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DIWA - Bushman Leader in the West Gwaai, Rhodesia, Africa

Philippians 4

LIFE is much like the combination on a safe. Properly related values provide the entrance to a most satisfying way of life.

The Apostle Paul's concluding chapter to the church at Philippi presents virtues necessary for joyful living and effective Christian service. The areas include: human relations, advice to two women, Euodias and Syntyche, to stop quarreling; learn to replace anxiety with an effective prayer life; the virtuous habit of good thinking; right use of material things, good stewardship; and a sympathetic feeling for those less fortunate, creating an immediate response to do good.

Our stay and visit with the missionaries here in Africa has been delightful. Spiritual and social fellowship are some of the esteemed values of our journey. This observation: the necessary close proximity of human relationships among missionaries over a continuing period of time requires the degree of divine grace and diplomacy a bit unknown to most of us in the USA and Canada. The crossing of an ocean to another land does not relieve one of those areas in which all of us have peculiar sensitivities.

Indigenous development of church life is a necessary adjunct to developing nationalism. This is good. Early church life as recorded in The Acts evidently was dependent on local Christians to continue the work when the apostles went to another field.

Training and developing church leaders to assume what have been responsibilities of the missionaries is one of the present-day challenges of a mission program. We of the western world with our disposition for quick decisions and a "thus get on with the work" attitude, do well to observe the thought and care being demonstrated in the developing of indigenous church leadership. The tendency and readiness to make decisions involving others, many times comes short of the wisdom, love and patience demonstrated while helping others to arrive at their own conclusions. This is one of the arts of Christian grace that is noticeably in operation here on the field. This makes for good human relations between nationals and missionaries.

Most of us get under pressure relatively easy. Call it frustration, concern, anxiety or whatever, the common tend-

ency is to allow these pressures to reach undue proportions. Physical, mental and spiritual reactions are the norm of undue pressure. Ofttimes these reach the proportions of bodily illness, mental reactions and spiritual problems.

In his counsel to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul emphasized prayer as the most forceful counteraction in moments of depression. Most of the concerns pertaining to home, such as: making a living, providing good family life, and social concerns increase with marked tempo while in service on a mission field.

The missionaries presently serving, together with the many who have served, have said little in this area. This is not written to discourage anyone from becoming a missionary. Put very bluntly, it does mean, the glamour sometimes associated with being a missionary is a very poor armor when in the thick of the conflict. Spiritual veneer breaks readily when the rains of testing and the storms of doubt break forth.

Coming to the Lord in prayer relaxes the soul. A breath of prayer brings relief from guilt and sin, flooding the soul with a sense of God's saving grace. Prayer then becomes the most potent force enabling a Christian to triumph amid testing and faithfully engage in Christian service.

The Apostle Paul also emphasizes the relevance of thought life. His presentation is objective; things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report.

Meditation has a vital link with emotion. Thought life is a generator for good or ill. The Psalmist David said, ". . . while I was musing the fire burned." Evidently David's thoughts put into words would not have been helpful. "I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me." When he did speak, it was in prayer: "Lord make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days what it is; that I may know how frail I am."

Thoughts become the dynamic source of words. How important that Christian workers, whoever or wherever; concerning whoever or whatever, bring every thought into subjection.

Christian objective thinking contributes to Christian objective living.

J. N. H.

(To be continued)

SELVAR THE SEER SEZ,

WHEN AHAB came to Jehosaphat requesting his company in the planned march against Ramoth-gilead, Jehosaphat did a thing that I would recommend for everyone who would be concerned about what he gives the Recording Angel to insert in the Eternal Record. He said, "But first of all, let me ask that you seek the word of the Lord."

Now there's a pattern for everyone to follow, who has "set his heart to seek God" as this good king had done.

Jehosaphat might have been a little more careful in choosing his company. This got him into serious trouble. He was a good man but he did a bad thing when he encouraged his son to marry the wrong woman. Of Jehoram it is written: ". . . for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife; and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord."

You'd hardly expect anything good to come out of the life of a man whose ideals allowed him to marry Jezebel the Second. It isn't recorded that either Jehosaphat or his son Jehoram asked the Lord anything at all about this.

There's a pattern not good for any young man, or his father, to follow.

Here's the rest of the story: "Then a writing came to him (Jehoram) from the prophet Elijah, warning him. (Continued on page five)

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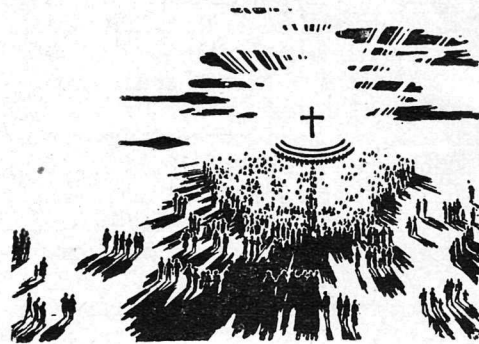
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Missions and Congregational Life

Rev. Roy Sider



A GROWING CHURCH in Scarboro, Ontario, contemplates difficulty raising the budget. The decision—give missions top priority, if necessary cut all other expenditures *first*, including the pastor's salary. Result—the church moves ahead.

In Yankton, South Dakota, a sick church wrestles with discouragement. Missions are given proper emphasis. The results are electrifying.

Are these just isolated situations where a strange coincidence caused a similar effect, or does the blessing of the Lord rest in a singular way upon a missionary minded church?

A DECADE OF CHANGE

The average Brethren in Christ congregation has caught a new vision of the spiritually neglected in its immediate community in the past ten years. Pastors have been engaged to spearhead local outreach. New sanctuaries and Christian education facilities have been erected to accommodate the growing attendance. Congregational life has been upgraded. This has been not only necessary but twenty-five years overdue. Our mission program needs a strengthened home base.

Unfortunately missionary support during this period has not accelerated at the same pace. This may partially be due to an "either-or" attitude. Some congregational leaders say "We can't expand locally *and* in mission outreach at the same time." Others take the attitude "This community is our mission field and all available resources are needed to develop it."

In many instances human logic would accept these as valid conclusions. Is there, however, a Divine factor at work? Does the Lord have a spiritual law of increased returns for the people who give a special place to missions beyond the local congregation? A pattern emerges clearly from the Scriptures.

THOSE OTHER CITIES

In the 4th chapter of Luke and verses 40-42 we have a most arresting picture. The scene opens at the evening hour

Sherkston, Ontario. The writer serves as pastor of the Sherkston congregation.

which marked the close of the Jewish Sabbath. Our Lord stands in the narrow street of old Capernaum, lined on either side with the sick of body, soul and mind. Long into the night He labors as His loving hands touch everyone and makes them whole. As the day dawns he slips away for prayer only to be found by the pleading citizens who begged "stay with us." Jesus replied "I must preach to other cities also."

Ah, how characteristic of the mission of our Lord. He was forever speaking of the "lost sheep" and "the other sheep." When His church was just nicely getting started in Jerusalem He permitted the winds of persecution to scatter their accumulated resources throughout Judea and Samaria. He took Philip from a new-born church in Samaria to reach a man who would evangelize the interior of North Africa. He cut the ropes from Peter and let him loose to Gentiles. He whispered in the responsive ears of the young church at Antioch and sent her leading pastors to lands across The Sea.

One could thus go endlessly through the continuing history of the church. Judea and Samaria and the uttermost part lay on the heart of every congregation where Christ is Lord. Let any church reach beyond its own locale and it will bring down blessings on its own head.

CONGREGATIONAL BENEFITS

If you can, close your ears for a moment to the Christless races of the world. Shut your eyes to the trapped inhabitants of the over-developed complexes we call cities. Steel your heart against the squalor of poverty-stricken areas of rural America. An active participation in missions beyond the perimeter of your own parish does something within us besides what is done for those "ministered unto."

Having trouble with "in-field" quarrelling? Mission-minded people are happier people. Finding new joy in personal participation through prayer, stewardship and personnel contacts, a mission congregation finds purpose to help lift it above pettiness.

Budget difficulties coming your way? A missionary congregation is a generous

congregation. Invariably a church which realistically faces its missionary stewardship responsibility pays its way at home.

Worldliness plaguing your membership? The church beholding the fields white unto harvest will spend more time on her knees. That church will know a new spiritual depth.

Is there a lack of passion for the lost? The Lord doesn't really have two categories of lost people. A genuine concern for a broken world on its way to judgment, will manifest itself in a living concern for the neighbor next door.

WOES OF THE INCROWN

Conversely an ingrown church life will produce congregational personality problems all its own. The program easily becomes static. Youth and even children miss the sparkle of world vision. Local supporters shuttle funds into independent missionary channels. These, while often more attractively presented, just as often leave the donor with poorer spiritual returns than our own missionary endeavors.

A congregation gives missions second place to its own peril. Nothing will enliven the whole outlook of the congregation like a missionary vision. New interest will come from the community. Surrounding churches will want to share the inspiration of your services as schedules permit. Other things being equal new unity of purpose will equip the local body of believers to move forward with the Lord's work as nothing else can do.

Let us remove the blinds that localize our vision. A world waits to be evangelized. Our Lord's return is upon us. The progress of the last decade is commendable on the local level. Now let's put missions at the heart of congregational life!

A PERSONAL WORD

As a postscript to this article may I be permitted a personal word of testimony. As long as I can remember, the congregation where I was raised, and where I am now pastor, has given mis-

sionaries a sympathetic ear. We thought we couldn't afford to do much more.

For a number of years prior to 1959 we held several types of special conferences to strengthen congregational life. In 1959 we held our first Missionary Conference. In spite of a \$28,000 indebtedness resting upon our 68 members, we gave all offerings during the Conference to missions as "over and above" our regular budgeted quota.

Upon the conclusion of the '59 Con-

ference our brethren said "This Missionary Conference has done all that the other Conferences ever did to strengthen congregational life and it has done so much more besides. Let's make next year's Conference another Missionary Conference."

We are now planning our seventh annual Missionary Conference for the spring of 1965. What God has done among us is the moving power back of the above article. ▶

self when I saw the "latest." But it wasn't very long before I found that I was the one who was different, and try as I might, I can't seem to make myself over into the latest fashion plate.

Meeting different people on deputation is enriching. People do want to hear about our work, but only it seems to an extent. Everyone is so busy that it isn't very often I feel that anyone has time to pray with me about the latest reports of trials and difficulties that you send. There are a few, and what a strength it is to share these burdens with a "prayer partner." It's thrilling also when someone I know, or don't know, grasps my hand and says, "I'm one of your prayer partners. I'm praying for you daily." It's these things that make me feel that I can go back, and allow the Lord to accomplish His will through me.

Furloughs are necessary, and deputation is important, even though some of us feel our public speaking leaves much to be desired. My special promise, "Lo, I am with you always," applies even when I am standing in front of the Sunday morning congregation in my home church, I know. But do pray for me during this year of furlough.

Pray that I may not allow prayerless busy-ness to creep into my life, but that my reliance on the Lord will be complete. Pray that I will not give people the wrong impression either of our hardships out there, or of telling them the things we do rather than what the Lord has done. Pray that the fine intelligent young people in our churches will be so Christ-filled that when He calls them into His service they will hear and go. Pray that I might be able to help the people to see the enormity of the thousands in our UMS area, our brothers and sisters to whom no one has yet gone to tell of Christ's love. Pray that our people might see the primary importance of prayer, above all else.

I do pray daily for you and our beloved people there and am waiting for your next letter.

Love in our Lord,
Your friend on furlough

—The Missionary Banner

The Cablegram

Kathleen F. Aiken

THE FIRST faint light of the jungle dawn was welcome to Grace after a long night of fitful waking and dozing alone in her room at the mission. The cablegram had been brought at noon yester-

It's not like I expected

FURLOUGH!

Dear Fellow-Missionary,

You were asking for some impressions of furlough. Let me say first of all that it's not like I expected! Before I went to the mission field I had been well prepared by various missionary problems classes for the "period of adjustment," so that even those difficult, exciting-boring language study days weren't a surprise. But why hadn't I heard a word about the problems of adjusting to furlough?

On the mission field, furlough meant "home," the place where I'd lived all my life. Did I tell you that three weeks before I left I was so excited that I spent one whole night just lying in bed staring through the honeycomb pattern of the mosquito net into the darkness, imagining what it would be like to be "home"? The next day I told myself sternly that three weeks was still a long time, and I did manage to sleep after that.

Then came the long journey, and the dazzling brilliance of the modern airport. I remember handing the stewardess my boarding pass and settling down into the air-conditioned, dimly lit softness of the plane and wondering that I had forgotten that such luxury existed. (Not that I wasn't used to dim lights on the mission field, but this was different!) Then came the roaring of the engines, and I was on my way home. You know the magic of the word. At times I was so excited I could scarcely breathe, but then I'd assume my most mature, worldly-wise manner, and somehow managed to carry on.

It was amazing, the friendly familiar feeling I had toward New York when we landed there, that place that had seemed so strange on the way out. At least I was back on the North American continent! Then in the air again. The moment of meeting one's parents and family is indescribable, so I'll stop there. But

I will say that if there is such complete joy in being reunited with loved ones after a few years' absence, I wonder what it will be like when we meet the Lover of our souls, for Whom we have been longing for a lifetime!

The first Sunday in my home church I sat and stared at what seemed to me the most beautiful architecture in the world, with high ceilings and huge beams, and not a palm pole or lizard in sight. Then there were the people . . . some who put their arms around me and said, "I've been praying for you, my dear," . . . others who said, "Oh, is it time for you to be back already?" . . . and others who, figuratively at least, scratched their heads and said, "Let's see. What are you doing now?"

Our WMS ladies are of the first variety. Their gifts, their prayers, their interest and their knowledge of the mission fields made me feel that we aren't alone out there, that we do have partners at home.

I was surprised at the growth of the JMS and loved speaking to their groups and answering such questions as "Is it really hot out there?", "Have you ever been bitten by a snake?", "Is it any easier to witness for the Lord than it is here?"

The welcome is heart-warming, and the people are wonderful, but after the first excitement wears off the adjustment begins. Everyone else has their work and their interest. My work and my interest are back there with you. In a matter of hours I was, physically at least, set down in a complex, competing, modern culture, completely opposite to the one I'd been studying, loving and striving to become a part of, and, as they would say out there, my spirit took some time to catch up.

The styles I found unbelievable at first, and couldn't help but smile to my-

day. In the hours since the first shock of grief at the news of her father's death Grace felt the numbness leaving and pain sharpening in its place.

She had been very close to her father ever since she was a toddler stumbling along in the furrows after him as he ploughed. And as she grew older they shared many chores and pleasures on the farm. She was the tomboy of his girls and by temperament and inclination did very well to take the place of the son he never had.

Many were the concerns they had shared. Many were the discussions, jokes and words of tender advice which crowded Grace's memory of her beloved dad. No regrets clouded the thought of their happy days on the farm.

But a tormenting depression settled over Grace remembering the years since she had decided to heed God's call to be a teacher on the African mission field. Her mother, a deeply consecrated Christian interested in the cause of missions, died after Grace's second year in college, happy in the knowledge that her daughter was to be used of God in dark Africa.

But Grace remembered clearly the first remark her father had made after she had announced that her decision to enter mission work was irrevocably made.

"I wouldn't stand in your way, Gracie," he had said, "but Christian teachers are needed right here in Hamilton County and I'll never understand why you can't serve God here just as well as half-way round the world."

