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NORTH AMERICAN MENNONITE MINISTERS CONFERENCE



Conference representatives get together to discuss the program for the day in the Conference of Mennonite Ministers in North America held in Chicago May 7-9. Left to right: John Friesen, EMMC, Saskatoon, Sask., Can.; Henry Dick, MB, Shafter, Calif.; Nelson Kauffman, MC, Elkhart, Ind.; Archie Penner, EMC, Iowa City, Iowa; E. J. Swalm, Duntroom, Ontario, Can.; and Erland Waltner, GC, Elkhart, Indiana.

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# EDITORIAL



## PENTECOST AND POWER

Pentecost and Power are synonymous. When Jesus told His disciples that they would receive power, He was referring to the out pouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

And power they did receive! A Peter who denied his Lord when accosted by a servant girl, now preached to multitudes of the power of the resurrection. Fearlessly he confronted the Jewish people with their part in the death of Christ. Truly a transformation had been wrought.

What had happened? Jesus last words, of the promise of power had been fulfilled. The Holy Spirit had come empowering the disciples to witness and preach (and die!) As a result thousands were saved! **THREE THOUSAND SOULS THE FIRST DAY.**

To me there is no problem as to where to put the emphasis in Acts chapter two. Jesus also makes it clear when He gives them the promise in Acts 1:8. The key word is **POWER.**

We might ask what about the symbols, wind and fire? This is what one expositor G. Campbell Morgan says, "These were but symbols, of no value, save as signs for the moment. It is necessary to observe that fact because there is always a hunger in the carnal heart for signs. These signs were material; today we do not need them; they were needed at the commencement."

The power that the Holy Spirit gives is still available today. Through it Jesus is building His church, His body. But sad to say the progress is so slow. Could it be that many are disobedient to the voice of the Spirit? This could have dire circumstances! And yet we fear it is so. What a contrast to Jesus promise when He said, "He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

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## SURVEY OF MCC MATERIAL AID—1962

THE MATERIAL AID REPORT issued by the MCC for 1962 reflects an expanding program of helping the needy. Changing world conditions have resulted in Europe receiving less aid and larger amounts going to Asian, African and Latin American countries. The following is a summary of various MCC projects.

**Clothing Centers**—This past year 660,624 pounds of clothing and bedding, shoes, soap, school supplies and bandages were collected at the five MCC centers in North America, a six percent increase over the previous year.

**Blanket Drive**—The constituency-wide blanket drive among Mennonite churches resulted in the collection of over 50,000 blankets and quilts for use in Algerian relief and several other countries. This gratifying response from the churches alleviated some of the suffering in these countries. The need for blankets will be great again next fall and winter.

**Christmas Bundles**—The 35,782 bundles contributed for Christmas, 1962, was the largest amount ever received in

a single year. More of these bundles are going to such areas as Hong Kong, Jordan and Algeria and fewer to more self-sufficient European countries. Christmas bundles for next Christmas are due July 1.

**Layette Bundles**—Over 24,000 bundles have been collected in a two-year period with nearly half of them designated for the Congo Inland Mission and the remainder distributed in other areas by MCC workers. A 50 percent increase in the number of layette bundles is needed.

**Leprosy bundles**—With over 15 million leprosy patients around the world the need is great for these bundles. Requests were received for 5,500 bundles compared to shipments of 3,500, and many more could be used.

**Canning Projects**—The total of 258,000 cans of meat, fruit and vegetables processed was the largest since 1954. There was a sizeable increase in the amount of fruit processed and smaller increases in the amount of fruit processed and smaller increases in meat processing.

MCC reports continued urgent relief needs in Korea, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Indonesia and India. MCC has always tried to discover human needs not otherwise met where trained personnel and material resources could give meaningful help.

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## NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

**Fifteen students from Wheaton College** will be sent to various mission fields this summer under the Student Missionary Project which is now in its fifth year. Its purpose is to aid missionaries, help students get experience on the field and to return with a firsthand report to the campus.

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**Retired bishop G. Bromley Oxnam** who was one of the most controversial leaders of the Methodist church died in New York on March 13 at age of 71.

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**A party of nine Assemblies of God's missionaries** and children arrived in Miami on March 27 after having been deported from Cuba. Another worker, Rev. Floyd Woodworth remained behind in jail.

