aged 75 years, 11 months, 18 days. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, three sons, and three daughters, ten grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Bro. Crown was converted in a Methodist revival when quite a young man and about 53 years ago during revivals held by Bro. Noah Zook and wife he applied for membership with the Brethren in Christ Church at Wainfleet and was received and baptized by Bishop John Sider. He remained a consistent and faithful member till death. Funeral services were held from the Merrit Funeral Home at Smithville, then to the Wainfleet church on Sat. Feb. 21. Conducted by Bishop L. Shoalts and Bishop Edward Gilmore assisted by Rev. Robertson of the Zion United church.

## Love Feasts

### Michigan

Rust .....	April 11, 12
Carland .....	April 18, 19
Detroit .....	April 25, 26
Gladwin .....	May 2, 3
Merrill .....	May 16, 17
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Mooretown .....	May 30, 31

## Safe Arrival

Word has been received by the Foreign Mission Board that Sisters Mary Jane Shoalts and Mary Stoner arrived safely in Calcutta, India on February 22.

Henry Hostetter,  
Foreign Mission Board

## Attention Nurses

We need some visiting nurses to help staff the First Aid Station at General Conference. They need not remain in the station but must be on call on the conference grounds.

Any volunteers for a half-day or day please contact:

(Mrs.) Naomi Marr.  
Hagersville, Ontario

The Bible is not given to us for only good reading. It is given to us to learn about the love of God, and to obey Him. —H.



## With the Church

## In the Homeland

### CLARENCE CENTER HOLDS MISSIONARY RALLY

#### Clarence Center, New York

On the evening of January 26, Bishop E. J. Swalm was with us and presented an inspiring talk on his experiences in Europe and Palestine. Following his talk, Bishop Swalm showed pictures of Palestine. It was made more vivid to us how the chosen people of God have been kept from their promised land and the terrible living conditions in Palestine.

On February 14 and 15, Bishop Carl J. Ulery and his wife were with us for a special missionary rally. On Saturday evening Bishop Ulery showed us pictures of the mission work in Africa and India. His message on Sunday morning was entitled "After 50 Years in Africa" presenting the improvements in each phase of the work since the mission field was opened 50 years ago. "The Role of Women's Missionary Bands" was the theme of Mrs. Ulery's talk in the forepart of the afternoon service. Then while Bishop Ulery spoke to the adults of "The Contrasts of Religions in India", Mrs. Ulery showed pictures of mission work to the children.

The evening service was centered on Formosa and Japan. We were impressed anew by spoken word and pictures of the deep spiritual need in Japan. We learned of the new mission to be opened soon in this needy land. At the close of the service, a call was given for the young people to re-dedicate their lives to the whole will of God. A great number of young people gathered at the altar in response to this call. We are sure that some definite decisions were made at that meeting for full-time service for the cause of Christ.

The whole weekend was a spiritual refresher to each one who was in attendance and inspired each one to live his daily life for Christ. —E.M. Cor.

#### Neshannock Falls Chapel, New Castle, Pa.

We greet you in the name of Christ, who said, "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love." In the past year we have had many wonderful services for which we thank the Lord. Last spring we had our first Love Feast which proved to be a solemn service in which we could feel the presence of God. Bishop H. P. Heisey took charge of the service and we had a number of visitors with us. In the fall we had a revival with Evangelist Warren Fink of Centerville, Pa.

Feb. 8 we were pleased to have Bishop H. P. Heisey and wife from Ohio with us. —E. B.

#### Pleasant Hill, Hamlin, Kansas

During the summer months most of our young people were home from college which gave a boost both in attendance and spirit to the church. Ray Heisey, from Louisville, Ohio, served as pastor. His sincerity and originality in presenting the Word of God brought much inspiration. Our love feast was held the weekend after General Conference with Bishop Ray Witter present.

Bro. Jesse Lady from Upland, Calif. spoke in behalf of the college one evening.

An ensemble, a male quartet and a ladies quartet were formed this summer. Their singing was enjoyed by our congregation as well as others where they served. Two programs were presented at the Brown Co. Home in Hiawatha.

Besides the Missionary project two other projects were sponsored by the youth group this summer, that of a church sign and a picture of Christ for the inside of the church.

At the close of the summer we were reluctant to have our young people leave us. However, we knew God would bless them in their preparation at school. Two went to Messiah College, one to Elizabethtown College, one to Wittenburg, Ohio, three to Upland College and one to Goshen College Ind.

Not all was loss, however, for we were happy to welcome Bro. David McBeth and his wife Lois to be our pastor for the coming year. Shortly after their arrival an enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Byer. During the evening the McBeths received a shower of groceries to help them get started in their new home.

On Sunday afternoon Sept. 14, Rev. P. W. McBeth gave us a challenging talk on Sunday School work. A survey was held during the following weeks, followed up with visitation. Three children and two adults have begun attending the services as a result of this effort. It is interesting to note that our Sunday School attendance has increased 15% over last year. Beginning with the first of the year, the children have been having their own opening service for Sunday School. This change has been made in an effort to meet the children more fully on their own level. Special features are also given at the close of the Sunday School session, enjoyed by both children and adults.

A special Thanksgiving program was given Sunday night Nov. 23. Those who presented the program were seated around a beautifully appointed harvest table. The impressive service was given in candle light.

Mrs. Glen D. Byer had charge of our special Christmas program, in which the children were featured. Of special interest was the Christmas story given behind a curtain with a family sitting on the platform hearing it "over the radio." Several of our young people were home from college for the Christmas vacation, adding their talent to the program.

The work of the past months has been very encouraging. Though small in number we feel we have a special obligation of holding up the banner of Christ in this community. We pray that new goals may be attained for our Christ in the days that lie ahead. —L. M.

#### Waynesboro, Pa.

Bro. Earl Sider was with us as our evangelist for the special meetings from Jan. 18-31. We greatly appreciated his ministry amongst us and were challenged to a closer

walk with God. Many of our number were truly revived, and God worked in our midst. —Mrs. H. E. Z.

#### Air Hill Congregation, Pa.

Beginning Nov. 2 through to Nov. 16 was a period of real spiritual refreshing. Bro. Eber Dourte, our evangelist, brought to us heart-searching messages which have been challenging to all. We thank God for those who have found the Lord at an altar of prayer. We pray that God will continue to speak to those of the community who have not yet accepted Christ.

On Sunday, Dec. 28, an installation service was conducted by our pastor. Rev. Harvey Musser, in behalf of the working staff of the Sunday School for the coming year. A challenging message was given which made us feel anew our responsibility to God and the church.

We thank the Lord too for the increase in our Sunday School in the past year and pray that God will continue to bless.—D.S.

