

# J. B. Klassen Lectures on Russian Mennonite Life and Artistry

J. P. Klassen, professor of art and German at Bluffton College, gave an illustrated lecture on the life of the Russian Mennonites at the regular meeting of the Mennonite Historical Society in the assembly hall, Friday evening at 7:30.

Professor Klassen's rich background of personal experience qualifies him to speak authoritatively on this subject. He is a native Russian and received his higher education in theology and art in Switzerland, Berlin, and Munich. Along with thousands of other Russian Mennonite conscientious objectors between the ages of twenty-one and fifty-five, Professor Klassen rendered alternative Red Cross service during World War I.

After the war he taught in a Mennonite college for two years and then helped to negotiate the immigration of thirty-thousand Russian Mennonites to Paraguay and Canada. Professor Klassen came to the United States in 1924 and has been a member of the faculty at Bluffton since that time.

To illustrate his lecture Professor Klassen showed slides of his own art work that vividly portrayed the life of the Russian Mennonites — their pre-World War I prosperity, their sufferings during the revolution, their search for a new home. Exiles in Siberia who are still able to sing praises to God, and relief workers showing brotherly kindness to the needy represent for him the true spirit of our Mennonite belief.

Professor Klassen's message enriched our understanding of our Mennonite heritage and increased our sympathy with our brothers in other lands.

## DEBATERS TRAVEL OVER WEEK-END

Goshen College took a new step forward in forensic activities this year when the debate squad participated in a large Ohio tournament at Bowling Green University. Friday and Saturday, March 23, 24. This is the first time Goshen College debate teams ever attended an Ohio tournament. Other schools represented were: University of Pittsburgh, Western Reserve, University of Toledo, University of Akron, University of Central Michigan, University of Detroit, Heidelberg College, Otterbein College, and Bowling Green State University.

Goshen College was represented by two teams: Elaine Sommers and Gerald Studer, affirmative, and Lois Yake and Don Berry, negative. Professor Umble accompanied the group. Each team debated five times, a total of ten debates of which the Goshen affirmative won three. Our teams met some of the strongest in the tournament, including some who tied for first place. The negative team met four teams which won four out of their five debates.

Professor H. Harold Hartler also accompanied two teams to Anderson College on Friday, March 23; Alvin Zeiset and Dick Pickering, affirmative, and Vivian Busby and Bob Keller, negative. This was to be a tournament with several schools participating, but Goshen was the only one who was able to be there. Goshen teams participated in three debates, our negative team winning one.

## PROFESSOR WENGER VISITS LANCASTER COUNTY

Professor J. C. Wenger left the campus Friday afternoon, March 16, enroute to eastern Pennsylvania to serve as guest speaker at the East Chestnut Stree Church in Lancaster. "Our Mennonite Heritage" was the Conference theme. There was one meeting on Saturday evening and three on Sunday. The climax of the services was Sunday evening when the building was filled to capacity. Jacob E. Brubaker, Clarence's father, is one of the ministers at East Chestnut Stree.

## PRIORITIES RECEIVED FOR NEW HEATING PLANT

The following information regarding priorities for the new heating plant to be built at Goshen College has just been released by Business Manager, C. L. Graber.

The W.P.B. has granted Goshen College an AA-3 priority rating for the purchase of materials to be used in construction of the heating plant. To understand the significance of this rating the following information is offered. The first group of priority ratings run from AA-1 to AA-10. AA-1 ratings are issued to war plants and concerns doing war work. For replacements and repairs Goshen College has a priority rating of AA-2X which is in the second group and two notches below the AA-10 rating.

The architect has specified Kewanee boilers, and the College has been fortunate in getting a promise of shipment for April 1. As far as can be ascertained all of the materials will be available. However, delivery on some items will be delayed as much as sixty days.

The architect is now making the final drawings for the plant which will be located, as now planned, along the Big Four railroad east of the old interurban sub-station. The main steam trench is to be the first thing constructed. The steam shovel will be on the grounds this week to start the work.

## PROFESSORS ATTEND INSTITUTE AT MEDARYVILLE

A conscription Institute was held at CPS camp No. 28 at Medaryville, Indiana, March 18, 19. Professors Erb and Hershberger and Dean Bender were present at the Institute. The problem studied at this institute was "What should be the Christian's attitude toward peacetime conscription: a. now? b. if it becomes a law? The session leaders were Roy Wenger, general chairman, and Dean Bender.

This conference was planned to open a discussion on the problem of conscription and was exploratory in nature. There were four sessions to the Institute at which time the following topics were considered: "An Analysis of Conscription," "The Christian's attitude Toward the Problem," "Expressing Ourselves on Peacetime Conscription," and "What have we Learned from CPS."

This Institute was attended by delegates from CPS units in the central states and several representatives of the MCC.

