

# LOOK

## ON THE FIELDS



... white already to harvest.—John 4:35

Brethren in Christ Missions — January, 1957

## Canadian Church to Open New Work In Hamilton, Ontario

By action of the Ontario Joint Council a new work has been authorized for Hamilton, Ontario, in cooperation with the Home Mission Board, with a building program to begin late in 1957.

Hamilton, fifth largest city of Canada, is the largest steel producing center in the country with 500 industries. Its large harbor at the western end of Lake Ontario is assured of continued expansion by virtue of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In action of far-reaching significance the Ontario Church through its Church Extension Committee plans to spearhead the opening of new points of Brethren in Christ witness. To implement this action an annual financial objective is authorized by the

O. J. C., such funds to be "used as grants in initiating the building of new churches in new areas."

Surveys of various locations in Hamilton indicated that the percentage of aggressive evangelical witness is quite small. A team of Brethren in Christ young people made three surveys contacting 600 homes, 30% of which by their own assertion attended no church. Seventy per cent of the residents own their own homes.

The schedule calls for a building program to begin in the latter part of this year with the work to open with a full-time pastor not later than the fall of 1958.

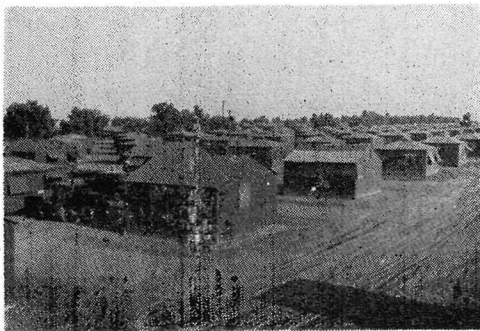
May the entire church be much in prayer for this work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



## Migrant Work Established

A new Home Mission Pastorate made its quiet beginning in mid-October when the Carl Wolgemuths conducted their first service at farm labor "Camp 4." This camp, one of the larger cotton camps in the Huron, California community has about 100 small quonset cabins and space for many trailers. At the north end of the camp stands the chapel, a double-sized quonset, a former cook-house recently set aside for church.

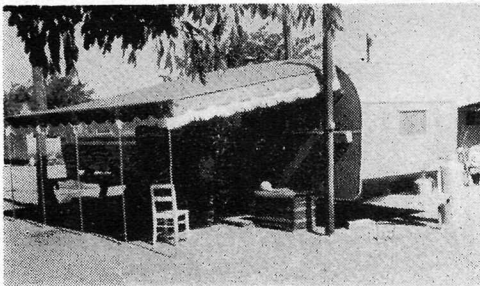
Interest among teen-agers in Sunday evening services led to a series of Campfire services outside the chapel during November and early December. Singing choruses and gospel songs to the accompaniment of the guitar the group are prepared to listen to testimonies and a short, pointed Gospel message at the close of the fireside service.



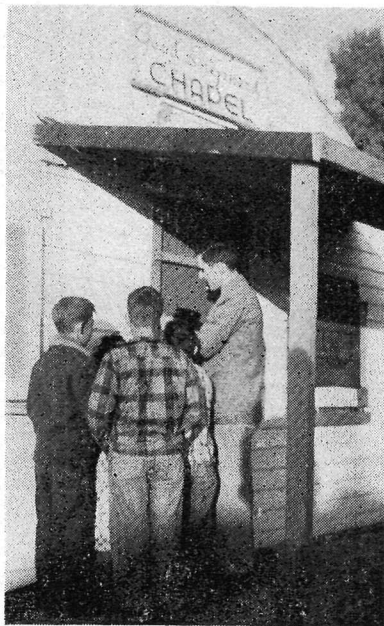
A "Cotton Camp" near Huron, California

"The nicest thing I've seen since I've come to California!" was one person's delighted description of a Thanksgiving Campfire and Dinner. One hundred people gathered, listening quietly to the Thanksgiving message, "Thanks be unto God for His Unspeakable Gift." Then the people entered the chapel to enjoy a turkey dinner. This much appreciated service was only possible through the cooperation of many people.