After her mother's death Grace saw that he felt even worse about her missionary plans although he said little. In fact, that was it, he talked less and the frank, loving comradeship that had been theirs so many years was somehow spoiled. It caused Grace many heartaches. During her four years on the mission field she had received regular, newsy and affectionate letters from her dad but the slight sense of estrangement was always there. Although she had often prayed about the matter, there had never been the tiniest sign that her father had changed his mind in any way.

For the last few years he had been living in an apartment in the home of his daughter Louise and working in town. He liked the arrangement and was active in church and community affairs. During the past year he had not been as well as usual and had learned that his heart was affected. Nevertheless the news of his sudden departure at the age of fifty-seven was quite unexpected to Grace.

With the usual sense of shock, loss and homesickness in such a case, there descended on Grace a torment of guilt and

doubt. If only she could have been with him in these last few years! Perhaps her very departure and the sense of estrangement she knew they both felt, had contributed to his death. Had he been right after all that she could have served God just as well as a Christian teacher at home?

She slipped out of bed onto her knees and the pent-up grief and doubt was poured out to her Heavenly Father.

After a time her fellow-teacher, Miriam Johnson, knocked on the door and at Grace's call she came and knelt beside Grace and prayed comfortingly for her.

The day passed with much kindness and sympathy shown by those surrounding Grace. But her deep sorrow continued. The day of the funeral was a hot, rainy, oppressive one in Africa. Grace was glad of it for a bright sunny day would have been unbearably foreign to her spirits.

Late that afternoon the post was brought in and among the letters handed to Grace was an airmail one from America. She lifted it and stared mutely at the familiar handwriting—her dad's. Her first thought was that it would doubtless be the last she would ever receive from him. Carefully opening it and spreading it on the desk, she read:

Dear Gracie,

Instead of going to church this Sunday morning I am writing you a letter. Now I hope I won't worry you about my health. I am not much different from always. Have been taking it easy since February according to Doc's instructions. Except for getting tired so quickly I've felt good all along. But last evening after supper I had another slight attack like I had in February. But by the time Louise, John and the children came home I felt fairly normal again. I thought best not to worry them and decided to see how I felt in the morning.

I had been reading your last two letters before dropping off to sleep. Sometime in the night I woke up and I still don't know if it was physical or mental trouble but I felt awful. The thought came to me that I might not have long to be here on earth though I'm a comparatively young man. I didn't feel fright but a terrible weight of sadness and a sort of loneliness just seemed to be pushing down on my chest. Then the words of that song kept coming to me: "I gave, I gave my life for thee. What hast thou given for me?" It didn't seem to help much to think of how I'd always served the church in various jobs and given regular tithes and offerings. It seemed the Lord was searching me with those words and for some reason I wanted to say, "Lord, I've also given my dear daughter for the mission field." But I couldn't say it, because I really hadn't, you know, not really and freely.

Gracie, I went through a rough time for a while thinking of my guilt against you and the Lord. Then I said, "No, I have not willingly given but at this moment I do." I believe the Lord forgave me and I pray you will too. After that, I felt better than I have for years and I just couldn't wait to write you this letter.

How I wish I had sent you off to Africa with my heartfelt blessing as your mother would

have done! But God has forgiven me and I believe you will. I'm looking forward to your furlough but if I shouldn't be here and God took me home, I'll be so thankful I can face Him with joy. I know I don't have many sheaves to carry along but now I have at least done what He has asked of me.

With my warmest love and prayers,
Dad

Grace read the tightly written words through eyes blurred with tears. But they were not tears of doubt and grief. It seemed to her as if the very presence of God Himself enveloped her with a balm of peace. ▶

Selvar the Seer

(Continued from page two)

Lord, the God of your father David, has said this: Because you have not walked in the ways of your father Jehosaphat, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, but rather have followed in the ways of the kings of Israel, causing Judah to be unfaithful and making the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit harlotry like that of the dynasty of Ahab, and because you have killed your brothers, your father's own family, who were better than you, now listen; the Lord is going to strike your people, including your wives, and all your goods, a great blow. You will also become severely ill from an intestinal disease until your vitals fall out because of the day-after-day disease.' "

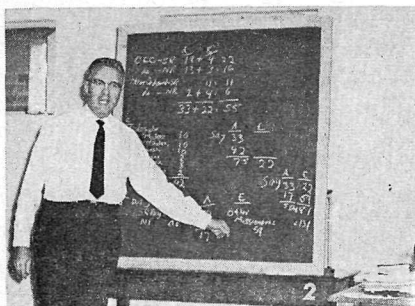
He didn't ask the Lord about it. He didn't look to God before he leaped. Not only did he deliberately sever himself from the help of the Lord, but we read, ". . . the Lord stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and the Arabians who are located beside the Ethiopians. Advancing against Judah, they invaded it and captured all the property they found there belonging to the king's household, including his sons and his wives. Thus no son was left to him except Jehoahaz, his youngest.

"After all this, the Lord struck him with an incurable intestinal disease. So it came about that by the end of two years his intestines came out because of his sickness, and he died in intense suffering . . . He was 32 . . . when he became king and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, expiring without being mourned . . ."

So bad was he that, even though he was the son of a king, and a king, his death was counted "good riddance." "He departed without being desired" (AV). It could have been so different. (Read the story, II Chronicles 18-21. The quotations are Berkeley Translation.)

MISSIONS

Pictures of a Bishop



IT WAS Sunday evening at Wanezi. Prayers were over, and the missionaries decided to relax a bit by sharing some of their slides with each other.

"Look at this next picture," said one of the missionary ladies. "See what we've done to these people!" and she threw the picture on the screen (#1).

It was a scene of David and Dorcas Climenhaga taken nearly five years before at Matopo after they had been consecrated as Bishop and wife. They looked young and vigorous.

"Well," said some. And "Hmmm," said others. "Five years can be a long time," added someone else. But none of us could help thinking that it hadn't been an ordinary five years in our mission history, and certainly David and Dorcas had taken their responsibility very much to heart.

There had been growths and setbacks, crises and triumphs. What a story it would make! David and Dorcas would be surprised if they could have flashed on the screen before them all the important events of those years. Imagine the bright pictures there would be—and then some pictures would look dark because of shadows here and there. It was good to know God had the whole thing in His hand and had worked it out to His glory.

* * *

Yes, there was the consecration service on that bright Easter Day, David and Dorcas. We knew the job looked big to you, but you were ready to be used. You settled into the Bishop's house in Bulawayo and watched with interest the first big step that had already been taken in 1960. It was wonderful, not having to see the missionary children go off to live in government hostels, but to see them loved and cared for right next door.

Phumula Mission had just been opened, too, and there was much to be arranged for there. You took a special interest in the other outlying churches like the ones in the Emaguswini District. That was the first year you made three trips up there so that those isolated people could have communion services near their homes. The church was built at Nono, too, with funds from WMPC in America.

Remember the Bulawayo riots? What a time of concern when the Mpopoma Church was stoned and the African section of the city was blockaded! But that

was the year, too, that the African overseers became district superintendents in place of missionaries, and the African church started building them houses at the missions, so they could do their work better.

What a dark picture here! Look at them drilling the dry wells at Phumula Mission, and think of the money going down the drain — or rather down the borehole. But here's a bright one. They've struck water at last, and plenty of it.

Now it's 1961 and there goes the first doctor to live at Phumula. Remember when she reported there were 80 patients staying for medicine at the clinic and there were only four huts for them to sleep in?

There's the opening of the David Livingstone Teacher Training College that we co-operated in along with other missions. Nguboyenja Church in Bulawayo was built that year too. We were happy that another part of Bulawayo had a gospel witness in it now.

There are other things we'd like to put on the screen for you, but you can't take pictures of those things. You were so willing to listen to the missionaries' problems and let us know you cared about them. Here's a picture of David directing Regional Conference at Mtshabezi, but it doesn't show the patient explanations you gave on every difficult question. There were General Conferences, too—it must have been a job handling all the discussion on the new constitution. Here, for example, the Bishop is explaining the matter of delegate representation—on a hot day! (#2).

Here's the new Matopo Book Room. This must have been taken early in 1962. Wasn't it exciting when it opened! Remember how the sales exceeded our expectations and the passers-by emptied the tract rack every day (#3). Choma Secondary School was opened sometime after that (#4), and the church was built at Mbabala.

Look at the missionary children who were in the hostel that year. There were so many the place had to be remodelled and added on to. There's the first couple who came out under the Teachers Abroad Program of MCC. There was lots of work getting everything arranged for them. That was one of the years it was so dry and Matopo had so many grass fires. Some of the students went on

strike, too, and had to be sent home. It wasn't a time to feel lighthearted.

But then the rains came, and they came so fast they nearly washed out the big dam at Wanezi. That's quite a picture, isn't it? God really answered prayer and kept it from breaking. Here are people crossing the swollen river on the way to Macha. That was when the first bishop for Northern Rhodesia, Brother Earl Musser, was consecrated and there was someone to share your work with you.

The work was really growing fast. It was in 1963 that we opened the new secondary school at Wanezi. It wasn't long until the new church at Mtshabezi was dedicated. Look how pretty it was that day with its white spire matching the fluffy clouds in the sky. Here's Mfundisi Moyo going as the first African representative to the church in America. It was good to see many spiritual conferences being held in the outstations.

It wasn't all encouraging, though. That's about the time we felt attitudes changing in the outschools and some of the community people began making trouble. Remember how tense it was when some of the outschools were closed for awhile? That pressure of changing attitudes must have felt very heavy to you at times.

Then, last year, the Bible School started taking a more prominent place in everybody's thinking. That was when the first girls enrolled. There they all are. Aren't they a nice looking group? There's a picture of conference voting to relocate and enlarge the Bible School (#5).

That was quite a conference at Wanezi. Of course the climax came when the African church was handed the papers giving it the right to operate on its own constitution (#6). That picture ought to be kept for the coming generations. That was history in the making!

Wasn't it about then you started having monthly meetings with the church overseers? My, but you had some knotty problems to discuss! But I'm sure you had good times together spiritually, too.

Well, there's no question about the work having grown since that Easter Sunday when you were consecrated. Then there were 62 missionaries and 1-W workers. By now there are 84. Not that that is the real measure of growth. The interesting thing is that the African church has been doing more and more for itself at the same time.

Well, that's about it. But there are just a few more pictures to be taken before you lay your burden down. Wonder what they will be. Surely some will

show a new Bible School site which we are praying about now, and perhaps there will be a picture of the new Choma Book Store.

Whatever those pictures are, we know it will be God's work and not really yours or ours. They will be the finish of five good mission years in Rhodesia and the seed for more good years to come.

Fred and Grace Holland

RETURNING OVERSEAS

Rev. and Mrs. Peter A. Willms and family, leaving by air from the West Coast, January 2, and planning to get settled in Hagi several days before their children return to Japanese school. The children have been having Japanese lessons under a Japanese lady while in California in order to keep up with their classes in Japan.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin P. Book and family are booked to sail from New York, March 12. Services for Brother Book's consecration to the office of Bishop of the Brethren in Christ Church in Rhodesia have been set for 8 a.m., Easter Sunday (April 18); the present Bishop's farewell service at 11:00 a.m. on the same day. The Climenhagas plan to arrive in the States about the middle of May. ▶

Seeing Missions in Action

Roy and Esther Mann, New York City

THAT WAS the sole purpose of our visit overseas. Thank the Lord, we saw dedicated servants of the Lord who are pouring out their whole lives for the cause of the Kingdom. God is rewarding them; churches are being built.

We saw many and varied cultures, some strange and very different from our way of thinking. We saw those who were zealous in their worship of gods of wood and stone and some who worshiped evil spirits—not because of a devotion of love but because of *fear*. Seeing and beholding all of this, our hearts were strangely stirred and set aflame anew.

We left New York, August 26, spending seven weeks in Africa, three weeks in India, three days in Hong Kong, three days in Taipei, and two weeks in Japan. Arriving back in the States on the West Coast, we visited several places enroute, reaching journey's end in New York on December 14.

We were happy to visit with our children [Mrs. Marlin Zook, Japan; Robert Mann, Rhodesia] and their families, as



Visiting in Japan, the Rev. and Mrs. Roy H. Mann—formerly missionaries to the Rhodesias for a number of terms.

well as with our brother and family, our nieces and nephews, all of whom are adding their contribution to the work.

The Lord prospered our journey (which was endorsed by the Board but financed personally) and we thank Him. To God be the praise and glory! ▶

Brethren in Christ Faith-Promise Stories

Reported to the Executive Secretary

▶ "Inside six months I got a raise which, of course, helped me to fulfill my faith-promise commitment."

▶ "Faith-promise giving revolutionized my giving."

▶ At the close of a missionary conference at which faith-promise giving had been presented, a mother came to me and said, "My son made a faith-promise which I don't see how he can fulfill."

I encouraged her to say nothing against it and to wait to see how it would turn out. After six months she reported that he had all the money needed for the year's commitment and also had all his other obligations covered.

Guilty?

This thing of promotion of missions is something ever-present, ever-pressing, isn't it? Although --- and I aren't the picture-taking type like some folks, we have taken a few. We sent some snaps to Sunday schools and congregations with whom we have connections. We have never heard whether they have been received. Maybe correspondence needs to go both ways. I'm sure their prayers are behind us even though their letters are not.

—from Rhodesia
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Crusaders

Some Basic Lacks of Modern Youth

TODAY'S TEENAGERS seem to be suffering from three basic lacks. First: they have few commitments to the adult world. And this is why they lack a desire to grow up and accept responsibility.

Second: because they have no commitments and shun responsibilities, they lack the faith that they can help transform the world.

Third: They have little regard for what society thinks, or what the "establishment" will say, and they demonstrate this by their public actions.

OBEY THE RULES

For many young people the world seems to be nothing more than "a closed room with a rat race going on in the middle." Some will play the game according to the rules, but they don't really believe in the rules. Even "Christian" youth are sometimes cynical about church rules.

In the past, juvenile delinquents were those who willfully violated the rules, fought against social restraints, or were deliberately anti-social. Now, when delinquency occurs among those who come from the "right side of the tracks," we are not dealing with people who have their own set of perverted rules, but rather with those who know the rules, (and who sometimes even follow them) but who do not really believe in any rules whatever.

PLAY IT COOL

These young people tell us much about themselves when they suggest the best way to beat the "rat race" is by "playing it cool." This is their way out of the world, a refusal to warm up to it or to express loving regard to it because of a lack of will to help improve it.

And yet, how lonely these young people often are! The person who refuses to become concerned with the difficult problems of a sin-filled world, finds himself saddled with an even greater trouble—unhappiness.

POT OF GOLD

Jesus said one day to His incredulous disciples that the way to genuine great-

ness was to shoulder the load of their weary fellow men. They didn't like it then and men today don't like it any better. Perhaps young people are even less enthusiastic.

But no better way to happiness has been found. This *is* the real pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. All others are elusive.

So, let's stop "playing it cool." Let's get ourselves involved with the needy world, pointing people to Christ by our words and our love. ▶

One Hundred Candles

SAMUEL VALE, Canada's oldest veteran, had a cake with a hundred candles on it a few weeks ago in the Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto.

He enlisted in the First World War at 52 and went to the front as a cook. "Then one day the bandmaster heard me playing the violin for the boys outside the tents. Everyone agreed that I was a much better violinist than cook. So they put me in the band!"

Years ago Mr. Vale played the violin around the world on the old Peninsula and Oriental Line ships. When he came to Canada, he continued with his music, playing in his Sunday school until he was 80, when he was forced to quit because of stiffness in his fingers.