#### Hollowell, Penna.

We are yet praising the Lord for His great and marvelous movings in our midst during our revival meeting which was concluded in December under the ministry of our Bro. Henry Ginder who faithfully travailed with us in prayer and visitation until Christ was formed in hungry hearts. 31 openly sought the Lord for various needs, among them 6 young married people. One of these men was a chain smoker who testified to complete and glorious deliverance. Conviction is still written on the faces of many of our dear people who have not yet given themselves to Jesus, and we claim them for His service.

Connie Barr and Ralph Tracey, two of our faithful Sunday School attendants were married January 2, at the home of the pastor. We trust God to mold and use their lives as a blessing to the church and the community.

Samuel and Jane (Hykes) Christophel are the happy parents of Ann Marie born November 27. Sam and Janie are both faithful teachers in our Sunday School.

Richard and Irene Davis announce the birth of Darlene Suzanne, Jan. 21, a sister for Gary.

#### Mechanicsburg, Penna.

On November 16 our revival opened with Bro. Earl Sider of Cheapside, Ontario as our evangelist. The attendance and interest was good, considering the fact that there was a lot of sickness around.

We are thankful for about twenty souls who knelt at an altar of prayer, most of them because they felt a need of going deeper with the Lord. One evening especially there was a gracious moving of the Spirit during the testimony meeting, an invitation was given and quite a number went forward.

These meetings have drawn us closer to the Lord.

Our Sunday School presented a very interesting Christmas program on Sunday Evening, December 21.

On Sunday morning January 11, Rev. and Mrs. William Hoke were with us for a Missionary Service. We were glad to have them with us and truly enjoyed their messages.

On the last Sunday evening of January, Bishop E. J. Swalm was with us, giving us an account of his trip and experiences in Europe and Palestine. Certainly we have lots to be thankful for, but also we have a lot we are going to be held responsible for.

On Sunday evening the Christ Crusaders of Mechanicsburg, had as their guests, in an exchange program, a group from the Locust Grove Congregation of York, Pa. We enjoyed having them with us and enjoyed their program. Rev. Leroy Yoder brought us the evening message. —D. E. S.

**Palmyra, Pa.**

The last weekend of August was a time of ingathering at Palmyra. It was the time for the various classes to bring in money received from their various projects for the building fund. The girls raised flowers and brought them to Sunday School during the summer and an offering was taken every time they brought them. The boys raised vegetables and the men raised a field of sweet corn.

A short program was given after Sunday School. Each of the younger classes had a part and presented their money to the Treasurer of the Building Committee. With these projects and other pledges we were able to pay off our debt of the new classrooms and heating system by Jan. 1, 1953.

Sunday Sept. 14 the children of the Messiah Orphanage of Florin visited our Sunday School. Following the lesson period they presented a program of songs and recitations. The workers told how the orphanage was run and gave some of its needs. They stated there was need for meat and another sewing machine. For the noon meals each child went to the home of his Sunshine parent. This is one of the projects of the King's Daughters of Palmyra. Each child is remembered on his birthday and Christmas and Easter, by his or her Sunshine parent. Some of the children spent several days during Summer vacation with their Sunshine parents.

Our revival began Sun. Eve. Nov. 30 and continued for two weeks. Rev. C. R. Heisey of Elizabethtown was our evangelist. He preached the word of God clearly and without compromise. There were several who received definite help from the Lord. —W. E.

**Sippo, Ohio.**

Greetings in the Master's Name from the Sippo congregation.

We had a wonderful revival from Feb. 3 to the 15th, which we felt was a continuation of the revival we had the last 2 weeks in Nov. 1952. Our evangelist, Bro. Marshall Winger of Canada, was not able to be with us the first two nights of the meetings, so we asked Bro. Eli Hostetler, Jr. of Massillon to fill the vacancy. The Lord used him to prepare our hearts and break up fallow ground for the meetings.

Bro. Winger came filled with the Spirit, and brought inspiring messages, followed with old time conviction. Twenty four souls bowed at an altar of prayer.

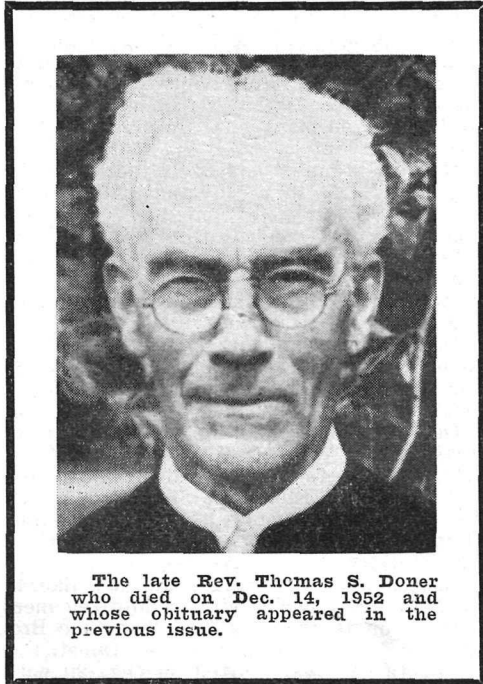
We are especially glad for one family in the neighborhood. This home was just at the point of breaking up, when through one of our young couple's influence, they started to attend our Sunday school and prayer meeting. God wonderfully saved the oldest boy about fourteen years of age. He was baptized and taken into the church last summer. In our Nov. revival the parents both knelt at the altar of prayer, with hearts open for the truth and a desire to follow the Lord. They attend our services regularly and we are thankful for that family.

We appreciate the help and fellowship of our sister churches in the community. The last night of our meetings we were privileged to have a young Mennonite sister with us, who is sailing for Africa Feb. 19, 1953.

The Lord has spared our dear old Bro. Myers to grace our services. His heart is still in the work. —L. T.

**Salem, Oregon**

It affords us much pleasure to report the significant events for the last eight months or so. There were the three house warmings for newly weds from our congregation. Then the special S. S. programs, Sunday school picnic, and class parties.



The late Rev. Thomas S. Doner who died on Dec. 14, 1952 and whose obituary appeared in the previous issue.

In the spring Rev. P. W. McBeth made a helpful contact one Sunday morning. About the same time Rev. Wm. Lewis of Upland greatly strengthened our hearts in a ten-day revival meeting. Several sought the Lord at the altar. Mr. and Mrs. W. Ruyle of Japan, visiting with his parents of our group, gave us a glimpse of the missionary work and need in Japan.

Late in the spring we observed the Communion and footwashing, about 20 communicants were present and all expressed delight in the observance.

In midsummer a junior Sunday night service was begun and is continuing through the winter. Our rainy weather in the winter is no draw back. Our attendance in Sunday School and evening services is often better on a wet day than when it is fair. Our Sunday School attendance is steadily climbing. It is very common to have 60 and more.

Mrs. Books and I took five weeks out for a trip to Penna. It proved of mutual value.

Just before the opening of School we had our Bible school. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Book of Upland were with us for the occasion. Bro. Book did very valuable work here, with his varied opening features in object lessons and other equipment, he held the attention of our boys and girls.