Life is drab and tragically barren for the migrants. The privilege of sharing with the Mennonite Service Unit and others in a ministry to these people is much appreciated. The camp folks now have opportunity for activities under a Christian influence—after-school Bible Clubs with



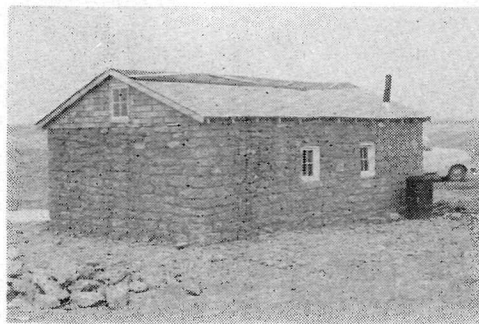
The "Parsonage" in Huron, Calif.



Sunday School boys, eager to help Carl Wolgemuth arrange the chapel for service.

handcrafts for children, recreation for the teen-agers, and sewing classes for mothers.

The outlook for the permanence of the work is brightened by developments in the growing Huron community. With some ranchers employing more full-time workers it is likely that some of the migrants will become permanent residents. Some interest among townspeople in a community church may present new opportunities to us. As the Lord's plan is revealed we request your prayers that He will use His servants to meet the people's spiritual needs whatever may be the circumstances of their lives.



## Chaco Canyon Chapel

Near the site of United States' largest old building, (the Pueblo Bonito Indian ruins) the Brethren in Christ now have a small chapel to serve the community of Navajos in the vicinity of Chaco Canyon.

Built of native stone, in the character of the community, this house of worship stands to bear witness to a fact more glorious than all other conceptions—both of antiquity and of moderns—the power of God through the redeeming love of Christ.

Made possible, fundwise, by a California friend, the actual construction was done by Willie Yazzie, a young man who accepted the Lord on Easter Sunday, 1956. He with his family has been faithful in attending worship services since that time and has laid stone with a dedication that testified of his love for the Lord as few Navajo men have so far done.

Eight students in the mission school come from this area and a more active contact with their parents is envisioned. Bible schools have been held in this area for the past three summers.



I-W men, Marion Heisey and Earl Wolgemuth, serve at the Navajo Mission in New Mexico.

## I-W Unit at Navajo Mission

A two-man I-W unit is in service at the Navajo Mission. Marion Heisey and Earl Wolgemuth are filling significant posts on the staff of this ministry to the Navajos of northwestern New Mexico.

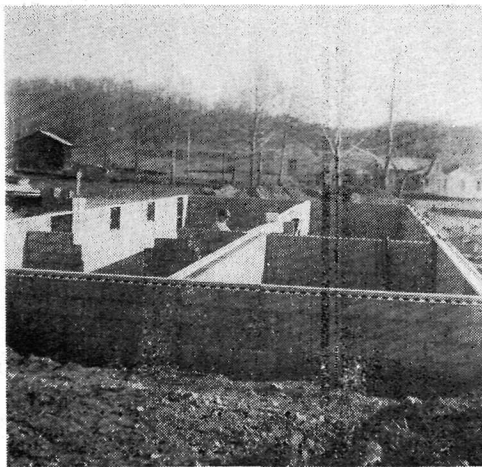
Serving as boys' supervisor and maintenance man, Earl Wolgemuth has been selected to succeed Charles Myers, Jr. who has served well in this area during the past two and a half years. Earl's talents with children make him an immediate blessing in helping to mold lives in the mission school.

Marion Heisey, fourth-year student at Ohio State, serves in the medical program besides operating the mission laundry for a compound averaging 75. He and Earl will be lending their varied talents in many phases of the missions activities.

A living unit for I-W personnel is planned for construction as soon as weather conditions make this feasible.

Obedience to the will of God will bring pain, hardship, self-denial, self-sacrifice, but it will also bring peace.

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New church at Knifley, Ky.