It was in the same year, when Mr. Vale was 80, that he encountered evangelical preaching and was converted. In the past 20 years he has been a joyful believer, giving his word of testimony to many.

When he tells of his wonderful faith in His Lord, his face shines with happiness. But then, he almost always pauses as his wrinkled face becomes sad. "I've wasted so many years! I haven't been able to do much of anything for Christ since I've been saved. If only I had given my life to Him when I was young."

It's a wonderful thing for a man of 80 to find the Lord. But how much better it is when eternal youth coincides with physical youth! ▶

Nurses Needed for Appalachia

IT IS SAID of the eight million people living in the 10-state Appalachian region that they are on the outskirts of hope. Hospitals in Kentucky and the nine other states face a critical shortage of registered nurses for bedside nursing

and supervision of nursing assistants. Therefore, the Mennonite Central Committee is sending out a call for registered nurses to begin work in February after a two-week orientation session.

Presently eight MCC workers are serving in three Appalachian hospitals: Williamson, West Virginia; Whitesburg and McDowell, Kentucky. But these hospitals are afflicted with a high rate of personnel turnover. Emergency measures had to be taken recently to keep intact a nursing service at the McDowell hospital. Other medical skills in short supply are nurse anesthetists, dietician therapists, medical technologists, physical therapists, and X-ray technicians.

Hospitals in the Appalachian region have only 72 percent of the bed capacity needed. Almost a third of the 190 counties included in a recent study have no hospital whatsoever. The per capita income in the most severely depressed counties is \$650.

Appalachia represents a new frontier for the American people and churches. The mountaineer is willing to contribute to his own deliverance but cannot accomplish it alone.

For more information write to Personnel Services, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pennsylvania.

—MCC

Students and Leaders in India Ask Questions about Peace

ED METZLER, MCC Peace Missioner to India, reports the concerns of the Indian Christian leaders. He says that the problems mentioned in most discussions have clustered around six questions.

1. What about Red China? What should we do if and when they attack?

2. How will a nonresistant stand be interpreted by Government and public opinion?

3. How can a Christian participate in the life of the nation when there is so much non-Christian influence?

4. Does the Bible really teach non-resistant love?

5. How can an unpopular truth be taught to people not ready for it?

6. Is army service legitimate for economic reasons? (Some Indian Christians have joined the army as a means of supporting their families.)

—MCC

LOOK

ON THE FIELDS

Home Missions and Extension

COME WITH ME on an armchair journey — east, west, north and south — among our home missions and extension churches. We shall visit four Sunday School Forward Enlargement Campaign operations, then call at three other stations to see what's doing in big and little locations. This will be an easy trip, I assure you; but may God grant that it enable us with more holy zeal to LOOK on the fields.

Forward Enlargement Campaign

WALSINGHAM CENTRE—If this church at Port Rowan, Ontario, is shorthanded, the efficiency and ingenuity of the Pawelskis are certainly under divine guidance for a marked measure of compensation. Mrs. Pawelski begins with an idea found in some book on church school education, stiffens it by comparison with suggestions from other authors, and then seasons it generously with the spices of adaptation.

It was decided to promote the Enlargement Campaign last October by play on *bees* and *honey*. Two large pieces of cardboard were cut in the shape of a hive, the front one of a color to suggest honey. Between these two cardboards the honeymaking process went on. The Sunday school was divided into five groups — beginners, primaries, juniors, teenagers, and adults, each group having its own color which was charted onto the honeycomb in proportion to the number present plus visitors brought in. You never heard of red,

green, blue, orange, or purple honey? These people didn't either; but this honeycomb cared not about the color of its honey, just so it was filled!

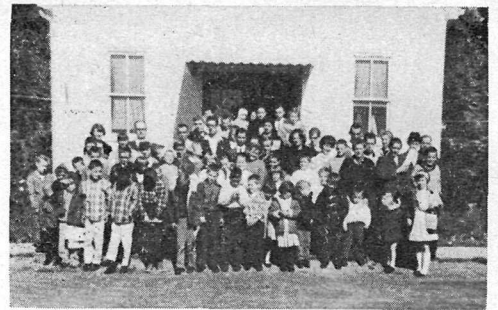
Storytime after classes each Sunday was devoted to one or another of such bees as Bee-happy, Bee-gentle, and Bee-helpful, based on *A Hive of Bees* by Effie M. Williams. Brother Weaver, one of the Sunday school teachers and a beekeeper, one Sunday gave a very interesting object lesson on bees and honey to show how Christians should work for God.

Total October attendance did not quite break the record set in 1962, but added up to eleven more than last year. Some children and young people and one adult never known to have been in Walsingham Centre Sunday School before, started during the October contest.

Prizes? Yes. Not much money to spend, but kind Brother Weaver agreed to prepare a small square of honeycomb in a jar of extracted honey for each member of the winning team. (Which one was it? Wonder why they did not tell us?)

This Sunday school projected the Forward Enlargement Campaign beyond the four Sundays of October.

The Busy Bee feature helped to hold the attention of the children. May they also learn to love the Lord Jesus. May they come to find that ". . . the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether . . . sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:9b and 10b).



Llewellyn, Pennsylvania, Sunday School.

LLEWELLYN—To tell the truth, spring-time is the time of increase in this small Pennsylvania community, and that without the formal effort of a Forward Enlargement Campaign. The second quarter of 1964 showed an average attendance of 88 as compared with 75 for the same period of 1963.

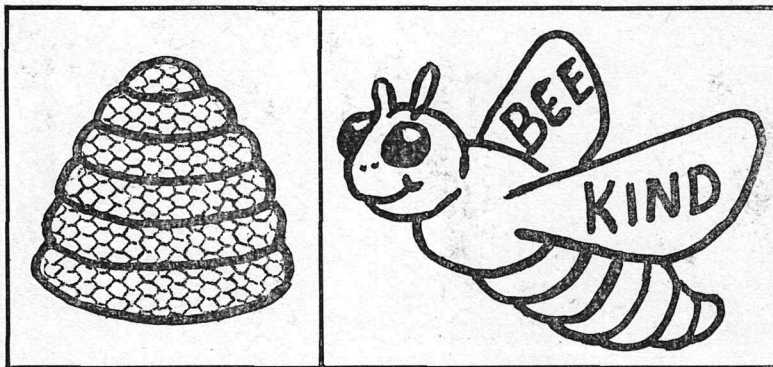
When came October, however, they did not "rest on their oars." Their goal was ten new members for the Sunday school, promoted by the slogan, "Win ten." Each pupil was urged to invite ten people. Five teams made ten calls each on absentees and prospects. Sunday school prayer meeting, which is held the last Wednesday night of each month, in September was devoted to seeking the Lord's guidance and His blessing on the Campaign and the Sunday school.

The first Sunday of October was designated as Rally Day; the second, Boys' Day; the third, Girls' Day; and the fourth, Adult Sunday. Local talent presented a special program each Sunday. Fifty-five more people were present than during October of 1963. Much of this increase, however, was a projection from the spring "swell." This is evident from the fact that October showed an average of only 89 as compared with 88 in the second quarter of the year.

The year-long buildup helped to put Llewellyn in the first place for Class C Sunday schools in the Atlantic Conference, and fifth at the churchwide level.

Pastor Charles Melhorn feels that enlargement from this Campaign has been for his church an enlargement of vision, an increase of concern for others, and a unification of the congregation.

BALTIMORE—Growing, growing, growing on, describes the Marlyn Avenue church here. A year ago, a Sunday school class of 13 boys moved into the furnace room. By November the Allegheny Conference Extension Board made a study of the situation, which obviously showed the need for an education building. The present active enrollment is 215, with an average attendance of 143 over an eight-Sunday period. How would you handle classes like these: 32 Primaries; 40 Juniors; and 75 Adults?



(LEFT) The Attendance Beehive; (RIGHT) One of the Story Hour "Bees."



Twenty-two of more than forty Juniors at the Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore, Church, with two lady teachers and an assistant. (This was Thanksgiving Vacation Sunday.)

In spite of already crowded quarters, Marlyn Avenue began the Forward Enlargement Campaign in September and continued it right through November. To begin, a kind friend offered a silver dollar to the pupil in each class who brought the most visitors during September. Then, there was planning, praying, observance of special days, offering of gifts, and extending of invitations. There is still joy in the harvest. Since the first of October seven new families attend Sunday school and church. Families have brought new families, and these are bringing other new families.

The congregation is largely composed of employed people, and they are generous givers. Current activities are self-supporting. The church is paying the interest and a modest amount toward the principal of the building fund indebtedness. (The Extension Board shoulders the major part of this obligation.)

And all the while, the field enlarges! A new housing development brings to approximately fifteen hundred homes the potential constituency in the immediate vicinity of the church.

With such stirring activity in a constantly growing community, do you not see that more help is needed? The Turmans are the only assigned workers. Phyllis and Loine Engle from Dayton,

Ohio, are schoolteachers in the city and their assistance is invaluable. But there is still great need — wide open opportunity — in a diversity of church work.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHAPEL—At the middle of September this Sunday school in Colorado Springs set up a "Break the Record" campaign. Pastor Ethan Gramm suggested that each class endeavor to break its own previous record by at least one new member. Phonograph records, marked with class names, were used to visualize the project. The plan was explained to the Sunday school; it was supported by excellent bulletin board displays; it was publicized by items in the newspaper.

Bob Newkirk of the Navigators was secured for Rally Day. Total attendance for the month of October was 350, with an average of 88 and a high of 97. In 1962, the total ran to 400 with an average of 100.

Yet Mountain View was by no means defeated. Three classes literally "broke the record." Moreover, the contest went right on through November with a permanent follow-up plan.

All members of the Sunday school are listed on a large board, mounted in the foyer of the church. Beside each name is a little peg on which to hang a tag. First Sunday the scholar is absent, a white tag indicates that the class is responsible for a visit; second Sunday, a yellow tag, for which the teacher makes a call. Third Sunday, absence is visualized by a green tag, and the superintendent takes over. Fourth Sunday, a red tag calls the pastor into action. Finally, a black tag somberly pictures the situation. Now it is everybody's responsibility, until the "one lost sheep" is brought back.

Seems to be a very workable idea. Don't you agree?

Training Leaders

Pioneer Girls organizations are rather widely distributed throughout our congregations; but the Christian Service



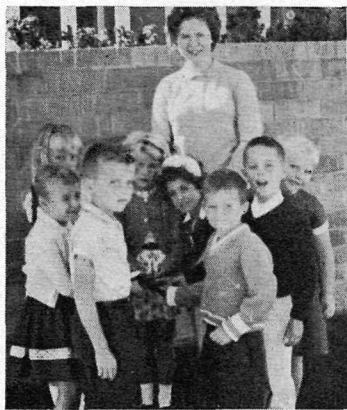
Battalion of Boys' Christian Service Brigade, Ridgemount Church, Hamilton, Ontario.

Brigade, a comparable activity for boys, is not so well known. Rev. J. Allan Heise, pastor of the Ridgemount congregation at Hamilton, Ontario, has taken this project seriously, and is seeing good results.

First, it was necessary to train leaders in accordance with a course outlined by Boys' Christian Service Brigade headquarters—since no one was acquainted with the program. Mr. Morry Worosbyt of Burlington, the area representative for Brigade, was most helpful in getting the work started.

Ridgemount organized their first Brigade in February of 1961 with ten charter members. In the following four years approximately forty boys have participated in the program. The present enrollment is about twenty. Some of these boys do not attend church or Sunday school anywhere; for them, Brigade is the only contact with the gospel and Christian leaders. It is very heartening to note visible evidences of potential leadership among boys who have completed this training.

This program provides activity for an hour and a half, one night a week. The Captain or his Lieutenant opens the



Each of these three classes at Mountain View Chapel, Colorado Springs, actually broke its own previous record. (LEFT) Primary I Class, Mrs. Sandra Lemesany, teacher; (CENTER) Junior Girls, Mrs. Nora Lenehan, teacher; (RIGHT) High School Class, Dan Lenehan, teacher.

meeting with prayer. The group then breaks up into squads, consisting of from three to eight boys, each in charge of a Corporal or a Lance Corporal. This leader arranges a devotional period, introduces any newcomer to the program, and gives Achievement Tests. These are conducted in the areas of Bible Reading, Bible Memory Work, Physical Strength, and Knowledge of Sports. Completion of these achievements by each boy is duly recognized; he receives a reward, and is then ready to work on achievements for higher rank.

Following squad meetings there is a little break for games and fun, after which the boys all gather in a circle for Council Ring Time. Here one of the leaders relates an incident or tells a story relevant to Christian faith and conduct; again there is prayer, and the entire group unites in the following watchword:

*"Now we trust in God to keep us
Bright and keen for Christ
— Because we love Him,
— Because we want to serve Him,
— Until we see Him face to face."*

Inter-Brigade activities, such as hockey and baseball, from time to time provide an opportunity for the local boys to meet other Christian Service Brigades.

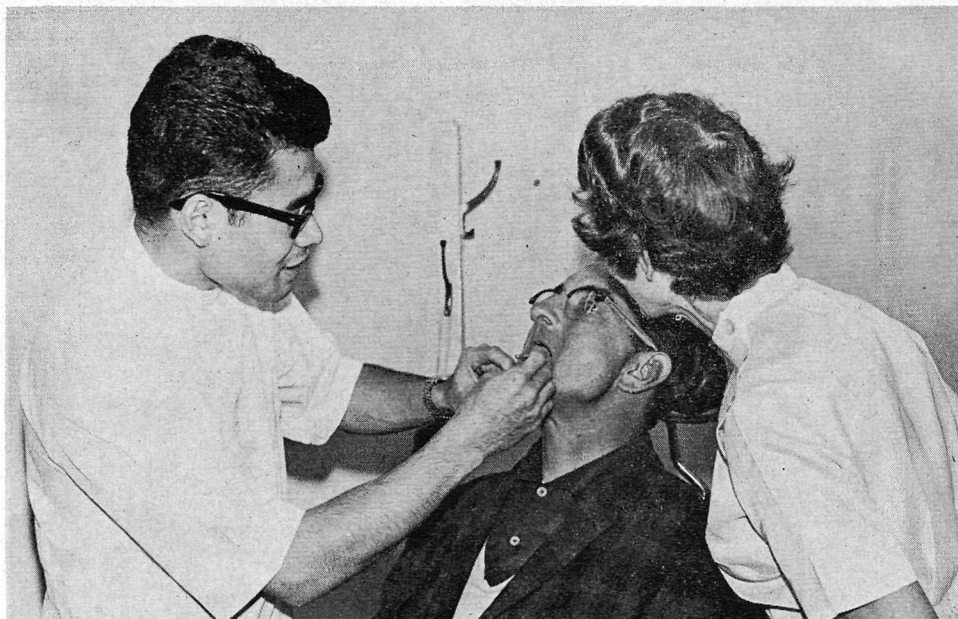
The enthusiasm of Brother Heise's boys belies the frequently made statement that teenagers "don't want to be told what to do." Christian Service Brigade provides a satisfying degree of regimentation which gives a sense of belonging, and promotes Christian faith and character. God said: ". . . my word . . . that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void . . ." (Isaiah 55:11).

Fellowship

Pleasant View church at Red Lion, Pennsylvania, had a beautiful day in August for their Sunday school outing. It was attended not only by members of the Sunday school, but also by neighbors and other friends of the James Spyker family, on whose beautiful and spacious lawn it was held. Brother Spyker is the church school superintendent.