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**The Bible has retained** its position as the world's most translated book, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization reported during its recent meeting in Paris.

The 14th annual edition of the "Index Translationum," covering the year 1961, said the Bible had been translated 246 times as against 258 times the year before.

In second place were the works of Lenin, with 185 translations.

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## The Messenger

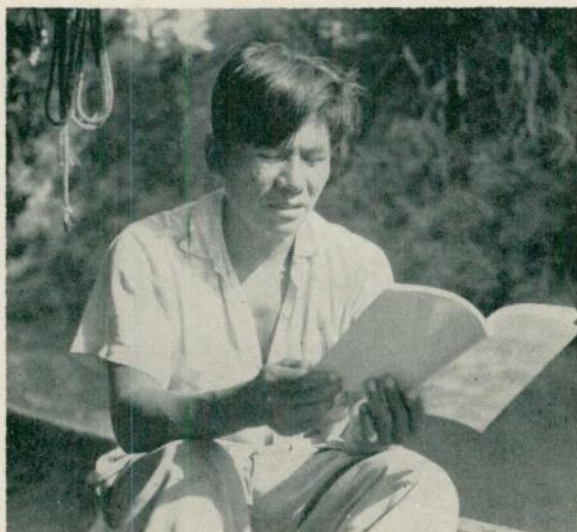
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# MISSIONS



## THE PIAROA CHURCH

The Piaroa believers have grown in the Lord in an amazing way. Here is one reading the Scriptures.

"Why are you going away?"  
 "When are you coming back?"  
 "Why do you teach everyday and get tired? You should have help."  
 "Who will teach when you are gone?"  
 "Why don't more teachers come here? Don't they like it here?"  
 "Did your 'boss' send you here to teach?"  
 "Do your mother and father still live?"  
 "How many brothers and sisters do you have? Have any died?"  
 "May I have a picture of your family?"

Such were the reactions among the Piaroa Indians when they learned of my plans for furlough in April.

For five years they had observed me teaching the children of missionaries. Many times this observation took place at the school windows; often they walked in for a better view. They loved to watch us play during recess. To them I had become somewhat of a fixture.

But the Piaroas were under observation also. When I first arrived in the early part of 1959, this Indian village consisted of a small group of people, very young in the Lord. They had been successfully contacted by the missionaries a few years earlier near

Puerto Ayacucho. Just when they were beginning to appreciate the value of the Gospel the Venezuelan government prohibited evangelical activities in this area. Thereupon the mission was granted another permit which allowed them to go to the headwaters of the Orinoco River. Having found the Gospel good, this little group of Piaroas pulled up stakes and followed the missionaries to Tama Tama, where they have been further instructed in the Word. Tama Tama, which is about 500 miles upriver from Puerto Ayacucho, is the base which serve the missionaries to the tribes in this area. This is also where the boarding school is located.

### The Lord Gave the Increase

This little group has doubled and tripled in size since. Piaroas from other areas hearing about this new religion, paddled for days upriver to inquire about it. Some always stayed. Now they have a sizable village across the river from Tama Tama, called Punta Piaroa, and another one just up a little tributary. They are, almost without exception, believers. Those not interested in the Gospel usually leave before too long.

### Growing

These Piaroa believers have grown in the Lord in an amazing way. Needless to say, it has not always been easy. The Enemy of our souls has buf-

feted them on every side and there have been heartbreaking cases of backsliding. But at the same time there were those who were humble and broken before the Lord, and consequently were greatly used of Him. Several have gone to take the Gospel to their own people where foreign missionaries may not go. They are now building a large new church at Punta Piaroa.

### Pray!

There is a good deal of commuting between Tama Tama and Punta Piaroa in spite of the swift Orinoco between us. We seem to be rather dependent upon one another, and have learned to love and appreciate each other. Hence these Indians feel keenly the departure of any missionary, regardless of what phase of the work is affected. They are inclined to become discouraged.

Pray for these people. Pray that they will be a beacon of light in this jungle of darkness. Jesus prayed, "Keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me . . ." John 17:11.

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**Sister Loewen** is now back in Canada having arrived about three weeks ago.

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### MISSION BRIEFS

**Larry McNeills** will leave Chicago by air on June 4 for the first leg of their trip to Bamako. They plan to stop over in Zurich, Switzerland to see the John Peters.