## Knifley Briefs

Late reports from Kentucky are that the new Knifley church is progressing. Stud-ding is up and they expect to have it under roof before long.

The new church, adjoining Evangel Clinic and the parsonage, stands at the edge of Knifley to minister to this rural community.

The clinic serves the community which does not have resident physician. The picture (below) shows patients waiting to see Dr. Shepherd on one of his periodic visits.



Waiting to see Dr. Shepherd at  
EVANGEL CLINIC.

## Stirrings in Sherman's Valley

Sherman's Valley has recently experienced a gracious revival. Among those who sought the Lord were parents in several homes. Families have been radically changed as God has been allowed to enter the hearts and bring a new life to honest seekers. Some have seen the blessing of entering into service for their new-found Lord.

Coinciding with the revival the Sunday school sponsored a successful *Forward* contest. A Rally Day, Cradle Roll Sunday and Missionary Sunday brought attendances that surpassed the goal of 100. The final Sunday climaxed the contest with invitation of "Mr. X" and "Mrs. X" from the community. This brought a peak attendance of 113.

This encouraging report is accompanied with a strong appeal for prayer support that these gains may be consolidated.



"Rally Day" at Sherman's Valley.

## Llewellyn Mission Expands

A growing work at Llewellyn, Pa. has been in an expansion program during the past year. This involved moving the chapel to a newly purchased plot adjoining the old location.

The building was moved onto a new foundation with basement for Sunday school rooms. An addition in the front provides one Sunday school room and a vestibule. At present the interior work is not yet completed.



A mission flittin'.

## Dedications

The Brethren in Christ Church at Hanover, Pa. was dedicated on January 6. Report on this significant event will be found on page four of this issue.

The Navajo Educational Center will be dedicated on March 24, 1957. Rev. Albert H. Engle will give the dedication address. A story of the development of this major unit of the Navajo Mission's ministry will appear in the March 11 issue of the *Visitor*.

The work at Llewellyn was begun in 1939 by a Brethren in Christ family in their home. Since 1942 it has been under the leadership of Brother and Sister Cyrus Landis, sponsored by the Home Mission Board. With cooperation of brethren from other districts in Pennsylvania and the dedicated labors of the pastor the work grew and improvements were made.

The task of moving the chapel was very difficult and expensive. A new heating system became necessary.

Brother Landis's illness made it necessary for him to move to a dryer climate (Colorado Springs) before the building program was completed. Brother Benton Jenkins is serving as pastor in an interim assignment.

## From the Executive Secretary's Files

*From a letter dated December 22 by Dr. Alvin Heise:*

"This has been an extremely busy time at the hospital. Yesterday at one time our hospital load reached its peak of 20 patients, with 11 adults filling every adult bed, including the labor bed. Three adults and 2 newborns were discharged to ease the load somewhat, but another child, and now another maternity patient have been admitted.

"You might wish in the near future to give a follow-up report with thanks to those who contributed to the purchase of our X-ray. In less than 10 months, it has been used for 355 different patients. (A Bucky grid at a cost of \$300 is a must for us in the very near future.)"

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*Report of a service near North Star Mission in Saskatchewan by Lorne Lichty*

At Candle Lake on December 17, thirty-five people were present to a service when the temperature was 45 degrees below zero.

## '56—Year of Blessing at Detroit

The feeding program at the Detroit Mission (begun Nov. 1955) has completed a year of operation. During 1956 there were 9219 meals served.

A "means to an end," this feeding program has shown some encouraging results. Attendance at mission services for 1956 was 12,976 compared with 4,461 during the previous year.

Many souls have knelt at an altar of prayer and have been graciously saved. One significant development is that the feeding program has brought a better class of men to the services, sober and concerned about their condition. From these real substantial victories have been won in the lives of some.

Bro. and Sr. Ralph Palmer joined the mission staff in October 1956. Brother Palmer will be serving as pastor at the Mission while Brother Paul Hill serves as superintendent and pastor of the Detroit Church. Sr. Erma Hoke, following four years of valuable service, has left Detroit for service in her home state. Sr. Florence Faus also has returned to her home community after a period of service during which time she endeared herself to the people.