A delightful social hour was enjoyed by all present as they surrounded one long table to partake of a bountiful pot-luck supper. It was a pleasure to have Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wingert, recently returned from relief work in Burundi, Africa, as guests of honor.

The evening was climaxed by a vesper service, with group singing as well as special numbers. Of special interest was a word-and-picture report given by



San Francisco Life Line Mission Dental Clinic is open.

the Wingerts. Finally, before dispersal the host and hostess served homemade ice cream.

Another delightful occasion at Pleasant View came in September when the congregation surprised Pastor Samuel Lady and his family with gifts of food, artistically displayed on a table at the front of the church. There was a miniature dogwood tree centerpiece, leafed with greenbacks—a love gift to the pastor's wife for keeping God's house clean. (Any congregation with unpaid janitor service, please note.)

The generosity of God's people was like a lovely fragrance; the mutual fellowship of giving and receiving was precious.

Something Added

Something's been added to the many-faceted program of the Life Line Mission in San Francisco. Supplementing the Medical Clinic, there is now also a Dental Clinic. Oral surgery, the initial phase of this new department, was begun in November. Both clinics are held weekly on Monday night.

A considerable amount of work was necessary to convert a large storage area, adjacent to the Medical Clinic, into usable and attractive quarters. In addition, a darkroom for the development of dental X-rays and a sterilizing room for proper care of instruments, had to be outfitted, equipped with plumbing, and painted. Much of the work was done by men in the Mission's rehabilitation program. Assistance with the painting was given by volunteers from the Bay area.

All equipment was solicited from local dentists, and the Mission is in-

debted to them for the invaluable material contributions. One retiring dentist donated the bulk of his office equipment, including two chairs, an X-ray machine, several sterilizers, drilling unit (containing gas, air, and water), and an air compressor.

A key person in the inception, operation, and supervision of the Clinic is Dr. John Edrington, a successful oral surgeon at Palo Alto, formerly an instructor at the University of California Medical Center. He became acquainted with the Mission through the *Life Line Reporter*, and volunteered his services for the Dental Clinic.

The Christian Medical Society of San Francisco, staffs both the Medical and the Dental Clinic. Students do the actual work; upper classmen treating the dental patients, lower classmen assisting, and the University giving competent supervision at all times.

By the example of our Lord Jesus, we know it is a Christian duty to have compassion on physical suffering. Both Clinics meet a tremendous need in this area.

Skid Row patients who know so little of lovingkindness, respond to free treatment of an injury or an ailment with gratitude. The Medical Clinic has already demonstrated that here is an unexcelled opportunity to present the good news of the saving grace of God. And herein lies the basic purpose of Life Line Mission: to bring this good news to sin-sick, heart-hungry, never-dying souls.

Pray that this new and vital ministry in the Dental Clinic will prosper in this objective, and bring glory to the Saviour's wonderful name. ▶



The Church Executive Committee: H. Sider, A. Pye, Luke Murmu, Patras Das, Benjamin Marandi, H. K. Paul, Surendra Rai, Patras Hembrom, (missing is Dr. Mann).

Fiftieth Anniversary or *Julsa*

Brethren in Christ Missions in India — 1914-1964

November 3-6, *Banmankhi Mission*

November 8, *Sunday, Saharsa Mission*

GOLDEN JUBILEE PREPARATIONS by the Church Executive Committee had begun months ago. Detailed planning was turned over to a sub-committee: Arthur and Phyllis Pye, H. K. Paul, Patras Das. This committee, in turn, arranged for committees on Lodging and Grounds, Catering, Transportation, Special Hospitality, Sports, Children's Meetings and Supervision, Decorations, Publicity and Protocol (very important to smooth functioning of a program involving so many classes and races of people), Promotional Activities.

Each committee member and chairman, as well as all special personnel, were sent a personal announcement of their appointment and a detailed outline of the duties expected of them.

It was most gratifying to note the cooperation and sense of responsibility with which the committees began to plan their work. The Publicity and Protocol Committee spent many long hours preparing lists of Brethren in Christ members and friends scattered here and there

in India, printing notices, invitations to special functions, programs, registration cards, etc. The Lodging and Grounds Committee and the Catering Committee had difficult tasks, as no one knew how many might attend. They rose to the occasion nobly when 800 people arrived—many more than expected.

Tuesday, November 3rd

THE DAY—Many tents were already pitched; more were being erected. The Food Committee *thought* they were ready.

Miss Hare and staff from the Christian Bookstore in Saharsa had set up a stall under a wide-spreading tree near the aluminum chapel. Complete with posters, displays, and special concessions on Bibles, the spot attracted everyone.

The decoration committee had prepared a welcome sign emblazoned on red cloth; flags and pictures decorated the children's outdoor classroom and a large white banner, inscribed in blue, proclaimed in both Hindi and Santali: "GIVE ALL PEOPLE THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS IS KING."

Our hosts, Harvey and Erma Sider, had to be everywhere at once—answering requests for safety pins, bamboo, lanterns, alarm clock, bedding, and so on. A special vote of thanks to them from the missionary family!

THE GUESTS ARRIVE (afternoon and evening)—By train, jeep, on foot—from everywhere: Barjora, Saharsa, Madhipura, Purnea, surrounding villages, from cities farther afield: Calcutta, Gorakhpur, and even Delhi. Over 500 adults had registered by time for the evening meal; counting small children, there were at least 600 in attendance. The food committee was faced with crisis! But they saw it through and fed the last people after midnight.

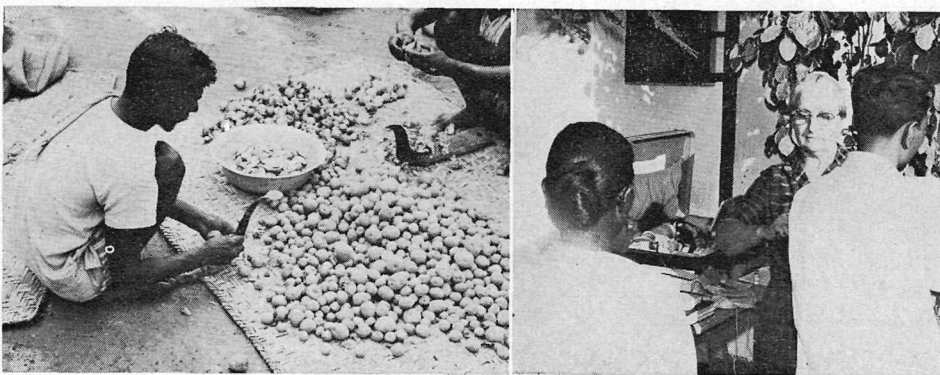
Wednesday, November 4th

WELCOME!—The special guests, with Rev. A. Pye and the host District Superintendent, Rev. Benjamin Marandi, took their places on the pandal platform at 6:30 a.m. before a crowd that overflowed pandal and *shamiana* (temporary shelter). In traditional Indian style, girls from Barjora garlanded the visitors and sang a song of welcome.

Rev. Marandi read Psalm 48 in Santali and Hanok Marandi read it in Hindi. After prayer the following guests were introduced and given opportunity to greet the people: Mr. Paul Lall, Bihar Christian Council Secretary; Rev. E. Metzler from the States and Mr. V. Reimer of Calcutta—both of MCC; Mr. Lorne Grove, new PAX man at Barjora; Rev. and Mrs. Jams Cober and Verna Gible, most recent additions to our missionary family, taking time out from language study in Allahabad; Rev. and Mrs. Roy Mann, veteran Africa missionaries, bringing greetings from the Board for World Missions and the Home Church. Brethren in Christ personnel from New Delhi also greeted the people: Rev. and Mrs. Allen Buckwalter, working in radio; Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, among students in university.

We were especially glad to have a number of the orphans return and fellowship with us—and also Mr. D. N. Singh, who had worked with us at Barjora for many years, helping in the boys' hostel and with the church services.

THEME of the Jubilee was "The Unfinished Task." Clarifying the great task of the church, Rev. A. L. Pye, Chairman of the Church Executive Committee, re-



Vital workers in the Jubilee: (LEFT) Part of the "kitchen crew" peeling potatoes; (RIGHT) The camp nurse.



Part of the Barjora group arrive, including the Pyes and Lorne Grove, with the Manns from America and the Smiths from Delhi (Joe Smith, son of mission founder).



Crowds attracted by the gaily decorated book stall.



The Registrar—overwhelmed by the unexpected number of arrivals.

mind ed us that God has entrusted to His SON the *task* of Reconciliation and to us, His CHURCH, the *word* and *ministry* of Reconciliation. This is our *unfinished task*.

PEOPLE SAY—"This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with Christians from all parts of our brotherhood."

"There isn't the usual quarreling [between races and levels of caste] that I've seen in other group meetings."

"I appreciate the mingling of the Santal and Hindi speaking people."

"Tears came to my eyes as I saw so many people gathered on the Banmankhi compound, and there stood a large lighted cross on the new hostel building. It's all because of HIM."

"The big and the small are all 'one' in our men's tent."

Thursday, November 5th

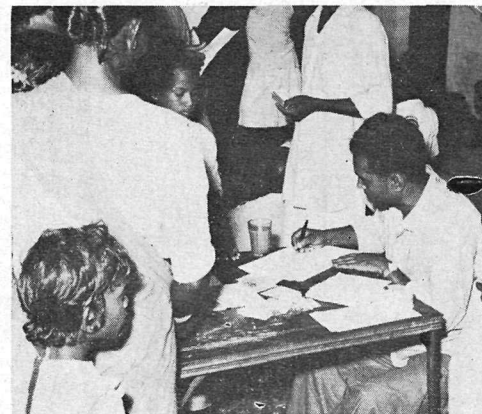
BACK ON SCHEDULE—"We had charge of the schedule for the first half day; since then it has had charge of us!" Brother Pye had said earlier. But things have changed! Food is ready on time, and there is plenty for all—thanks to the Chairman of the Catering Committee, Rev. Hem Paul, whom we scarcely ever see but who is giving almost 24-hour service to see that 800 people are fed several times a day. Thanks to his able helpers also!

COMMUNION SERVICE—HIGHLIGHT OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE—All the believers in Christ were eager to come to the Lord's table. Rev. E. Metzler and also Rev. Buckwalter spoke to the group. It was a great opportunity for many of us to examine ourselves again as they spoke from the Scriptures regarding our Lord's suffering and victory over death. After the messages people sat quietly and our chairman reminded the audience of the purpose of the Holy Communion.

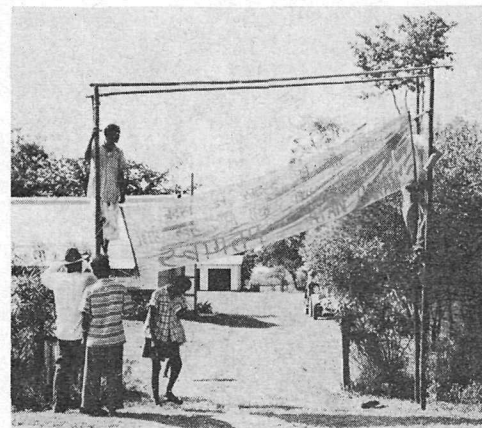
There were seven men on the platform to assist in serving the bread and the wine. In front of the Lord's table were Santals, Biharis, Uraons, missionaries, Anglo-Indians, but all were one in Jesus Christ. There was the presence of the Lord as everyone could feel. Those who would like to participate in the communion stood. The leader started serving from the back. Those who had received sat down and prepared themselves through prayer. When everyone had received the bread then all ate together at one time. This was really challenging to all. (Reported by S. N. Rai)

Thursday Afternoon

The Church Executive Committee was host to an official tea held on the front lawn of the bungalow. Special guests, besides the missionary family, included the overseas visitors and other visiting



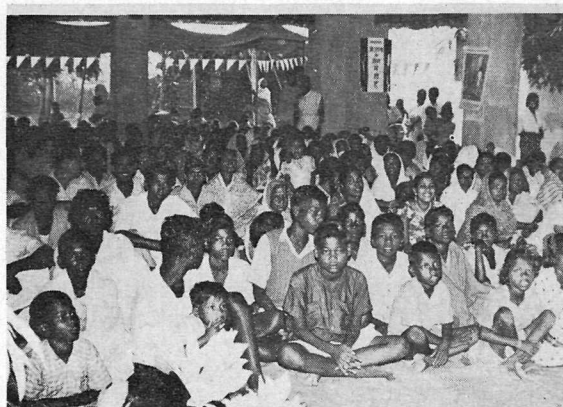
The Treasurer is kept busy too.



Up goes the WELCOME sign, and a banner bearing the inscription in both Hindi and Santali: "Give All People the Good News That Jesus Is King."



Cheryl Sider garlands some of the special guests.



(LEFT) A part of the large crowd.



(RIGHT) Allen and Leoda Smith Buckwalter bring special music.

LOOK! Yes, our LOOK pages are all given over to telling about the holy convocation which marked the Golden Jubilee of Brethren in Christ Missions in Bihar, India.

The missionaries have been exceptionally effective, we feel, in presenting in word and picture something of the blessing and high courage experienced at that time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; and it is our prayer that as you read you may enter with us into a new sense of fellowship with the Church in India—with its joy in the Lord, with its particular problems of racism, deep poverty, hostile pagan forces, and its burden of unreached millions.

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personnel. In attendance were various government officials of the locale. A special film presentation was then given by personnel from the Purnea Publicity Department. Some Christian films were also shown.

TELEGRAM—from Mohulpahari Christian Hospital:

REV. SIDER MISSION HOUSE BANMAN-
KHI ERIC LOWELL ARRIVED TUESDAY
THIRD EVERYTHING FINE

MANN

Congratulations to Lowell and Anna Jean from all of us. We're tempted to call the new little Mann "Julsa"!

Seen on the Grounds

Roy Mann pruning fruit trees . . .

Tej Bahadur, new Nepali convert from Saharsa, turning cartwheels for the entertainment of admiring crowds . . .

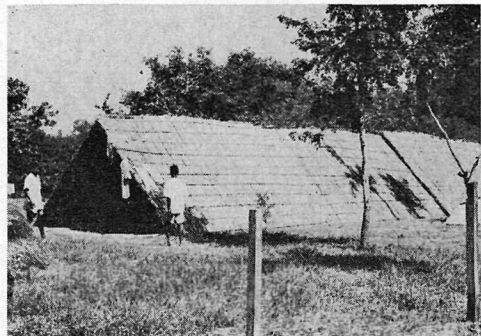
The ladies participating in races . . .

Vincent Bradley supervising the making of new shelters for the ever enlarging crowds . . .

Muslim bringing in a whole jeepload of bamboo mats . . .

Allen Buckwalter eating his curry and rice beside the P. A. system . . .

RETROSPECT—From the quiet hush of the Communion Service to the joyous laughter and relaxation which marked the school programs (reported elsewhere), we are yet conscious: *The Lord has been here.* And we thank Him!



Temporary sleeping shelters of thatch and bamboo.

Friday, November 6th

THE LAST DAY of the Jubilee celebrations in Banmankhi dawned clear and bright. The early morning chill and the heavy dew reminded us that winter is coming soon.