The Missionary work in India was brought vividly before us by Miss Steckley. Our church has the missionary viewpoint. Our monthly offerings have ranged from \$40 to \$73 for missions.

Upland College seems nearer with the coming of the quartet in the fall. We appreciated it.

In the fall we started our new church building. The present building housing less than a hundred is now and then crowded

and not adequate for S. S. class work. It was decided to build the main church and use this for prayer meeting, S. S. classes and social purposes. The new structure is now under roof and will accommodate about 250. The Lord has very graciously provided the means to the present time. We praise His name.

In Feb. Mr. Norman Wingert of Austria was with us treating us to interesting slide pictures and words of information about his work.

Mar. 1 starts our revival meetings with Rev. Glen Wellborn of Albany, Ore. as evangelist. The many friends who have called and blessed our hearts are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Engle, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Musser, Mrs. and Mrs. Reuben Asper, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lenhart. We gladly welcome you all to call on us when up this way.

The Lord is worthy of our best and of highest praise. To Him be all the glory.

Your servants in the Lord,  
B. M. and Priscilla Books  
Salem, R. 2,

**Cross Roads, Penna.**

Feb. 18, 1953 was the opening of the Cross Roads Revival. The precious fragrance of the Holy Spirit was felt in every service. Souls were melted down by the divine love of God and many were the confessions, prayers and groans from hearts who really wanted deliverance. Thank God! His gracious presence filled the hungry souls and new shouts and testimonies are the outcome. Rev. John Rosenberry gave himself wholly to prayer and supplication for the Cross Roads congregation and God crowned the last Monday night of the meeting with such victory in Testimony Meeting that Bro. Rosenberry could not preach. The entire evening was open to the Spirit's leadings and such a hallowedness and blessing and joy and shouts of victory cleared the atmosphere and the Holy Spirit of God fell on the meeting in such a way as we had never witnessed before.

Thank God! for considering us worthy of such Divine Blessings and may our lives be kept humble as we serve God through the coming year.

God Bless Bro. Rosenberry for giving himself to God and the church and may he continue to be a blessing throughout the Church in preaching Holiness which is the entire word of God.

Five souls sought the Lord for the first time and many renewed their covenants. Many of our sister churches came for miles around and testified to receiving special help in the meetings. —Mrs. C. H.

**Mowersville, Pa.**

Nov. 30, 1952. For our dedicational service for children, Rev. E. C. Flewelling, used as his text, Genesis 25:27-34. His theme was "Despising or Appreciating Our Birthright." Three little jewels were dedicated to the Lord.

Dec. 28, 1952. God has graciously guided us through another year and in preparation for the coming year we had installation services for the new Sunday School officers and teachers. In the morning message Brother Flewelling gave five things that each of the above members should have in order to do effective work during the coming year. They are: preparation, power, patience, pleasantness, and prayer.

January 13, 1953. This being our last prayer meeting before our revival, our hearts were stirred anew as we heard our acting pastor speak on the subject. "Five Sticks for a Fire of Passion".



January 18-February 1, 1953: God in His great mercy saw fit to give us another revival at Mowersville. God's presence was very near but as always the devil was busy, too. Brother Charles Rife, pastor of the New Guilford Church, was our evangelist. God graciously used our brother to proclaim the full word of God. Sinners were saved, others reclaimed, and the saints edified to press on toward the goal. Continue to pray, with us, that those who did not yield to the spirit's call will not have any rest until they let go and let God. We feel our brother can leave us feeling clear in his soul, because he did not fail to preach the whole word of God. May God continue to bless and use him in His vineyard.

Extra—We would like to give you a birds-eye view of what our young people did for others in the year 1952. They put out 2 acres of tomatoes which yielded 18 tons. A member of our congregation sprayed them at cost. Puerto Ricans in the community knew the purpose and agreed to pick some free. \$502.00 profit was made from this project. \$40.00 was sent to Buffalo Mission and \$30.00 to each of six other mission stations. Over the Christmas season they packed 12 baskets of fruit and cookies and distributed them to widows, aged couples, and preachers. They also sang carols at homes, the county jail, and the children's home. Before our revival the young people handed out announcements in the community. Two of our young people were sick and gifts were given them from the other young people. These gifts were dated so that each day they would have a gift to open. This would help to brighten their shut-in days. May God continue to bless our young people as they labor together in His cause. —Mrs. D. C. B.

**Colyer—Green Grove, Penna.**

On Saturday afternoon of Oct. 4 we met by the side of a small stream for a baptismal service. How our hearts were made to rejoice as we thought of the two who were willing to follow Christ's example by going into the water for baptism. They were Sr. Edward Immel and Bro. Frank Horner. May the Lord bless them as they follow Him.

In the evening, Communion service was at Colyer. Our hearts were made to rejoice anew as we thought of Christ's wonderful love for us.

Our Sunday Schools each put on a special drive during the **Forward** contest to get some of the community to see their need of going to Sunday School and church. We were very happy for the folks who responded by coming out to the services. There are many more who should go but do not. Help us pray for these folks.

On Nov. 2 Sr. Elizabeth Bossert spoke to us on her vision of heaven.

On Nov. 9 we were privileged to have a representative of the State Sunday School Board present at Colyer in the person of Avery Heisey and family.

A thanksgiving offering in the form of groceries and money was brought together Sunday evening.

Nov. 16 the money was used to purchase Bibles for our ministers, Bro. Paul Wolgemuth and Bro. S. W. Heisey. The groceries were divided and taken to needy homes in the community accompanied by the young people who gave a short service in each home. This was a Christ Crusaders project.

Saturday evening Nov. 22 we were pleased to have Sr. Verna Ginder with us at Colyer, where she showed her pictures and talked of conditions in Africa. Sunday morning she spoke in the service at Green Grove. May the Lord bless her in her work for Him.

On the nights of Dec. 23 and 24 the

Christ Crusaders, accompanied by some other young people of our communities went Christmas caroling.

On Wednesday evening Dec. 31 we met together at the Green Grove Church for a Watch Night service. There were several special numbers. How our hearts are made to rejoice as we come in close fellowship with the Lord and ask Him to guide our lives through the New Year.

**Nottawa News**

On Sept. 20, with grateful thanks to God, we welcomed home Bishop Swalm from his trip to Europe and the Middle East and on Oct. 8th a large crowd was privileged to hear him speak. So vividly did he bring his trip before us that we almost felt that we had shared many of the thrilling experiences with him.

He also brought us face to face with the appalling need in those lands where they know not Christ as Saviour and Lord. We feel we have a much broader vision of the relief program and of what God is expecting of us as His children. May God help us to forget our selfish desires and double our efforts in His service.

Oct. 15 we were happy to have C. J. Rempel of Kitchener spend a few days in our midst and lead the two weekly prayer meetings.