## 422 Guerrero St., San Francisco

On a lot 35' x 141' stands the new location of the San Francisco Mission. Adjacent to it is a Texaco service station on a corner lot with a nice sized parking lot that should be available to people attending services on Sunday morning.

The advertisements on the North side of the building are posted by an advertising company whose lease expires in about one year. After that the upper space could be used for religious advertising or posting the church name.

Entering the main chapel entrance is a room on the right that could be used as a study or church office. To the left are rest rooms and several rooms that could be

used as Sunday School classrooms. The auditorium is about 85 feet in length with a width of 28 feet in back and 20 feet in the front.

The new location will make possible a ministry to families in a better area of the city. There is considerable feeling on the part of Christians that the work on Sixth Street should be continued as a rescue mission. For later developments watch the missions pages of the *Visitor*.

## Mission Alumni

Following are some established congregations of the church which have graduated from a mission status:

UPLAND, California—Upon recommendation of the Kansas State Council, General Conference and the Mission Board gave supervision of that "mission work" to the Kansas church. It was organized into a district by the General Conference of 1904.

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa.—transferred to congregational status in organized district in 1922.

LANCASTER, Pa.—graduated in 1928.

DES MOINES, Iowa—joined the Iowa district in 1932.

MOORETOWN CENTER, Michigan—transferred to the Michigan district in 1934.

DALLAS CENTER, Iowa—Iowa district in 1936.

GRANVILLE, Pa.—became a member of the Juniata-Mifflin and Lykens Valley District in 1945.

DAYTON, Ohio—has been a member of the Southern Ohio District since 1951.

WELLAND, Ontario—the most recent alumnus, 1955.

At the present time two points are in the Home Mission Board's "vestibule" of congregational status, the "Mission Church" classification. They are:

ORLANDO, Florida and SALEM, Oregon.

## H M B Briefs

(From their mid-year meetings)

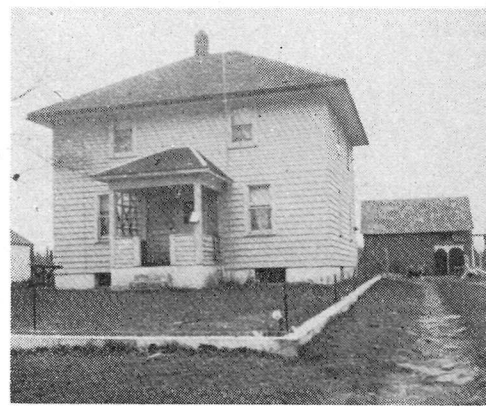
Grantham, Pa. January 4—

The Home Mission Board approved plans for building a 30' x 50' addition to the Albuquerque church.

God is blessing the work in the new quarters (422 Guerrero St.) in San Francisco.

The Chaco Canyon Chapel, a unit of the Navajo Mission program 20 miles south of the main station, is nearing completion. This unit was financed by a couple from California.

The Home Mission Board has gone on record to solicit an active interest in Annuities.



Parsonage originally built for Walsingham Center Church now in B. in C. hands.

## Houghton Mission District Obtains Parsonage Through Local Financing

A new parsonage at Walsingham Center is the latest development in the Houghton Mission area. Located adjacent to the Walsingham Center church this building was originally the parsonage when the church was maintained by another group. It was purchased for \$5000 and is a substantial building. This fact plus its advantageous location should be a blessing to the work there.

The present mission home (at Houghton) will be sold for approximately \$2500 and the balance needed to pay the parsonage will be paid by the local residents. The three congregations (Houghton Center, Frogmore, and Walsingham Center) have accepted the total obligation for this project with no solicitation from the church.