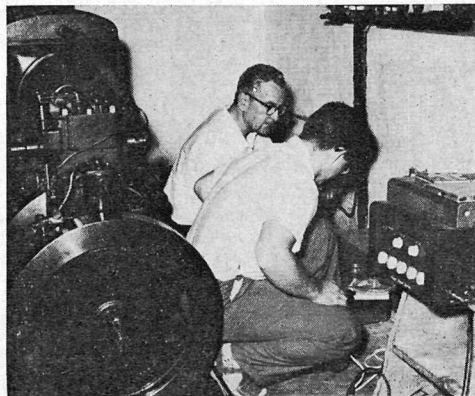
Today's activities were characterized by a sense of urgency: a desire to put into the limited time left for the Jubilee celebrations all that should be said and done, and urgency in the wider sense as we lifted our eyes and looked on the fields white unto harvest. May the Lord grant to the church in India and to us all a continuing sense of urgency!

THE UNFINISHED TASK—Pointing out the high percentage of converts recorded in all of Bihar during the last ten years, with Santal Parganas showing an unbelievable 609% in the last decade, Paul Lall of Bihar Christian Council urged that we place emphasis on those tribals who are now opening so remarkably to the Gospel message: "Put the effort where God is moving," he said in conclusion.

Vernon Reimer exhorted us to be strong in the Lord, speaking from Eph. 6:10-22.

Speaking from Acts 1:8, Rev. Roy Mann proclaimed the power of God available to every Christian: (1) Power to be, (2) Power to know, (3) Power to speak, (4) Power to do. Power to do what? To keep silent in face of criticism, to love everybody with God's love, to work together, to rejoice when others receive more honor than we, to give of both time and money.

The final challenge of a very full day came from Rev. Joseph Smith, son of



The public address system needs watching too.

the founder, H. L. Smith: "The cross was not an accident; it was a purposely planned death. The Resurrection proves the lordship of Jesus Christ. . . . Bowing before Jesus and acknowledging Him as 'My Lord and my God' brings us into the riches of His grace." Ending on this high note, Brother Smith challenged: *Preach the gospel, but preach*

the gospel straight." A sense of the Lord's presence was very real in these last moments.

MISSION MEMORIES—The "Brief History of the Brethren in Christ Mission, 1914 to 1964," by Brother Isaac Paul, will be presented in the *Visitor* at a later date.

High Points

► Spontaneous cheers as over 1,000 people watched the resurrection scene in the film, "King of Kings"!

► Three cheers in the pandal in response to the request in Brother A. D. M. Dick's letter of greeting.

► The giving of land for two churches! An Uraon brother has given land for the building of a chapel in Barhial village (Purnea Dist.) and Mr. Harold Strong presented land papers for 1 c/r acres of land for a new church in Battania (Saharsa Dist.).

► The spontaneous answer of the church to the need for funds for building the Battania Chapel. Pledges flowed in after a special offering started the fund with Rs. 143.69.

► The presentation of a monetary gift for two chapels in Purnea District—sent by Mrs. B. Hoke, mother of Rev. Wm. Hoke, in memory of her husband.

GREETINGS, both verbal and written came from:



Awarding Bibles to the winning quiz team.

Rev. Roy Mann, representing the church in America and Africa.

The Board for World Missions.

Bishop Henry Ginder (Bishop of the Atlantic Conference) who visited our India missions in 1959.

Bishop Malagar, Mennonite Christian Service Fellowship of India.

Rev. E. Metzler and Mr. V. Reimer, MCC.

Mr. Paul L. Lall, Secretary of Bihar Christian Council.

Former Missionaries: Katie Smith Buckwalter, M. Effie Rohrer, David Rohrer, A. D. M. Dick, Anna Steckley Lehman, the Charles Engles, the George Pauluses, Sr., William Hoke and family, Ruth Book, Beulah Arnold, Mary Dick Myers, and Clarence Heise.

Rev. Dan Cronk, Supt. of the neighboring Free Will Baptist Mission.

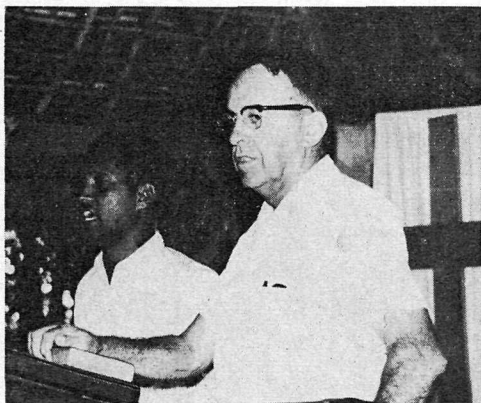
Our warm thanks to each one who prayed for us!

BIBLE STUDY SESSION (reported by roving reporter) — Dina Marandi teaching about a hundred Santal women from John 16:8—in the pandal.

Marietta Smith had 45 Hindi-speaking ladies enthralled with a study on the Samaritan Woman—on the verandah of the new hostel.

Twenty Santali-speaking young people listened to Patras Hembrom telling them about the kingdom of God—under the *shamiana*.

Sixty Santal children made the aluminum chapel ring with Santali tunes, clapping their hands in rhythm. Then they watched with interest the pictures showing what is in a man's unregenerated heart.



Rev. Roy Mann, representing the church in America and Africa, speaks at a service.

Mrs. Charan kept forty-five or more Hindi-speaking children occupied in the outdoor classroom near the bungalow.

Over a hundred men gathered in the thatched hut which served as the men's dorm and listened to the Word of God expounded by Brother Metzler.

The overall impression of this little tour was couched in the enthusiastic words of one of the teachers: "It was wonderful! They simply eat up the Word. They are wide open!" What a testimony to the presence of the Holy Spirit!

PROGRAMS BY CHURCH DISTRICTS — These had a strong appeal for the nationals and were attended by capacity crowds.

Brother Benjamin Marandi sat in the audience and watched a two hour portrayal by *Banmankhi* of his call to N. Bihar and early efforts there, accompanied by severe persecution of the Santal church.

Saharsa's portrayal of the Call of the Cross was exceedingly effective and a strong spiritual and emotional call to dedication.

Barjora did a play depicting the entry of sin into the world and the subsequent struggle between good and evil. V. Reimer, who directed drama in a Canadian high school for eight years, said that he didn't think he ever saw in his School drama anything exceeding the quality of this presentation by the *Barjora* group.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS — Programs by *Saharsa* and *Barjora* Schools were of high-



The Saharsa school teachers singing.

est quality and won an enthusiastic response from capacity audiences. *Saharsa* won the Bible Quiz, though *Barjora* was close behind, in spite of the flu epidemic which struck *Barjora* just before the Jubilee. Winning team members will each receive a copy of the Bible in Hindi; and competing members, a copy of the New Testament—gifts from the *Saharsa* Christian Book Store.

Barjora also gave an excellent rendition of "The Prodigal Son"—a creative effort of the staff and students under the able leadership of Rev. Hem K. Paul.

I Would Like to Say

"What an introduction to the India Brethren in Christ Church! We have been impressed with the way the Indian leaders have shown organization even when literally swamped with people. The patience and cooperation of the people was exceptional—no matter if waiting several hours past the scheduled meal time, waiting for the missing lens to be put into the slide projector, or waiting through an unusually long service! We were both deeply moved as we participated in our first communion service in India. A greater challenge than we ever felt before has been presented to us during this Jubilee celebration." —*Jim and Doris Cober*

"Big and small, everybody was willing to help. There were no 'servants,' for everybody helped to do the servants' work." —*Joey Christian*

"It has been quite an encouragement to the Santal Christians." —*Patras Hembrom*

At first I wondered what a Jubilee is.



Mr. Harold Strong presents valuable piece of property for the erection of a church at *Bhuttaniah*.

When I arrived here, and helped prepare and worked in the Jubilee, I found I never felt tired, and spiritually speaking, spiritual strength and happiness—I walked and talked in it." —*Luke Murmu*

Saturday, November 7th

IS THE JUBILEE ENDED?—Officially, yes, for *Banmankhi*, last night—after a full day of activities and words of thanks to the many who helped to make it a time of so much blessing and inspiration. Brother Mann led in the closing prayer, and many people went off to pack their boxes and bedding rolls.

Actually, no.

One group of Santals faced up to "unfinished business" that very night. They had come to the Jubilee almost persuaded. Now they wanted to proclaim their faith openly. Benjamin *Babu* (an affectionate term for *father*) and the other Santal leaders were prepared to cooperate. The meeting of preparation went on throughout the night, singing, praying and preaching—until the morning came. Then a joyous march of triumph to the baptistry where seven young people proclaimed their newfound faith by baptism, Rev. R. Mann and Rev. B. Marandi performing the rites. Two men who wanted to go forward were told to wait until they win their families for the Lord. Eight other *families* are also an-

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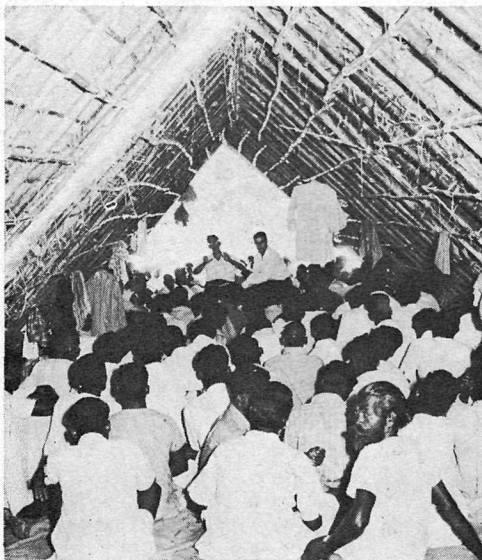
A part of an attentive crowd.

icipating an early date for baptism in their village. *The Jubilee is not ended at Banmankhi.*

Jubilee Sunday, Saharsa Mission

THE UPWARD LOOK — As Brethren Metzler and Mann met before going into the morning service (in the church whose foundation was laid by Henry L. Smith), they discovered that the Spirit of God had given both of them the same text: "Looking unto Jesus . . ." Throughout the week we had been looking both backward and forward; and Heaven's directive now was upward!

Special singing included a trio by the Buckwalters, in Hindi, and a solo in English, "Oh, How I Love Him," by Brother Joe Smith, accompanied by his



Men's Bible study.

sister, Leoda Buckwalter, on the accordion.

"IN MEMORIUM"—Immediately after the church service, the congregation went in procession to the cemetery headed by S. N. Rai, followed by two small girls carrying large cedar wreaths. Directly following came the Buckwalters, Smiths, daughter and son of founder), and A. M. Charan's family. At the graveside, Rev. A. L. Pye led in a short memorial service. Isaac Paul spoke with deep emotion and appreciation of the life of Brother Henry Smith as he had known him and then laid a wreath on the grave. Joe Smith spoke in appreciation of our Indian leaders and especially for the life of Rev. A. M. Charan. Then he laid a wreath upon this newer grave. A sense of reverence and respect hovered over the group. Prayers of victory and praise through our Lord closed the service.

"This was a colorful and moving ceremony, entirely indigenous in nature," writes Brother Pye. "It was suggested and planned by the Church Executive Committee without prompting from anyone else. The Saharsa Assistant District Magistrate who was present commented afterwards, 'Very impressive and fitting. It is our Indian way.'"

The entire congregation then met in the open courtyard behind the school principal's home for a time of fellowship and a cup of tea. Many old ties were strengthened, and a happy, joyous atmosphere prevailed.

MORE MEMORIES—The evening service was given over to past memories and an enlarging of our missionary vision.

We first saw the historical slides which Rev. A. D. M. Dick sent. People saw themselves as children in the orphan-



Latest arrival: Eric Lowell Mann and mother.

ages, on duty as teachers or hospital workers, in the 25th year Jubilee and in the 40th year *Julsa*. We concluded the evening with pictures of Brethren in Christ Mission work in Africa, New York City, and Japan.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! ▶

AN EARLY EVALUATION

by the Acting Field Superintendent

IT WENT OFF better than we had dared to hope. None of the possibilities for serious difficulty and trouble—always inherent in this type of situation—seemed to materialize. We are sure that the blessing of God was in the planning and believe that positive results have been achieved by the anniversary celebrations.

By the first night, Tuesday, we had nearly 525 registrations and this exceeded 600 by the second day. A fairly large number, however, failed to register, and we believe the total for the regular services would not have been under 800. On the night the film, "King of Kings" was shown, there were probably a thousand or more present. Quite a few of these would have been local non-Christians. (The registration figures include older children as well as adults.)

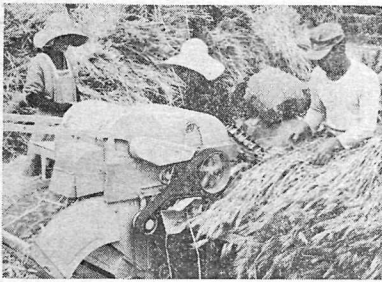
The *Julsa* may have been something of a landmark in respect to close cooperation between the two racial groups (Hindi-speaking and aboriginal). There was almost no sign of friction at all. Also, by and large, the committees appointed did excellent work.

In respect to definite spiritual results, we know of thirteen specific requests for baptism and believe others followed later. Some of these were baptized in Banmankhi; others are to be baptized later in their villages for the sake of the local witness.

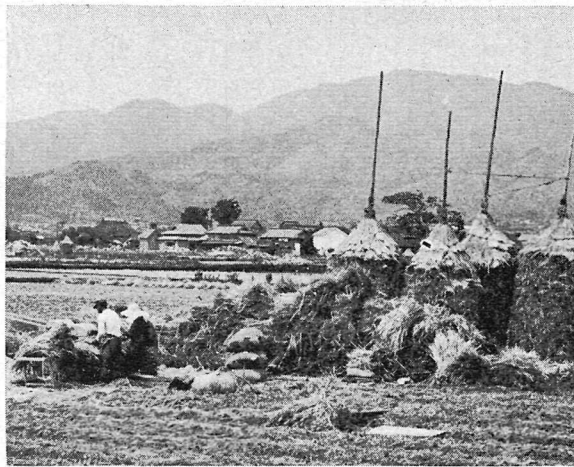
We were glad for the presence of the Roy Manns and Ed. Metzler of the Akron MCC—also V. Reimer of MCC in Calcutta. Both Reimer and Metzler expressed deep appreciation for the opportunity to be with us.

This is just a very sketchy report written on the train (enroute home from seeing Manns off in Calcutta). Next week I'll get off material that will give you a much better idea of the program and proceedings.

Arthur Pye



(RIGHT) Rice threshing in front of our Nagato Mission House. (ABOVE) Close-up of the same picture.



Contacts in Nagato

Thelma Book

TO THE Old People's Home went Doyle and Miss Ueda and Miss Onaka after last Sunday's church service—with the radio tape. Again they had a very interesting time.

Afterwards all three of them went to visit Mrs. Iwamoto, one of the older women who was saved at the meetings. She had not been to church for many days. They found her with her son finishing up the rice harvesting. She is quite an elderly woman and it is hard work. She assured them that every day she continues to have joy. We thank the Lord that He is keeping her.

But after Doyle returned and the girls had gone to their homes, Doyle felt he ought to go back and help them; it might be a witness to the young man who also came to the meetings once and is quite a dissatisfied person. . . . His older sister, now in Bible Training in Osaka is very concerned about him. So Doyle changed into work clothes and helped carry heavy sheaves of rice for over an hour.

Chari had gone along with him; home they came after dark, and Doyle had a mighty sore shoulder. But we have been praying that the Lord will open our eyes to see new and different ways to get next to these dear, lost people, and surely this was one.

REMEMBERING that Jesus consorted with publicans and sinners, Doyle responded the other day to the invitation of Mr. Nono, who wanted to talk, and had a cup of tea in one of the local bars. Please pray for this Mr. Nono. He is 26 years of age and feels that life is purposeless. He has received a little witness from time to time. We believe the Spirit is talking to him now. Doyle

asked him to consider who Jesus Christ really is.