Oct. 18-19 was the time of our fall Love Feast.

Visitors were Bishop Edward Gilmore, Eld. Ray Nigh, Eld. Jesse Steckley and Eld. Jos. Cober of Gormley, Ont., Eld Arthur Heise, Meath Park, Sask., and Eld. C. I. Cullen, Gorrie, Ont. All visitors were appreciated and we would especially like to mention two elderly saints who often meet with us on these occasions. They are Bro. George French and Bro. James Doust.

Our fall revival started on Oct. 20 with Bishop H. A. Ginder, Manheim, Pa. as our evangelist. The services were well attended. God blessed the ministry of our brother and twenty souls sought God at an altar of prayer.

Nov. 2-3rd. was our annual Bible Conference. The speakers were Bishop H. A. Ginder and Chaplain Louis King of Chicago, Ill. We enjoyed the messages in song by the Henderson Sisters, also the local choral group.

Nov. 11 Wm. and Mary Hoke, home on furlough from India, showed us pictures and brought us a message of the work that lies close to their hearts. We feel we have a better understanding of the need there.

Nov. 25th. Bro. and Sister Litwieler worshipped with us and told us of their Mission work in the Argentine, S. A.

Dec. 7th at our Sunday morning service Betty Morphet and Dale Sheffer were taken into church membership. Many the Lord bless these dear young folk and may they continue to walk where He leads. —M. S.

**Navajo Mission, Bloomfield, New Mexico**

"Precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little;" Isa. 28:10.

The work here has many phases: we build for the future, in wood and stone but much more in the lives of those with whom we contact. The more than twenty school children with whom we work daily are the most available raw material. But in other contacts, Navajos working with us and those who come with their sick are in a position to see whether "those things be" of which we speak concerning life in Christ.

The Sunday School was organized in October with Avery Kanode, superintendent and Ida Rosenberger, secretary. A contest was staged for the children who

brought the most visitors along to Sunday School. Home and foreign missionary offerings were taken.

Along with more than 500 treatments during the quarter, twelve babies were born and four small babies died. While the nurses worked with the people, brethren from California, Oklahoma, and Kansas came to help the staff in work on the hospital. Brothers Sam Buckwalter and Harvey Lenhert gave weeks of skilled workmanship to the building. This project, began less than two years ago, has progressed through the efforts, prayers, and financial support of many Christian friends from coast to coast. It is a monument to no one but rather an institution raised to the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Physician.

Battles are raging in the minds of men, women and young people. Those who have accepted the Lord have the craftiness of the enemy to overcome. With so little of God's word hid in their hearts, these are people who need the prayers of a mighty prayer band.

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:10

—The Navajo Workers

**NAVAJO MISSION  
FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL  
Receipts**

<b>General:</b>	
Offerings .....	\$1,088.49
Local .....	64.80
Federal School Lunch .....	110.61
Local receipts .....	52.91
Total .....	\$1,316.81

<b>Transportation:</b>	
Offerings .....	50.07
Medical .....	21.97
Local .....	14.80
Total .....	\$ 86.84

<b>Child Support:</b> .....	142.53
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<b>School:</b>	
Offerings .....	41.81
Tuition fees .....	84.50
Total .....	\$126.31

<b>Medical:</b>	
Offerings .....	3.75
Clinic receipts .....	143.68
Total .....	\$147.43

<b>Special:</b>	
Navajo News .....	8.00
Stove .....	175.00
"Daisy's feed" .....	10.65
Kitchen equipment (hospital) .....	100.00
Hospital sheets .....	24.25
Total .....	\$317.90

<b>Mission Building:</b> .....	125.00
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<b>Hospital building:</b>	
Offerings .....	454.28
Deputation .....	58.26
Special California .....	404.65
Home Mission Board .....	935.62
Total .....	\$1,852.81

Total Receipts .....	\$4,115.63
Cash balance October 1, 1952 .....	167.14
Total Cash Available .....	\$4,282.77

**Expenditures**

<b>General:</b>	
Groceries .....	511.30
Fuel .....	351.18
Feed .....	53.41
Transportation .....	432.47
Labor and Interpreting .....	81.50
Repairs and Supplies .....	95.99
Insurance .....	201.13
Postage .....	40.95
Office .....	118.21
Total .....	\$1,886.14

<b>Medical:</b>	
Medicine .....	25.90
Nurse's Aid .....	8.25
Total .....	\$ 34.15



<b>School:</b>	
Supplies .....	46.19
<b>Hospital building:</b>	
Local purchases .....	667.72
Furnace installation .....	1,469.71
Purchase, building materials (Cal.) .....	1,002.27
Plastering .....	335.00
<b>Total</b> .....	\$3,474.70
<b>Special:</b>	
Hospital supplies .....	26.88
<b>Interest:</b>	
Bank loan .....	180.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b> .....	\$5,648.06
Deficit 9-30-52 .....	8,234.21
Deficit fourth quarter .....	1,899.49
Deficit December 31, 1952 .....	10,133.70
Operating balance 12-31-52 .....	534.20

<b>Breakdown of Offerings by States</b>	
Pennsylvania .....	1,180.85
California .....	646.56
Kansas .....	324.58
Ohio .....	150.87
New Mexico .....	126.87
Indiana .....	80.00
Oklahoma .....	65.67
Canada .....	48.00
Michigan .....	19.88
Colorado .....	15.00
Illinois .....	15.00
Maryland .....	10.00
Iowa .....	5.00
Kentucky .....	5.00
<b>Total</b> .....	\$2,693.28

<b>Summary of receipts:</b>	
Offerings .....	\$2,693.28
Fed. School Lunch Program .....	110.61
Local Receipts .....	89.68
Medical receipts .....	143.68
Tuition fees (school) .....	84.50
Deputation (HMB) .....	58.26
Home Mission Board .....	935.62
<b>Total</b> .....	\$4,115.63



**C. N. Hostetter, Jr. Assumes Chairmanship of MCC**

C. N. Hostetter, Jr., president of Messiah College since 1934, bishop of his local district, and three times Moderator of the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church, now serves as chairman of the Mennonite Central Committee. Bro. Hostetter succeeds Bro. P. C. Hiebert who served as chairman of the MCC since its organization in 1920 and continues as a life member of the committee. Bro. Hiebert is a representative of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America.

In accepting the chairmanship of the committee, Bro. Hostetter said, "I may not hold the torch as high as Bro. Hiebert did, but I hope it will shine as brightly. My concern is that the hand bearing it will not be seen."

Bro. Hostetter is also chairman of the Council of Mennonite and Affiliated Colleges and is the Brethren in Christ representative to the National Association of Evangelicals.

women, including both young and old people. He described them as being "tremendously fatigued and shocked from fear and exposure. One old lady sat in a chair on a dike for three days and two nights."

