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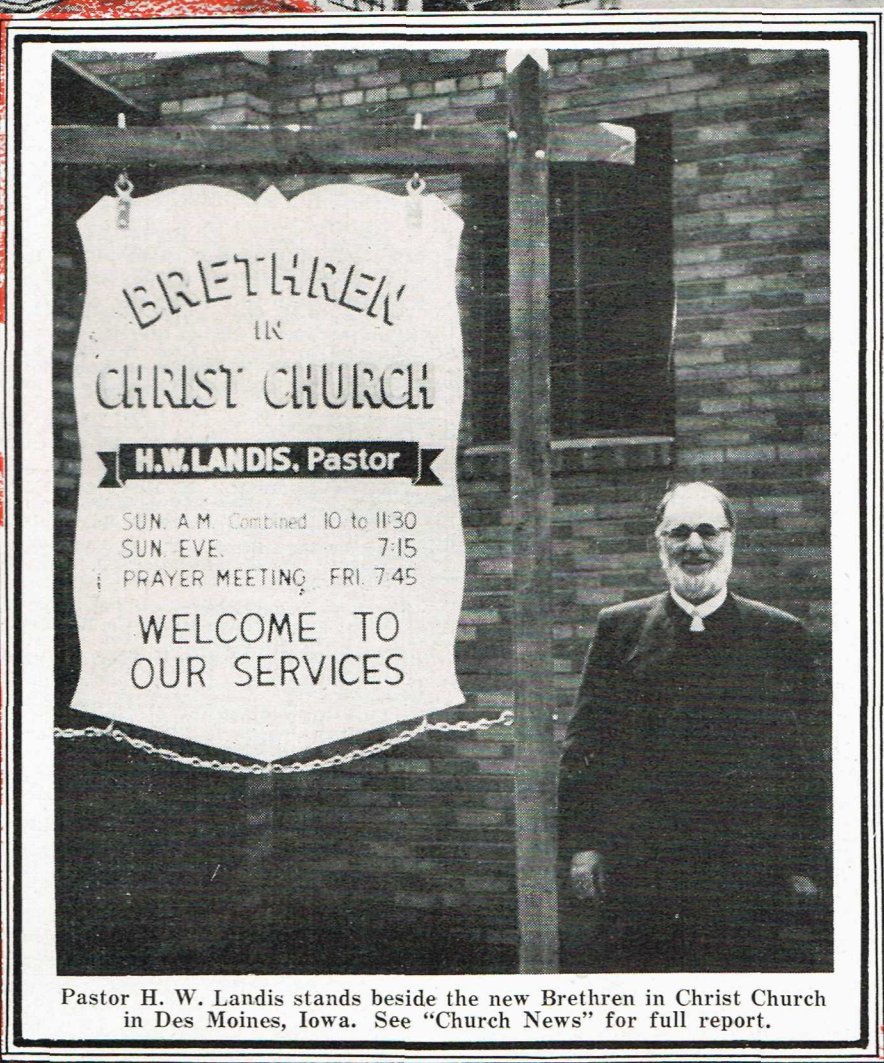
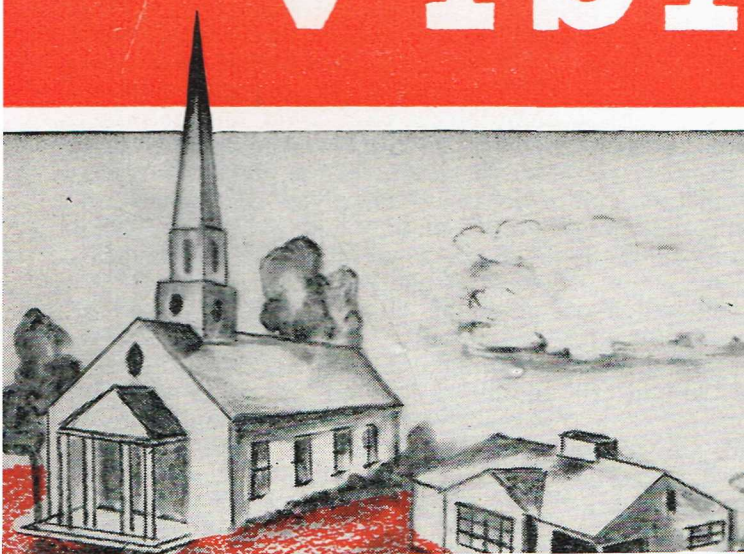
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BRETHREN  
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## E. V. Outlook

WITH this issue we begin a feature that will bring items of the past to the attention of our readers. Bishop E. J. Swalm has consented to supply this historical data which will appear in every other issue. Any person having interesting material that would be of general church interest is invited to submit it to Brother Swalm, Duntroon, Ontario, Canada.

The page devoted to ministers will be prepared by C. R. Heisey, pastor of the Brethren in Christ Church, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, and LeRoy Walters, pastor of the Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, Brethren in Christ Church will supply the materials for the Home Page.

Of particular interest to youth will be a page that Ernest Boyer, Upland, California, will be supplying from time to time. The plan is to have a youth page in each issue.

We recognize the place that church news has in a denominational paper. Polls would indicate it to be a high point of interest among readers. We feel it will enhance the readability of the news section if a few simple facts are observed in reporting:

1. Send news items before they get too old. Church news, weddings, births, deaths, etc., should not be more than three months past by the time they appear.

2. The facts to be reported are of more interest than the comments by the one doing the reporting. It is sometimes difficult to establish a line between a news item and a proper amount of comment to present it as news. Say as much as possible in a few words.

3. Some suggestions have come in that we should publish more testimonies, such as healing and salvation experiences that God has brought into people's lives. We can devote a limited amount of space to this type of reading. Some safeguard is necessary to guide in the testimonies we consider for publishing. We are asking that testimonies on healing and Christian experience be endorsed by the pastor of the congregation. This will help us to determine the quality of the material and the relationship of the individual to the Church.

4. The ideal would be for all items to be typewritten and double-spaced. This helps in making necessary corrections and saves the time of deci-

phering certain styles of handwriting.

A word should be said to you brethren that are not on the editorial council or the contributing staff. It has often been stated to us that the number one point of interest when a reader looks at an article is the name that appears with it. To publish a good denominational paper we need a cross section of thinking as given by church leaders. We cannot publish all that we receive, but we would like to publish some that we have not received. An article or two from active forward looking pastors, college leaders, mission promoters and active missionaries would add denominational interest to the *Evangelical Visitor*.

Our goal is not to satisfy the thinking of everyone — that would not be good. Sometimes the things that disturb are constructive and upbuilding.

May God be magnified, Christ be glorified, the Holy Spirit honored and the Church established and made strong by the ministry of the printed page!

—J. N. H.

## "Be Reasonable"

W. O. Winger

GOD spoke through His prophet Isaiah, saying, "Come now and let us reason together." Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Very reasonable would it be to accept such an invitation. It was very unreasonable for Felix to ask for a convenient season, to call for Paul who had been reasoning with him of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come. Men and nations must suffer irreparable loss if they refuse an invitation from their God as He attempts to do them good and not evil.

Was not, "Where art thou?" spoken to Adam and Eve by God in deepest concern for their welfare? And let us pause to consider how well man fared when he was reasonable with God. Enoch, who walked with God 300 years, enjoyed blessed fellowship and "was not for God took him." Jabez came and reasoned with God and was kept from sin, and did not need to grieve over evil. Joseph, Moses, Daniel, and other men of the Bible were reasonable with God, reaping blessed and rich rewards.

Consider Jacob, the supplanter, who became reasonable and drew near to God. They buried the strange

idols and earrings. Then God appeared to Jacob at different times, changing his name to Israel. He was then prepared to lead his people from famine to the land of plenty in Egypt, and that most blessed meeting with his son Joseph.

If we return as Jacob did, become reasonable enough before God to repent, confess, and clean up, God will still be found as we seek Him with a full heart. Then our God as a loving Father will walk and talk with us, and tell us what to do, and no matter where we are, or what our walk or occupation in life is, God will reason with us. Then, by His grace, we shall not only exist, but like Paul, "as much as in me is" endeavor to win souls to our Saviour.

We in this country are so fat, flourishing, and complacent. We seemingly think we have need of nothing, not even to talk with our Creator and God, especially if we think it will cost us money, physical effort, or our ease. Beware as we turn a deaf and unreasonable ear to our God, lest we suffer eternal loss, in banishment from His presence throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

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WE ARE reminded by James, that "eminent realist," that, "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." (James 5:8) And that is the stabilizing satisfaction for all of the sins and sores and sorrows of this stricken sphere. We minister as we are motivated by the marvel of the soon, rapturous movement upon the part of the Mighty One, so that, "with feet on the ground and head in the clouds," we are saved from pious cloudiness and too grim a grounding for things as they are here below. The world has its night; and while we are "in" the world, yet we are not "of" the world, and instead of the night, we have the "nigh." There is the coming of the Lord, and the "eminent realist" would ever bid us to the practical consideration of the fact that He "draweth nigh." And while we certainly cannot set up the heavenly time-table, we should be set up for the awaiting of the Heavenly One, when He cometh.

*"Thou art coming, Thou art coming!  
We shall meet Thee on the way,  
We shall see Thee, we shall know  
Thee,  
We shall bless Thee, we shall show  
Thee  
All our hearts could never say."*

—and while this is nice poetry, it is a pity if it peter away as mere poetry, rather than being drawn through the lines to the contemplation and worship of the Person. It is the Lord Himself, in all that He hath come to mean to and for these hearts of ours. And what can never be expressed by the poor frame of language, shall be understood by that far deeper language of the heart. It is the preciousness of the personal perception of His peerless Person. And, oh beloved! to have it made more magnificent and meaningful to these hearts of ours as they carry along with the present pilgrim passage.

And so the coming of the Lord "draweth nigh." There is a drawing as well as a delight, and like unto pieces that fit into and frame out the whole pattern, so does this word, "draweth nigh," remind our hearts of some of these drawings. . . .

"I will draw all men unto Me." And precious Lord, verily hath Thou drawn these hearts of ours unto Thyself in the contemplation of the marvel of Calvary. Once lost, guilty and undone in the doom and despair and decay and default of condemnation, there was the marvel of the coming of the Man of Calvary, and curse gave away before cleansing. There was the "O, happy day when Jesus washed my sins away," and we shouted for



## DRAWING and COMING

*Edwin Raymond Anderson*

the sheer joy of the reality of regeneration, new creatures in Christ Jesus with everything made new. Yes, beloved, He hath drawn these hearts of ours out from the miry clay and onto the solid Rock, when sobs gave way to songs, and poverty gave way to praise.

But there is the tragedy of often forgetting that, in the sad sense of allowing it to degenerate to the place of the accepted commonplace and the fundamentalistic "matter-of-fact." We know it so well that we do not know it at all, and what should ever be a thrill becomes a poor-second of mere traffic. And while we are always so right and ready to call sinners to Calvary, it is positively sinful to see the spectacle of saints who have sinfully slipped from the sweetness of the "first-love" for the very fire and power of the experience. Perhaps there is the continual need of "gospelizing" many of the saints all over again. Some have advanced so far that it has become an agony to the Holy One, and they have forgotten that the "deeper things" of the Word are often channeled through a new, revived, restored vision of the "elementary" truth of "Christ died for our sins." The coming of the Lord "draweth nigh" and as a school of preparation, there needs be the recovery of the deeper business of continually drawing nigh unto the Lord Who is coming.