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**Benny Eidse** arrives at Kamayala. Word, has now been received that Benny Eidse has arrived at their mission station at Kamayala. Mrs. Eidse and girls who flew in with M.A.F. had already arrived quite some time before. Mr. Eidse was going to pick up a VW and drive in with their baggage. Some concern had already been expressed due to lack of word of his arrival.

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**B. D. Reimer**, chairman of the EMC Extension Committee was present at a meeting of the EMC extension workers at Mafeking on May 25.

**Mexico missions** is the theme of a brochure now in the process of being made up. It will be similar in many ways to the one on Paraguay.

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## North American Mennonite Ministers Conference



Group of ministers who participated in the Conference of Mennonite Ministers of North America. The Conference was held at Wabash "Y" hotel in Chicago, May 7-9.

A conference of Mennonite Ministers of North America met in the Wabash YMCA Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, from May 7-9, 1963. The planning for this meeting was done in the broad framework of the Mennonite World Conference. One representative from the Bergthaler Mennonite Church, one from the Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church, four from the Evangelical Mennonite Church (Canada), four from the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church, twenty from the General Conference Mennonite Church, and twenty from the Mennonite Church attended the conference. The theme for the conference was "Our Fellowship in the ministry with Christ," and the chief purpose was that ministers might experience deep Christian fellowship with Christ and with each other.

The program as set up by the Planning Committee which consisted of Erland Waltner (GC), H. H. Dick (MB), Archie Penner (EMC), and Nelson Kauffman (MC), included Bible study of the Book of Ephesians, panel discussions, smaller group discussions and several plenary sessions. Each day was concluded with a devotional.

The theme for the first day was "The Minister as a person under God's Word." Harvey Plett (Lorette, Man-

itoba), of the Evangelical Mennonite Church led the group in a Bible study, gathering material from the book of Ephesians related to the theme. **The minister is a man under the blessing of God.** He has been called to service (as Paul was called to be an apostle) by the will of God and has been destined to sonship through Jesus Christ that he might be to the praise of his glorious grace. **The minister is also a dedicated man.** He needs to have a living contact with God daily that he might know and understand God's mystery. He needs a sense of awe and reverence for God which overflows in in doxologies as in Eph. 3:20, 21. A practical separation from the world is the result of contact with God. He knows and accepts himself and his situation; yet he knows and accepts God's purpose for his life and gives himself to that purpose. **He is a steward of God's grace an ambassador for Christ.** **The minister is simultaneously a family man.** He is a husband and father with the duties Paul stresses in Eph. 5:20-6:4. To do this he will have to take time with his family.

Discussions of various kinds followed this Bible study on the day's schedule. A panel with Erland Waltner (Elkhart, Indiana), as chairman, led the group's thinking on the theme of the day.

Five small groups then carried on

the discussions with all registrants having opportunity to participate. Secretaries brought summaries of these discussions back to the plenary sessions where further questions were picked up and discussed.

The evening closed with a devotional from Ephesians one led by Dan Friesen (Reedley, California, of the Mennonite Brethren who spoke briefly of the security and confidence a Christian may have in Christ Jesus.

### The Second Day

**The second day** the theme was "The Minister in His Relation to His Congregation." Roy Sider, Sherkston, Ontario, of the Brethren in Christ Church led the Bible study. He spoke concerning the theme for the day by using Paul's example with the Ephesians church as it is found in the book of Ephesians and Acts 20.

The panel following, led by Archie Penner (Iowa City, Iowa) of the Evangelical Mennonite Church, suggested four areas of discussion in relation to the theme. (1) What is the place of loyalty in the relation of members to the church, of the members to the pastor, and of the pastor to the church? How is loyalty developed? (2) How does the preacher manage balanced preaching which fills the needs of all? How does he handle (Continued page 8)



# Conference Crumbs

By C. B. Loewen, Mexico

That is all we can give to our readers who did not attend the 1963 conference of the Mexican Church. But left-overs are better than nothing at all. It would be unfair for our beloved brethren and sisters in Canada if they could not at least enjoy some of the blessings.

The conference was held on the 30 and the 31st of March. The weather was nigh to excellent after some stormy days. The village theater, right in the centre of the village, had an excellent location and was very roomy, as worldly amusement centres are bound to be. The Mexican brethren had rented it and the pool room for the occasion, the theater for an auditorium, and the pool room so it would remain locked in these days. (It seemed to be just the right thing for a conference.)