It is thought that the care of these evacuees at Heerewegen will require \$1,000 monthly. It is also thought that additional money may be needed to maintain a mobile Mennonite Voluntary Service caravan should it do reconstruction work in Holland this spring.

In his report Brother Horst indicated that more clothing and other material aid has been given by Dutch and Europeans than can advantageously be used for flood victims.

The Mennonite Central Committee, however stands ready to assist in any way its representatives in Europe suggest.

Churches in Ontario, Indiana, and the Midwest have indicated their willingness to make needed contributions to alleviate the suffering. Akron headquarters is accepting money with the understanding that any amount received above that which can be adequately used by the M. C. C. staff in Holland will be used in Korea.

The shipment in preparation for Holland is a good example of what can be done with material aid that is not designated. When material aid is designated for a particular area and need, it cannot be used in an emergency area. Since Akron head-

quarters had non-designated material aid on hand, it can now be readily dispatched to Holland.

Brother Horst said that in terms of material aid—food, clothing, and water—the Dutch have responded and organized so well that there is too much rather than too little.

"The thousands of evacuees, however, will need shelter and maintenance. Here we contribute our bit because we happen to have a conference center in Holland," he indicated.

He went on to say that the Dutch have adequate personnel for dike repairing, road construction, and clearing of debris.

"Possibly later, when the water has receded and the exact proportions of the disaster are known, we as an M. C. C. will feel led to contribute our portion of help in the way of reconstruction. As a foreign organization we must realize that the Dutch will respond to the need of their countrymen to the fullest extent. Personally, I think that in general they are in a position materially and spiritually to meet the emergency."

In his visit to Dordrecht, a Mennonite community, he found most of the city flooded, but the water level reached only the ground floors and no lives were lost. The Mennonite minister, Abr. Mulder, said only four of his members were affected to any serious extent. The Mennonite church building, situated in one of the lowest areas of the town, was rather badly damaged. Song books, library, organ, and other furniture were lost. Outside help will not be needed for repair.

"In the area I visited most of the people did not leave their homes even though they were asked to do so. I believe this indicates why the casualty list is very high. People just do not leave their property and homes if there remains a slight possibility of staying on," Brother Horst reported.

"One has several impressions in regard to the destruction caused by the flood. First, it came so quickly that it was impossible to save livestock. Everywhere one sees carcasses of drowned animals and the debris along the roads and dikes are full of chickens, pigs, and sheep.

"Second, the inundation, even when the current has abated seems to make the brick walls of buildings collapse. One sees sides of buildings, especially barns, caved in.

"In the third place, there is the presence of water in houses and the general damage to furniture and household furnishings. Often the water brought sand and all kinds of debris."

At Vlissingen, another Mennonite community, Brother Horst found that water had entered the city, but did not reach the Mennonite church building.

**Holland—Since the Flood**

The emergency rescue work has been adequately taken care of by the Dutch people and agencies such as the Mennonite Central Committee will be able to make their greatest contribution in reconstruction of land and buildings after water has been drained from the land.

At the present time 45 persons are being cared for at the M. C. C.'s international conference center at Heerewegen. It is likely that these refugees will be cared for until at least the first part of April.

The majority of these refugees are women and older men and include a sprinkling of children, according to a Feb. 14 report by Irvin Horst, director of M. C. C. work in the Netherlands. All of them with the exception of one family come from the island of Goree-Overflakke—one of the worst hit areas.



**MCC News Notes**

**Aid Sent To Dutch Sufferers**

An initial contribution of \$1,000 has been sent by the Mennonite Central Committee to Holland to aid Dutch persons suffering from the most disastrous sea storm since the Middle Ages.

Shortly after the hurricane breached the Dutch dikes on Feb. 2 Akron had direct word from eastern Canada that Mennonite congregations there were anxious to alleviate the suffering through whatever contributions they might make. M. C. C. welcomes contributions for this service.

The final death toll in the area affected by the hurricane was expected to exceed 2,000. At least 50,000 persons were expected to be evacuated from the stricken areas. The hurricane reached its peak at the very moment of the spring high tides.

One of the Dutch trainees in this country under the M. C. C. trainee program received a cable from her home indicating that "everything is all right." Her home is in Den Burg. She is Frouwke Rab who is in training at the Mennonite Children's home in Kansas City, Kan.

The Mennonite Central Committee is caring for 40 Dutch evacuees at its international conference center in Heerewegen. In response to a field request, M. C. C. is also preparing a small shipment of blankets, meat, and other food as its part in alleviating the suffering in the Netherlands caused by the recent hurricane and flood waters.

Irvin B. Horst, M. C. C. director in that country, reported that the evacuees at Heerewegen are a mixed group of men and

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They are on the whole Christian believers, coming from one of the conservative branches of the Reformed church. A fine spirit of co-operation and mutual assistance prevails among them, Brother Horst said.

He reported that one wife and mother had seen her husband disappear in a large wave that engulfed him after he had driven his tractor to a high dike in order to save the machinery from inundation. Another mother with four children had to face the coming of the flood while the father was away in the northern part of Holland. After managing to climb out of the attic onto a hastily constructed raft, they were finally sighted and picked up by a helicopter.

Commenting on what M. C. C. can further do to alleviate the suffering in the Netherlands, H. A. Fast, European director, indicated that the greatest need to help Holland will come after the dikes have been repaired, the water pumped out, and the emergency squads gone.

"Then will come the hard work of cleaning up debris and rehabilitating the damaged countryside and repairing the damaged buildings. We ought to be prepared when that time comes in perhaps three to six months or even later to send in reconstruction units," he said.

Some clean-up work is already being done by a group of Mennonite workers. Directing this work is Jan de Vries, leader of European Mennonite Voluntary Service. An advisory council is being planned to integrate the interests of the various Mennonite groups in reconstruction work. Dutch Mennonites as well as brethren in France and Luxembourg have indicated an interest in reconstruction work.

Further plans concerning M. C. C. relief and rehabilitation activity will be passed on to the constituency as soon as they are determined.

Brother Horst said the personal opinion of staff personnel that more than enough clothing had been contributed by local sources has been confirmed.

"The Netherlands Red Cross has pleaded with us not to send any clothing or bedding for their warehouses are already jammed. Local clothing contributions alone were able to clothe half of the entire Dutch population when only one-sixth was affected. Foods and medicines are also adequate."

Dutch Mennonite communities as a whole suffered only slightly from the flood. In Dordrecht the water reached a height of four feet in the church building. The furniture, heating system, and archives were damaged.

Church buildings in Middelburg and Vlissingen escaped damage although in Middelburg the homes of several members were flooded. At Texel Mennonites suffered property damage and one member of the church lost his life—the only Mennonite casualty known to date.

Brother Horst also reported on the extent of damage and losses as gathered from the best press announcements. A total of 1,364 persons are reported to have drowned with a possible 150 not yet reported. Evacuees total 65,796 persons of which the large majority are women and children.