## MISS GOOD VISITS HESSTON

Miss Viola Good, dean of women, left last Monday, March 19, for Hesston College where she solicited students who are finishing their work there and wish to come to Goshen. She stayed in Chicago one day and then went on to Hesston. While at Hesston Miss Good was the guest of Verna Burkholder and Lois Litwiller, former Goshen College students who are now on the Hesston faculty.

Although solicitation of students was the main purpose of the trip, Miss Good also studied the personnel setup at Hesston.

Good Friday evening, March 30, the Collegiate Chorus will present a program of Easter music. Several of Professor Hartzler's vocal students will also be featured. The hour for the program has not been definitely arranged. Watch the bulletin board.

The French Club met in Adelphi Hill from 7:00 to 8:00 on Mar. 26, at which time two films were shown: one on Marseilles and another on Paris. In addition to seeing the picture the group sang some French songs and did further planning on the clothing kit for a French child.

The French Club is planning a public program to be given sometime in April.

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## CABINET MEMBERS CHOSEN

YPCA cabinet offices were filled last week when the chairmen of the various committees were chosen. Committee members will be appointed in the near future. "Y" presidents are Elizabeth Hershberger and Harould Bauman; secretaries: Marie Moyer and Ray Bair.

The Extension Committee will be under the leadership of Wilma Hollopeter and Clifford Snyder. Their work includes visitation and the maintenance of the mission Sunday schools at East Goshen and Locust Grove, the distribution of tracts, and the sending out of Gospel Teams. Elaine Sommers an Elbert Smith will head the Devotional Committee in sponsoring the Thursday devotionals, weekly prayer meetings, breakfast devotionals, and distribution of the Upper Room. The leaders of the Mission Study Committee are Catherine Hernley and John Hess. They will continue the work on the bulletin board which presents their findings in mission study. The Emergency Service Committee will be under the direction of Winifred Erb and Abe Wiebe. They provide Saturday athletics for community boys, keep students informed on CPS work, and sponsor other projects. Ruby Hostetler and Kenneth Heatwole will head the Church and School Relations Committee. This committee works with Hesston College and the Eastern Mennonite School and gives several programs during the year. Financial needs of the "Y" will be under the supervision of Grace Miller and Paul Friesen on the Finance Committee. Mable Brunk and Wilbur Miller, as chairmen of the Membership Committee will sponsor the annual membership drive, appoint "big sisters" for freshmen girls, and prepare the next "Y" handbook. Mary Nafziger and David Derstine will take up the duties of the Social Committee. They plan the get-acquainted social, men's mixer and thimble party, homecoming banquet and musicale, after-dinner programs, gym parties, and other activities.

## Items Five - For Spring

Spring — for the farmer it means plowing and sowing; for the housewife new wall-paper and clean windows; for the poet and Audubon a commencing of rambles through woods and fields. But to G. C. students spring means more intense studying and perhaps extra work in preparing for a banquet or spring festival. In fact, it almost looks this year like many of the girls will be deprived of their one spring pleasure, a new dress.

But you and I must determine not to allow the accelerated program to let us lose the feeling of spring. However, instead of letting up on studying, what about bringing spring into our school life even if we don't have time for rambles.

Item number one I have already tried and it works. You try it, too. In a vase in my room I have a few cherry branches which have developed from brown buds to little leaves in a week. If I put them by my bed when they bloom I can imagine I'm in a boat floating down the Potomac amid the Japanese cherry trees, can't I? Oh yes, and when they blossom it will be a pleasure to read Housman's poem again.

Did you ever blow out an egg? Well, here are directions. First make a pin hole in the small end of the egg and a somewhat larger hole in the other end. Blow the inside out through the larger hole.

## Students to Serve Church Through Summer Projects

### DR. GAGE SECURED AS COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Goshen College is fortunate in securing as commencement speaker, Harry M. Gage, president of Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri, who is not only an outstanding scholar, but is also intensely interested in Christian Education. He was one of the two men who visited the campus to examine Goshen College before it was admitted into the North Central Association.

Dr. Gage was formerly president of Huron College, and of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. For twelve years he was chairman of the Committee on Higher Education of the NCA, and for many years has been a leader in other educational activities of the NCA. Since 1926 he has been a member of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. Here, too, he has been an able leader in Christian educational and other church activities. For several years he served as president of the National Conference of the Church Related Colleges.

From his first contacts with Goshen College, has shown a genuine interest in the school as it represents the beliefs and practices of the Mennonite Church. This is evidenced by the following quotation from his letter of acceptance to President Miller's invitation to speak on May 1, at the fiftieth anniversary commencement: "Going to Goshen College will be a sort of home-coming for me. Intellectually and spiritually you stand for so much that pleases me and in which I find a durable satisfaction."

Dean Levi Hartzler will spend this week in soliciting students for next year.