The chairman of the conference was Bro. Angel Rosas. In his quiet and polite way, he led the meetings. This was the Lord's doing and He should have all the glory. Almost every speaker, singer or reciter was introduced to the audience.

**A good number of folk from the surrounding villages were represented. The host was the San Juan Church, with its first convert baptized less than three years ago. From way out in the Sierra Marde. La Nortena, came some brethren. Others came from Quellen-colony, Santa Clara, La Granja, El Picacho, El Pacifico, La Casita, Rodrigo Quevedo, Providencia, Santa Ana, Tesiachic, etc. Missionaries from Canada, Mennonites from the Quellencolony and native Mexicans mingled for a refreshing fellowship in the Holy Spirit.**

The main theme of conference was Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Four main messages, one for each session, were brought by the missionary brethren. The first, "Jesus Christ as Saviour" by Bro. Jake Koeker; secondly, "Jesus Christ as Mediator" by Bro. Edmar Fast; thirdly, "Jesus Christ as Lord" by Bro. Edward Friesen; and lastly, "Jesus Christ as Rewarder" by C. B. Loewen. Bro. Andrew Plett and Bro. Abe Plett, both of Quellencolony each brought a short message. All the rest of the preaching was done by the

Mexican brethren. Bro. John Kornelsen served by rendering some songs with the Quellen choir.

Mexican speakers were enthusiastic. Bro. Juan Jacquez opened the conference with a message on Acts chapter two. He referred to the meeting of the apostles in the upper room and their enduement of power and exhorted us to expect the same thing on the conference. His own thirst for spiritual power was revealed in this and a later message. He spoke with conviction as one who had already tasted of the Living Waters.

Bro. Manuel Rascon of La Nortena also spoke twice. Collected, cool, and confident he presented the Gospel message and the divine command of loving one another in the Lord. He also stressed the absolute condition of obedience in the plan of salvation. He spoke as one who had studied and had found rest for his soul and a rock for his feet.

Bro. Ruben Vega, somewhat boyish and nervous, spoke more than once also. He brought the children's story and other truths out of God's Word. His love and concern for the brotherhood was revealed and he is a real potential for the native Church.

Probably none of the speakers moved the congregation more than 22 year old Rafael Marquez. Baptized less than two months ago, he now brought a Spirit-filled message on salvation and discipleship. He spoke as one who had been with Jesus and had been satisfied. The world to him has passed away he still basked in the glory of the first love. He had seen the salvation of his wife's grandmother on her death bed just three days ago. To him Jesus was all in all. Later he brought a testimony of some persecution he had suffered between sessions.

Bro. Julio Chaparro, through whom the Lord opened the region of La Nortena, for our Conference, brought a Spirit-filled message and testimony. Although almost illiterate, his love and zeal for the Master has been a real inspiration for the church. He is one of those who cannot but speak of the things he has seen and heard.

Bro. Guasalupe Saenz spoke twice. Potentially he could become a teacher. He is studious and spoke with conviction and preparation. Although suffering constantly from internal pains, this has served to draw him closer to the Lord.

Other testimonies were brought sin-

cerely and powerfully. Sis. Lola Rodriguez of La Casita, already in the sixties, shrivelled and almost worn out physically, walked to the platform and gave her testimony before the congregation. It was a moving moment. Bro. Ruben Orozco brought a Scripture reading and some thoughts. Then also Bro. Miguel Manquera of Santa Clara spoke briefly and triumphantly as this was his first public testimony. A young brother from La Nortena spoke with real conviction of his new found faith and his desire to serve the Lord. Not more than two weeks ago he had Grajeda of Santa Ana. Bro. Salome Barragan of San Juan. Bro. Francisco Orozco, and Sis. Refugio Vega all gave fervent testimonies. Sis. Nena Vega and her big brother Ruben sang a duet. The Barragan family brought a number in song and others were rendered by the various church groups represented.

**It was a real banquet. It was a stepping stone into the future as well as a day of commemoration. It was a thrust forward in the evangelization programme. We missed Bro. Roberto Chavez, one of our most fervent evangelists, and some others but we can say that the Lord showered blessings on the most unworthy of His children.**

As I said at the beginning these are only the crumbs. We expect to have another one of these feasts next spring. Make ready so you will get the real thing then. If the Lord is calling you, why delay?