It is estimated that 5.7 per cent of the total farm land of Holland has been flooded with salt water. This is much greater in extent than during the war when the Germans and Allies blasted the dikes.

The number of dwelling houses affected by inundation is a likely 143,500 of which 5,000 have either been completely destroyed or heavily damaged. It is estimated that 40,000 head of cattle have perished. Total damage of the flood has been estimated to be approximately \$200,000,000.

### A License To Have a Child,

BOGNOR REGIS, England (E/P) According to a Reuters dispatch, sometime in the future, it may be necessary to get a license from a world government in order to have babies, an English vicar contends. Dr. William Snow, 44, told his New Year congregation in this south coast resort town that the world's most pressing problem was not a third world war but over population.

"With 55,000 new mouths to feed each morning in the world, some form of international birth control is inevitable," the vicar said. "It may come by pestilence, famine, atomic obliteration, or by general consent. The latter means babies by license only and on the authority of a world parliament," he added.

Rev. Mr. Snow said he believed a world parliament might be called on after world peace had been established to set up a quota of births for each nation each year.

### Koreans Anxious For Bibles

SEOUL, Korea (E/P) Since the Bible house in Seoul was destroyed in September, 1950, every opportunity to meet the demand for Bibles has been seized by British and American Bible Societies, with the help of United Nations Chaplains. While Rev. Young Bin Im, Secretary of the Korean Bible Society, was desperately trying to establish a centre from which to direct his work, an army chaplain appeared at one of the temporary locations with a truck load of Scripture. There was no place to store them, until a Presbyterian minister offered the basement of his church, with the understanding that he be allowed to open an agency of the Korean Bible Society when it became possible to do so. As soon as the news came of the arrival of the truck load of Bibles, thousands of people surrounded the church, and vied with each other to buy copies. Mr. Im had no one to help, and the crowd was impatient. Thousands of copies were sold within two hours, with the help of a few young bystanders. When the supply was exhausted, the people asked in despair when more would arrive. Mr. Im did not know.

But a few days later, two more truck loads arrived in front of the church. People were so glad to know they had come, they could not wait until coolies could be hired to unload them: they climbed on the trucks and started unloading the books themselves. Then some of them worked at unpacking the boxes. Then they distributed the Bibles among themselves, dropping money in the box provided for the purpose.

### Opposes Plan For 12 Month Schools

CHICAGO (E/P) Dr. Harold Taylor, national field director for the National Association of Evangelicals spoke out here against the proposal of William Bachrach, a member of the Chicago Board of Education, to operate the public school on a year round basis in Chicago. Dr. Taylor said, "I feel confident evangelical churches will not approve this idea. It would cut into the time the children now spend in Daily Vacation Bible School and Summer Camps run by many denominations and churches. I'm sure ministers already feel that the public school is trying to ease religion out of children's minds. This would be construed as a further step in that direction. This idea is further evidence that the State is attempting more and more to take over every phase of our existence."

Mr. Bachrach defended his plan by stating it would save time for students and enable the more advanced ones to graduate from grammar and high school sooner. He

pointed also to what would be a more efficient use of the school buildings. Schools now operate only 190 days a year and are closed when cost of operation is lowest, during the summer.

### Israel Finds Water In Desert

JERUSALEM (E/P) "Discovery of a major water source near Beersheba—considered one of the outstanding finds in the natural resources field—during the past decade—was announced late last month by the Hebrew University. A well with a capacity of 88,800 gallons of water per hour, with an insignificant chlorine content, has been dug in the Beersheba watershed, the University's statement declared. The well goes down to a depth of more than 1200 feet.

"The well site was chosen by Professor L. Picard, distinguished geologist of the University's staff, who also heads the government's geological Department, and digging operations were carried out by the Mekorot Water Company. Professor Picard selected the site on the basis of his previous researches and of recent geological mapping by his assistant, Eliezer Kashai.

"The presence of so abundant an underground water supply, Professor Picard told the *Jerusalem Post*, opens up immense possibilities for industrial and agricultural development. With three or four wells of similar capacity, Beersheba could support an industrial population of 100,000, he said. Moreover, agriculture in the arid region surrounding Beersheba has been hampered up to now by the need to bring most of the necessary water by pipeline over considerable distances."

### Mau Mau Terrorism Turning People to Churches

KENYA, Africa (E/P) Churches are becoming rallying points in parts of Kenya against the campaign of terrorism by Mau Mau, a native secret society which aims at driving the white man out of East Africa. Church attendance has climbed sharply in recent weeks following a wave of intimidation that swept the Kikuyu reserve. The Rev. Richard G. M. Calderwood, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in East Africa, said that Presbyterian churches in some of the areas hardest hit by the native secret society had recorded "tremendous" attendance gains. Eight churches, some only small huts in the Kikuyu and North Kiambu districts, have had congregations totaling about 5,000 each Sunday, he said. A few weeks ago some of these churches had been practically deserted. Native Christians apparently are turning to the churches for comfort and reassurance in the face of Mau Mau terrorism. Until recently, Calderwood said, an attendance of 200 or 300 was average at his church whereas he is now preaching to as many as 1,000. However, in some districts, Mau Mau intimidation has been very effective.

### Claim Arabs Stock-Piling Arms

JERUSALEM (E/P) Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett this week called to the attention of the Western world the danger that lay in the continued shipment of arms to the Arab states. Speaking at a press conference held in Tel-Aviv, Mr. Sharett stated that the shipment of arms was at variance with the declaration issued in 1950 by the United States, the United Kingdom and France which set its face against the development of arms race between Israel and her neighbors. Mr. Sharett's warning came on the heels of a conference held by the Arab League in Cairo in which the League had condemned "the mere idea of an invitation to negotiate with the Israelis."



### Giant Dams Being Built in Israel

GALILEE, Israel (E/P) The completion of a 1,500 foot dam across the Bet Natufa Valley in the Galilee marks the first stage of a countrywide project of irrigation, the *New York Times* correspondent in Tel-Aviv reported this week. The dam of highly packed earth, now 36 feet high, will be increased in size annually until it reaches an eventual height of 120 feet and will create a lake twenty miles in area containing an estimated 263 billion gallons of water.

Construction of another dam in the Negev, near the Beersheba area as part of a project to construct eighty artificial lakes throughout the country, is proceeding apace. The Beersheba project will utilize the waters of the Yarkon river which flows north of Tel-Aviv and empties into the Mediterranean. Giant six foot cement pipes, now being constructed in Migal Gad on the southern seacoast, will be laid to divert the flow of the Yarkon into an artificially created reservoir. When complete, the mile-long dam will hold back the water of a lake which will be an estimated eight miles long and which will contain 32 million cubic feet of water.