In last Wednesday's chapel, certain service units and projects were discussed. Dean Bender was the first to speak in behalf of of three major projects which will last from four to nine weeks during the summer months in Detroit, Canton, and West Liberty, and depending upon the number of volunteers a project might be opened in Culp, Arkansas. Workers will find a combination of Bible school work and church building as their major interests if they choose one of these units which are now in the experimental stage.

The projects in Detroit and Canton, O., involve the organization of summer Bible schools, survey work, and work on church buildings. Those interested in serving in an orphanage may join the unit at West Liberty, O., where the children are in definite need of recreational, sewing, and manual training. Two summer Bible schools are in demand in this vicinity, and the work is to be spread to Marion, Springfield, and Dayton, O. These units will be self-sustaining with an allowance of about \$25 for pocket money for each unit member.

The fourth unit at Culp, Arkansas, will involve carpentering and missionary work. Dean Bender will be glad to give any further information concerning these projects.

In Jacob Weirich's absence, President Miller read a letter from A. J. Metzler who wrote in behalf of workers for Laurelville Camp, near Mount Pleasant, Pa. Six or eight people will be needed there for general repair work and kitchen work. In addition to the board and regular pay there is the advantage of church fellowship and activities. Further information may be secured by writing directly to Laurelville Camp, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., R. R. 2.

Miss Gunden, previous director of the Ypsilanti Women's unit was the third to speak, on the subject of work for girls in mental institutions. The MCC has made arrangements for 15 summer attendants at Ypsilanti, 15 at Kalamazoo, 20 at Cleveland, 25 at Poughkeepsie and 10 at Warnersville. If possible another unit will be assigned secretarial work and duties connected with clothing distribution in Akron, Pa. Women directors for these units are to be selected from our church schools. No educational credits are required for this work, only a sincere desire to serve and strong mental and physical constitutions. The planned twelve week period between June 6 and August 22, is subject to variations, however, more information can be secured through pamphlets which are being prepared by the MCC.

The coming summer promises to be a busy one for students who are interested in constructive work. Fields of necessary Christian service have been realized for some time by the church, but until the present time these fields have gone unopened.

### MRS. AVA HORST TO TEACH IN SUMMER SCHOOL

Mrs. Ava Horst, who is an instructor of home economics and art at Eastern Mennonite School will teach foods, clothing and child welfare in the summer school here. She graduated from Madison College at Harrisonburg, Va. She is married to Ervin Horst, who is the publication officer of the Mennonite Central Committee at Akron, Pa.

This year the Good Friday and Easter stories grip me more than  
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## PASSION WEEK MEDITATION PERIOD

A long time ago two men were walking along a road to a village. They were sad and puzzled. Their outlook on life seemed dark indeed. Then Jesus appeared to these men who were going to Emmaus, and the things He said made their hearts burn within them. He straightened out their crooked thinking and left a note of triumph where sorrow had been before.

As Christians today we, too, can have this same experience of talking to Christ and having Him speak to us. Especially as we are now in the Passion Week, is the opportunity a precious one. The devotional committee of the Y has made provision that throughout this week a period for private meditation and prayer be set aside in each dormitory from 7:20 to 7:40 in the morning. At this time students will be in their own rooms, and there will be no noise in the halls. The entire campus will be praying and meditating on the suffering Christ.

If it is necessary for you to work at this time in the kitchen or elsewhere, remember for the sake of your fellow students to be quiet when going through the halls. The cooperation of each student will make this quiet period a success and blessing to all.

—E.

To find nothing particularly stirring either good or bad is not an unusual dilemma for Record editors to find themselves in. Especially, too, if they are not in the mood to throw roses or if they have had their best platforms knocked out from under them. However, we are mighty glad to see the old platform, for more "bigger and better fire drills" on its last legs. It certainly was encouraging when the Emergency Service Committee again reminded the students, through Dr. Miller's chapel talk, of the necessity to keep cool and composed if and when a fire would develop in any campus building. And now the only thing left to do is to have a fire drill in the near future. So with this platform gone, the absentee faculty problem being very involved and too thin ice for us to stick our necks out too far, and also since it is so near the end of this school year, it's hard to distinguish which activities deserve comment.

However, one phenomenon we have observed on the campus toward the end of this semester is the rise of the use of visual education. Almost every organization has made use of it from Christian Worker's Band, language clubs, on through to classes, socials, and literary societies. It is interesting and gratifying to note the type and quality of the pictures shown. Along with this trend, it seems, come definite problems such as the care that must be taken in selection and presentation. This is more or less a new thing on our campus and future survey and evaluation should prove most interesting.

—P.

April Fool's Day, now just around the corner, is close enough to give us an iron-clad alibi for the errors which appear in this issue. We intended to make all of them, believe it or not.

## Y Reflections

### LIVING GRATEFULLY

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice,  
Which is more than liberty.