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## YOUNG PEOPLE SELL BOOKS

By Mrs. E. Giesbrecht

The young people are sponsoring a house to house book selling project. The aim is to give each home visited an opportunity to purchase good Christian literature in the form of Bibles, Bible Commentaries, Dictionaries, Handbooks and Children's Bible Story Books. Teams of two go to visit each home in an allotted area, ranging in size from a section of a town to a 3-mile square area in the country. Entering the different homes has afforded opportunities for witnessing and the reception has generally been very good. The profit realized from selling these books will be used jointly to buy Bibles for the Oak River Indian Reserve and books for the church library. Bro. and Sis. Pete K. Martens are in charge of this project.

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# I Don't Want Your old Chocolate

"I don't want to, Mummy," pouted young Dorothy James. "Dorothy, I am afraid that you are becoming a very selfish little girl," said her mother sternly. "Suppose we all did just what we wanted to do and nothing else!"

"But, Mummy," the little girl said, impatiently, "I don't see why I should always have to go to Uncle Bob's. I don't like it there. He's so deaf . . . makes me read to him and then says I mumble. Why can't somebody else go this time?"

"Shall I go, Mummy?" said a quiet little voice from the porch where Dorothy's younger sister, Mollie, sat turning the pages of her colouring book. "Maybe Uncle Bob won't mind just this once."

Mrs. James looked kindly at her little daughter. "I don't know, dear; he didn't ask you, and I'm afraid you couldn't read to him."

"Oh, let her go, Mummy," interrupted Dorothy eagerly. "Then I can stay at home and finish making my jumper."

"Very well," was the reply after a

moment's hesitation, "but I'm very sorry that you are so unwilling to do it, Dorothy."

Next morning little Mollie, feeling rather important, boarded the bus which would take her to Uncle Bob's. Dorothy saw her off, heaving a sigh of relief. She had escaped! But as the day wore on, she became very unhappy. Mummy had called her selfish; she didn't like that. And she knew that she had been mean to refuse to go to Uncle Bob's. The day passed slowly and her jumper was not nearly finished when Mollie burst into the room where they were all sitting.

"Oh, Mummy, I had a gorgeous time!" she exclaimed. "Cousin Dick was home, and he took us on a lovely car ride to the lake. We had ice cream there, and pop, and he bought me a big box of chocolates, and I'm going to give it to Dorothy," holding a parcel out to her sister.

Dorothy threw her hands behind her back. "I don't want your old chocolates!" she said angrily. "It's not fair

that you should have all the fun! I've been to Uncle Bob's dozens of times, and Dick has never been home. I've only seen him once. I wouldn't have missed him for anything."

"Dorothy," said her father very sternly, "Go to your room at once! How can you speak to Mollie that way? You are a very selfish girl!"

The colour rose to Dorothy's face, but she dared not answer back. With head lifted high she left the room.

About an hour later Mummy went up to her little girl's room. She found her in bed and very upset. On the bed beside her lay a little glass plaque with the words, "Love One Another."

"Oh, Mummy, I'm so glad you've come. I'm really sorry. This verse says to love one another and the only person I love is myself. Please call Mollie. I want to tell her I'm sorry."

Dorothy and Mother knelt by the bed. Dorothy asked the Lord Jesus to forgive her for the way she had acted and to help her always to live in a way that would make Him happy.

With her hand in Mother's, Dorothy came down the stairs to find Mollie.

—Adapted

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## FROM THE JUNGLE OF SIN INTO THE GRACE OF GOD

(Continued)

Then on leaving Moose Jaw a car came along and the driver stopped to pick me up. As I got into the car, there on the dash board right before my eyes were these words, "Jesus saves, are you saved?" I didn't know whether to stay in or get out, as I wanted nothing of this. I didn't realize that here God was giving me a chance and a way out of sin and into peace and security. The driver didn't waste much time in asking me about my spiritual life. I wasn't much help because I had never read the Bible, and besides I was a Catholic and not interested in other's religion. However this man of God talked about the Lord all the way to Swift Current. **There on Main Street sitting on his car, he again patiently and in the simplest way, explained the way of Salvation by the grace of God and faith in Jesus Christ. I accepted this offer of free salvation, and Jesus Christ is now my personal Saviour and**