For it is all a matter of true, holy love. It is the love of the Lord for us that frames the sweetness and the preciousness of His coming for us. It is "the Lord Himself" Who is to come; and while the "mechanics" of rapture could as well have been left in the hands of angels, that would not fit the requirements of His love for us. He is coming for us; not as a matter of power, but far rather, of preciousness because He loves us. And the best "readying for rapture" is the reverse side of that selfsame truth. Our hearts desperately need the overflow of true, holy love for this lovely Lover of our souls and lives. We need, here and now, "pilgrim drawing" unto the Risen and Glorified Lord, drawn closer and yet closer unto His precious, bleeding side. He needs become more real than the most real things in this all-too-real world. He needs become more dear than most precious of personal possessions. He needs become more near than very breathing and heart-beat itself! And beloved, these are not dreamy meditations, but driving motivations!

It is good then, to be reminded of this by an "eminent realist" and to find such a word in that intensely practical epistle of James. Here is a matter, not alone of doctrine, but also of doing, and where theology is released into doxology. "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh."



## How Would You Like to Be a Preacher?

### Beatitudes for Pastors

Blessed is the pastor who is not swayed by the gossip of the weekday to the extent that he allows it to enter into his Sunday message. He shall have a message from God.

Blessed is the pastor who is not offended when his predecessor is highly spoken of, and who keeps his tongue from speaking discrediting things about him. He shall be well liked by all.

Blessed is the pastor who does not become familiar with the opposite sex. He shall continue long in God's work.

Blessed is the pastor whose home is under control, and whose mate conducts herself, dresses properly. He shall have blessings untold.

Blessed is the pastor who does not blame everyone else for his mistakes and failures. He will be a great leader.

Blessed is the pastor who is not neglectful of himself, his family, or the building in which he preaches. He will be respected by all.

Blessed is the pastor who has a vision; who with his eyes open grasps every opportunity afforded for the advancement of the kingdom of God. He shall be desired of God's people.

—O. N. Robinson in *The Christian Ministry*

### Willing to Wait

A poor woman stood at a vineyard. "Would you like some grapes?" asked the proprietor. "I should be very thankful," was the reply. Quickly her basket was brought to the gate. The owner took it, and was gone a long time, until the woman became discouraged, thinking that he was not coming back. At last he returned with the basket heaped full. "I have made you wait a good while," he said, "but, you know, the longer you have to wait, the better the grapes and the more." So it sometimes is in prayer. We bring our empty vessels to God and pass it over the gate of prayer to Him. He seems to be delaying, and sometimes faith faints with waiting. But at last He comes, and our basket is heaped full with luscious blessings. He waited long that He might bring us a better and fuller answer.

—*Gospel Herald*

If he is young, he lacks experience; if his hair is gray, he is too old; if he has five or six children, he has too many; if he has none, he is setting a bad example.

If his wife sings in the choir, she is being forward; if she does not, she is not interested in her husband's work.

If he speaks from notes, he has canned sermons and is dry; if he is extemporaneous, he is not deep.

If he is attentive to the poor, he is playing to the grandstand, if to the wealthy, he is trying to be an aristocrat.

If he spends too much time in his study, he neglects his people; if he visits, he is a gadabout.

If he suggests improvements for the church, he is a dictator; if he makes no suggestions, he is a figure-head.

If he uses too many illustrations, he neglects the Bible; if not enough, he is not clear.

If he condemns wrong, he is cranky; if he does not, he is a compromiser.

If he preaches for an hour, he is windy; if less, he is lazy.

If he preaches the truth, he is offensive; if not, he is a hypocrite.

If he preaches tithing, he is a moneygrabber; if he does not, he is failing to develop his people.

If he receives a large salary, he is mercenary; if a small salary, it proves that he is not worth much.

They say the preacher has an easy time!

—*Selected*

### Precepts for the Preacher

1. Preaching without emotion is not preaching, but beware of the cheap substitute. Synthetic unction may impress simple souls, but it corrupts the preacher.
2. Remember Peniel and wrestle with the great themes, even if they throw you. Jacob was not Israel until he shrank sinew.
3. Be loyal to your texts. Be aware of context; if you leave it, be courteous and ask permission. Possibly the writer had bigger thoughts than your own.
4. There is always water if you bore deep enough.
5. Motorists and preachers should remember that the aim is not to cover the ground, but to see the country and seeing, love.

6. Illustrate; but don't illustrate the obvious. One good illustration is worth ten bad.
7. The well is deep, and you must have something to draw with. But there is no need to make people drink out of the bucket, still less to chew on the rope.
8. In preaching no demand without the gift; no diagnosis without the cure. One word about sin; ten for the Savior.
9. Irrelevance is sometimes an infirmity; usually it is sin.

—*The Christian Ministry*

### Selvar the Seer Says:

THIS A glorious salvation that may so do for sinful men on earth, that sinning men, seeing what they do, may glorify our Father who is in Heaven. This is a part of the depths to which our "so great salvation" goes. We've laid emphasis on the "guttermost" depths of "filthiness of flesh" but careful reading of the great plan of God shows us that its greatness also includes a going under "filthiness of spirit"—deeper than the depraved depths to which sin has taken us. It includes "putting off the Old Nature which is corrupt according to deceitful lusts" and "putting on a New Nature . . . created in righteousness and true holiness."

How wonderful indeed! Sinning men may be so delivered from sin's awful blight that they may become "lights" shining and bright amid this world's darkness!—living letters from God, easily read by fellowmen. Sins of the disposition are a dismal detergent dissolving the light of an otherwise effective Christian testimony. Sad indeed it is that so many saints, so called, shame the holy name they bear by behaviour unbecoming to such as profess godliness. It ought not to be so. It saddens the heart of the Saviour.

'Tis a great salvation, to be sure, which SAVES TO THE UTTERMOST, all who come to God by Him. It is for us to be ashamed when men say He saves only partly from sin's cure and not completely—unto the UTTERMOST!

Blessed be that dear NAME, which is above every name! Blessed is that man, who believing in that most holy NAME, receives a burning up of the dross within his own nature which dilutes the pure stream of the Water of Life which should be flowing through him to quench the thirst of famishing souls about him! Hallelujah! He does save to the UTTERMOST!



# YOUTH

THE home, like the Sabbath, had its origin in the creation. So our minds go back to the first home that was established in the garden of Eden. After creating Adam, God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a help meet for him." Then followed the creation of Eve.

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh." Marriage is such an intimate union of two personalities that it requires a high degree of common background and interest in order to make it the mutual blessing that God intended that it should be. It is not only a physical union, but a blending of mind and spirit. As suggested by the scriptures quoted in both Old and New Testaments, a marriage that is not based on common spiritual interests can be ruinous to the participants. While "marriage is honourable in all," (Heb. 13:4) its highest degree of happiness and blessing can only be reached when both parties are Christians and have similar spiritual interests and similar concerns for their own happiness and the spiritual welfare of their children. The prophet Amos asks: "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3) It had always been God's plan for the home that one man and one woman be united for life.

There was a long period of history when, because of the hardness of men's hearts, God permitted divorce and polygamy, but from the beginning it was not so. Jesus re-established the original plan as the only right way in Mark 10:2-9.

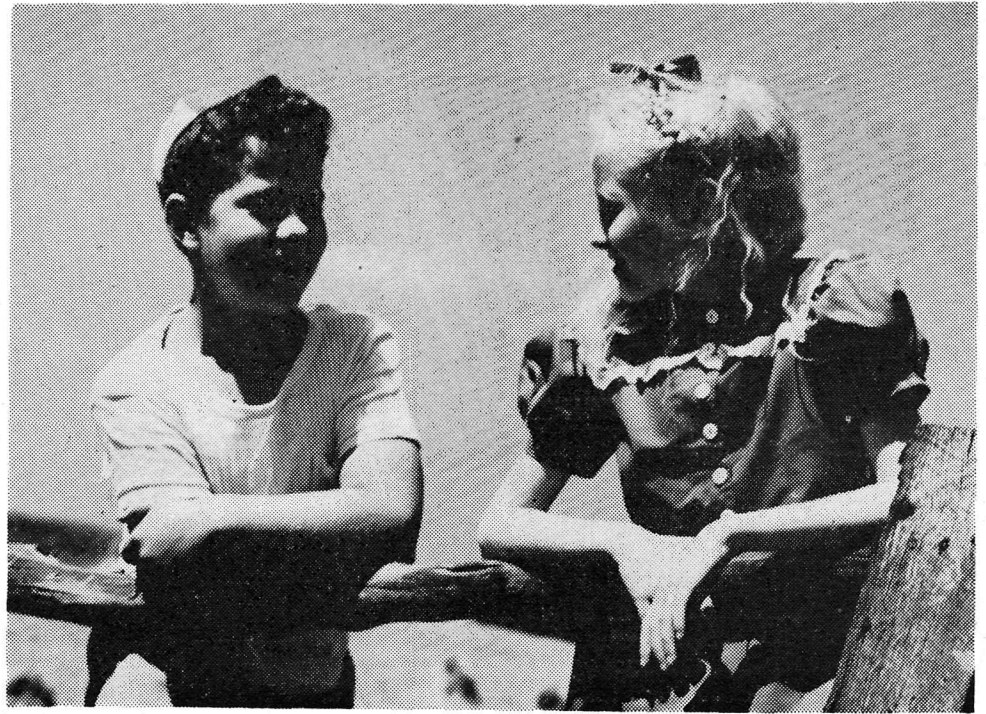
In the home there needs to be mutual love and respect. "Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it." (Eph. 5:25) "Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord." (Eph. 5:22)

The roots of the family life are found in one of two words: "mine" or "ours." To say "mine" all the time has in it selfishness which is a deterrent to a happy home. In all family conversations where there is unselfishness, there are mutual interests discussed. Here is where daily tasks are a labor of love and willing hands and happy hearts translate

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*This essay was given by Mrs. Pauline Yoder at the Hosteller reunion of Northern Ohio.*

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## Youth Studies God's Plan For the Home

duty into privilege. A normal family pulls all loads together, shares all joys together, and bears all burdens together. It is the togetherness that makes a normal happy home. In this spirit the family will plan to do

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### "Where Love, There's Heaven"

Mary K. Jacobs

*Where love, there's Heaven and the home  
So blest, there none will wish to roam;  
Where Christian kindness and mirth  
Prevail, there's joy and peace on earth.*

*When loving hearts forgive the pain  
And hurt of little things, they gain  
In peace and wisdom through the years;  
Where love, there's joy amidst the tears.*

*No worldly gossip, vice, or strife  
Can ever build the better life,  
And he who hates must learn to love  
And look within and look above.*

*Where love, there's Heaven and the home  
So blest, there none will wish to roam.*

things together and go places as a family. Someone has said: "One of the best things about the automobile is that in it the whole family can travel together." In fact, that is about the only way many families live together.

Home is made sacred or otherwise depending upon the kind of associations to be found in it. In some homes the members come home to board and sleep while they seek their enjoyment elsewhere. Such places are not really homes, but rather second class hotels. But not so in the home where love reigns supreme as Paul says: "the bond of perfectness." Yes, love is the quality that makes members of the family companionable, self-sacrificing, and ready to contribute to one another's interests. Someone has said: "The family that works, plays, sings, and prays together, stays together." It is hard for the enemy of souls to gain a foothold in such a home, especially where divine love binds each member to the Father of Love, and



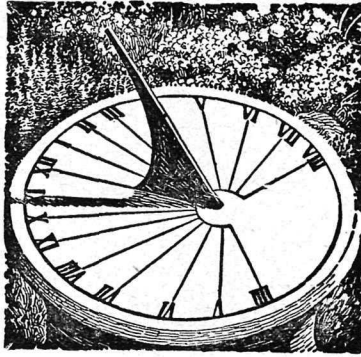
where prayer plays an important part.