—Frederick W. Faber

The wideness of God's mercy is so boundless that we like to sing about it with grateful hearts. But we need to live gratefully, too! In times of crisis and during distressing experiences of life we turn to our Heavenly Father for comfort and sustaining grace. But when life goes smoothly, our nature often becomes independent.

What has this college year given to me for which I am grateful? I am thankful:

For enough learning to help me see the greatness in others with humility.

For friendships which make my heart warm, and for friends who have helped me develop possibilities for good by passing over my weaknesses.

For enough contracts with culture to teach me the refinement of simplicity.

For devoted and consecrated teachers.

For the opportunity to meet with Christian students and learn to respect their points of view even when they differ from my own.

For the mountain-top and valley experiences of special worship services and ordinary daily living which lead to the promotion of my spiritual life.

For growing understanding of what the wideness of God's mercy and love can do in human lives.

While we are on the campus, others stimulate us to attitudes of thanksgiving and praise; and we are reminded constantly of the goodness of God to us. The real test of grateful living will come when each of us is responsible for his own fellowship with God. May our goal be grateful living, whether in times of crisis or in times of busy prosperity.

O Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath; who keepest covenant and lovingkindness with thy servants, that walk before thee with all their heart. —I Kings 8: 23.

— G.G.

### WALK

I breathe deeply the spring air.  
I reach high.  
I grasp eagerly.  
God, life is so big, so beautiful, so multicolored.  
Let me have all . . .

You must learn My way, child.

### SPRING NIGHT

Oh look! See the moon  
Smiling through trees,  
Naked trees just being clothed  
With garments made by spring.

Oh listen, to frogs in the pond  
With a ga-lunk and brt, brt  
In an unceasing chorus  
They announce that it's Spring, Spring!

Oh see! The light on yonder hill  
Winkles and twinkles as if trying  
To outshine that star,  
The brightest of all the twinkling horde.  
—Eunice Hartman

### ZOOLOGY CLASS VISITS CHICAGO

"Retire early (8:15 o'clock) Friday night. Arise at 4:15 a. m. Saturday."

Those were the first rules on the guide sheet handed by Dr. Witmer to the students of the general zoology class. It referred to the class trip to Chicago on Saturday, March 24.

After eating a hearty breakfast in the kitchen at 4:45, eleven students, under the leadership of Dr. Witmer left in two autos for South Bend. Since only one auto was driving all the way to Chicago six people took the South Shore train from South Bend. Both groups went to the Lincoln Park Zoo where they met at 9:00 o'clock. This began a day of interest.

Many questions such as "Is that animal plantigrade or unguligrade? To which class does the zebra belong? What type of beak does this bird have? Is this an American Merganser? Does that monkey have a prehensile tail?" were heard during the morning as these eager students toured the zoo.

Eleven-thirty came too soon, for that meant, according to the guide sheet, that the group must start for the Museum of Natural History. On the way they stopped at the Art Museum spending exactly eleven minutes in the building.

After resting and eating lunch in a large dining room in the basement of the Museum of Natural History, they started out again. Most of the afternoon was spent studying skeletons, diagrams, animals and many things of especial interest to zoology students. Each student felt a bit proud

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## Over The Dam . . .

### Talk 'n stuff

Esther Eash and Mary K. Plank have gone into interior decorating. Quite an enterprise. Their first task was reconverting the North Hall social room into a family living room — children's toys, books, photographs. Many people passed through to observe; Wilma and Hess were the last to leave.

The College Library is quite complete. Marge Yoder goes to a shelf of books and withdraws a shoe. Unusual, but convenient.

Do you know the Gold dust twins? Neither do we, but we were wondering if they are related to some of our friends, the gold fish. In case you'd like to meet them—Esther Bohn's the mutual acquaintance.

Someone should see the International Cellucotton Products Co. about manufacturing larger Kleenex — large enough to serve the purpose of totally preventing giggles and stuffed squeals from the throats of Colleen, Beachy and Rox. For then, they could go places as stowaways in the rear of Davie's car.

### We fishies sing

"And we swam, and we swam

All over the dam"

but in the dining room they sing that worn-out birthday song. We admire G. C. students for remembering birthdays—nice homey tradition —only why doesn't somebody compose a new song, that's all tied up special for G. C. birthdays alone?

Red asked Bill if he had a date. Bill replied with a puzzled expression, "Well I've been wanda-ing!"

### Faculty Progeny

We heard that Neva's quite pleased that the fishes thought she's been behaving so well . . . However! . . . Sudermann's youngest says " . . . Neva . . . Springer . . ." Now, of course, he's been reviewing his list of acquaintances in that particular order, but then, "Out of the mouths of babes . . ."

Dr. Miller's son announces that Al Miller is well liked at the high school. He's making a hit with science, and . . . the girls.

Dr. Wenger's two young sons have definite ideas about their future vocations. The eldest has decided to be an engineer and run a big locomotive. The younger one is "going to go down to the College to teach 'Gweek'!"