A quantity of iron pyrite deposits was revealed during excavations on the Bet Netufa project, and exploration is being conducted to determine if a commercially exportable quantity exists. Should this be the case, Israel would be able to utilize the deposits for the manufacture in Haifa of sulphuric acid, thus obviating the necessity of importing the pyrites from Greece.

### Zondervan Launches New Story Contest

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan (E/P) The Zondervan Publishing House has just announced a new contest for children's stories which closes June 30, 1953. The stories submitted to this contest will be considered for a new compilation of stories for children. The Zondervan Publishing House conducted two previous contests and published the stories thus secured in two large story books—*Bedtime Stories For Boys and Girls*, compiled and edited by Theodore W. Engstrom, and *Stories to Tell Boys and Girls*, compiled and edited by Al Bryant. Because of the tremendous reception given these two previous story books, it was felt that definite need still exists in this area of Christian literature. It is to meet this need that the new contest has been announced. Stories submitted are not to exceed 1,250 words. The rate of payment will be 2c per word. For more complete information concerning this contest write Book Editor, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids 2, Michigan.

### Report On Refugees In Europe

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (E/P) There are 11,113,656 refugees living in 15 West European countries, according to Dr. G. Beijer, Dutch specialist on refugee problems. The total does not include the estimated 3,800,000 refugees in the East Zone of Germany.

In a map "projecting the spreading of refugees in Western Europe," Dr. Beijer shows that the largest concentration of refugees is still to be found in Germany, housing 9,682,000 uprooted people in the Federal Republic or West Germany, plus an estimated 3,800,000 refugees in the East Zone from where no definite figures are available.

For that reason Dr. Beijer does not include the refugees in East Germany in the grand total for Western Europe.

Among the 9,682,000 refugees in West Germany, 1,565,000 are listed as German refugees from the Soviet Zone; some 110,000 are refugees of non-German origin un-

der the mandate of the UN High Commissioner for refugees, some 200,000 are so-called neo-refugees from countries behind the Iron Curtain. The remaining nearly 8 million people are Germans driven from their homes during or soon after World War II. The next largest block of refugees, according to Dr. Beijer, are the often forgotten 425,000 Karelian refugees in Finland, driven from Finnish Karelia annexed by the Soviet Union after World War II. They do not receive any international support, but are cared for by Finnish national agencies.

Among the refugees in Austria, totaling 240,000 are about 200,000 of German and 40,000 of non-German origin.

Italy has 62,000 refugees. Of these 32,000 are under the mandate of the UN High Commissioner, while 30,000 do not receive any international protection or assistance.

Yugoslavia is said to have 28,000 post-war refugees, Greece 21,500, of whom 12,000 are Greek and 9,500 non-Greek refugees.

Among the European countries which accepted refugees for resettlement, France has the biggest share, totaling 283,000, including 135,000 Spanish refugees still in France since the end of the civil war in Spain.

Great Britain follows with a total of 260,000 pre-war and post-war refugees. Sweden has given resettlement opportunities to 43,000 post-war refugees, Belgium has 35,000 refugees under the mandate of the UN High Commissioner, the Netherlands have 20,200, Switzerland 10,000, and Norway and Denmark have accepted 2,000 refugees each.

The only West European countries on Dr. Beijer's map not showing any red dots for refugee groups are Spain, Portugal, and Ireland.

### Gamma Globulin Gives Hope for Polio

WASHINGTON, D. C. (E/P) New hope for children exposed to polio is flowing into thousands of Red Cross blood bottles across the nation. The Red Cross has undertaken a dramatic expansion of its blood collections to make available from limited present processing facilities. Recent experiments sponsored by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and using globulin provided by the Red Cross have demonstrated that gamma globulin, produced from pooled blood of many persons, contains antibiotics that attack one or more of the three strains of polio virus so far discovered. A dose of the serum, which requires approximately one pint of blood to produce, protects against the paralyzing effect of polio for about a 1 to 5-week period.

Last November the Office of Defense Mobilization asked the Red Cross to expand its blood collections to produce as much gamma globulin for all purposes as blood processing laboratories can turn out. Past experience indicates that the disease will reach epidemic proportions in about 150 counties and that some 2,000,000 children may be exposed to it.

The Red Cross will not allocate or distribute the globulin. Since the amount of globulin needed will far exceed the expected supply, its allocation and distribution will be handled by an agency other than the Red Cross. The agency will be designated by the Office of Defense Mobilization.

The Red Cross also must continue to collect blood to meet the needs of civilian hospitals, of the Korean-wounded, and of the nation's plasma reserve. The total program will require approximately 5,000,000 pints of blood and will cost the Red Cross about \$18,000,000 next year.

This project is only one of many Red

Cross activities and the money only a portion of the much-needed \$93,000,000 to carry on the humanitarian efforts of the American Red Cross.

One of the expensive stained glass windows in the reconstructed cathedral of Coventry, England is being paid for out of a good-will fund contributed by churches in Germany. The cathedral was laid in ruins during the German air blitz in 1940.

Traffic deaths from Christmas to New Year's added up to more than 700, bringing the total above the 38,000 predicted for 1952 by the National Safety Council. The council said the last year's deaths were the largest number since 1941 and were exceeded in only three other years. These were 1941 with 39,696 deaths, 1937 with 39,643 and 1936 with 38,089. Ned H. Dearborn, council president, warned: "More cars and more travel are making streets and highways more dangerous. Only sober cautious driving will ensure your safety."

### Cites Need For Bibles in American Homes

CHICAGO (E/P) There are over 7,500,000 homes in the United States of America without a copy of the Word of God. Many of these homes are within the shadow of a Church. This is the statement of The American Home Bible League whose aim it is to place a Bible in every home in America.

The American Home Bible League was founded and organized by Mr. William A. Chapman, a Chicago businessman, over fifteen years ago and already two million homes have been visited with the offer of the gift of God's Book. Teams of workers are being organized for this effort in placing a Bible in each home. We will never have a God given old-fashioned revival without the God given old-fashioned Book, says William Ackerman, Director of the organization.

### Religious Advertising Clicks

DALLAS, Texas (E/P) The Texas and Pacific Railway Company, with headquarters here, announced plans to buy space in 120 newspapers and numerous magazines next year for an advertising program built around the theme that the future of the country depends on faith in God, ourselves, fellow men and freedom.

W. C. Vollmer, president of the company, said the advertising theme for the coming year was decided upon following excellent public reception of a similar series of ads on a limited scale during the past year. More than 250,000 cards and letters were received by the railroad, Mr. Vollmer said.

### The Religion of Senators

NEW YORK (E/P) Time magazine reports on the faith of senators in the United States Senate as follows: Members of the upper house of the 83rd Congress, judging by statistics, are a pretty religious lot. After a quick check of the records (Congressional Director, denominational headquarters, etc.), the National Council of Churches announced that only one Senator, Republican William Langer of North Dakota, has no "reported religious affiliation." The creedal complexions of the others: Methodist, 19; Baptist, 13; Episcopal, 13; Presbyterian, 12; Roman Catholic, 9; Congregational, 7; Lutheran, 5; "Protestant" 5; Disciples of Christ, 4; Unitarian, 2; Latter-Day Saints, 2; Latter Day Saints Reorganized, 1; Jewish, 1; Society of Friends, 1; Christian Scientist, 1.