**Lord. To this very hour, I have not once regretted this step I have taken, for He alone can satisfy.**

### To Bible School

At the present time I am completing my second year Bible School. My life since becoming a Christian, has not been only a bed of roses, for among the roes are the thorns. Christ has not promised us an easy road, but at the end of the road it shall be all glory. Jesus says, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Your choice, as was mine, is of tremendous importance. It will mean either heaven or hell. Take no comfort in thinking there will be lots of company in hell. There is lots of company in jail, but each one must suffer his own punishment. Besides there is no comfort in seeing others suffer. Why not then today choose Jesus Christ, for life is so short and we have no as-

urance of tomorrow. In James 4:4 we read, ". . . For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." Life indeed is very brief and also very uncertain. Joshua, a great leader in Israel, admonished, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Tomorrow there may be judgement.

As for me, I thank my Lord that I am just a poor sinner saved by grace, I praise Him for the assurance of sins forgiven. The Lord calls you as He called me through Isa. 1:18, "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Amazing grace that the King of kings and Lord of lords, should be interested in us to ask us to reason together with Him. Indeed it would be hard to make an appointment with royalty or with the Prime Minister, but the King of kings invites you to come.

You may ask are there no more temptations? Indeed, Satan has direct- (Cont'd. page 8)





### NURTURE

The children were all helping Mommie plant garden today. The inevitable question came up, "Mommie, how long does it take until we can eat of the fruit of these watermelons and cucumbers we are planting now?"

"Well, it takes quite some time," Mother explains. "First, we're careful to prepare the ground, so the plants, will have good soil where they can get their food for the roots to grow. God sends the rain and sunshine so necessary for the development of the plants. Should there be danger of frost we may have to cover them. We have to pull out the weeds so they won't smother the young plants. When the plants are mature they produce the fruit we enjoy so much."

Does it not remind us of the precious plants God entrusts to us, our children? How we should nurture (them, not only physically, but also spiritually, in the warm atmosphere of a Christian home? Eph. 6:4. They need their food, God's Word, in a simple form they can readily assimilate. They need the sunshine of our love and the rain of discipline. Its our duty to carefully weed out the undesirable actions that come up. Are we alert to the many ways Satan tries to sow tares in our children's hearts and in our homes? What do our children read, and what do we allow to come over the radio or even T.V. in our homes? Let us be on our guard lest Satan succeeds to sow his tares when we are not watching, and smother the good seed already sown.

May God be able to produce the fruit in our children. He desires even more than we do.

Only as we meet the conditions can we claim the promise "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

### WASHED CLEAN

Here you are my little tanned boy, snuggled down into your warm bed, and fast asleep. You didn't even give me time to wash your feet. You were so sleepy. I just undressed you and put you to bed. With a sigh and a grateful smile you fell asleep. Now I have time to take some of the dust off as you rest from a strenuous day of play and "helping" mother.

I wish I could always keep your feet clean as I do now. Someday, you will do it all by yourself. If I could only show you now how good it is to be clean. If we do get dusty we can always wash again. After a busy day we can wash off all the dust and dirt and rest comfortably.

That dust reminds me of sin, my little boy. At the end of a day we can always wash clean again. Jesus wants us to come to Him. He says He will wash us "whiter than snow". Then we will be happy as we go to sleep.

—Selected

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## WHAT A REAL HOME IS

**A real home is a gymnasium.** The ideal of a healthy body is the first one to give a child.

**A real home is a lighthouse.** A lighthouse reveals the breakers ahead and shows a clear way past them.

**A real home is a playground.** Beware of the house where you "dassen't" frolic—there mischief is brewing for someone.

**A real home is a workshop.** Pity the boy without a kit of tools or the girl without a sewing basket. They haven't learned the fun of doing things—and there is no fun like that.

**A real home is a forum.** Honest, open discussion of life's great problems belongs originally in the family circle.

**A real home is a secret society.** Loyalty to one's family should mean keeping silent on family matters—just this and nothing more.

**A real home is a health resort.** Mothers are the natural physicians.



**A real home is a co-operative league.** Households flourish where the interest of each is made the interest of all.

**A real home is a business concern.** Order is a housewife's hobby. But order without system is a harness without a horse.