We find in the early books of the Bible that whenever Abraham and the other patriarchs pitched their tents, they built altars for the worship of the Lord. In Deut. 11:18-21 is found one example of the place religious training has in the home. One of the reasons for God's choice of Abraham as the father of the chosen race was that He knew Abraham would command his family after him. (Gen. 18:19) We are commanded to "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Just what is training? We find that there are three phases of religious education: telling, teaching, and training. Telling is helping the child to know; teaching is helping the child to grow; training is helping the child to do. Thus as the child acquires and digests the truth, it then becomes a part of him and he then makes use of this knowledge he has received.

Lorie C. Gooding says: "Children are echoes and mirrors." If you want to really know what kind of parent you are, watch your children, and listen to them, while they are "playing house." As we realize that children are builders of our homes, of society, and of the future church, we need to accept the great responsibility that rests upon us as parents or future parents; and to present a Christian environment so that by the grace of God, the child will early make his choice. As we look into the home training of Timothy—how he was trained by his mother, Eunice and his grandmother, Lois. Paul said in a letter to Timothy: "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (II Tim. 3:15) These are only a few examples of what God has intended for our homes.

Someone has said: "We never willingly offend where we sincerely love." So might quarreling, disunity, and the losing of our first love be never named among us; but rather that the blessings of home life would prove to be the joy of our soul, an inspiration to our children, a benediction to the visitors that come and go, and a glory to God.

Home then will be a hallowed spot where the ties of love and sympathy grow stronger as the years roll on; where children are molded over right patterns during the habit-forming periods of their lives; where they are sheltered, trained for service, and taught to face the issues of life.



*In introducing this historical feature which only reaches back 25 years, we hope our readers will be interested and helped as we see what changes in personnel inevitably come every quarter of a century—E.J.S.*

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*The editor and your historical compiler lost their fathers in the same year.*

Monday, August 5, 1929

Many of our readers will be shocked to learn of the passing of the Editor's father, Bishop J. A. Stump, of New Paris, Indiana. After an illness of about seven months as a result of influenza, he passed peacefully to his reward at 9:35 a.m., Tuesday, July 30. He was a member of the church for over fifty years and during these years it can be truthfully said his interest and zeal for the work of the Lord did not diminish but rather increased as time went by. Many times during his illness he expressed his concern for the welfare of the church, to which he had devoted his life and service. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

## In Retrospect

### LEVI DONER'S FATHER

**Doner**—Sylvanus Doner was born on June 17, 1843, in Markham District, and died at his late residence in New Market, Ontario, June 16, 1929, aged 86 years. He was married to Margaret Baker, who preceded him in death twenty-three years ago.

To this union were born ten children, five preceded him in death and five living, namely: Reuben and Ben of Kindersley, Sask.; Albert, Sarah and Martha in New Market. Levi died in Africa after a number of years of active service on the mission field.

Brother Doner was married again twenty-one years ago to Catharine Stickley of Markham.

Brother Doner suffered much from a cancer on the cheek which finally resulted in death.

Funeral services were held in Markham Meeting House near Gormley, conducted by Rev. Perry of the Free Methodist church New Market assisted by Rev. Orser. Text: "A hoary head is a crown of glory if found in the way of righteousness." Interment in Heise Hill cemetery.

*The concluding paragraph of Brother Wiebe's piercing article entitled "Where Will Your Children Attend School Next Year?"*

Another reason why our young people should attend our own Bible school is because our schools need all the moral and financial support that you can give them. Every time one of our young people goes to some other school it withdraws a certain amount of support from our own schools. Some times people offer the excuse that our own schools do not come up to the standard of other schools. What have you done to help to raise the standards of our schools? If you send your child to another school you help to support that school instead of supporting the schools of our own denomination. Now before you decide to send your child to some outside school, consider this question in the light of eternity and ask yourself, Am I doing my duty to the Church and to my child, if I send him to an outside school?

—P. J. Wiebe





Mission workers assembled at the recent Missions Institute at Roxbury, Pennsylvania, June 15-18.

## Mission Workers Report Blessings of Missions Institute

*This issue Missions in America features testimonies of mission workers who attended the Mission Institute at Roxbury June 15-18. The Institute included Home Mission workers and Foreign workers on furlough. The larger share of the expense of the Institute was carried by a gift from the Publication Board given for this purpose—therefore the sentiment of appreciation to this Board. Since only a small part of the testimonies can be included here, names are omitted.—E.B.D.*

"We cannot find words to express our thanks to those who have made it possible for us to profit by and enjoy the instruction and inspiration of the Institute. We go back to our post with renewed courage and strength. May God bless and prosper you for making this "mountain top" experience possible for us."

"A time of fellowship and blessing. Also a deepening of appreciation for the missionary personnel."

"This blessed opportunity to 'come apart' from my work has given me a challenge that I trust will influence the remainder of my life. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I desire to show my appreciation by an improved and enriched testimony in the area God placed me."

"Heights of glory, deep truth from the Word, moments of relaxation, these three characterized the wonderful days spent at the Mission Institute. The Wednesday evening prayer hour, the consecration of Dale Uery to the Cuban work, and the gathering of all missionaries around the altar with tears flowing, were only a few of the wonderful experiences we enjoyed."

"As a young person who has given the past year in mission work, I want to say, 'Thank you' from the depth of my heart for this blessed time. We enjoyed Christian fellowship, friendship and recreation which we needed and do not get in our mission stations."

"This Missionary Retreat has been a real spiritual uplift to me. The fellowship of fellow-missionaries and the guidance given

us by the speakers was simply wonderful. Praise the Lord for a Publication Board with a vision of missions."

"The Institute has been an eye-opener, a challenge and a tremendous spiritual booster to one joining the mission corps of workers for the first time."

"The cool quiet atmosphere of this Camp has furnished a suitable setting for these days of inspirational rest. The days ahead will be more profitable in the service of the Lord because we have been here. Praise the Lord!"

"I certainly have enjoyed and appreciated the Institute. I feel as though I have been sitting in heavenly places. I'm sure the things we have heard and learned will help us in our program. We have been fortified for the battle for the Lord Jesus."

"This retreat has been to us what a good, cool, refreshing drink is to a tired, thirsty, traveler."

"It has been like an oasis in the desert!!!"

"This has been a glorious time of fellowship, inspiration and relaxation. We shall return to our mission field with increased vision and zeal to do the work of the Master."

"The Lord is here. Praise His name!"

"Thank you for the privilege of feeding in 'green pastures.' As a mission worker, I am returning to my duties with a broader vision and a deeper desire to serve Christ and His cause better in the future than in the past."

"As a young pastor I would like to express my appreciation for this Institute. In the first place for the emphasis placed on the empowerment of the Spirit. Secondly, for the vision of the fields which are white unto harvest. And then too, for the challenge to take the sickle (the Word of God) and harvest the ripened grain."

"Our sincere thanks to you for making the retreat possible. The addresses were informative and inspiring; the fellowship with co-workers was stimulating. One resumes his task with an even greater zest after such a period of uplifting."

"I feel unworthy of the kindness shown and the money expended that I might enjoy this fellowship. I purpose in return to expend my energies for Christ's kingdom. Thank you sincerely."

"The presence of the Lord was felt in a very real way. We can go back to our work with renewed vigor and a greater passion for souls. Thank you for your interest in us in providing this retreat."

"This Missionary Institute has given me new inspiration and zeal. Because of attending these services, I am going back to my field of labor with a fresh anointing of God upon my life."

"I want to express my utmost gratitude to the Publication Board and the Mission Board for this retreat. I have felt a real re-vitalization in these days. What was becoming a rather negative outlook, has, due to this experience, changed to one of positive re-assurance. Thank you very sincerely for this time of relaxation and spiritual refreshing."

"This has been a quiet, restful time and also a good opportunity to meet and become better acquainted with our fellow missionaries both home and foreign."

"I have enjoyed all three of the Mission Institutes and can say that each one is better than the one before. It is relaxing to come to a quiet grove away from the busy, noisy streets of a large city with its glittering lights and wickedness. Thanks to those who made this retreat possible."

"It has been a thrill and a heart warming experience to feel and share with co-workers in the home-land the same heart hunger and longing for a moving of the Holy Spirit, as we have felt it in India. It is the one thing that has made me feel 'at home' in the home-land."

"Words fail to express what this Institute has meant to me as a returned missionary from Africa. My soul has been filled with new fire as I saw the widening vision of the home Church and enjoyed the inspiring messages as well as the warm Christian fellowship which we had together."

*To all these sentiments we add a sincere AMEN from the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board members who attended. Pray, dear reader, that our missionaries shall be empowered to accomplish that which their hearts tell them should be done in this year.—E.B.D.*



## Just Like the Letter "P"

An incident recounted by the Messiah Home Steward sparked this story.  
Is it related to Missions?

Mary C. Kreider

THE Old Folks' Home was a beehive of Saturday morning activity, the emblems and sounds of which I leave to your imagination to enumerate. Mary Alice, cleaning with customary vigor the corner of a hallway, answered cheerily as a voice called her name, saying, "Please come and hold the ladder for me while I hang a curtain."

"In a minute."

"Well, don't make your minute too long or you'll forget all about me," laughed the owner of the pleasant young voice, appearing from a nearby room. "Who promised to bring Mrs. Ruff's rugs in from the balcony before the rain yesterday?" That was going to be done in a minute, too. And Mrs. Starr's drink of water?"—the voice went on relentlessly, but in a tone of good-natured chafing, for Mary Alice was known to be very willing but very forgetful of promises.

Mary Alice, already on her knees for work, bent penitently and dejectedly over the bucket and brushed imaginary tears into its suds with her mopping cloth. Mock sobs shook her slim frame as she heard the tap, tap of old Mrs. Ruff's cane coming down the hall, and cowered in the corner.

Mrs. Ruff peered about with shortsighted eyes. "What's going on here?" she demanded.

"Oh," laughed Hannah, "Mary Alice is repenting of having forgotten to bring in your rugs, deliver cups of cold water, and so forth, and so forth."

"Hump! Just like the letter 'P,'" she said as she disappeared into her room.

Mary Alice's fault was not that of squandering time. The brief "horseplay" being over, she stood up and moved briskly toward the room where Hannah had been working on the curtain. "What did Mrs. Ruff mean about the letter 'P,'" she asked, puzzled. "Do you know?"

"You really want to know?"

"Of course."

"First in *pity*, and last in *help*."

Mary Alice's puzzled look ended in an exclamation: "Well, I never! The letter 'P'—first in *pity*, and last in

help! I guess I don't need an interpreter for that. Pretty bad, isn't it?"

Hannah was sympathetic but inclined to let the lesson sink in. Not much more was said about it, as the girls proceeded to hang the curtain and the subject of conversation soon changed.

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Passing by the Steward's office that afternoon, Mary Alice was hailed by another worker. "Mary Alice, I've got to go home for the weekend. Mother's sick, and I've just been talking to Mr. Mann about getting off. Will you teach my Sunday-school class?"

"I'm sorry your mother is ill. D'you think I could teach your young Indians?"

"Of course, you could—if you prepared like the rest of us must, too. And I'd be so thankful."

"All right. You give me the teaching materials and I'll try."

"Thanks a lot, Mary Alice."

An hour later, near the same spot in the hall, Mary Alice was warmly greeted by a visitor from an adjacent county. "Say, Mary Alice, I'm going on to the tent meeting in Brown County tomorrow. Can't you get off and come along? We'll see Marian and Lois there—to say nothing of their brothers!"

"As if!" Mary Alice answered with a toss of her head. Then, seriously, "I'd like to go; and it is my free Sunday."

"And you had no other plans?"

"None that I can't change. I was going to go to Marian's home in the afternoon, but I go there often on my days off and she won't mind my changing. Yes, I'll go. What time?"

"About 8:15—will that suit you?"

"Yes-sirree."