### YFC Leader in Japan Returns With Graham

CHICAGO (E/P) Rev. David E. Morken of Tokyo, Japan, director of Youth for Christ work in the Far East, returned to America (on Jan. 15) with Billy Graham to do preliminary work on the World Congress on Evangelism at Tokyo next August.

Graham spoke to 750 missionaries in Tokyo on his recent tour of the Orient. As first vice president of Youth for Christ International, Graham has been a prime mover in its spread to 78 countries and colonies of the world. Morken arranged the Tokyo missionary gathering. Morken accompanied Graham to Korea and also later to Hong Kong and the Philippines before they returned together to the United States. Prior to the Communists moving into China, he headed up Youth for Christ work in that country. He now directs the work in all countries of the Orient, with headquarters in Tokyo.

Next summer's World Congress, the sixth to be sponsored by Youth for Christ International, is slated for August 9-17 and will springboard the movement's plans for "saturation evangelism" in one country at a time. Up to 100 American evangelists are expected to assist in the major effort.

### Christian Life Contest Sparks Sunday Schools

CHICAGO (E/P) A cumulative gain in Sunday School attendance of 332,742 was chalked up by some 1600 Sunday Schools throughout the United States and Canada as a result of the incentive offered by the fifth annual *Christian Life* magazine Sunday School Contest. Spurred on by the grand prize of a \$4,000 Wicks organ and two airplane trips to Palestine (one for pastor and one for the Sunday School Superintendent) Sunday Schools went all out to lure newcomers, using all the normal means, such as home visitation and telephone calls, and some very unconventional "gimmicks" such as serving pancakes on Sunday morning or having a Hollywood actor come with his favorite horse. (Roy Rogers and Trigger.) One Sunday School superintendent climbed a tree in front of his church in Long Beach, California, and announced he would remain there until his Sunday School attendance hit 1,000.

*Christian Life*, whose advertisers offered a total of \$13,000 dollars in prizes summed it up by saying, "With all of the shouting over, however, one fact appears crystal clear: Despite all of the pancake breakfasts, lollipops, gospel pencils and gimmicks of all sizes and shapes—and not discounting the tricky advertising posters, banners, handouts, the inescapable fact is that hard work on the part of everyone in the church and Sunday school is the key to successful Sunday School promotion. Winner of the top prize was the San Gabriel, California, Union Church, of which Dr. Ralph E. Stewart is pastor and Andrew J. Davidson is superintendent. Starting with an average attendance of 1,121, they zoomed their attendance to 2,459 in the six week period of the contest. Their contest entry featured a giant pictorial scrapbook bound in a copper-embossed cover. Other winners in some eight different classifications are being announced in the March issue of *Christian Life*."

### Plan Conference For Musicians

CHICAGO (E/P) In co-operation with three leading Bible schools and churches throughout the nation, the Sacred Music Dept. of Moody Bible Institute will sponsor its annual (second) Church Music Conference, March 13-15. The special sessions covering practical help for church musici-

ans will be held at the Institute, 820 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago. Schools co-operating with the Institute are Ft. Wayne Bible College, Olivet College and Wheaton College.

Conference features will include exhibits, demonstrations, round table seminars, lectures and personal interviews. Potential hymn writers will have opportunity to have their compositions analyzed by one of America's leading gospel song writers. Organists, pianists and soloists will be able to get some expert coaching, and choir directors can plunge into a variety of discussions in their field. Those who don't play, sing or compose but just like to listen to music have been thought of too. A sacred concert by six choirs will be held during the conference; a recital by a vocalist and a pianist; and a choir festival, featuring the Ft. Wayne Bible College Choir, the Olivet Bible College Choir, Wheaton Men's Glee Club and the Moody Chorale in a massed choir of 300 voices, with symphony orchestra accompaniment.

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## They Say That—

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about Him as we handle things, to transmit Him to personalities. That did not work, and that's why we are in existence as a church today. If our services are losing interest it is false to suppose that a return to "things" as an aid to worship will do the thing for us that is lacking.

With the thought that no true preaching is possible without the Bible, Dr. Coffin says, "It is no pulpit convention which requires a text from Scripture. It is the effort to recapture for our messages today the supreme quality of revealing God." And, much as we did not expect him to say it, he is suggesting preaching that reveals the holiness of God and appeals to men to seek the realization of that quality of holiness in Christian experience for he writes; "To how many of us, both in pulpit and pew, might the question be put: 'Received ye the Holy Spirit when ye believed?' . . . Our congregation might reply, 'The Holy Spirit—why that is what they talk about in the fringe sects, not in proper congregations affiliated with the National Council of Churches of Christ in America.' Yes and that is perhaps one of the reasons why these fringe sects keep springing up in place after place." He believes that the Spirit may and must come to those who preach His Word and hear it.

He lays blame with ministers for giving exhortations instead of engaging in attempted acts of grace. "The curse of the pulpit today is bald moralism. The ambassador of Christ forgets his embassy, says next to nothing of the Master he is representing, and spends time telling those before him what they ought to be and do . . . Movements, crusades, campaigns, missions have filled the horizon. One sometimes wonders what there has been in public worship for the very large numbers of persons who were in no position to participate in these strenuous efforts. Our Lord's gracious invitation to 'the weary and heavy laden' has not been prominent in American preaching . . ." Folly of follies it is, that men are to be found in pulpits today who deny the eternal facts concerning Him, whom they are supposed to proclaim.

He then adds some thoughts concerning the talking of the preacher that remind us of the Minister's Seminar of a year ago. "A minister has to use simple and graphic language to hold his audience. He must expurgate his vocabulary of . . . words . . . such as 'expurgate.' A good way to learn is to try preaching to children or casual audiences. Nothing would be more educational for most ministers than to be asked to address chance audiences on street corners . . . A few skillfully chosen words—thoughts clearly in line with the mind of Christ—a man speaking earnestly of that which has mastered him, and there is something heard that all men with ears recognize as Divine."

One who knew Church history said that it was in times of spiritual laxness that symbolism revived and that in periods of spiritual vigor in the Church, symbolism was laid aside. Some people live and learn from history; others do not. Such people live and their history is no improvement over what has happened before.

May we strive earnestly to be ever among those who worship in spirit and in truth reflecting the beauty of holiness in our daily walk and testimony. If we listen we can hear our Lord saying: "Behold the fig tree . . . when they now shoot forth . . . ye know . . ." (Luke 21:29)

We want to be found faithfully occupying when He comes.

—C. R. H., Elizabethtown, Pa.