**A real home is a haven of refuge.** The world does this for us all: it makes hunger for a loving sympathy and a calming, soothing touch.

**A real home is a temple of worship.**

—Covenanter Witness and Heart to Heart

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### THAT BLESSED PLACE OF PRAYER

"There is a place where thou can'st touch the eyes

Of blinded men to instant perfect sight;

There is a place where thou can'st say, 'Arise'

To dying captives bound in chains of night;

There is a place where thou can'st reach the store

Of hoarded gold and free it for the Lord;

There is a place upon some distant shore

Where thou can'st send the worker or the Word,

There is a place where heaven's resistless power

Moves to thine insistent plea;

There is a place, a silent trusting hour,

Where God Himself descends and fights for thee;

Where is that blessed place? Dost thou as 'where'?

O soul! It is the secret place of prayer!"

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## MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

ethical preaching? (3) What is the obligation of the pastor to the youth in the church? To what extent should he be involved with them? (4) How does the pastor involve every member in the work of the church?

The discussions encouraged loyalties, but recognized that the ultimate loyalty must be to Jesus Christ. Loyalties are developed when the pastor himself has a healthy loyalty, when person to person contacts allow this to be caught, when there is a healthy fellowship, and when the person is involved himself and knows the value of the program.

The evening discussion was on general problems and centered around the practical concern as to what is the Christian approach in a changing world. A philosophy of change which involve compromise with an evil world

The mission of the church must be a strong factor in our decisions.

The evening devotional was led by John Friesen (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan), of the Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church. He compared the Christian walk with God to breathing, and exhorted the brethren to grow until our walk of witness, prayer, and service is as natural as breathing.

Almost all the participants stayed till the conclusion of the entire conference. H. P. Fast (Omaha, Nebraska), of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church presented the Thursday Bible study from Ephesians on the theme "The Minister in His Responsibilities Beyond the Congregation."

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He encouraged the ministers again to think of this subject in the light of their calling of God.

The panel discussion on this topic was led by Nelson Kauffman (Elkhart, Indiana).

The final session was a testimony meeting. The spirit of the conference was caught up in this meeting and the closing devotional of Erland Waltner climaxed the total fellowship. Recognizing that this was the first time this group so met, he reminded the group that the late H. S. Bender had had this vision and had longed for this day. Reading Acts 28:15 he noted that this group of ministers had met as brethren. The purpose had not been to organize, make decisions, or formulate statements. Mennonite ministers are members of each other in the household of faith. The meetings were Christ-centered, Word-centered, and also church-centered broadly speaking. Members of the group opened up to each other right from the start even though they may have cringed a bit at times as honest discussion proceeded. The spirit throughout the sessions has been as with Paul, one of giving thanks to God. The group has thanked God for the Lord Jesus Christ, the Church, the brotherhood, and the individual brother met in the meeting. Like Paul the group has also taken

courage. The times may be difficult, but each one can have courage to face himself, his church, and the ones to whom he should witness.

The sessions closed with a period of sentence prayers as God was thanked and intercession was made for one another.

E.M.C. delegates were, Archie Penner, Frank Reimer and Harvey Plett.

Arnold C. Roth

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## COMING EVENTS

**June 29 - July 1** Annual Conference of the Evangelical Mennonite Conference at Rosenort (Morris), Manitoba. **Saturday, June 29**, will be devoted to ministerial and conference council sessions.

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**July 14 to 18** Mennonite Writers Conference at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg.

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**July 3-21** A united tent campaign will be held with Rev. G. Brunk as speaker. The tent will be located at the Central School in Steinbach.

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## CARL MILLS

ed some cruel attacks toward me, but through Christ I have obtained the victory, and has not been able to knock me off the Rock, which is Christ. He has promised to be with us even unto the end of the world, and with Job I rejoice, "For I know that my Redeemer liveth . . ." **Do You?**

**ED.** Carl Mills was one of the 11 baptismal candidates at the Wymark E.M.C. Church this spring. He was baptized and received into the church by the same man who had on that eventful day in November, 1960, led him to the Lord, Arnold Fast. Shall we pray for Brother Mills as he faces tests and temptations. Any one wishing to have reprints of Carl's testimony in tract form may write to Rev. Arnold Fast, Wymark, Sask. for information.

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