Yesterday he had been drinking and he came. Doyle was gone so he sat in the *genkan* and being talkative from the wine spoke quite freely. . . . I gave him a gospel of John, telling him to read it carefully to find out who Jesus Christ really is. . . . A very intelligent fellow, who failed university exam because he tried for one of the most difficult universities. In studying to retake the exam, he overdid it, ruined his health, and had to give up his ambitions. Now he wants to try again but his parents think he should marry; but he wants to "live it up" for a while and not get married until he is 30. I also gave him a book in Japanese on Christian Marriage. I am sure there will be thought new to him in it! Pray that he may be found of Jesus Christ as he searches for meaning to this life.

THE BARBER'S WIFE, Mrs. Minami-kawa, saved in the meetings, comes very faithfully every Wednesday night. She is beginning to open her heart about a difficult situation in the home. Her mentally ill husband is gradually becoming less competent in his barbering (she herself is a highly skilled barber) and forgets what he is doing. Apparently he becomes quite violent at times and she feels he ought to be committed to an institution, but there are many problems.

The sick need the Physician. . . . For a long time I prayed that we might be adequate for the counselling and helping of these dear people. And we do want to study and read every book that can be of help. But I am beginning to see that we shall never be adequate. But the Lord Jesus is; and I am coming to see that faith in His adequacy is His answer to my prayer. ▶

Summer in Hagi

SIX PEOPLE out of the revivals and camps of the summer—six people out of long contacts and much prayer—have made a stand for Christ. This has been rewarding. The people of Japan are not quick to accept Christ and some of these people have come to church for a long time or else had lived under the influence of Christian children. The camps were a time of real fellowship evangelism, even though I was not able to join in well because of language.

During the revivals at Nagato I drove the car every night taking a load from Hagi. At these meetings one of our young people came to know Christ, and so the hour trip was well worth the effort.

Besides these activities I have continued the regular English classes in the various high schools as well as at the church.

BACK TO LANGUAGE SCHOOL!

Our time in Hagi has been frustrating yet full of blessing, painful yet healing—sometimes discouraging, yet we cannot but stand amazed at the grace of God. Needless to say, we have learned much from the church here, receiving far more than we have given.

Language has improved, especially our ability to hear; our ability to speak correctly has remained about the same. While in school we had teachers correcting us every day. At least we are ready to study more now. Our vocabulary is very small and this factor has been one of the frustrating things of our stay here. However, new words are learned, even though it does seem slow. Every worship service I pick up several new words and this is encouraging.

Marlin Zook (JAPAN)

NEWS NOTES

▶ From the African itinerary of Mr. Peter Gunther, Director of Moody Literature Mission, and Chairman of the ELO Board of Directors: *Southern Rhodesia*—Feb. 27-Mar. 1 (Rev. Don Zook, Matopo Book Room, Bulawayo).

▶ Rev. and Mrs. Ray Smee of Clinton, Oklahoma, are on a tour of World Missions. They expect to return about the end of March.

▶ ZAMBIAN CURRENCY—On the 16th November the Banks issued the new Zambian currency, so that from now on we have different currency than Rhodesia. We have no information on any restrictions concerning the movement of currency between the two countries, which had used common currency up to this point.

Home Missions and Extension

ABOUT A YEAR AGO, the Board for Home Missions and Extension appointed a sub-committee to study the possibility of establishing branch work without extensive financial outlay. Rev. Henry N. Miller, pastor of the Zion congregation in Kansas and a member of this sub-committee, thought much about the problem. He could not foresee the eventualities but he did see an opportunity right in Dickinson County. Why could not rural churches become "parents" to extension work in neighboring towns?

He talked of it to everyone who would listen and, when interest was rather general among his parishioners, he brought the suggestion to his local church board. They voted "to support the enthusiasm of the pastor!" The Sunday School Board was asked to bring recommendations as to details.

Meanwhile, the community decided upon was the Lawndale Plaza development in Junction City. It was a thriving community, with 530 children in elementary school but not one church center. It was a thoroughly cosmopolitan area. Populated largely by military personnel, integration was complete. They lived side by side (often in the same house because there were many mixed marriages): Japanese, Indian, German, Mexican, American white, and Negro. Living standards were high. Most people owned their own homes; children were neat and well dressed; houses were clean and excellently furnished.

The Sunday School Board recommended a vacation Bible school of two weeks, but they could not find a building in which to convene it. All this study came early in the year. Then, during March the Zion congregation conducted a Leadership Training Course, entitled, "Evangelism in the Local Church." Much that they learned was in line with the proposed work at Junction City. Even an answer to the building problem was suggested: use a tent! To be sure, that was feasible. The regional conference owned a two-pole 40' x 60' tent which would be ideal for the purpose.

In the Lawndale Plaza development there was a vacant plot of two and one-half acres, reserved for a shopping center. The developer, Mr. Lester Matlock, cordially made the ground available free of charge for a two-week vacation Bible school. The offer was accepted, and the

school scheduled for July 13 to 24 inclusive.

For months the Miller family had been looking to the time when they would have a camping trailer. The equipment which God gave them (with the generous help of non-local persons) was exactly suited for living quarters on the tent grounds.

The city engineer gave clearance for placing open pit toilets for temporary use. He advised also that a city ordinance permitted occupancy of a camping trailer for living quarters for *two weeks* without permanent sewer connections.

Teachers volunteered for each of the proposed seven classes, with two assistants beside. In addition, an interested lady and five teenagers from the area helped with the larger classes.

And so, one after another, details were worked out, problems resolved. God always provided the answer, and in time, like the "ram caught in a thicket" when Abraham had raised his knife to slay his son.

Advertising consisted of two handbills: one for parents, and the other inviting children to a vacation Bible school in a tent (like going to a circus!). These were distributed, along with pencils for the children, by 18 Zion Crusaders with advisors on the afternoon of Sunday, July 5, when the temperature was 104 degrees and half the families were away for the holiday weekend. Results? Anxiously awaited.

There followed a busy week. Tall sunflowers to be cut and dragged off; toilets to be set, and posts for anchoring the tent. (There was not a tree on the entire plot.) This activity was good advertising. Passing motorists stopped to ask what was going on. A few sharp young Negro boys lingered near. Were they coming to vacation Bible school? O yes, and all their brothers and sisters. Enthusiasm of the workers mounted.

July 13 arrived. Everything was ready. The Miller family had set up house-keeping in their "two-week vacation" home. The teachers were present, ready and enthusiastic. (Said Alvin Book from Rhodesia upon surveying the setup: "That's more equipment than we are accustomed to in Africa.")

Preparations complete. Now hearts were palpitating with the big question: "Will we have any children?"

Yes, here they come! Almost all new faces, some quite shy, from all directions.

Literally "red and yellow, black and white," all of them "precious in His sight." "In ours too," said Rev. Miller; "they were so easy to love."

Facilities had been provided for 40 to 50; so when 68 trooped in the first day, some had no seats. Several days passed before tables and benches could be improvised to accommodate the record attendance of 100 boys and girls.

Up to this point God had been very good; everything went fine. Then the enemy came in "like a flood"; or a *blow*, should we say? That Kansas wind! Curtains flapped and tore, poles fell down; sand and dust kept holiday. How could lesson materials be displayed or used in such a gale? What to do? Pray! Then God said, "Peace, be still!" And the air was calm throughout the remaining days of school. It was an excellent illustration to the children of two things: how God answers prayer and how even the winds obey Him.

Attendance averaged 87. Enrollment totaled 112, representing 50 families. The effort was most rewarding, in spite of intense heat (100 to 110 degrees every day) and certain household inconveniences not uncommon to grandparents' day.

Quite a few Catholics were enrolled. But one little fellow who loved to visit the grounds told the Miller children it would be a "mortal sin" if he just came inside the tent. Another small child did not know the picture of Jesus.

Warm words of appreciation were spoken by parents who came to the program on the last day. A father brought a gift of five dollars. Many asked, "Will you be back next year?"

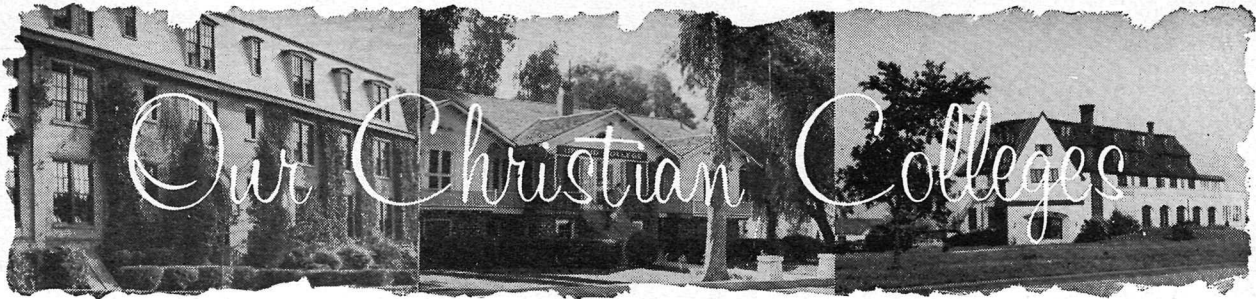
Months later parents spoke of the "Christian songs" their children sang, and proudly displayed handcraft and mottoes they had made in Bible school.

The Living Seed was sown in many hearts; should it now be left to languish and die for lack of watering?

A Good News Club was planned to begin in the basement of a home from which three children had come to vacation Bible school. Further work in the community is under study.

Another church organization has purchased ground in the area, hoping to build, but construction has not yet begun. Meanwhile, 180 new homes are being built.

In reporting this project in extension work, Brother Miller says: "We want to live in such a relationship to the Lord that we can hear His voice saying, 'This is the way; walk ye in it.' Pray for us—not that we be *successful* as the world views it, but that we be faithful. This is our calling, brethren." ▶



MESSIAH COLLEGE

COLLEGE DAYS SCHEDULED MARCH 5 AND 12

The annual open house at Messiah College is an invitation to all interested young people to visit the campus, chat with professors and students and to discuss plans for a college education. Last year nearly 200 young people visited the campus during this time.

The College Days this year are scheduled in conjunction with the Sunday School tournament and offer an excellent opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to discover the programs of interest, the answers to finance and the challenge of study at a Christian college campus. For further information write the Office of Admission, Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania.

A VISIT WITH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

President Hostetter and Dr. Asa Climenhaga spent a cordial half hour with the former President Eisenhower at his office in Gettysburg on Tuesday, December 8. The purpose of the visit was to invite the General to the commencement at Messiah College on Saturday, May 29th. General Eisenhower pledged to appear at our 1965 commencement if subsequent developments in his itinerary would not necessitate his being in some other area of the country.

CHALLENGE GIFT OF \$20,000

Messiah College recently received a gift of \$20,000 for the new Men's Residence Hall. The donor stated that the gift would be made on condition that the college should raise an additional \$20,000 in gifts in the next three months. In order to qualify as a matching gift each of the contributions must be \$500 or more in cash or subscriptions. The college is hopeful that sufficient contributions of this size can be raised within the next three months.

As of the end of December, total gifts and subscriptions for the men's dorm had reached a point of \$265,000. The Board of Trustees has set the goal of \$300,000 to be raised by March of 1965. Groundbreaking for the dorm is scheduled for that time. The total cost for the residence hall and the furnishings is estimated at approximately \$500,000.

MARTHA LONG RECEIVES DEGREE

Miss Martha Long was awarded the Master of Arts degree from The Pennsylvania State University on December 12. She recently completed her final examination having finished course work for the degree this past summer.

Miss Long is instructor in English and serves as Dean of Women at Messiah College. She began her teaching career at Messiah College this past September.

HEISEY RECEIVES SPEECH HONORS

Dr. D. Ray Heisey was selected by the Speech Association of America to present a paper at its annual convention December 29th. Dr. Heisey's paper on H. J. C. Grierson was

selected among the many entries from throughout the United States. Dr. Heisey is the first graduate of Northwestern University to receive these high honors. He and Mrs. Heisey travelled to Chicago, December 26th for the week of convention.

NIAGARA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT AND HOMECOMING AT NCC

The Annual Commencement of NCC was held in the college auditorium, November 20. "Ready Am I" was the motto for the 16 members of the graduating class. The Reverend Gordon W. Brown, Dean of Central Baptist Seminary, of Toronto, gave the Commencement Address. Miss Pauline Nigh was Valedictorian and Mr. Arnold Milne gave the Salutatory Address. The College choir sang two numbers during the evening. The Reverend Roy Sider, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, assisted in the presentation of diplomas and awards. After the commencement exercises, graduates, staff, families and friends gathered in the College chapel for refreshments. It was a very pretty and happy occasion.

Homecoming Day followed on November 21. The afternoon session was chaired by Mr. Edward Cober, '53. The college male quartet sang. Mr. Laurie Haddon, representing the class of '54 presented a collection of letters from the class of ten years ago. Two basketball games, a girls and a boys, between students and alumni were played. The Annual Alumni Banquet was held in the evening with close to 100 alumni and former students enjoying the delicious dinner and splendid entertainment. Mr. Lowell Brown is president of the Alumni Association.

A week of Religious Emphasis was conducted by the Rev. Alan Forbes of Youthtime,



"Ready Am I" was the motto for the graduating class of Niagara Christian College. Left to right, front row, are Erik Genzer, Karen Climenhaga, Pauline Nigh, Lynne Edwards, Mary Sider and Gary Winger. Second row, Heather Ferguson, Sue Comfort, Bonnie Devereux, and Sharon Climenhaga. Back row, Arnold Milne, Bert Ray Sider, Larry Sider and Harry Nigh. The last two names received Grade XIII diplomas. Absent when the picture was taken were Steve Semach and Richard Walker.

Buffalo, in November. This week was a very important week in the lives of students and staff of NCC. We are grateful to Mr. Forbes and those of his staff who accompanied him each day.

UPLAND COLLEGE

MOTET CHOIR

The Motet Choir, under the direction of Professor James Greasby, this year maintains its reputation as one of Southern California's fine choirs. Composed of thirty students, the choir recently concluded an extensive roster of Christmas Season appearances.

The Motet presented numerous sacred concerts at churches in the Southland, including its traditional Christmas Program at the Upland Brethren in Christ Church. The choir performed for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party at the Gardiner Spring Auditorium. This event was sponsored by the Upland Kiwanis Club. Programs for other Service organizations in the area were also presented.

At the Eastland Shopping Center, the Motet gave an outdoor performance which was later broadcast over radio station KGRB in Los Angeles, California. Included in the program was a contemporary setting of *Noel, Noel* by Professor Rodger Vaughn, Head of the Music Department.

CLASS OF '51 REUNION

An accurate measure of the significance of a college is the impact of its alumnae on the world community. The recent reunion of the class of 1951 brought into crisp focus the high caliber of Upland College alumnae.

Pete Willms, Student Assembly President, and Doyle Book, President of the graduating class, are now serving as missionaries to Japan. Dorthy Myers Sider, Secretary, is a pastor's wife. Treasurer Earl Hensel is an Agricultural Experimentalist. Dorthy Winger Lyttle, class Senator, is a teacher.