"O. K. I'll be seeing you. Good-bye."

Lightheartedly anticipating the morrow's trip, Mary Alice started down the hall humming, "There is Sunshine in My Soul," when Mr. Mann appeared at his office door and asked her to step inside.

Kindly but gravely, he said, "I didn't hear you say anything about that Sunday school class you promised to teach for Miss Hess," adding

by way of explanation, "I couldn't help but hear your promising to go along to Brown County."

"Phew! I forgot about that," ruefully. "What'll I do? H'm . . . Oh, I think I can get somebody else to take it. Thanks for reminding me, Mr. Mann."

She made a move to go, but the Steward detained her. "Just a minute, Mary Alice. I haven't quite finished," he said with deliberation intended to offset her easy dismissal of the matter. "Let's just think about this a little. You know sometimes I am asked to write recommendations for workers — especially for young people like you who have worked here during vacation or weekends from school — recommendations for Home Mission work, Foreign Mission work, sometimes for office work with firms in town; well, one never knows what sort of situation may turn up. And I aim to tell the truth. What sort of recommendation do you think I'd have to write for one who promises very readily to teach a Sunday-school class, like you did yesterday, and then just as readily and very lightly breaks her promise for a good time?"

Flushed and embarrassed, Mary Alice was slow to reply. The Steward went on: "You yourself know that this sort of thing has happened before — that you went back on your promise. I like to give *good recommendations*. Poor ones give me grey hairs! To a certain extent, I must give account for you; and I would like, as Paul says in the last chapter of Hebrews, to do it 'with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.' Unprofitable for you and decidedly unpleasant for me!"

"Twice in one day!" Mary Alice was thinking; "First the letter 'P' and now this: I *must* be pretty bad." Too sick at heart to say much, she thanked Mr. Mann and said she would think about it.

In her own room she wept tears of self-abasement and humiliation and asked the Lord to help her live up to her promises. She called off the trip to Brown County and settled down to study the Sunday-school lesson.

It was the beginning of better things and, in spite of slips, Mary Alice gradually established a reputation for keeping her word. When, several years later, she had finished her college education and offered herself for Home Mission work, the Superintendent of the Home was able to "give account with joy" when he filled out one of the blanks sent him from the Secretary of the Home Mission Board.



# Report on New Mission in New York City

What would you think if evidence should be presented that God had sovereignly and marvelously answered the prayers of the church relative to opening a gospel work in New York City?

For years some people were interested in a Brethren in Christ mission being opened in this city. During the past year we have been challenged that New York City is one of the world's great mission fields. It needs Christ. Many prayers have been offered that God would direct and bless concerning the choice of personnel, location, and plan of operation relative to such a work. Would it be a surprise if God would answer these prayers sooner and more wonderfully than we expected? We believe He has!

## SUMMARY OF A 3500-WORD REPORT

The following is a summary and an adaption of a 3500 word report which was submitted to every member of the Home Mission Board. Its implied recommendation was unanimously approved because we believe God is revealing Himself. We wish you could know all the details which have convinced the Board that we see the hand of the Lord pointing the way. If we keep humble and obedient we believe God will work miracles in New York City.

The *Evangelical Visitor* has published a number of releases concerning the findings of the Home Mission Board. On Monday, July 5, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Lewis went to New York in pursuance of a commission of the Board to prospect for an apartment or temporary place of residence from which they could conduct a careful, on-the-field study of the situation. It was expected that this might require three months, more or less, and that out of it, in co-operation with the Board members to whom they were directly responsible, recommendations would be prepared for the Board to consider in our December meeting.

## THE FINDINGS OF BROTHER AND SISTER LEWIS IN NEW YORK

Rents for very common apartments exorbitantly high — very difficult to find desirable places

where children are permitted. Real Estate agencies give better guidance for renting apartments than newspapers.

Through a real estate agent, they were directed to a building which is used by the Methodist Church for a mission among the Japanese in New York. It is the last of three which they are selling in order to purchase a larger plant in which they can concentrate their work among the scattered Japanese population.

This five-story building which is already adapted to begin, in a small way, a Gospel work is located in a very desirable section of Manhattan. Being on 108th St. it is near the boundary of an area which Columbia University has been able to maintain as a sort of restricted zone. The eight blocks between it and the university constitute a part of a section where Columbia's 20,000 students are housed. On the south side of this street for many blocks is an area of mixed nationalities, mostly white. They represent about a middle class with no one foreign nationality dominating. Far south is a concentrated Jewish area. East is a Porto Rican area which will not probably move much more in the direction of Columbia University. About a mile away is a German Area.

## UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES

Within a few blocks of this site are multiplied thousands of people, very few of whom are touched by the few churches, in the area. There is evidence of very little, if any aggressive evangelism being done. All classes of people are within easy reach. Accessibility to the docks is ideal for making Foreign Mission contacts. The speedway enables one to reach the docks in about 15 minutes. From the roof of the building one can see the Hudson river close by. Within a block are the city parks along the river.

## CONDITION OF BUILDING

This is an important consideration. After Brother Lewis located the building he was strongly impressed that it nearly conformed to the ultimate expectations which

were outlined to him. He phoned the secretary on July 6, asking if he would come and share an investigation. After a telephone communication with the chairman who was in Ohio it was decided to go. The next day we were in New York City looking at a building, the front of which is impressive. But it was disappointing to see a building so neglected on the inside. However, we formed the conclusion it was basically good.

The next step, as agreed upon by the chairman and secretary of the Board, was to take along with ourselves and Brother Lewis, Bishop H. N. Hostetter who had become relatively well acquainted in New York City, and could represent foreign mission interests and give good council generally; also, Bro. Howard Landis, a building and remodeling contractor of Souderton, Pennsylvania, whose judgment in evaluating the worth of the property would, in our judgment, be significant.

After a very careful study of the building from the basement to the roof, it was unanimously agreed that it was a basically good building, well-located, and easily adapted to our program.

## TERMS OF PURCHASE

Because the Methodist Church is purchasing another plant, the terms are cash.

After careful negotiations with the above-named five brethren, together we agreed to offer \$27,100. The Home Mission Board unanimously agreed. Although the furnishings do not have great cash value, most of them go with the building. We get possession not later than February 1, 1955. This is an unusually short time for New York apartment houses, because of its laws protecting tenants.

We hope to finance this tax-free purchase in a way which will result in the interest being only a fraction of the \$200.00 to \$300.00 per month rent which we would probably have had to pay for facilities far less adequate and desirable than what this provides, and then no chance for income

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from the extra space this building will provide.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

You may help get the New York City Mission started in three ways:

1. Pray for God's continued blessing on the project.
2. Help renovate and prepare the building for use. Careful plans will be laid, and opportunities announced later for the services of cleaners, carpenters, and interior decorators.
3. Donate or loan money for investment in a New York City Mission. We shall be glad to hear from individuals or church agencies who will be willing to help in any of the following ways, listed in

the order of preference:

- (a) Outright donations of money.
- (b) Indirect donations of money in terms of interest-free loans or loans at very low rates of interest.
- (c) Aid to the cause in terms of loans at 3 or 4% interest.

Send all cash donations for the New York City Mission, properly identified, directly to the Assistant Treasurer, Glendon Snider, 412 Dakota Avenue, Springfield, Ohio.

Communicate with the secretary concerning loans.

Soliciting your prayers and help in every possible way for a successful mission church in New York City, we are

Your Brethren in Christ,  
The Home Mission Board  
Albert H. Engle,  
Executive Secretary

is for these young people to choose the Christian way than it was for their parents to make the change about 14 or 15 years ago. At that time if a person accepted the Lord he had to stand alone, especially socially. Now they can be an encouragement to each other.

I had to think of how the influence of the mission and its converts is now spreading into other areas. Several of the young people have had opportunity to attend our church schools. One girl was in mission work for several years and is now a Christian wife and mother helping with the church program in another community. Some have established Christian homes and are raising families in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Others have left their testimonies in the professions.

So as we drove away from the mission for the last time my heart burned with appreciation for the Lord's work in that community. I said a prayer of thanks for all the past mission workers and for those there at present.

Since the mission is so isolated from our other church areas it is difficult to comprehend all of their particular needs. The standard of living of the mission staff is much lower than yours and ours but I heard not one complaint in the whole week I was there.

It is not so much one major item which they need. But there are many relatively small things which could make their living happier and more effective. The community is poor and cannot give anywhere near adequate support. That work needs outside help.

Their needs are many and varied and I feel that the best help we could give them would be to send money with which they could supply these needs. It is more difficult to send materials, although not impossible.

As we pray together I'm sure God will bless the work at North Star Mission in a marvelous way.

—Mrs. Wendell Harmon

## Appreciation of North Star Mission

*The following letter was sent to the Home Mission Board with a suggestion that it might be given some kind of publicity. With a slight alteration it is herewith published as worthy of a wide reading and sympathetic consideration.*

Albert H. Engle, Executive Sec'y.

Dear Readers,

Knowing of your interest in the home mission program of our church I have felt impressed by the Lord to write out of my heart concerning the North Star Mission in Saskatchewan which was my former home.

Not long ago a phone call came to our home from my sister in Canada. She had called to tell us the sad news that my mother had that afternoon suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and would soon leave us.

The five long days on the train as we sped toward the Northland were made brighter by little Jan's presence. She's three and one-half years old. The other two children were being taken care of by the Boyers in California.

While we were in Canada we stayed at the North Star Mission with Arthur and Verna Heise. Their Evan and our Jan are about the same age so they got along fine. Since Art and Verna have been our very close friends for several years the week there was most pleasant.

No matter how far one travels from his childhood home, and no matter how long one is separated from it there are ties with that place that are never quite duplicated again.

At the end of our week stay, Arthur and Verna drove us to the station in Prince Albert, which is about 40 miles away. As

we left the mission my eyes searched the surrounding landscape. I knew it would be a long, long time before I would see that dear place again—perhaps never. I knew I must store in my memory that picture, to be drawn on later in times when I needed special strength.

How glad I was that our church had ever gone in to that area. From a very personal standpoint it makes all the difference in the world. For now we mourn not as those without hope. My mother and father both had been prepared for eternity largely through the work of the North Star Mission. Mother was a new-born Christian when our Mission was first established by the Albert Cobers in the 1930's. Her spiritual life grew strong and challenging through fellowship with the church. Dad had accepted Christ before his death largely because of Earl and Ellen Brechbill's influence. What a comfort to our family now!

But ours is only one family of many which have been affected. How wonderful it was to see the changes our mission church has made in that area. I saw a tremendous difference in attitudes and perspective of the people in the community. The church is becoming more and more the center of the community and its activities.

One whole family accepted Christ a few years ago and is now serving the Lord. As the young people of that family marry they are setting up Christian homes of their own. The influence goes on and on.

The biggest thrill was to see the children and young people who have been raised in the homes which became Christian through the mission influence. It seemed almost unbelievable to see "second generation" Christians in that isolated community which was for so long without the Gospel story. I was impressed when I saw how much easier it

## India Flood Report

Recent word from the India mission field indicates that although Madhipura and Barjora mission stations were surrounded by flood conditions, the property is intact and all personnel are safe. Further word concerning the flood situation will appear in a later issue.

## NEW CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Plans are being made for the dedication of the new church building at Albuquerque, New Mexico, Sunday, August 22. As a result of the blessing of the Lord upon the work and faithfulness of the pastor and congregation a beautiful chapel has been erected. This small congregation gave liberally of their means together with donated labor to bring this project to completion. The church at large has also sent in contributions which have been greatly appreciated. According to present information only about \$500.00 will be needed in order to dedicate the building free of debt.