Then there's Don Miller who's been . . . IMPRESSED! Weyburn didn't use the Miller car to take Thelma somewhere. He spent some time searching to rent one!

### The Faculty Themselves

Art Sprunger's influence is gripping, for when one of his students insisted she can play no more ping-pong as she must go and paint a deer, B. F. said with a B. F. laugh, "Shall I pose?"

Now getting around to American History class mentioned last time. History's being made, for when the professor is skeptical of remarks that have been accredited to him, the class turns to Studer who settles the doubt by referring to his very detailed notes.

Good-bye nice people. Success, and fast swimming,

—The fishies.

## News Parade . .

By Don Berry

(The opinions expressed in this and other columns, are those of the authors, and should not be construed as opinions of the college.)

"It won't be long now." While this statement is far from being the accurate truth, it does indicate an important new element in the Battle for Germany. Unconditional surrender may never come, except with the complete occupation of all Nazi territory; however it may come with as much celerity and surprise as did the armistice in 1918. The Red Army has broken a 65 mile stretch in the Hungarian line. A quick follow-up of this strategic success might well result in the joining of the siege for Vienna itself. The German forces west of the Rhine may have been completely wiped out. Thousands of Nazidom civilians are fleeing eastward — a sight that must be very similar to the trek of the refugees preceding the French debacle in 1940. Even as the Palatinate, Saar and Hesse are being occupied, reports are

being circulated of air-borne landings in the Ruhr, adding to the mounting hysteria of the German civilian population.

Among the liberated nations, no country has been subjected to any more unfair criticism than has Belgium. The complicated problems of the Belgian government are little understood here in America, a fact which may account for Elsa Maxwell's recent unsupported statement that "Pierlot was doing business with the Germans after he came back to power in Belgium." The Belgians are not asking for pity, but for what seems to be elementary justice. In his last speech to the Parliament, Premier Pierlot explained that for the first quarter of the current year, an import program of 250,000 tons of raw materials of various kinds had been drawn up in common agreement with the Allies. "Up to now," he declared, "nothing of this program has been fulfilled, apart from a few accessory deliveries to certain industries. There you have our situation. If it is not changed — there is no hiding the fact — the country will empty itself of what remains of its own

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# YEAR'S ACTIVITIES OF THE "Y"

The Young People's Christian Association of Goshen College is operated largely by members of various committees. Members of the YWCA and the YMCA were chosen to serve on committees for this school year. The annual report of their activities of the past school year was recently given to the "YM" president, Daniel Miller.

The Membership Committee published the 1944 YPCA Handbook, sponsored a Consecration Service for the new Y members on September 21, and sent Christmas cards to missionaries and colleges.

The Devotional Committee inaugurated a morning watch period in Coffman Hall, boosted the Nationwide-Bible-Reading on our campus from Thanksgiving to Christmas, distributed "The Upper Room" booklets and other devotional material to stimulate private devotions, and arranged for private prayer groups early in the fall.

The Social Committee, aside from sponsoring the annual get-acquainted and mid-winter socials, planned the homecoming events, hymn sings, after-dinner programs, serenades, and occasional Saturday evening entertainments.

The Emergency Service Committee sent the booklets "Portraits of Christ" to many men in CPS and the armed services at Christmas. They provided supervised recreation for community boys in the gymnasium every Saturday morning and visitation to the homes of invalids in the city. This committee held a quilting party during the school year to make comforters for relief, and also sponsored a clothing-collection drive for the MCC and also foreign relief.

The Church Relations Committee sponsored Nonconformity Week in November using the theme, "Christ's Way or the World's." Students were kept posted on contemporary church affairs by reading the Church Relations Committee bulletin board. This committee also sponsored "Read-Your-Church-Paper Week" and "Write-to-Your-Pastor-Week."

The Extension Committee each month placed religious posters in buses, city schools, barber shops, and other public buildings. They soon plan to erect two road signs. Roy Koch arranged and conducted street meetings in nearby towns on Saturday several times during the school year under the sponsorship of this committee. Monthly church services were held at the Elkhart County Farm beginning this last school year. The Committee sent out Gospel Teams to

Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Illinois over Christmas vacation, and teams were sent to Illinois and the Dunlap Evangelical Church during March. Some teams will be sent to New York and Michigan over the Easter week-end.

Since the year's activities for the Financial Committee and the Mission Study Committee are not yet completed, their reports are not available.

## FILMS SHOWN ON PORTUGAL AND INDIA

At 7:30 on Saturday evening, March 24, students enjoyed two sound films on Portugal and India shown in Adelphian Hall by Dr. Paul Bender.

The film on Portugal is part of the new "Forum Edition of the March of Time," a series of educational motion pictures that stress the social and economic background of current events. Another film in this series is scheduled for this school year, and the remaining six pictures will be shown during the spring and summer sessions.