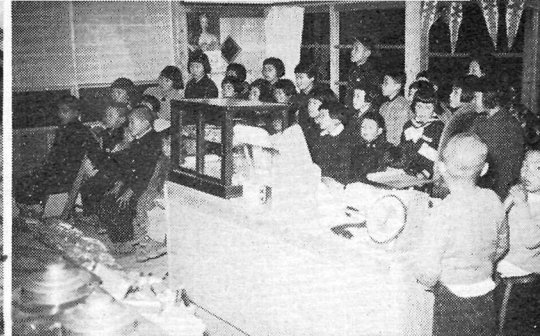
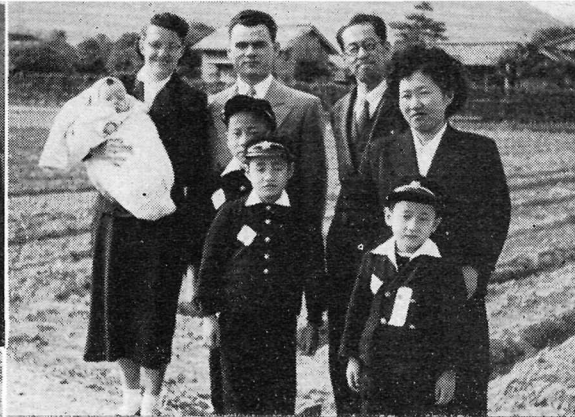
It is to be expected that these mission congregations will prosper through this venture.

## Hanover Dedication

"This is the day the Lord hath made," was sung while the sun was shining beautifully on that midwinter day, January 6, 1957. The day was preceded by over a year of hard work beginning with the ground-breaking service on November 21, 1955, and actual construction in January 1956. In October, the congregation began worshipping in the basement where a gracious revival was conducted.

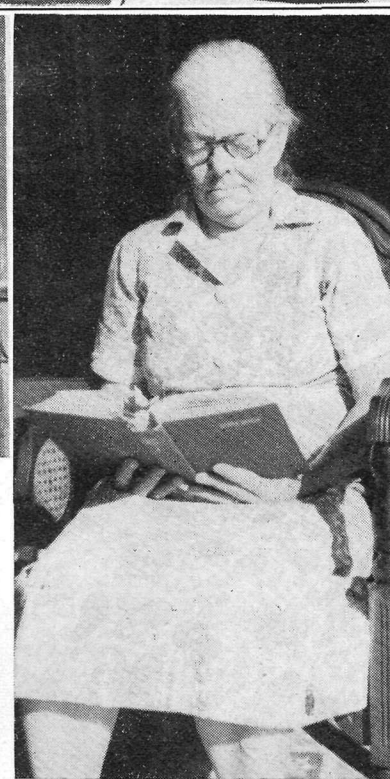
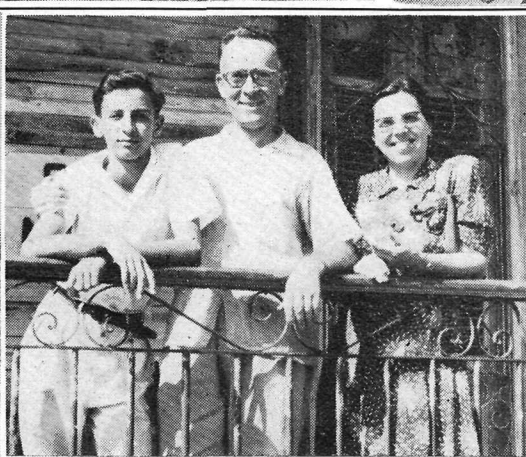
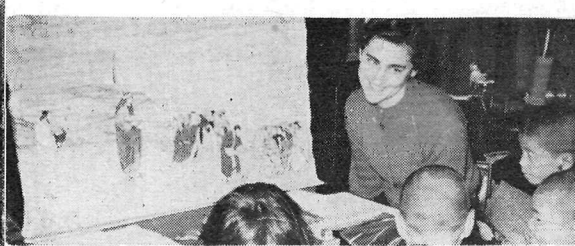
The dedicatory sermon, "Building a Church for a Modern World," by Bishop Luke Keefer was a real challenge to Brethren in Christ loyalty to the Bible and opportunity for service.