The Home Mission Board wishes to thank all who have shared in this work of starting a new church in Albuquerque. We wish to extend a welcome for any who can attend the dedication service. If there are those who desire to see this building dedicated free of debt you may send your contribution direct to the pastor, Rev. Paul Wingerd, 3014 Sierra Dr., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Home Mission Board  
Albert H. Engle,  
Executive Secretary

# MISSIONS

## News Notes from Matopo

Student Comment on Twenty-first Annual Bible Conference (June 25-27 — Theme: God's Word, the Christian's Standard.) It was a real inspiration. Students and missionaries used their Bibles freely. Brother Sider gave the evening evangelistic messages. "Interesting indeed."

"I had to ask myself the question, 'Will I reach Heaven?' as the Std. VI boys sang a song of heaven."

"We were not born to be useless but God expects us to be useful like a clean pot."

"The Word of God is useful no matter where we go."

"The Word of God is like a mirror and shows all the wrong things in my heart."

"The Spirit of God was with us."

"I learned how to study God's Word. I thought some verses weren't true, but I found out that we cannot understand God's Word without the Spirit of God."

"Our bodies are the Temples of God and must be clean on the inside and on the outside."

### Baptism - Communion, Bible Conference and Council at Silozwe Outstation.

On Saturday, July 10, a group left Matopo Mission by car for Silozwe. We were welcomed there by missionaries who had spent Friday night at the school. Outdoor shelters had been made for our sleeping quarters by the school children.

Besides the baptismal service for twenty-seven, a new deacon was chosen that day and dedicated to the service of God and the Church.

A large number of boys and girls sat crowded on the floor between the congregation and the pulpit, and you would have

received blessing and inspiration if you could have heard them sing that evening.

On Sunday morning there were 146 who took part in commemorating the death and suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Before the mid-day service started, the public address system was connected and some missionary quartets singing over it soon caused the people to gather at the church (I can imagine! M.C.K.) The boys and girls also had the thrill of singing over the new "machine" and many of their friends heard them outside. The church was soon filled to capacity; many had to remain outside under the trees. After a service in which five children were dedicated, we had Bible Conference, the following subjects being warmly presented: "Holiness" by uMfundisi Kumalo, "Second Coming of Christ" by Brother Chester Wingert, "Quench Not the Spirit" by Brother Climenhaga. Many remained for prayer; they were divided into smaller groups for prayer and instruction.

In the annual council meeting on Monday, various problems of the Church were discussed. As some of the problems concerned the need for more money to carry on the work, Brother Climenhaga gave them some instruction on tithing and the blessing it brings. Some of the Africans backed him up and said, "Yes, we tithe." But many of our people have not learned the blessing of tithing—just like some of you at home!

The business came to an end at 3:00 p.m. and we packed our cars and came home. I can say that the Spirit of God was with us as we went, as we mingled with the people, and as we returned to our homes.

The annual Christian Service League program was given July 18th.

We are busy preparing for our General Conference to be held September 1-15. The African Conference will be held the first week and the Missionary Conference the second week. Pray for a gracious outpouring of His Spirit.

Franklin Corners S. S., Illinois	15.35
Maytown S. S., Pennsylvania	58.00
Grants Pass, Oregon	12.25
Franklin Corners Cong., Illinois	25.13
Franklin Corners Cong., Illinois	68.54
Buffalo Mission S. S., New York	26.15
Dallas Center Congregation, Iowa	103.50
Carland Congregation, Michigan	20.00
Palmyra Sunday School, Pennsylvania	71.23
Bethel Congregation, Michigan	65.50
Hollowell Congregation, Pennsylvania	22.00
God's Love Mission, Detroit, Michigan	14.04
New Guilford Cong., Pennsylvania	430.50
Montgomery Cong., Pennsylvania	130.51
Bethel Mission, Virginia	12.00
Centre Hall Cong., Pennsylvania	55.26
Christian Union Cong., Indiana	200.00
Canoe Creek Mission, Prayer Band, Pennsylvania	15.00
Antrim Sunday School, Pa.	86.88
Antrim Cong., Pa.	75.92
Mooretown Cong., Michigan	28.62
Cedar Springs Cong., Pa.	50.83
Grantham District, Pa.	146.36
Rana Villa S. S., Pa.	100.00
Green Springs Cong., Pa.	43.50
Clear Creek, Pa.	51.64
Blair Mills, Pa.	9.63
South Mt. Chapel, Pa.	26.12
Mechanicsburg Cong., Pa.	335.00
Mt. Rock Cong., Pa.	63.18
Fairview S. S., Ohio	81.50
Union Grove Cong., Indiana	74.35
Waynesboro Cong., Pa.	31.50
Crossroads Cong., Pa.	342.64
Manheim United Zion Congs., Pa.	283.00
Fairland Cong., Pa.	141.64
Maytown Cong., Pa.	90.00
Graterford S. S., Pa.	39.49
Stowe Mission, Pa.	33.78
Pine Forge Union S. S., Pa.	6.50
Martinsburg and Woodbury Missionary Offerings, Pa.	141.33
Buffalo Mission S. S., N. Y.	23.79
Chambersburg S. S., Pa.	286.93
Zion S. S., Kansas	126.16
Mt. Pleasant Cong., Pa.	582.82
J. R. Zook Miss. Farm, Ill.	350.00
Pasadena S. S., Calif.	30.84
Granville Cong., Pa.	34.00
Graterford Cong., Pa.	205.65
Cedar Springs S. S., Pa.	43.35
Free Grace Cong., Pa.	114.93
Abilene Cong., Kansas	60.00
Locke Cong., Indiana	40.00
Messiah Home Cong., Pa.	49.72
Messiah Home S. S., Pa.	70.28
Elizabethtown Cong., Pa.	208.00
Cedar Grove Cong., Pa.	30.68
Clarence Center Cong., N. Y.	129.58
Mt. Pleasant Cong., Pa.	360.00
Shenk's Cong., Pa.	50.00
Institute Travel Refund	10.00
Messiah College Miss. Rally, Pa.	111.62
Grantham District, Pa.	75.00
Carland Zion S. S., Mich.	25.00
Dallas Center S. S., Iowa	30.04
Bethany S. S., Okla.	19.38
Free Grace Church, Pa.	100.00
Free Grace Church, Pa.	45.62
General Conference Offering, Pa.	3,936.70

<b>Specials:</b>	
Beulah Chapel, Ohio for N. Y.	\$ 101.66
Buffalo Miss. W.M.P. Circle, for N. Y.	15.00
Beulah Chapel, Ohio for Albuquerque Mission	101.67
W. M. P. Circle for Navajo Mission	1,042.26
In Reserve Fund for New Castle	169.58
Personal Offerings Total	683.00

Total Receipts \$15,681.26

<b>Expenditures</b>	
Workers Allowances	\$5,279.75
Workers Transportation	255.00
Administrative Expense	1,380.59
Rent	505.00
Interest	90.25
Virginia Parsonage Fund	60.00
Retirement Fund	212.50
Canadian Portion of Conference Offering	562.39
Mission Lots	108.00
Tuition	307.55
Transfer to Reserve Fund	169.58
Loan Payments	1,500.00
Blandburg Church Loan	1,000.00
Institute	3,173.11
Specials (Toronto and Etc.)	1,339.74
Loan to Albuquerque Mission	600.00
Loan to Navajo Mission	555.00

Total Expenditures \$17,098.46

Balance, April 1, 1954 \$ 3,007.42

Receipts 15,681.26

Total Receipts Plus Balance \$18,688.68

Expenditures 17,098.46

Balance, July 1, 1954 \$ 1,590.22

—Glendon Snider, Asst. Treasurer

Note: According to decision of the Mission Boards all personal offerings will be added together and given in one sum total on the report.

### CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS

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#### Receipts

Balance on hand, April 1, 1954	\$1,562.74
Clearview Mission Band, Kindersley	
For African Evangelist	12.50
For African Bible Woman	10.00
For Tuition for Native Student	10.00
For Christian Service League	10.00
Springvale Sunday School	43.79
Canadian Relief and Service	
For Dearness Allowance, India	600.00
For Land Purchase, India	500.00
Wainfleet Sunday School	
For Dr. George Paulus and Family	100.00
Markham Congregation	85.75
Howick Congregation	45.50
Bertie S. S. for Orphans	166.63
Markham Congregation	91.36
Nottawa Congregation	56.60
Bertie Congregation	76.28
Houghton Center and Frogmore Cong.	25.00
Rosebank Congregation	35.00
Shirley Bitner Refund on \$150.00 travel allowance	120.00
Springvale Congregation	13.50
Wainfleet S. S. for Orphans, India	148.39
Cheapside Congregation	68.00
Wainfleet S. S. for Orphans, India	148.39
Bertie Women's Bible Class for Phyllis Pye	30.00
Wainfleet Congregation	114.60
Howick Congregation	10.00
Boyle Congregation	46.00
Girls' Bible Class, Markham S. S. for India Orphan	25.00
Clearview Mission Band, Kindersley for African Evangelist	12.50
for African Bible Woman	10.00
for Tuition for Native Student	10.00
for Christian Service League	10.00
Personal Contributions	245.00

U. S. A. Exchange Credit	1.29
Total Receipts including Balance for Second Quarter	\$4,295.43

#### Disbursements

Bishop H. A. Ginder Itinerary	\$ 70.00
To Board of Benevolence, Canadian Treasurer	540.00
Special for Japan	50.00
Cabled to Africa	1,095.00
Cabled to India	1,580.02
Cable Charges	14.40
Postage and Exchange	5.55

Total Disbursements, July 6, 1954	\$3,354.97
Total Receipts, July 6, 1954	4,295.43
Balance on hand, July 6, 1954	940.46

—George C. Sheffer, Treasurer

### HOME MISSION FUND REPORT

APRIL - MAY - JUNE - 1954

#### Receipts

Rosebank Congregation, Kansas	\$ 46.33
Upland Congregation, California	661.07
Zion-Bethel Congregations, Kansas	334.11
Leedey Congregation, Oklahoma	17.20
Albuquerque Mission, New Mexico	35.00
Pasadena Congregation, California	63.20
Chino Congregation, California	84.97
Navajo Mission, New Mexico	4.00
Pleasant Hill Congregation, Kansas	100.00
Rosebank Sunday School, Kansas	35.90
Des Moines Congregation, Iowa	24.25
Peulah Chapel, Ohio	488.32
Dayton Mission, Ohio	54.42
Sippo Congregation, Ohio	232.01
Uniontown Congregation, Ohio	50.00
Valley Chapel, Ohio	112.00
Chestnut Grove, Ohio	82.55
Fairview Congregation, Ohio	238.56
Pleasant Hill, Ohio	125.74



# CHURCH NEWS

Messiah Lighthouse Chapel,  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

I. WE THANK GOD for these blessings:  
Inspiration and challenge in fellowship  
with the church at

1. General Conference at Grantham,
2. Mission Institute and Retreat at Roxbury, and
3. Sunday School Convention, Roxbury, July 7-9.

Guest speakers at the Mission included: Bishop Titus Books, Charles Eshelman, Carl Carlson, Amos Buckwalter, Cletus Naylor, and William Lewis. Each made their contribution of truth. Other Conference guests visited the Mission.

II. PRAISE GOD WITH US:

THAT a new moment for some occurred, when, in our Spring Communion service with 45 participating, 9 shared for the first time.

THAT during May, 12 were received into church fellowship; and 15 followed the Lord in baptism.

THAT with spring marking the close of Week Day Bible School, our records revealed an excellent attendance, and we believe, all honor to God, that the effort was most profitable.

THAT for the arduous duties of spring house-cleaning, needed strength was supplied, and THAT we saw some definite answers to prayer, associated with this necessary labor.

THAT several souls have given definite testimony of having renewed their happy relationship with the Lord.