The first film revealed scenes of the current economic, social, and religious life of tiny, neutral Portugal. Especially interesting in "East of Bombay" were the pictures of the customs and worship of religious groups in India.

## THE INQUISITIVE QUIZZER

Question asked: What do you think of the accelerated program?

Phyllis Roese, Junior—It's fine in that it doesn't have any spring vacation, but otherwise I think we get a too sketchy view of our courses in the length of time allowed.

Darwin O'Connell, Post Graduate—It has served its purpose, but now as we approach the close of the war it is expedient to discontinue.

Marge Scott, Junior—You don't have to work so hard the other way. There are certain advantages, such as a shorter period of time spent on education, but you might as well enjoy school when you can; you have to leave college too soon anyway.

Clara Esch, Freshman—I like it because I like to get exams over before Christmas.

Richard Yoder, Senior—Personally, I think it just about wears one out.

Miss Gunden, Professor of French and Spanish—I'm glad to see that it's drawing to a close.

## ZOOLOGY CLASS

### VISITS CHICAGO

(Continued from Page 2) when he saw labels saying Order Adontoceti, or Phylum Arachnoidea because he was sure that with a little thought, he could give a whole list of characteristics of that particular animal or insect.

Shedd Aquarium was the last place on the list, where many beautiful aquatic animals were displayed. Especially interesting were the different types of fish that had been studied in the class.

Five o'clock found a tired but happy group, ready to sit back and relax, realizing that they had seen and learned many new things that day.

The German Club had its monthly meeting March 19, when the annual poetry contest was held. The winners who each received the five dollar prizes were Emily Gerig, Class I and Mary Mae Berkman, Class II. Lucille Graber deserves honorable mention for her very fine interpretation. The competition was very keen. Judges were Professor Umble, Esther Graber, and Nelson Springer.

## ITEMS FIVE - FOR SPRING

(Continued from Page 1) even more than ever, don't they you? And in thinking about these sad and glorious scenes will you with me pause to meditate upon two pictures which are posted in the case just outside the reading room door in the library. "Christ before Pilate" and "Christ on Calvary" were painted by Michael Munkacsy, a Hungarian. Both of these pictures (the crucifixion in the original is 23" by 14") are owned by John Wanamaker of Philadelphia, and every Lenten season he displays them in the court of his famous store. May we deepen our spiritual appreciation this Passion Week by studying these masterpieces.

—Winifred Erb

Laurence Horst was a guest speaker on a special program at Kokomo on Sunday, March 18. Geraldine Hartman, Mary Herr, and Martha Hiestand, who furnished trio music, and Robert Keller were also there.

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# SPORTS



## VOLLEY BALL ON UPSWING

Volley ball at Goshen College has shown more decided snap and pep so far this season than for a long time. Each of the four teams composing the men's league have just completed one round of play. Many of these games have produced spirited competition, hard work, and hard fighting down to the finish.

The PG's have presented, by far, the best outfield as they have won all three of their games. Led by Byler, Koch, and Alderfer, they present a smooth passing and a sharp "spiking" game, which the other teams have been unable to stop up to this time.

All teams have displayed fine sportsmanship, and a strong determination to win when the chips are down, both prerequisites to a well built athletic program.

Team	Standings			
	G	W	L	Pct
P.G.	3	3	0	1.000
Sr.	3	2	1	.666
Soph-Jr.	3	1	2	.333
Frosh	3	0	3	.000

## GLEN YODER WINS

### PING PONG TOURNNEY

An upset victory over Ray Bair in the quarter finals of the ping pong tournament advanced Glen Yoder into the final game, because the tourney drawings gave him a bye in the semi-final round.

Yoder's first conquest in his march to the championship was Al Miller. Bair followed and Brubaker supplied the opposition in the final game. Brubaker, Bob Byler, and Yoder were the three-semifinalists.

A match consisted of three games, the winner determined by taking two of the three.

## TRACK SEASON NEAR

The early advent of spring to the campus has hastened the annual track competition.

The fellows who plan to participate have been training during the past few weeks, and the track meet this year should present an interesting spectacle for students and faculty.

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	Won	Lost	Pctg.
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Bumpers	4	1	.80
Sockits	3	2	.60
Seniors	2	3	.40
Vollettes	1	4	.20
Penn-O-Was	0	5	.00

This is the standing of the class teams at the end of the first round of volleyball. The Juniors enter next week's tournament undefeated.

The Seniors outscored the Penn-O-Was in the first game on March 32. In the second game the Sockits upset the Seniors 51 to 29.

It was the Sockits' turn to down the Pen-O-Was on March 15 with 57 points to their opponents' 33. The Bumpers with 50 points defeated their fellow classmates, the Vollettes, with 31 points in the second game.