But the search for excellence need not stop with elected officers. Ten of the twenty-five class members are educators. One, Mary Helen Haas, has earned her Ph.D. Six have served—or are serving—on the mission field. Four are active pastors; they are: Rev. Landon Charles, Rev. Arthur Heise, Rev. Gordon Johnson, and Rev. Henry Miller (who is now a member of the Upland College Board of Trustees). Three of the class members are agriculturalists. Even the class sponsor has further distinguished himself; John Z. Martin, then Dean of Students, is now President of the college.

The geographical distribution of the class of '51 is as diverse as its areas of service. Eight remain in California. Six reside in the Midwest. One lives in Alaska, and one in Pennsylvania. Canada claims four members of the class. Three are located in Japan, one in Honduras, and one in the Republic of Congo.

Nine of the class members attended the reunion at the home of Elmer Sider. Six others were represented by letter. The group was par-

ticularly impressed by the number of ministers and missionaries (ten) which represent the class. Graduates of a college whose motto is "Education for Service," the class of '51 has upheld a high standard of service and leadership.

MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

CLOUDY VISIBILITY

The institutions that understand the mission of Christian higher education and are seeking to carry out this mission have found it to be a colossal task. Too often the task seems so difficult because our visibility is clouded. Take the pursuit of excellence as an example; it seems that most private institutions have yet to ape Harvard and thereby reduce excellence to the quality of students the institution can attract. The quality of the college is measured by the cut-off point of its admission office. Academic excellence, however, is most validly determined by evaluating what happens to the student himself, and what happens on the campus in terms of finding truth, relating knowledge, and communicating wisdom.

A second area where the institutions often miss the mark is when they convert Christian education and the Gospel to a stereotype way of life which is preserved by threadbare cliches and isolated traditionalism. Christian higher education must be more than verbalizing and giving mental and emotional assent to sacred concepts. The college in articulating the faith and projecting convictions must go far beyond this point. Ways and means must be found to embody the verbalized concepts into contemporary forms so that the committed Christian can translate them into living reality. The Christian needs to find ways of expressing the Christian life that go far beyond verbalizing concepts on an exam paper and giving a personal testimony to the unredeemed heart. The higher educational institutions that are pursuing this course have achieved visibility.

D. Ray Hostetter, President
Messiah College



LOVEFEAST NEWS — 1887

Continued

(From the *Evangelical Visitor*,
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LOVEFEAST at the Black Creek came off according to previous appointment on the 17th of September with good results. As usual the turn out was large, and good interest kept up through all the services, with love and good will toward men prevailing.

"Services were held every night previous to the feast. On Saturday evening an unusual interest was manifested, and the assembly was seemingly anxious, being on hand early, and good order prevailed throughout, as could be expected.

"The ministering brethren gave excellent discourses suitable to the occasion.

"On Sabbath morn, the hour appointed for service being 9 o'clock, the house was well filled. Singing and exhorting were enjoyed by those assembled until 10 o'clock when preaching began in earnest, with powerful discourses from I Chron. 25:18.

"On Friday afternoon before the feast a funeral service was held in the Church, it being the youngest son of Levi and Mary J. Wenger (grandson of the writer). They had left their little boy at his Grandfather Wenger's, while they attended the Lovefeast at Wapole. On their return they found the child sick, and it died in a few days after.

"There being strange ministers present on the occasion, Bros. Baker and Hoover officiated and the circumstance added sadness to the occasion to some at least. The sorrow-stricken parents have the sympathy of the entire neighborhood.

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CHURCH NEWS

BULLETIN BITS

Leslie Dlodlo, Matopo Mission, Africa, now studying at MacDonald College of McGill University, Quebec, spoke to the Cheapside congregation, Ontario, December 27.

Twenty-seven men attended the first "Men for the Master" dinner, December 17, sponsored by the men of the Saxton congregation, Pa.

The Christ's Crusaders of Baltimore, Md., gave special recognition to Pastor and Mrs. Rupert Turman in their program, Sunday evening, December 13.

Montgomery congregation, Pa., will host the Franklin County Missionary Conference, March 25-28.

Twelve persons were given certificates of baptism in the Sunday morning service, December 20, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Brigade Night, with granting of awards and Brigade memberships, was observed at the Men's Fellowship supper, December 7, Zion congregation, Kansas.

Jim Skillen, student from Wheaton College, was guest speaker Sunday evening, December 27, Lancaster, Pa.

Rev. John Roland, evangelist and singer from Greencastle, Pa., was guest minister Sunday morning, December 27, Dearborn Heights, Mich.

A week of evangelism, January 3-10, was observed by Chino congregation, Calif. Pastor Charles Rickel served as evangelist.

Pastor Andrew Slagenweit and family sponsored an open house for their congregation, Highland, Ohio, Sunday afternoon, December 27.

Mount Royal United Church choir were guests of the Massey Place congregation, Sask., Sunday morning, December 20. They presented the cantata, "The Infant Holy."

Napendhla Moyo and Davidson Mushala, African men attending Messiah College, visited the churches of southern Ohio, December 20-28.

Chester and Ruth Musser, recently returned from VS in Saskatchewan, spoke in the Sunday evening service, January 10, Antrim congregation, Pa.

Bertie congregation, Ontario, held a service of dedication for their newly installed pews, Sunday evening, December 13.

Samuel Shotzberger, Christian layman from Lancaster, was guest speaker for the Christ's Crusaders Hour, Sunday evening, January 3, Cross Roads congregation, Mt. Joy, Pa. Mrs. Shotzberger spoke in the Children's Bible Hour.

Fourteen persons were received into church membership by the Wainfleet congregation, Ontario, Sunday, December 20.

Pastor Ralph Palmer, Fairview, Ohio, conducted the devotional period for Radio Station WFCJ-FM, December 21-25.

Deeper life meetings with speaker J. Howard Burtner are being planned by Lancaster congregation, Pa., March 2-7, 1965.

Lyle Zook, staff member at Lifeline Mission, spoke to a joint adult-Christ's Crusaders session, December 13, Zion congregation, Kansas.

The Senior Choir of Souderton congregation, Pa., presented portions of Handel's Messiah, Sunday evening, December 20.

Union Grove congregation, Ind., conducted a service at Faith Mission, Elkhart, December 24.

Yorkley Long spoke and showed pictures about helping rebuild an Indian village in Alaska, to Cheapside congregation, Ontario, December 3.

Conoy, Pa.

"Carols are More than Music" was the tableau with narration and music used by the Crusaders for their Christmas program. The characters of Francis of Assisi, Martin Luther, and Phillips Brooks were depicted.

Revival services with Evangelist Henry Ginder were well attended and were helpful to many people. The Johnson Sisters, Clearfield, Pa., had charge of singing and music.

The challenge of missions was presented recently by Beulah Arnold, Pete Willms, Mabel Frey, Jacob Shenk and Alvin Book. H. H. Brubaker also gave us a report on his recent trip to Africa.

The Executive Secretary of the Commission for Sunday Schools, Donald Shafer, shared with us forcefully the importance of each Sunday School member being a witness.

Montgomery, Pa.

For our Christmas program the Junior Sunday School presented an interesting play.

Raymond Conner, Virginia, was guest speaker for our Thanksgiving service. An offering of non-perishable foods was given to the Conners.

Recent guest speakers have been: Messiah College Gospel Team, Rev. Pete Willms, Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Shenk, and Dr. Henry Kreider.

Hollowell, Pa.

"The Reason for Christmas" was presented by the Junior Department on Sunday morning,

December 20. The Junior Choir was featured in this program. In the evening the Christ's Crusaders presented a Christmas Musicale and Pantomime and a three-act play, "To All People."

The film, "Inhale the Incense," was shown to our congregation on December 27.

We appreciated the ministry of Evangelist Paul McBeth during our November revival, and we are thankful for those who received spiritual help.

Bridlewood, Toronto, Ontario

Dr. Stewart Boehmer, president of Toronto Bible College, was guest speaker for our first anniversary services on December 6. The church was full, and offerings for the building fund were over fifteen hundred dollars. Mrs. Lorraine Morrison, radio gospel singer, sang several numbers in the evening service. Bishop Swalm also participated in the services.

We have been overwhelmed by the community response in one year's time. Our attendance is well over one hundred each Sunday. God has honored faith and prayers.

A large audience enjoyed recitations, songs and a pantomime by the children of the Sunday School on Sunday evening, December 20. Our teenagers participated in a candlelight devotional and enacted a Christmas drama. That same morning, the chancel choir presented a cantata, "Night of Nights."

While our pastor held evangelistic meetings in Kansas, guest speakers were Alvin Winger, Gornley, and Ernest Loewy, Toronto Jewish Mission, recently returned from missionary work in South Africa.

In a special feature for our family-fellowship supper, the pastor interviewed Mary Thornton, recently returned from medical mission work in Ethiopia.

Springhope, Pa.

A play, "The Faithful Pioneer," was given by our young people in a Christmas program, Sunday evening, December 20. Also included in the program were recitations by the nursery, primary and junior classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Meyers Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Meyers, Antrim congregation, Pennsylvania, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married in the home of the late Rev. Harvey Martin, near Greencastle, Pa., December 6, 1904. They engaged in farming, and both still have keen interest and lend a helping hand in the activities of their family. They are in good health and maintain their own home.

Five sons: Aaron, Guy, Noah, Norman and Nathan; and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Gible, honored their parents at a family dinner and brief program Friday evening, December 4, at the Dixie Restaurant, near Greencastle. Seventy guests were present.

Sunday morning, December 6, the entire Meyers family attended Antrim church, where their parents have been active members for 53 years. In honor of their parents, the children presented the church with a communion table, a Bible, and a Bible stand; the grandchildren presented flower stands, vases and flowers.

Sunday afternoon there was an open house at the "Meyers Homestead" where several grandchildren now reside. One hundred twenty-five guests called on Mr. and Mrs. Meyers.

A "This is Your Life" program was presented by the Antrim Crusaders in their honor on December 13. This provided some interesting glimpses into life at the turn of the century.

This aged couple, ages 87 and 83, are regular in church attendance, and their oft-



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Meyers.

repeated testimony is "The Lord has been good to us."

Rosebank, Kansas

The ministry of Evangelist Amos Buckwalter during our week of revival was a means of spiritual blessing. The services were very well attended each night. Special features were given by Rev. Buckwalter prior to the message.

Communion was observed the last Sunday of these meetings. Four new members were taken into church fellowship. We praise God for His faithfulness in helping our Sunday School to grow during the past year.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Wolgemuth, enroute to Nicaragua, were with us for the evening service, December 13.

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Observes Home Coming, Dedication, and Youth Rally

Sunday, January 3, 1965, was a day that had been long anticipated by the Mechanicsburg congregation of the Brethren in Christ Church.

Approximately 380 current members, former members and friends of the Sunday school met during the Home Coming services in the morning. Since 1965 marks the 75th year since the founding of the Brethren in Christ Church at Mechanicsburg and the 72nd year since the first Sunday school was organized, the theme for 1965 is "72 for 75." The goal for the Sunday school is to enroll 72 new members during the 75th year of the Mechanicsburg Church.

Bishop Henry H. Brubaker reminisced of the past years, and Bishop Amos D. M. Dick brought the morning message, "Witness to Win." These former Mechanicsburg Sunday School members have served as Superintendent of Brethren in Christ mission work in Africa and India respectively.

Under the blessing of God and the leadership of Pastor Simon Lehman, Jr., the number of church members and Sunday school attendants in recent years showed a gratifying increase. This resulted in very crowded conditions in the physical plant of the church. Thus, approximately 575 persons assembled the afternoon of January 3rd to dedicate the newly erected, commodious edifice along with new educational facilities provided for by remodeling of the original church building. Participating in the dedication service were Bishops A. C. Burkholder, E. J. Swalm, and C. B. Byers. Also taking part in the ceremony was Rev. E. H. Wenger, bishop of the former Cumberland district of which Mechanicsburg was a member.

The day was climaxed with a Youth Rally in the evening during which Bishop H. A. Ginder presented "New Horizons" for serious consideration by everyone. Bishop A. C. Burkholder ended the day with a challenging message on "The Liberating Power of the Gospel."

Revival Services

Eugene Heidler at Montgomery, Pa., January 10-24; Elam Dohner at Cross Roads, Mt. Joy, Pa., January 24-February 7; Charles Rife at Christian Union, Ind., January 24-February 7; George Sheffer at Antrim, Pa., February 14-28; Lane Hostetter at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, January 31-February 7.

Births

BECK—Kevin Michael, born December 16, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Beck, Fairland congregation, Pa.

HOOVER—Randy Earl, born October 11, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover, Cheapside congregation, Ontario.

LANDIS—Jay Raymond, born December 20, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Landis, Shenks congregation, Pa.

LAVEAU—Dean Rodney, born December 15, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Laveau, Rosebank congregation, Kansas.

MORRIS—Brian Wayne, born October 7, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Morris, Springhope congregation, Pa.

NOLL—Leda Jeanette, born November 17, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. John Noll, Shenks congregation, Pa.

OLDHAM—Cindy Lou, born November 17, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham, Springhope congregation, Pa.

OLDHAM—Mary Elizabeth, born November 9, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Oldham, Messiah Home Chapel congregation, Pa.

SHOUP—Shelly Suzanne, born October 6, 1964, adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shoup, Bridlewood congregation, Ontario.

Weddings

AUKER-WILLOW — Miss Annabell Willow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Willow became the bride of Mr. Aaron Auker, son of Adam Auker, Liverpool, Pa., October 31, 1964. The ceremony was performed in the Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church by the bride's pastor, Eugene Heidler.

MANSON-LONG—Miss Mary Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Long, Ancaster, Ontario, and Mr. Neil Manson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Manson, Oakville, were united in marriage in the Ridgemount Brethren in Christ Church, Hamilton, December 19, 1964. The ceremony was performed by Pastor J. Allan Heise.

MARTIN-LESHER—Miss Verna Leshner, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leshner, became the bride of Mr. Donald Eugene Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin, Chambersburg, Pa., November 28, 1964, in the Montgomery Brethren in Christ Church. Rev. James Leshner performed the ceremony.

RIFE-SOLLENBERGER—Miss Lois Anne Sollenberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sollenberger, Fayetteville, Pa., became the bride of Mr. Raymond W. Rife, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rife, Mechanicsburg, December 26, 1964, in the New Guilford Brethren in Christ Church. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Charles Rife, assisted by Rev. Simon Lehman, Jr.

Obituaries

BROWN—Boyd B. Brown, was born at Salona, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1882. He died at Clarence Center, N. Y., November 17, 1964. He served several years as Sunday School superintendent at Cedar Springs Brethren in Christ Church, Mill Hall, Pa. In 1925, he moved to Clarence Center, New York, where he served as sexton of the Brethren in Christ Church for fourteen years.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Vergie M. Brown; two sons: Merrill, Clarence Center; Forest, Darien; three daughters: Mrs. Emerson Martin, Clarence Center; Mrs. Joe D. Miller, Williamsville; and Mrs. Mahlon Schrock, Sarasota, Florida. Also surviving are 21 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Clarence Center Brethren in Christ Church, Pastor Aaron Stern officiating. Interment was in the Clarence Center cemetery.

HOOVER—Marion S. Hoover was born December 28, 1870, and passed away October 21, 1964. Born near Mansfield, Ohio, he was the son of the late Bishop B. F. and Mary Hoover. Early in life he became a member of the Brethren in Christ Church.

In 1892 he married Amanda S. Hoke. They first lived near Mansfield, then moved to West Milton and later to Union, Ohio.