THAT one sister experienced a very immediate touch of divine healing, being anointed in prayer meeting, eliminating necessity of an operation.

THAT "the future is as bright as the promises of God." Praise His Name.

III. HELP US PRAY ON THESE POINTS.

PRAY: Summer season brings golden opportunities for outdoor activities in gospel preaching. We have asked the Lord to anoint us afresh for this season's duties; and we feel that the Lord is working. Pray for increasing conviction, in these services. Several have expressed needs by the up-raised hand. Pray for these and for all who listen.

PRAY: For numerous cases of unsaved souls, whose lives are touched by the Mission Staff. Some are in our Sunday School. Others do not attend. Some are bound by the habit of drink. God wills their deliverance. Unite with us in prayer for their salvation and deliverance.

PRAY: For the Mission, for the meeting of some financial needs. Several obligations have accumulated, as reflected in the financial statement.

THANK YOU for your support and cooperation.

Yours for the Lost,  
Joel E. Carlson and Staff

Cross Roads Church, Mt. Joy, Penna.

The 1954 Bible School opened July 19, and continued through July 30 with the largest attendance ever experienced of 314. God's precious Word was taught in every class. The Holy Spirit was faithful in interpreting the Word. Souls responded and on decision night there were 19 fine young people lined the altar for their soul's need, while eight others accepted Christ in the lower grades. New expressions on faces and happiness was evident. Rev. Paul McBeth gave the invitation to the older group and Sister Mary Sentz to the younger group. The challenge remains to us for follow-up work to help encourage these splendid young people. Please help pray for their spiritual growth.

The offerings amounted to \$175.05 which was given for medical supplies for India, also an offering for the Blind Association and for Africa needs. God bless every teacher who labored under the warmest weather ever experienced during Bible Schools.

—Mrs. C. H.

Greencastle, Pennsylvania

Boys and girls, parents and friends filled the Antrim Church on Sunday evening, June 27, for the closing exercises of the two-weeks Bible School. June Byers served as the superintendent. The enrollment was 316 with an average attendance of 271.

The theme, "God's Wonders," was emphasized in the various class periods as well as the assemblies. We aimed to make the children conscious of God's presence in the world about them, but above all of these wonders we pointed out that the greatest wonder is salvation. We were happy to have the Kohler Sisters from Ashland, Ohio, with us the first week. The children especially enjoyed their singing.

Three evenings the children put their offering in a miniature refrigerator. These offerings which amounted to nearly \$250 were sent to the Foreign Mission Treasurer for the purchase of a refrigerator for Brother and Sister Frank Kipe at the new mission station in Africa.

The Bible School was made possible only by the help of everyone—teachers, prayer partners, parents, bus owners and drivers and financial supporters. Our reward will be seeing the greatest wonder, salvation, performed in each child's life. We received part of this reward when nearly twenty-five children responded to the invitation on decision night.

Springfield, Ohio

The activities at Beulah Chapel for the first six months of this year have been quite varied and have included a wedding and a death. Even though the voice of Bishop Wilbur Snider has been silenced we are certain his godly influence will live on.

The special speakers who have been in our services were Bishop and Sister Arthur Climenhaga; Ray Witter; Dr. James Dickson, Head of the Presbyterian mission work in Formosa; Brother Nate Scharff, a converted Jew from Dayton, Ohio; Sister Edna Knight from Akron, Ohio; Hubert Mitchell, foreign secretary of Youth for Christ; Sisters Ruth and Myrtle Steckley; and Brother and Sister John Garman. We would not forget our own brethren who have delivered timely messages—Bishop Carl Ulery, Bro. Dale Ulery, Bro. O. B. Herr, as well as our faithful pastor, Owen H. Alderfer.

## Can You Fill in the Missing Words? MISSIONS: The \_\_\_\_\_ Outreach of the Brethren in Christ Church from \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ HANDBOOK OF MISSIONS

1954

HAVE YOU READ IT?

Really a *handbook*; keep it at hand for live information on our various home and foreign missions, names and addresses of missionary and board personnel, pictures showing the fruit of our sowing of the Gospel, Sunday School report and tabulations, etc.

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The Executive Secretary — Home Mission Board  
Rev. Albert H. Engle,  
Grantham, Pa.

or

The Executive Secretary — Foreign Mission Board  
Bishop Henry N. Hostetter,  
Washington Boro, Pa.



The Summer Bible School group at the Brethren in Christ Mission, Chicago, Illinois. The school had an enrollment of 150 and raised \$85 for hospitals in Africa and India.

March 7 will be remembered as Christ's Crusaders Day and the speakers were Charlotte Click, Carl Deyhle, and Donald Pitzer.

The two weeks of Daily Vacation Bible School from June 21 to July 2 was well attended. The smallest attendance this year being greater than the most for any single day of last year.

The evening of June 27, we gave farewell to one family in our midst for awhile. Brother and Sister Dale Ulery left for the new work in Cuba taking their three youngest children with them. We pray the Lord will give them strength and wisdom as they labor for Him.

—L. E. C.

#### Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

On Sunday morning, January 24, we were privileged to have Rev. James Sider from Ontario, Canada. Rev. Sider spoke on the theme "God's Unlimited Resources."

At our Missionary Prayer Meeting January 27, Sister Phyllis Holtry gave her life experience, and how wonderfully the Lord saved and delivered her from a life of sin.

January 31, we were happy to have the Gospel Team from Messiah College with us in our evening service.

February 28, Wilbur Stayman was with us for Christ's Crusaders and gave illustrated chalk drawings of two hymns.

March 5, Brother Harry Hock gave a challenging talk of his experiences in Cuba, and how eager the people were for the gospel.

Sunday afternoon, March 21, the Choral Society from Messiah College presented a musical program.

March 28, was our Christ's Crusaders day. Rev. Avery Musser was our guest speaker.

April 7, Sister Bertha Wenger, who spent many years in Home Mission work, told many of her varied experiences at our missionary prayer meeting.

April 18, we had Ruth and Myrtle Steckley with us in our Sunday morning service. Their talks challenged us anew, as they told

us how eager the boys and girls are to hear the Gospel of Christ. Our prayers are with them in this needy field.

May 2, Ethel Eltherington from Messiah Lighthouse Chapel, told of her experiences in the Home Department work there.

May 23, the Five Forks Crusaders and their pastor Ralph Wenger, gave us an interesting program Sunday evening.

June 6, our annual Hymn Sing; Community Male Chorus, and a number of other quartettes provided the special music.

June 14-25, our Daily Vacation Bible School with Sister Beulah Knepper as superintendent, assisted by Sister Marie Wingert and a number of faithful teachers. We had a high record enrollment of 316 with an average attendance of 280. An offering of \$192.24 was given to Frank Kipe to buy furniture for their house.

Guest speakers for D. V. B. S. were Sister Effie Rohrer, Brother and Sister David Climenhaga. Also, we were happy to have the Kohler sisters with us for one evening.

Our pastor, Rev. Charles Rife spoke to the children on decision night and a number of children responded to the voice of God. Again the seed has been sown and we have the wonderful promise that it will not return void.

June 13, a vesper service was held at the location of the old church. It brought back many sacred memories. We were privileged to have Brother and Sister David Climenhaga speak of their work in Africa. Brother Kenneth Hoover was also with us and gave a challenging talk to the youth.

—Mrs. L. M. W.

#### South Mountain Chapel, Pennsylvania

May 24 to June 4 we had our D. V. B. S. with an enrollment of 133 and an average attendance of 98. Sister Pearl Musser served as our superintendent. We had a class banner. The class who brought in the most new scholars would carry the banner into the assembly. It raised quite a bit of interest among the children and even the adults carried it two evenings.

May 30, Brother and Sister George Kipe

were ordained to the ministry. Brother Charlie Byers in charge.

July 25, Brother Simon Lehman, Jr., and a group from Mechanicsburg rendered a program for the Christ's Crusaders which was very much enjoyed, after which Brother Lehman brought us a very stirring message from Acts 1:11.

July 27, Sister Mary Wenger, who was formerly a worker with us, showed her pictures of Palestine.

—A. M. S.

#### Zion Church, Kansas

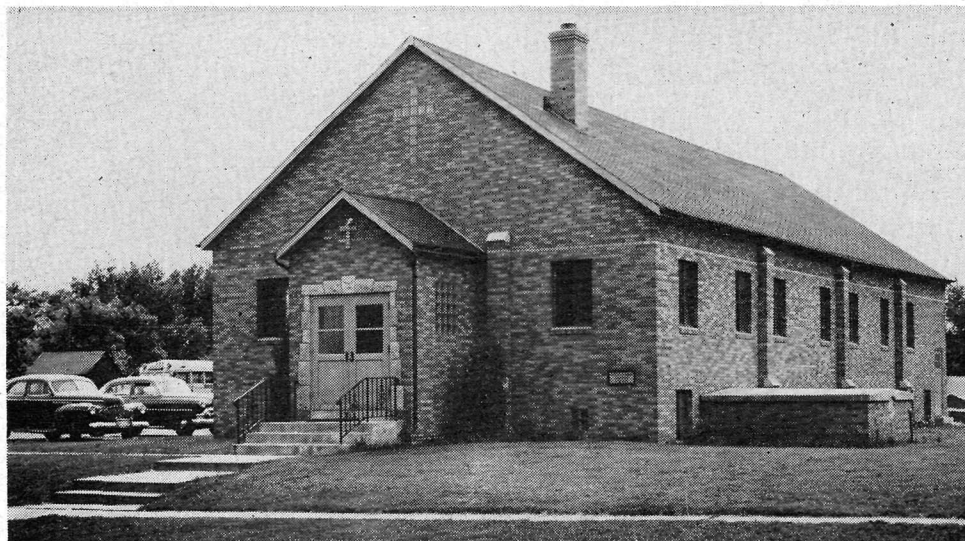
"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."

The work here at Zion is encouraging. Our Sunday School enrollment has increased and is now 126. During the latter part of May and the first part of June D. V. B. S. was conducted at the Bethel church. We trust the children shall not soon forget the truths which they learned there. The mixed chorus from Jabbok Bible school was here for one Sunday in April.

Sisters Rhoda Lenhert and Fanny Longenecker, returned missionaries from Africa, spent some time in our community and were an asset to our services. One evening they showed pictures of the workers and places of interest in Africa. We have been having quite a number of other visitors, some who have in the years past been members of the group. We are glad to welcome visitors whenever they attend our place of worship. A goodly number of our young people are home for the summer months who have been attending school elsewhere and others who have come into the community to work during the summer. We were glad to have Brother and Sister Harry Wagaman from Upland, California, in our service one Sunday. Brother Wagaman spent a number of years as minister of our congregation in the years past. We are always glad to welcome visitors and hope that as they come we may be a blessing one to another.

—Mrs. J. C. H.





The new Oak Park Brethren in Christ Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

## A Brief History of the Brethren in Christ Church Work at Des Moines, Iowa

In the year 1893 Charles Good and Dr. Christian Nysewander attended the General Conference at Chadwick, Illinois, with the object of asking the Brethren in Christ Church to take over a mission work then in operation and located at West Second and Grand Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa. Bishop J. R. Zook was appointed to fill the place and came to Des Moines and took over that little mission. It was in 1897 that Charles Good built a church at West 14th and University avenue. It was presented as a gift all equipped and ready for services. This Church was called the "Gospel Temple." From that time there were services in both the down-town and the Gospel Temple Church, both Brethren in Christ works. The mission location was changed, however, a number of times. It was moved from West Second and Grand to 739 West Ninth, then later to West Third, then 100 W. Locust and finally to East First and Walnut. This was the last location for our Des Moines City Mission.