The treasurer's report indicated the cash cost of the building and lot to be about \$30,000 and an indebtedness of about \$20,000. God moved on our hearts to reduce this debt by nearly \$1800. What we saw and heard at Hanover on January 6, caused us to say, "What Hath God Wrought!"



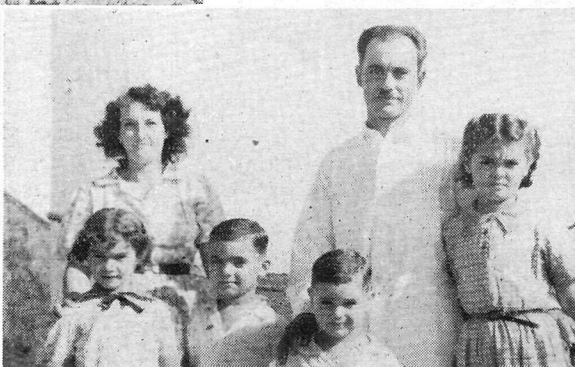
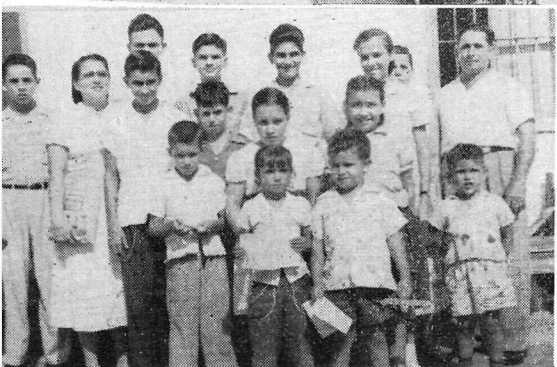
## JAPAN

The Bible study hour (above, left) with Bro. Willms and Aburatani-san, chairman of three church elders, who requests this weekly meeting in his home as an aid in his overcoming the problems which face him as a Christian.—Left: A baptism scene.—L. below: Thelma Book and Kanakubo-san pass rice straw stacks on way to Yamasaki-san's — Above: The three Miyamoto boys and Margaret Joane Willms were dedicated in the first children's dedication service in the Hagi Brethren in Christ Church.—Below: Mrs. Book giving the lesson at Yamasaki-san's house.—Above, r.: A meeting in a store in Misumi area, now moved to a barber shop due to illness at the store.—Right: Dedication of church elders (pastoral leaders) for a three-month term. Bro. Willms offers the dedication prayer as (l. to r.) Sugiyama-san and Aburatani-san (two of the elders) kneel before him. To his right are Hadasensei, the blind evangelist, and Kanadubo-san, the interpreter.