On March 20 the Bumpers led the Seniors 48-34 at the end of a close game. The Sockits and Juniors were neck and neck in the first half of the second game; the Juniors easily pulled ahead in the second half to make the final scores 44 and 36.

The Juniors captured another victory on March 22, by completely squelching the Vollettes 64-11.

These games end this phase of the volleyball season. A tourney will be played next to determine the year's champions. With the arrival of spring come thoughts of outdoor sports again. The girls in gym classes have begun practicing for the spring track meet.

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# Survey of Conference on Mennonite Community Life - March 16-17

## The Religious Basis of the Mennonite Community

By Paul Erb

Paul Erb delivered the first address of the Conference. He began by describing a typical Mennonite church. The heart of every Mennonite community is its church building. There is regular church attendance, which usually exceeds membership. Everyone sings. All members are a part of the church. In the Mennonite community there is a definite connection between secular and religious life. Communities which spring up with only a social or economic basis lack the cement which religion furnishes. The antithesis of the community is the individual.

Professor Erb then presented the following four bases for a Christian community: (1) It must be altruistic. (2) Ethical concepts must prevail when men live together. (3) The religious community is not based on ephemeral, changing things. True religion is not of the time but of the ages. (4) There is agreement as to which is right and which wrong—a common denominator in conduct.

In conclusion, he stated that secularism is the beginning of community disintegration. A community in business cannot take the place of a community in faith.

## The Mennonite Conception of the Church and its Relation to Present Day Needs

By H. S. Bender

Dean Bender pointed out that the Christian church should enter all fields of life. Whether such a thing as education is secular does not depend on the thing itself. What we cannot make sacred, we have no business doing at all.

He then enumerated eight cardinal elements of the Mennonite conception of the church. They are the concepts of the church as: (1) the body of Christ, (2) the temple of God, (3) a brotherhood, (4) a body separated from the world, (5) a disciplinary, restorative body, (6) a suffering church, (7) a witness to the gospel, and (8) the final goal of all Christian work.

The outcomes of this conception are that the Christian will withdraw his major energies from secular organizations and focus them on the church; in the church fullness of life can be realized; the church requires the service of a large number of lay members; and the nature of the church brings a sense of belonging together to its members.

## Forces Adversely Affecting the Life of the Mennonite Community

By John R. Mumaw

Probably the gloomiest picture presented in the whole conference was that on current "Forces Adversely Affecting the Life of the Mennonite Community." John R. Mumaw effectively pointed out certain unique characteristics of our Mennonite community, that of a collective life bounded by

congregational rather than geographical bounds, helpfulness and genuine Christian piety, simplicity of life, nonresistance, nonconformity, agricultural work without class distinction, a great emphasis on the family, and a conservative theology founded on the New Testament. Then he proceeded to set forth the adverse currents which he divided into five categories.

The first force is that of materialism. Through the absorption of materialism certain practices and ideologies become apparent. Brotherhood is lost; a job becomes more important than doctrine; and in addition, because of the impact of pagan urbanization, there is a decided disintegration of the home.

The second is that of the impact of modern education—both formal and popular. It was made clear that up until the present time, and now, it has been difficult for the church to hold her professional people because of social requirements, the feeling of being a misfit, and a trend toward outside organization. Popular education through the radio and movie has its effect on the production of secular, materialistic, minds accompanied by a lapse of faith.

The third force is urbanization in which brotherhood, hospitality transmission of spiritual values are exchanged for impersonality, cold cash basis, sophistication, class distinction, social freedom, leisure and amusement. In addition urbanization brings a high cost standard of living and the failure to maintain the family unit.

Certainly the problems just set forth are great enough, yet there still two other categories of problems—those of secularization and religious tolerance. Secularization means the involvement in activities carried on without church sanction. Thus participation in worldly organizations, the influence of urbanization, sets forth three powerful factors in the break-down of the family—rush of business, worldly pleasure and selfish luxury, and indifference to parental duty. The force of religious tolerance brings about disintegration, the loss of literal interpretation of the Bible, acceptance of worldly philosophy and the countenancing of sin in the church. As was pointed out by Brother Mumaw, the movement back to the Bible is the only salvation.

## Effects of Urbanization on American Life and on the Church

By O. E. Baker

The Saturday morning session of the Mennonite Community Life conference was highlighted by a discussion led by Dr. O. E. Baker from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Baker spoke concerning the effects of urbanization of American life and the Church. Through his long service with the Department of Agriculture, Dr. Baker was able to clearly illustrate the urbanization trend

in the United States.

Dr. Baker has come to a deep appreciation of the Mennonite Church because of the great values inherent in the Mennonite way of life. He feels the strong emphasis given to the family and community life should be perpetuated. Dr. Baker stated that we need a culture that will combine the new methods of production with the Mennonite concept of values including that of the spiritual.