In 1920 a work was started in the part of Des Moines known as "Oak Park." At first it was just an open-air meeting. Later a small building of just one room was rented. A revival broke out in this community and a tent was secured from North Dickinson Co., Kansas. Many were saved in this tent meeting in the month of November. The tent was crowded even though the weather was cold. The people brought blankets and stoves were set up to make it more comfortable. God was on the place and the influence of that meeting reached out over the community for quite a distance.

After this a building was bought at 3840 West 14th Street. This was called the "Oak Park Mission." Here the work continued down through the years.

In 1945 the General Conference gave the trustees the privilege to sell the Gospel Temple Church and re-invest the proceeds in a church in Oak Park. During the years the community surrounding the property at 14th and University had become largely colored population and most of our membership were in the Oak Park Community.

The building fund was started and three lots adjoining the mission were bought at a tax sale for \$110.00 each. This gave a plot of 200 feet front by 132 feet deep. By

1948 the building fund had reached \$9,000.00. So in August of the same year it was decided to move forward and start to build. A ground-breaking service was conducted. It was deemed fitting that Dr. Christian Nysewander, who has since passed to his reward, should break the ground. Under the blessing and direction of the Lord a brick and tile building, 72 by 36 feet was erected. It has a hot water heating system with oil heat and tile floors, new pews and pulpit furniture. There is a full basement which provides Sunday school rooms, kitchen and rest rooms. The cost of the building up to date is \$29,459.00. Much of the labor has been donated. The Lord has helped us to dedicate the building free of debt.

The dedication service took place May 30, 1954. Our Bishop, R. I. Witter delivered the message of the hour. The Lord gave us a gracious service. The church was full for this occasion. Thus our hearts greatly rejoice for God's faithfulness for supplying every need and providing courage and sustaining those who carried the burden and pressure of the load. Those who know property value have placed a conservative value of \$50,000.00 on the property. The new parsonage is located where the old Oak Park Mission stood with a parking lot between the parsonage and the church. The church being on the corner lot. We feel this gives a very nice lay-out with ample provision for parking cars to save congestion and thus not making a neighborhood traffic problem which is the case many times. Thus we thank the Lord for all His rich blessings. Praise the Lord.

—H. W. Landis

### Cedar Grove, Mifflintown, Pennsylvania

June 6, Elder Leonard Falk and family were with us and he told of his conversion from Catholicism to Christianity. The church was well filled. We were made to better appreciate our Christian heritage.

Our tent meeting started the week following General Conference.

June 27, baptism services followed the morning worship, when eight precious souls obeyed in this ordinance. Six of them have united with the Brethren in Christ church.

July 8, our pastor left to assist in a tent campaign at Tremont. Reports come back that souls are being converted and they are anticipating greater victories.

July 12, our joint summer Bible school opened and continued for two weeks with an average attendance of 145. Perfect attendance 90, and closed with 151 present. We had fair weather with the exception of one evening when a severe storm passed over our vicinity about closing time. There was quite a bit of anxiety on the part of the parents but the children all reached home safely at a later hour than usual, because of traffic conditions caused by the storm. We praise God for His protection.

—E. M. L.

## Youth Conferences

### INDIANA YOUTH CONFERENCE

Camp Alexander Mack  
Milford, Indiana

August 20, 21, 22, 1954

Speakers:

Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Jr.

Rev. Fred Holland

For information write to Ray M. Zercher, Nappanee, Indiana

### TEEN-AGERS CONFERENCE

Messiah College Campus,  
Grantham, Pa.

August 19-21, 1954

Rev. P. W. McBeth, Director

Speakers:

Rev. Elbert Smith

Rev. Harry Hock

Bishop Charlie Byers

Bishop Henry A. Ginder

Rev. Gerald Wingert

For information write the Director at Elizabethtown, Penna.

### OKLAHOMA YOUTH CONFERENCE

Sept. 3-5, 1954

Jabbok Bible School

Thomas, Oklahoma

Speakers

Rev. and Mrs. David Climenhaga

Rev. Ernest Boyer

### Bethany Church, Thomas, Oklahoma

Saturday afternoon and evening, May 1, our spring communion service was held. Bishop Monroe Books of Kansas was the guest speaker. The Lord's presence was graciously manifest as we again commemorated the death and suffering of our Saviour.

Sunday, May 2, was our spring Sunday School Rally Day. After the Sunday school session, Bishop Book gave a stirring message on "The Home."

Three precious babies were presented by their parents for dedication Sunday morning, May 9, after a fitting message by Bishop P. B. Friesen.

The last week in May over sixty enthusiastic children entered the halls of Jabbok to enroll in our third annual Daily Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Bethany Church. They were divided into six classes who were taught by faithful, conscientious teachers and assistants. A number of guest speakers spoke to the children in the assemblies held each day during the two weeks. A decision day was held and twenty children sought the Lord for salvation. A program was given in the evening of the closing day to a full house. We thank God for this fine group of children and pray that the seed sown may bring forth fruit in years to come.

# MARRIAGES

For these we wish God's richest blessing and send, with our compliments, a year's subscription to the *Evangelical Visitor*.

**STERN-HOSTETTLER**—A beautiful wedding was solemnized in the Christian Fellowship Mission on July 22, 1954, when Ruth Evangeline Hostetter, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Hostetter of Massillon, Ohio, became the bride of Mr. Hubert Stern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar K. Stern of Roaring Springs, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. H. Hostetter, Sr., father of the bride, assisted by Rev. Eli Hostetter, Jr.

**BERNARD-ROGERS** — James Bernard and Margie Rogers were united in marriage Saturday, July 24, at the Brethren in Christ parsonage Garlin, Kentucky, by Rev. E. J. Rohrer.

**HEGE - YOUNG** — Betty Louise Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and Amos Hege, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hege of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, were united in marriage on June 26 at the Antrim Brethren in Christ Church. Rev. John A. Byers, the couple's pastor, performed the ceremony.

**TOSTEN-HARTMAN** — On May 19, Dorothy Hartman, daughter of Mr. Abner Hartman, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and the late Mrs. Hartman, was married to Russell Tosten, Jr., of Greencastle in Hagerstown, Maryland.

**STOCKSLAGER-KELLER** — Pearl Keller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keller of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, was united in marriage to Franklin Stockslager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bovey of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on July 10 in Hagerstown, Maryland.

**BYERS-HOKE** — On July 24 the Fairview Brethren in Christ Church was the scene of the marriage of Esther Louise Hoke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard K. Hoke of Clayton, Ohio, and John Arthur Byers, son of Rev. and Mrs. John A. Byers of Chambersburg, Penn-

sylvania. The ceremony was performed by the bridegroom's father assisted by the bride's pastor, Rev. Ohmer Herr.

**DECKER-SHIVES**—Nancy Shives, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shives of St. Thomas, Pennsylvania, became the bride of Robert Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Decker, Sr., of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, on June 26 in Hagerstown, Maryland.

**KELLER-BURKHOLDER**—On July 8 at the Upland Brethren in Christ church, there was solemnized the marriage of Phyllis Jo Burkholder, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin C. Burkholder, to Robert La Verne Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Keller. The father of the bride officiated at the marriage. Bishop H. G. Brubaker assisted in the ceremony.

**CARBAUGH-STINE**—Janet Stine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stine of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, and Harvey Carbaugh also of Shippensburg were united in marriage at the Brethren in Christ Chapel by the pastor, Rev. George Kipe. They will be making their home on Newville, R. 1.

**MARR-HOUSE**—On June 5 at the home of the bridegroom, Robert J. Marr, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Marr of Stevensville, Ontario, and Miss Audrey House, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Samuel House of Stevensville, Ontario, were united in marriage, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. Bishop William Charlton performed the ceremony.

## OBITUARIES

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

**ENGLE** — Miss Anna G. Engle, 85, died Tuesday evening at the Brown Memorial Home in Abilene, Kansas. Miss Engle was born at Frederick, Maryland, November 10, 1868, and came to Dickinson County with her parents as a child. For many years she was a teacher in the Indian service and following her retirement was employed as matron of Brown Memorial Children's Home.

Anna R. Engle, Miss Miriam L. Heise, Miss Mary E. Heisey  
**Outstations:** Rev. George E. Bundy  
**Macha Mission, P. B. Choma, Northern Rhodesia:** Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Hershey, Miss Anna M. Eyster, Miss Pauline E. Frey, Miss Anna J. Graybill, Miss Edna M. Switzer  
**Hospital:** Dr. and Mrs. Alvan E. Thuma, Miss Edna E. Lehman  
**Sikalongo Mission, P. O. Box 131, Choma, Northern Rhodesia:** Rev. and Mrs. A. Graybill Brubaker, Jr., Miss Gladys I. Lehman, Miss Anna L. Kettering  
**Nahumba Mission, P. O. Box 173, Choma, Northern Rhodesia:** Rev. and Mrs. H. Frank Kipe

### Japan

11 Higihara, Hagi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan: Rev. and Mrs. Peter A. Willms  
**Missionaries on Furlough**  
 Sr. Effie Rohrer, 2421 Oneida St., Pasadena 10, Calif.  
 Elder and Sr. George E. Paulus, Box 38, Souderton, Penna.  
 Sr. Anna Wolgemuth, R. R. Palmyra, Pa.  
 Sr. Verda C. Moyer, 41 Hillside Ave., Souderton, Pa.  
 Sr. Beulah Arnold, c/o Albert Schock, R. R. 2, Hershey, Pa.  
 Rev. and Mrs. David Climenhaga, Grantham, Penna.  
 Miss Shirley Bitner, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada  
 Miss Rhoda Lenhart, c/o Dr. P. G. Lenhart, Arcanum, Ohio  
 Miss Fannie Longenecker, R. R. Abilene, Kansas  
 Miss Annie E. Winger, Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada  
 Miss Florence Hensel, 2001 Paxton St. Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Miss Lula Asper, c/o Norman Asper, R. 2 Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Miss Erma Z. Hare, c/o Loy Hare, Allen, Penna.  
 Miss Leora Yoder, R. 1, Mechanicsburg, Penna.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Sider, 2001 Paxton St. Harrisburg, Pa.

She leaves two sisters: Mrs. Emma Kraybill and Mrs. Martha Bowman and one brother, Will Engle all of Abilene, several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Danner Funeral Home, Thursday, July 15, at 9:00 a.m. The Rev. G. E. Whisler and Dr. R. O. Taylor were in charge. Burial was in the Newbern Cemetery.

**HOFFMAN**—Mrs. Annie L. Hoffman, daughter of Eli and Fannie Hoffman, was born May 12, 1863, at Maytown, Pennsylvania, and died July 13, 1954, at her home in Abilene, Kansas, having reached the age of 91 years, 1 month and 25 days.

Mrs. Hoffman came to Kansas with the Brethren in Christ colony in 1879 and settled in the Belle Springs community. She rendered significant service in the Sunday School and other church activities, and possessed an unusual sense of duty to those who needed her help.

She leaves two daughters: Mrs. Ada Hoffman of Hutchinson, and Mrs. Mabel Birgin of Overbrook; four sons, Homer, Earl, and Harold of Abilene and Lester of Ottawa; four sisters, Mrs. Martha Keech of Los Angeles, Misses Edith and Elmira Hoffman and Mrs. Elmer Engle of Abilene; and a brother, Eli also of Abilene; 20 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at the Brethren in Christ Church, Friday, July 16. Rev. P. L. Snyder officiated, assisted by Rev. G. E. Whisler. Burial was in the Abilene Cemetery.

**MOIST** — Anna Eliza Moist, daughter of Phillip and Elizabeth Lukenbach Moist was born east of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, September 25, 1866, and passed away at the Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 20, 1954, at the age of 87 years, 9 months and 25 days.

She was converted at an early age and soon after united with the Brethren in Christ Church of which she was a faithful and exemplary member.