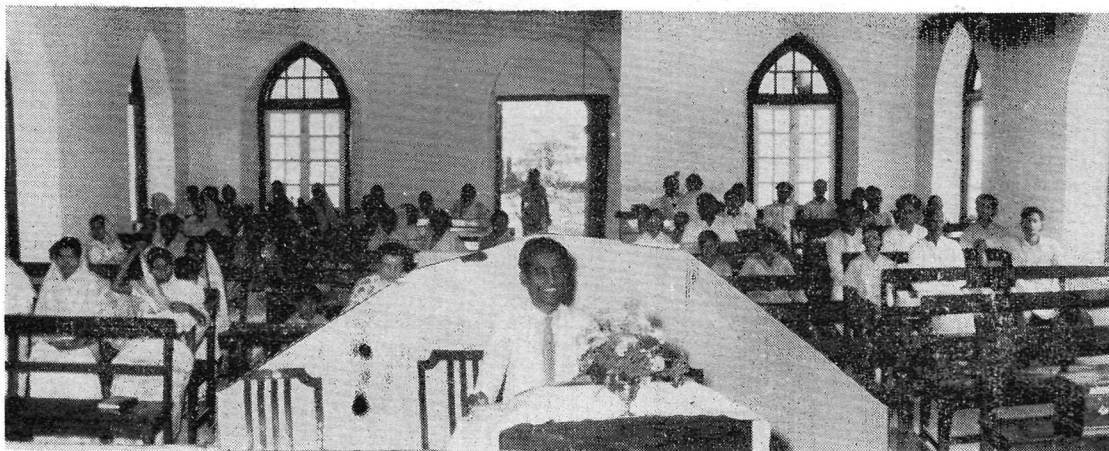
## CUBA

The Wolgemuths (above) with a Cuban boy, Edwardito, who would like to be a minister of the Gospel.—At left, a baby dedication service.—The Sunday school at Portugalete (lower, l.) at a sugar mill.—Below: The Ramon Llanes family, the most faithful family in the Cuban church. He was a spiritualist before he was saved, but now enjoys the marvelous leading of God in his family.—Below, r.: Sunday school at Mella, the thatched-roof village.—Right: Caridad Perez, 70, saved and baptized, loves her Bible because she found Jesus after so many years.



# INDIA

*"And let him that  
heareth say come,  
and him that is  
athirst come."*



Rev. S. N. Rai leads Sunday morning worship service



A service with the Anglo-Indians



Superintendent



The baptism of fourteen young people



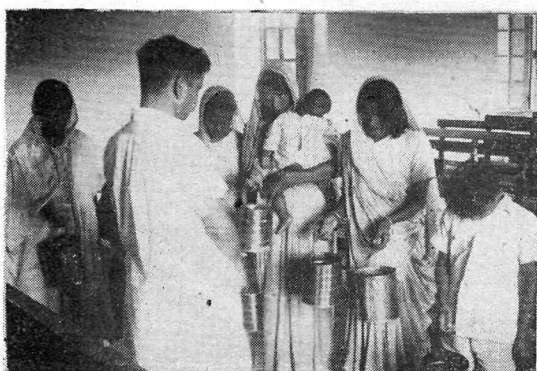
Barjora women's meeting



Pastor D. J. Roy  
Madhipura



Recitation of Bible Memory work



The women take out a handful of rice at each meal. Rev. Charan receives one week's collection. It will help enlarge Barjora Church.



Paul Singh, convert  
from Hinduism



Saharsa Children's Bible School

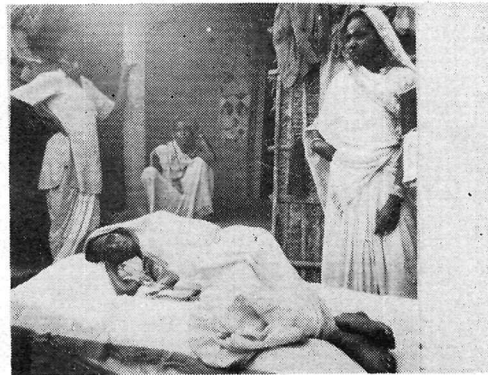
"I was sick and ye visited me"—



The infant



The aged



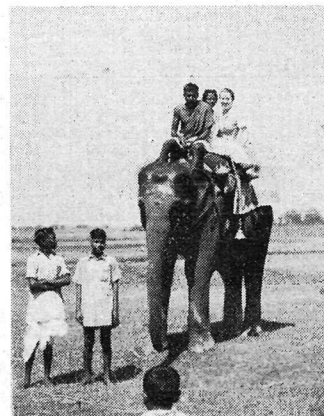
The distressed



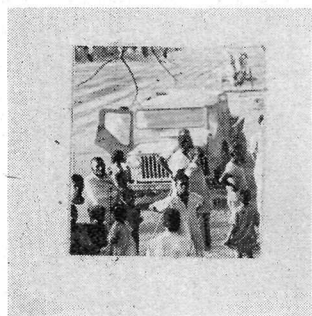
The ambulance!



The new hospital — Madhipura



Out by elephant



Out by jeep.