Urbanization, Dr. Baker pointed out, tends to break down the home, the community and is a consumer of wealth rather than a producer. This will and is impoverishing our nation. To meet this the rural areas must re-affirm their distinctiveness and maintain the family unit, productive values and community life. This is necessary for the welfare of the church and nation.

## The Economic Program for the Mennonite Church of Tomorrow

By Carl Kreider

Saturday afternoon Dean Carl Kreider spoke on "The Economic Program For The Mennonite Church of Tomorrow." He pointed out that the Mennonite Church is more than an organized missionary society. The great bulk of the Mennonite people in a community spend their time in mundane activity. There is a place for an economic program in the Mennonite Church of tomorrow. Economic considerations are not the most important concern of the true Christian. He first makes room in his life for God.

Dean Kreider then raised the question of whether it would be desirable to arrest, stem, or reverse the trend of urbanization. Some factors which he presented as a means of strengthening our farm communities are farm ownership and study groups. The city affords recreational possibilities which attract the youth to the urban centers. If a system of mutual aid could be developed whereby young people could establish themselves on farms without paying a high rate of interest on a farm mortgage, more young people would be ready to stay on the farms.

Work could be provided for both skilled and unskilled laborers through the first processing of agricultural products, cooperatives such as creameries; certain services, such as accountants to help the farmers in setting up books and filing income tax returns; small industries producing products for outside use, such as printing or fine engraving; and retail outlets to meet normal needs of a community. The economic program of the Mennonite community should be a mere handmaid to the spiritual factor.

## Religious, Educational, and Social Program of the Mennonite Community of Tomorrow

By Paul Mininger

There is evident a need for planning of this program so the activity will enrich the community. The program should include two Sunday services, morning and evening, with a sermon at each service. The sermon should continue to have the central place, but singing, reading the Word, praying, and giving should all have an integral part of the service. This community worship must also encourage family worship and personal worship. The pastoral service must be continued and increased. The pastor cannot meet all the needs by preaching on Sunday, for the number of spiritual crises in the life of the normal person are constantly being increased. Christianity must be active so that it reaches the unchurched people in the immediate community and in the communities more distant. Work in the districts farther away should be carried on with the definite aim of establishing other congregations. The community will be strengthened by mutual burden bearing.

The Sunday School will undoubtedly keep the lead in religious education, but the summer Bible schools, winter Bible schools, and week day Bible schools all play an important part, as do also various conferences conducted for a week-end or several days. Young people should be given an opportunity to cooperate with older people in conferences of general interest. There is a great need for the establishing of more libraries within the Mennonite groups. State supported schools cannot give religious education, and their first aim is not to educate citizens for the Kingdom of God but for the state. The primary education should cultivate a basis for the entire way of life of the Mennonite community. Children must be made to feel that it will be worthwhile for them to give their lives for the perpetuation of principles which are held by the Mennonite community.

More money and more leadership will be required to carry on an enlarged program of this kind. The people will not be slow to give if they see the returns in relation to the things they love and believe in. The administration can and should be done by the laymembers. In order to make a success, the entire experience of every Christian must be brought under the rule of God and permitted by Christ.

## Utilizing Our Resources for the Building of Church-Community

By J. D. Graber

P. L. Frey, as moderator of this last session of the Community Life Conference led a very interesting discussion relating to what ought to be done as a result of this conference. The possibilities of research work and having additional conferences in other communities were discussed.

J. D. Graber spoke on "Utilizing our Resources for the Building of Church and Community." He emphasized the fact that even the most important factor in our lives remains the religious factor. He discussed the resources of the church—economic, personal, and spiritual. The Mennonite Church is comparatively wealthy, and we must give and give willingly and sacrificially. Our personal resources include great potential power in our young people. Brother Graber emphasized the need for service on the part of our young people, and the need for our leadership to provide opportunity for this service in practical avenues such as mission Sunday schools or service units. Our spiritual resources are by far the greatest, the riches of glory in Christ Jesus. We have a heritage of sound doctrine, a healthy emphasis on Christian experience. We must make our unique contribution. What can our church do? We can keep alive in a highly sophisticated world the simple God-fearing way of life. If we lose this, we lose our reason for existence.

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resources and the future restoration will thereby be compromised." Mr. Pierlot gave similar explanations with regard to supplies of food-stuffs. In the last quarter of 1944, the total imports only amounted to 49,000 tons or about 2½ ounces a day for each inhabitant. The retiring Prime Minister also said that Belgium possessed in Canada 200,000 tons of wheat and in the Congo another 200,000 tons of miscellaneous goods including 90,000 tons of oil, all in stock awaiting the possibility of transport. The Belgians are asking for the right to use their own ships to import at their own expense the products essential to their existence, and above all those originating in their own colony. Mr. Pierlot concluded that "in the coming months, Belgium will be ungovernable, whatever Government she has, if the system of imports is not widened." A hungry people is an angry people.

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