Her father died when she was quite young. She lived with her mother and step-father on the Dohner homestead southwest of West Milton, until they passed away. Then she made her home with her sister, Mollie Brenaman in Pleasant Hill until a few years ago. The last four years she had resided at Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

She is survived by one half-brother, M. L. Dohner of Ashland, Ohio; and one step-brother, Joseph Dohner of near West Milton, Ohio; besides a number of nephews and nieces and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the brethren, Bishop C. J. Ulery and Elder Ohmer U. Herr in the Highland Church on July 22, 1954. Text, II Timothy 4:6-8. Interment was made in the Highland Cemetery.

**ORNDORFF**—Noah Hays Orndorff of Shippenburg, Pennsylvania, died very suddenly of a heart attack July 20. Services were held at South Mt. Chapel, July 24 in charge of the pastor, Rev. George Kipe and Rev. Roy Beltz.

### PEACE, RELIEF AND SERVICE COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1954

Balance on hand, January 2, 1954 ..... \$ 8,043.55

#### Receipts

PAX Service Payments ..... 400.00  
 Dale Hershey, for trial expense ..... 210.00  
 General Conference offering ..... 335.35  
 Contributions ..... 8,782.34  
 Total available cash ..... \$17,771.24

#### Disbursements

Mennonite Central Committee:  
 War Sufferers' Relief Fund ..... \$ 3,600.00  
 PAX Service ..... 2,910.00  
 I-W Service ..... 1,500.00  
 Peace Section ..... 1,000.00  
 Central Area Hospital ..... 500.00  
 Voluntary Service ..... 225.00  
 Foreign Mission Board:  
 India Native Workers Relief ..... 1,268.75  
 Philip Ritgers Special ..... 43.02  
 Honoraria ..... 20.00  
 Dale Hershey Trial Expense ..... 110.00  
 Postage, Printing, Stationery, etc. .... 169.35  
 Travel Expense ..... 251.56

Total Disbursements ..... \$11,597.68

Less: PAX Service Reserve ..... \$ 6,173.56  
 4,165.00

Balance in the General Treasury  
 as of June 30, 1954 ..... \$ 2,008.56

—Clair H. Hoffman, Treasurer

## Missions Abroad

### India

**General Superintendent:** Dauram Madhipura, N.E. Rlwy., Dist. Saharsa, N. Bihar, India. Rev. William R. Hoke  
**Saharsa Mission:** Saharsa, N.E. Rlwy., Dist. Saharsa, N. Bihar, India. Dr. and Mrs. George E. Paulus, Misses Mary B. Stoner, Esther G. Book, Evelyn Bohland  
**Barjora Mission:** P.O. Tirbeniganj, via Murliganj, N. E. Rlwy., Dist. North Bhagalpur, N. Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Pye, Misses Ruth E. Book, Mary J. Shoalts  
**Madhipura Mission:** Dauram Madhipura, N.E. Rlwy., Dist. Saharsa, N. Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. William R. Hoke  
**Banmankhi Mission:** P.O. Banmankhi, N.E. Rlwy., Dist. Saharsa, N. Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Allen S. Buckwalter, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph B. Smith  
**Purnea Mission:** Brethren in Christ Mission House, P.O. Madhubani, Purnea, N.E. Rlwy., Dist. Purnea, N. Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Engle  
**Ulubaria Mission:** Ulubaria, Howrah Dist., West Bengal. Rev. and Mrs. A. D. M. Dick

### Africa

**General Superintendent, P.O. Box 711, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia:** Bishop and Mrs. A. M. Climenhaga  
**Matopo Mission P. B. T. 191 Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia:** Rev. and Mrs. Alvin J. Book, Rev. and Mrs. Ira M. Stern, Miss Mary H. Brenaman, Miss Elizabeth H. Engle, Miss Mary C. Engle, Miss Ethel C. Heisey, Miss Nancy J. Kreider, Miss Dorothy M. Martin  
**Bulawayo Outstations, P. B. 102 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia:** Rev. and Mrs. Roy H. Mann  
**Mtshabezi Mission, P. B. 102 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia Mission:** Rev. and Mrs. Glenn C. Frey, Miss Velma R. Brillinger, Miss F. Mabel Frey, Miss Ruth T. Hunt  
**Outstations:** Rev. and Mrs. Chester F. Wingert  
**Hospital:** Dr. R. Virginia Kauffman, Miss Martha L. Lady  
**Wanezi Mission P. B. S. 129 Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.**  
**Mission:** Rev. and Mrs. J. Earl Musser, Miss



**BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance, April 1, 1954 .....\$ 954.54

**Receipts**

Highland S. S., Ohio .....	\$ 29.18
In Christ's Name .....	25.00
Upland S. S., California .....	105.00
Good Will S. S., Pa. ....	15.97
Conoy S. S., Pa. ....	51.91
Dallas Center Cong., Iowa .....	44.03
Maytown S. S., Pa. ....	38.35
Bethel S. S., Kansas .....	66.36
Buffalo Mission S. S., N. Y. ....	15.75
C. W. Boyer, Ohio .....	75.00
Clarence Center Cong., N. Y. ....	55.38
Bethany S. S., Oklahoma .....	196.17
Spring Hope S. S., Pa. ....	40.00
Zion S. S., Kansas .....	68.18
Cedar Grove S. S., Pa. ....	30.75
Lois Raser, California .....	5.00
General Conference Offering .....	922.70

Total Receipts and Balance .....\$2,739.27

**Expenditures**

Paid to beneficiaries:	
April .....	\$ 551.50
May .....	526.50
June .....	536.50

Total Expenditures .....\$1,614.50  
Balance on hand, July 1, 1954 .....\$1,124.77

—Musser M. Martin, Treasurer

**Items from the News**

**First Bibles to be Flown to Cambodia**

LONDON (E/P) The first Cambodian Bible has just been published by the British and Foreign Bible Society in London. Fifty copies have been flown out to Indo-China, in spite of the prevailing war conditions of the country, as free gifts to 50 Cambodian Churches.

**New American Keswick Conference Announces Completed Plans**

Completed plans for the new Keswick Conference have been revealed by the Rev. Alan Redpath, chairman of the Mid-America Keswick Council and pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago. The first annual meeting of the Conference will be held from Saturday, October 23, through Saturday, October 30, 1954, in the Moody Church, Chicago, and will put special emphasis on deeper Christian living under a motto proclaiming the unity of Christian believers, "All One In Christ Jesus."

"The members of the Council which is promoting this Conference are deeply concerned," said Mr. Redpath in a letter mailed to ministers over a five-state area around Chicago, "that through it there may be a clearer manifestation of New Testament Christian living on the part of all who profess to be Christians. We feel that the gap between that which we profess to believe and the manner in which we live is one of the greatest hindrances to a real movement of the Spirit of God which is so urgently needed at this time."

The daily meetings scheduled for the Conference week include an early morning prayer meeting at Victory Center in Chicago's Loop, Bible study meetings at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, young people's meeting at 6:30 p.m., followed by an evening service at 7:30. Friday, October 29, will be Missionary Day, with representatives from different missionary societies reviewing missionary programs and prospects around the world.

The featured speakers for this fall Conference on Christian living will be the Rev. George Duncan, of the English Keswick Council; Dr. G. Allen Fleece, president of the Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. E.; Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of the Park

Street Church, Boston, Mass.; Dr. T. Roland Philips, chairman of the Canadian Keswick Conference and pastor of the Arlington Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. Thomas B. Rees, evangelist and youth leader from Great Britain; Dr. A. W. Tozer, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Chicago; and the Rev. Arthur B. Whiting, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New York City.

These speakers will be ministering in several Chicago churches on the first Sunday of the Conference. They will be heard over the noonday broadcasts of the Christian Business Men's Committee and at Inter-Varsity groups in colleges and universities of the area. The afternoon Bible studies will be broadcast "live" over Station WMBI, and the evening messages will be taped for later rebroadcast.

The whole object of the Conference, as stated by Mr. Redpath, is "to promote New Testament holiness of life within the Christian church as the primary essential to revival and blessing in the world. No effort is being spared to present the message of the Conference to as wide a section of the Christian public as possible."

**Church Group Plans 75th Anniversary Celebration**

ROCKFORD, Illinois (E/P) The Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America launched plans for observance of its diamond jubilee in 1960 at its 69th annual conference here. The meeting was the largest in the denomination's history. It approved an evangelistic advance by which the Church hopes to increase its membership from the present 53,000 to 65,000 by the time of the 75th anniversary celebration. The conference voted to commend the United States Supreme Court for its decision outlawing racial segregation in the public schools and decided to establish a Race Relations Sunday observance.

**Billy Graham Undergoes Operation**

ASHEVILLE, North Carolina (E/P) Evangelist Billy Graham underwent an operation recently for the removal of a kidney stone and was ordered to "rest for six weeks." Doctors said the 35-year-old evangelist is "perfectly all right" but was kept in the Memorial Mission Hospital "for at least 48 hours."

**Children's TV — It's Criminal**

Ethel Daccardo

Crime is King in TV for children, and the crown is being welded more firmly into place with each passing month.

This unhappy conclusion of the National Association for Better Radio and Television was reported in its fourth annual study of children's programming on radio and TV.

Hollywood is producing television crime programs for children at a rate approximately four times greater than in 1951 according to the association's findings.

In DECEMBER, 1952, Jack Mabley, then Daily News television columnist, wrote a series of articles exposing crime in children's television programs.

A group of 30 Chicago area persons volunteered to monitor children's TV programs for a week to count the murders.

When the count was in, it was found that there were 93 murders in children's programs during the last week—Christmas week—of 1952.

THE CALIFORNIA committee stated that during its 1954 survey period (first week of May) the seven Los Angeles TV stations aired a weekly total of 29 children's crime programs (20 different series) produced on films specifically for TV.

In 1951 there were five such series.

This crime programming is preserved on film for distribution and re-distribution throughout the United States and other countries, the committee declared.

"Murder, torture, sadism, morbid suspense and other fear and tension-inducing elements are saturating children's minds and physical senses to a degree never before experienced by any generation," the association said.

The group took a hard slap at TV's Westerns.

"Most of TV crime shows for children are the so-called 'westerns,'" the report stated, "which present not only large amounts of crime and brutality, but also a sordid distortion of the historical development of the Old West."

AN INTERESTING little commentary on some of these Westerns was made by 4½-year-old Billy Lay.

He likes Wild Bill Hickok "because his name is Billy and that makes two of us Billys."

He likes Annie Oakley, not because of the little boy in the show, but "because Annie can shoot so fast."

He likes Roy Rogers "because he's got Bullet and Trigger" (dog and horse, to those of you not familiar with the show).

Then he continued, a little sadly, about Westerns in general.

"I wish there weren't any bad men in the shows. I want all good men. I don't want them to shoot any bad men — just shoot lions and tigers and elephants." After a long pause he added, "And gorillas."

Producers, sponsors, and stars might do well to listen to some of these children.

Based on surveys made by an evaluation committee, the association for better Radio and TV listed children's TV programs it considered excellent, good, fair, poor, objectionable and most objectionable.

IT IS ENCOURAGING that of the 14 shows listed as excellent five of them originate in Chicago.

They are: "Ding Dong School," "Kukla, Fran and Ollie," "Mr. Wizard," "Super Circus" and "Zoo Parade."

Only three of those listed as most objectionable are seen locally: "Captain Video," "Dick Tracy" and "Ramar of the Jungle."

The association is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1948 by Mrs. Clara S. Logan, wife of a Los Angeles dentist. Lee De Forest, radio pioneer, is a member of the board of directors. Members of the association include many educators, scientists and ministers.

—Selected by Carl J. Carlson from Chicago Daily News.

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