Patients at Hospital Ward—Saharsa



Relief milk recipients



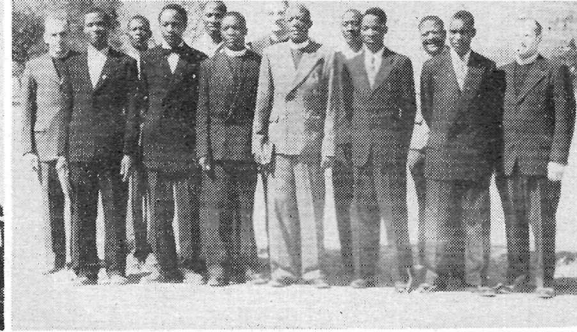
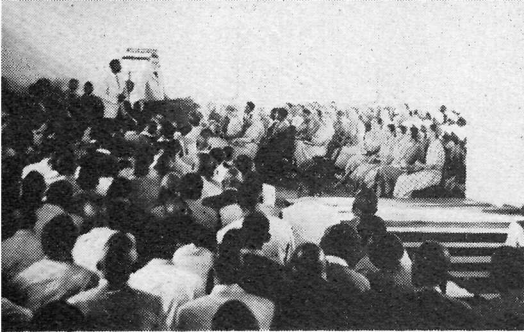
Anglo-Indian Twins



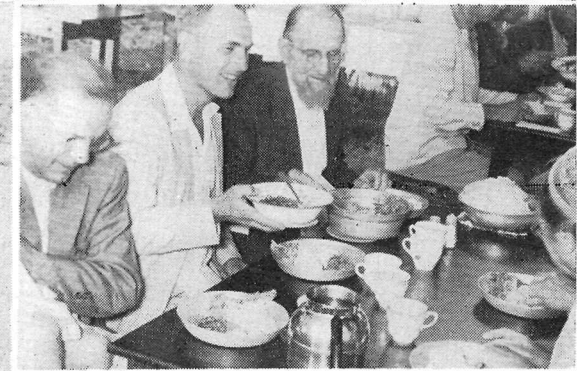
Busy day at Barjora



The feeble



## AFRICA



The African Church Conference (above) in session. Teacher John Moono is interpreting.—(l. to r. down the page.)  
 The African Church Committee for Northern Rhodesia (l. to r.): Rev. A. G. Brubaker, Evangelist Simon Munsaka, Deacon Machisi Mukonka, Simon Mudenda (Headmaster of Macha Central Day School), Deacon Apoleni Moone, Rev. Sampson Mudenda (Overseer), Bishop A. M. Climenhaga, Rev. Peter Munsaka (Overseer), Deacon Taulo Chyooma, John Moono (Head Teacher, Macha Mission Girl's School), Arthur Kutuywayo (Industrial Teacher, Sikalongo Mission Boy's School), Jonah Moyo (Head Teacher, Lupata Outstation), Rev. I. M. Stern. — Mfundisi Dube and his faithful wife sitting on the veranda of the house he was building when he suffered a stroke in Sept. 1955, his right arm and leg are paralyzed. — Four African ministers with two bishops: S. Mudenda, I. Musser, A. Climenhaga, N. Dlodlo, M. Kumalo, P. Munsaka. — Bro. Lady's heaped plate, Bro. Book's appreciative smile, and Bro. Musser's keen anticipation at a special African meal of porridge, chicken and swiss chard cooked a la African greens style with peanut butter. — Boarding School girls marching from morning prayers; 315 enrolled. — Central Primary Board School staff. — Staff of the three Mtshabezi Mission Units and Hospital: Dr. Kauffman on right and Gladys Lehman at left; Mtshabezi Outstation, Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Sider and two children (left center of picture); Mtshabezi Mission, Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Frey and two children (right of center), Lois Davidson (to their right), Mildred Myers, 2nd from left of picture and Ruth Hunt next. — Mtshabezi Primary Day School Teaching Staff. — One of the three five-room teachers' residences. — 1956 Building Course boys who supplied much of the labor for building of the Lower Teacher Training school to open at Mtshabezi in 1957. — New teacher training building, 4 classrooms and 2 offices. — Primary Day School pupils and staff — 350 enrolled! Pray for them.