His wife preceded him in death. Surviving are five sons: Clayton B., Vandalia; Jesse B., Seymour, Indiana; Emery D., Dayton; Gainor H., Riverside Calif.; Walter M., Sumbury, Pa; four daughters: Mrs. Alice Maggart, Union; Mrs. Eva Climenhaga, Clarence Center, N. Y.; Mrs. Lela Fern Heisey, Canton; Mrs. Florence Brubaker, Upland, Calif.; and one sister. Also surviving are thirty-three grandchildren, ninety great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Fairview Brethren in Christ Church, with Rev. Ohmer U. Herr in charge, assisted by Rev. J. A. Steele and Bishop W. H. Boyer. Interment was made in the Fairview cemetery.

LEHMAN—Evan Lee Lehman, eight month old infant son of Ronald and Janet Lehman, Mechanicsburg, Pa., died December 24, 1964. Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, Keith.

Services were held at the Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church with Pastor Simon Lehman, Jr., officiating. The Rev. Rodger Witter, uncle of the deceased, assisted. Interment was in the Mechanicsburg cemetery.

LENHERT—Mrs. Lizzie Jury Lenhart was born March 18, 1873, in Newport, Perry County, Pa., and passed away December 25, 1964. At five years of age she moved with her parents to Kansas and lived the rest of her life near and in Abilene. She was a long-time member of the Brethren in Christ Church.

In 1903 she was married to Henry Lenhart, who preceded her in death in 1957. She is survived by one daughter: Mrs. Helen Long, Pasadena, Calif., two sons: Howard, Wichita;

and Melvin, Navarre. Six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

Her pastor, Glenn A. Hensel, conducted the funeral service in the Danner Funeral Home, Abilene. Burial was in the Newbern cemetery.

MAIN—Mrs. Emily Main, was born at Stamford, Ontario, November 3, 1888, and died December 12, 1964. She was converted and united with the Wainfleet Brethren in Christ Church in 1935.

Her husband predeceased her. She is survived by four sons: Basil, Osborne, William, and Russel; two daughters: Mrs. Earl Winger and Mrs. Lloyd Poth. One sister also survives.

Funeral services were conducted in her home church by Pastor Edward Gilmore. Interment was in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

SCHROCK—Mrs. Ida Sovina Schrock, was born at Millersburg, Ohio, August 27, 1895. She died November 27, 1964, at Sarasota, Florida. She moved from Ohio to western New York in 1925. Mrs. Schrock accepted Christ as Savior in 1930 and became a faithful member of the Clarence Center Brethren in Christ Church. When she moved to Florida, she transferred her membership to the Tuttle Avenue Mennonite Church, Sarasota, in 1961.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Noah, in 1956. Surviving are four sons: Henry, Sonyea, N. Y.; Mahlon, Sarasota, Fla.; Willard, Clarence, N. Y.; Roman, Baldwinville; two daughters: Mrs. A. Harvey Winger, Williamsville; and Mrs. Lester Martin, Clarence Center. One sister and two brothers also survive.

Funeral services were held at the Brethren in Christ Church, Clarence Center. Officiating ministers were Rev. Richard Bender, Pastor of the Harding Avenue Mennonite Church, Williamsville, and Pastor Aaron Stern. Interment was in the Clarence Center cemetery.

SWITZER—Nellie May Switzer was born in Leedey, Oklahoma, November 19, 1908, and passed away December 17, 1964. At an early age, she surrendered her life to Christ and united with the Brethren in Christ Church.

She was united in marriage to G. A. Switzer in 1932; he preceded her in death in 1945. She is survived by two sons: Dwain, Oklahoma City; Ernest, Thomas; two daughters: Mrs. Evelyn Kenny, Sulphur Springs, Texas; and Mrs. Christiana Haggard, Butler. Also surviving are her mother, Mrs. A. J. Albright, Weatherford, Okla.; four sisters, four brothers, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at Bethany Brethren in Christ Church in charge of Pastor Henry Landis and Rev. Jesse Eyster. Interment was in Bethany church cemetery.

MCC News

MDS Helping to Rebuild Mississippi Churches

AKRON, PA. (MCC)—The Mennonite Disaster Service organization is assisting the Committee of Concern to rebuild burned or damaged Negro churches in Mississippi according to their justifiable need and as they request such aid.

On December 9, 1964, five MDS volunteers arrived in Mississippi to begin restoring one of three churches located within driving distance of Jackson.

The five men are masons and carpenters by trade. Committed to a month of work,

they did not rejoin their families for either Christmas or New Year's Day. Ten additional volunteers replaced them on January 8.

The Committee of Concern is an interfaith group formed in Mississippi to aid the reconstruction of Negro churches in the state. It is comprised of Negro and white church leaders, both clergymen and laymen.

The work of the Committee of Concern and the Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers is not a protest of any kind but rather a positive action taken by concerned Christians to counter violence with a program originating from a sincere desire to effect reconciliation.

Money is needed to pay for construction materials and for hiring contractors. MDS workmen are contributing their time and the Mennonite Central Committee is requesting contributors to cover the cost of their room, board, and transportation.

I-Ws Narrowly Escape Death in the Congo

Two Mennonite Paxmen, Eugene Bergman, Paso Robles, California, and Jon Snyder, Canby, Oregon, were among the Americans in the harrowing experience in Stanleyville where the wild mobs of rebels shot down Dr. Paul Carlson on November 24. "Both Paxmen were in the final street massacre of Belgian and American prisoners on Tuesday morning," writes Elmer Neufeld, Director of the Mennonite work in the Congo, "but miraculously escaped injury."

Later, on November 30, Harold Sherk, Executive Secretary of NSBRO, was able to talk with Mr. Michael Hoyt, the American Consul at Stanleyville, who was in Washington for that day, and who was also in this group. He and the other men on his staff, five in all, along with Dr. Carlson and the two Paxmen were picked up and imprisoned together at the end of October, and were sharing the same treatment under the same threat from that time to Tuesday, November 24, when the Belgian paratroopers arrived.

Neufeld reports from Leopoldville that Bergman and Snyder are ready to resume their work in the Congo. Mr. Hoyt spoke in the highest terms of the character and quality of the two COs and of their behavior throughout the ordeal. He mentioned that they were much the youngest in the group of eight men, but held up under the pressure and made their full contribution as worthy members of the total group. He remarked, "The Mennonites should be proud of these young men."

Week-end Work Camps for Ontario Teenagers

A cooperative Week-End Work Camp program for teenagers has been instituted jointly by Mennonite Central Committee (Ontario) and the Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC).

Purpose of the Camps is to offer an opportunity for Mennonite and Quaker young people to become acquainted and involved in the racial, social, and religious problems associated with life in a large city.

In such a context, it is believed, they can learn to understand the needs of others less fortunate than themselves and to explore their own involvement in the activities of the church.

The sponsors feel that a short week-end exposure to these situations will reach a larger number of young people than a summer service opportunity.

It is proposed that participants in the co-ed camps be at least 15 years of age and capable of doing a good day's work; be cooperative and able to share in the week-end experience with other students; be interested in spiritual matters, and be morally responsible.

Fifth Mental Hospital Sets January 17 for Groundbreaking

AKRON, PA. (MCC)—The board of directors of Kings View Hospital, Reedley, California, set January 17 as the groundbreaking for Kern View Hospital in Bakersfield. The completion of this new 25-bed psychiatric hospital will be in late 1965.

Administrator Arthur Jost of Kings View and

the hospital board have been responsible for developing the program which is being established on grounds adjacent to Memorial Hospital of Greater Bakersfield.

39,645 Blankets Moving to Overseas Destinations

The 1964 Mennonite Central Committee Fall Blanket Drive is a story of the church in action,

of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ congregations responding to the plea of shivering, ragged multitudes for protection against frigid temperatures.

The donation of blankets and cash began in Virginia in mid-September and has continued into December.

But as fast as the bedding streamed into the five clothing centers, 23,320 poured right out

Missions in America

Explanatory note: Missions () and Extension Churches are listed as per address.*

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Red Lion, Pennsylvania: Rev. Samuel Lady, pastor. Telephone 2468-880

Three Springs, Pennsylvania (Center Grove Church): Rev. Marion Walker, pastor

Uniontown, Pennsylvania (Searights): Rev. George Kipe, pastor, Uniontown, Pa., R. 4

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Allisonia, Virginia (Farris Mines): Rev. Arthur Brubaker, pastor

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again to East and West Coast harbors en route to the Far East, Near East, and Africa.

In addition, the Mennonite Central Committee has transacted the purchase of 1,250 blankets in Germany designated for Algeria; the purchase of 2,275 blankets in Leopoldville, Republic of Congo, for distribution to Angolan refugees; and 400 blankets have been bought in India for distribution.

Another 12,400 are soon to be bought in bulk for distribution in Hong Kong, India, and Algeria. Thus, from the time the drive officially got underway in October until shortly before Christmas, a total of 39,645 blankets were earmarked to provide warmth and comfort to people living in cool climes but where homes, such as exist, are unheated.

It is anticipated that 7,000 more blankets will be processed and packed at the five MCC clothing centers during the weeks immediately ahead. These will find their way overseas in months to come.

The 1964 Blanket Drive is for a two-year period. Donated monies will be designated for buying of blankets in 1965 as needed. It is estimated that in terms of actual blankets given and cash contributions in lieu of blankets, the objective of 65,000 blankets was reached by the sustained efforts of the constituent groups throughout the United States and Canada.

News Items

Greatest Desire of Americans as '65 Begins: "Bring All Men to God"

NEW YORK (EP)—A world where all men believe in God was the overriding desire of a majority of Americans as 1964 neared its end, according to a copyrighted poll taken during the holiday season by the Louis Harris organization.

Thirty-one per cent of an interviewed cross-section of the public placed the goal—"Get all men to believe in God"—as the first among eight major areas of possible progress in America and the world.

Other top goals selected were: control use of the atom bomb, 16 per cent of those polled; do away with communism, 12 per cent; cure cancer, 11 per cent; prevent depressions, 10 per cent; rid world of poverty, 9 per cent; full rights for minorities, 7 per cent; cure heart disease, 4 per cent.

Moody Monthly Names Top Stories of '64

The third session of the Second Vatican Council was 1964's most significant news story in the evangelical religious world, according to a survey by *Moody Monthly*. The magazine, published each month by the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, polled 23 evangelical news editors, magazine editors and news analysts for the year's top five stories:

In its January issue, the magazine points out that "perhaps the most significant results of the session so far have been that bishops now are learning that thoughts and aspirations they have shared widely with others all over the world."

In addition to the Vatican story, the massacre of missionaries, particularly in the Congo, took second in the poll. The magazine says, "more than in any other year in the mid-twentieth century, 1964 could be called the year of the martyrs."

The third most important news story of the year in the evangelical religious world: the 1964 Billy Graham crusades, particularly in Birmingham and Boston.

Religion in the school took fourth place and civil rights took fifth.

Pueblo Education Board Votes Against Gideon Bible Distribution in Schools

PUEBLO, COLO. (EP)—The Board of Education of Pueblo Public Schools has voted 4-1 against distribution of New Testaments in the school system by the Gideons. Dr. William M. Lewallen, Jr., a physician, was the lone dissenter.

The action reversed a stand taken by the board on June 9, 1964, when approval was given for school personnel to distribute New Testaments to those children whose parents had submitted written requests for them.

William Chalif, president of the Pueblo chapter of the Anti-Defamation League, challenged the decision and the board sought advice from the state's attorney general, Luke W. Dunbar. In October he said that, in his opinion, distribution of the Bibles through the public school system would violate state laws and the 1st and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Petitions signed by more than 1,500 persons asked the board to allow the Bible distribution.

This was the third time in 18 years that an attempt has been made to distribute Bibles through the Pueblo public school system.

"If we allow one group or sect to do it, we've got to allow all of them," commented board member Roy O. Frantz shortly before the vote was taken.

5,000 Hear Billy Graham at Pentagon

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—Mankind will find its "great society" only when men accept Christ and pattern their lives after Him, Evangelist Billy Graham told a noonday crowd of over 5,000 at his annual Christmas visit to the Pentagon here.

At a news conference in Washington, D.C., Graham hailed advances in the ecumenical movement but cautioned any weakening of the Gospel in the search for unity.

"In all of our talk of union," he told a press conference, "there is danger that the vital truths of the Gospel will be watered down to a mere shell."

"Theology," he said, "is the most important thing—more important than outward union of the Churches. There is real danger that some of our theology will become no more than a humanistic ethic, depriving the Gospel of its real force."

The evangelist praised the development of a constructive dialogue between Protestants and Roman Catholics and declared that "tensions" between the Churches "are far less than they have been possibly since the Reformation."

Ad Code Curbs Cigarette Lure to Youth

NEW YORK (EP)—A self-policing advertising code for the cigarette industry—supported by nine major tobacco companies—became effective Jan. 1. It is designed to stop cigarette ads aimed at encouraging young people to smoke.

Administrator of the code, which imposes fines up to \$100,000 on violators, is former Gov. Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey, now an attorney in Newark. He has "complete and final authority" to decide whether tobacco companies live up to the standards.

The code bans ads aimed mainly at persons under 21 years old, ads with unproved health claims, and those using a "virility" theme. It also forbids cigarette testimonials made by athletes, famous entertainers or others with special appeal to youths.

Survey Reveals Religious Affiliations of the 89th Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—A survey of legislators in the new 89th Congress disclosed that there will be 404 Protestants, 108 Roman Catholics, 17 Jews and six members who list no religious affiliation. Catholics outnumber members of any other Church.

*With 94 members of the House of Representatives and 14 of the Senate, Catholics are followed in numbers by Methodists, who total 94-70 in the House and 24 in the Senate.

Numeric leadership in both houses of the 88th Congress was held by the Methodists, with a total of 102. Catholics were second with 99.

Among the 404 Protestants in the two houses of the coming Congress—of whom two senators and 13 representatives listed their affiliation as "Protestant" without Church designation—other denominations leading in numbers are:

Presbyterian, 76; Episcopal, 70; Baptist, 55; United Church of Christ, 24; Lutheran, 16; Unitarian Universalist, 13; and Disciples of Christ (President Johnson's denomination), 10.

Magazine to Sponsor Evangelism Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—*Christianity Today* magazine is planning a "World Congress on Evangelism" which could light the fuse for a spiritual explosion with worldwide impact.

Evangelist Billy Graham and Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*, unveiled the World Congress plans at a news conference here. Graham is honorary chairman of the congress.

"Our prayer," says Graham, "is that through the medium of the World Congress on Evangelism the church today will receive renewed power and a sense of urgency such as was characteristic of the early church after Pentecost."

The congress has been scheduled for West Berlin, October 26-November 4, 1966. It will bring together about 1,200 influential churchmen from all over the world to discuss evangelism.

7,000 Attend 7th Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL., (JAN. 1)—Christmas vacation was different this year for well over 5,000 college students who took part in the 7th Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention at the University of Illinois.

Young people from some 75 denominations and nearly a thousand colleges and nursing schools gave up their holiday to take part in the triennial convention sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowships of the U.S. and Canada. Their number included more than 500 international students.

Recent graduates, missionaries, pastors and staff brought the total attendance to more than 7,000.

The voice of Dr. Paul Carlson, in his last recorded message from the Congo, hushed the huge Assembly Hall in a memorial service which honored 32 missionaries killed on foreign fields since the last convention in 1961. A cablegram was received from the widow of Dr. Carlson in Africa, saying she was praying for the meetings.

Major messages were given by such men as Dr. Billy Graham; the Rev. John Stott, chaplain to the Queen of England; Dr. Eugene Nida of the American Bible Society and speakers from Costa Rica and India.