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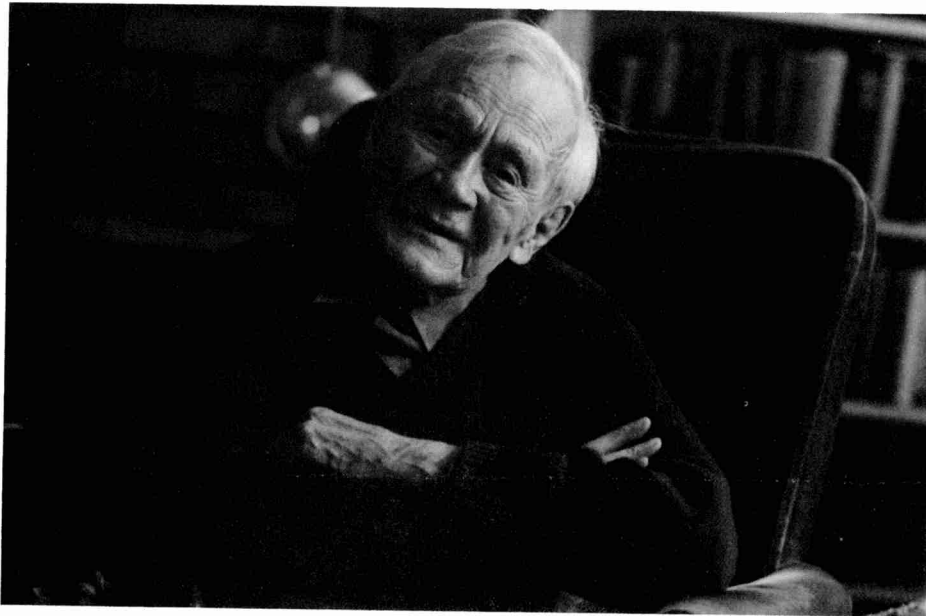
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*Paul Hiebert in Carman, Manitoba, at the age of 94. Photographer George Sawatzky, Winkler, together with his wife, visited Hiebert in fall of 1986 and took this picture of him. Paul Hiebert died in fall 1987, and was born in 1892.*

*MMHS spent an evening at their annual meeting on January 16, 1988, sharing and hearing memories of Paul Hiebert. Reminiscences and tributes came from Di Brandt, Doreen Klassen, Helen Janzen, the Dietscha Spass music group and others. (Photo credit: George Sawatzky)*

## Uncle Paul Hiebert: A Reminiscence

— by Di Brandt

I met Paul Hiebert in the summer of 1970 in Carman, Manitoba, in the park. My father's family, the Janzens, had gathered there for a picnic on a Sunday afternoon in July. My sister Rosie and I were wandering around the world that summer, lost and miserable and bored. She had just finished high school and I had finished one year of college. We hated family gatherings, we told each other, we hated our family. We hated our cousins, the whole noisy unruly lot of them, we hated our aunts, fussing endlessly over cakes and jellos, trying to make us fat, we hated the uncles with their rough work hands and leather faces. This huge, unwieldy bunch of people, full of laughter and strife, which had surrounded us from our birth, had suddenly become strangers to us, we were so full of our own wishes, our need to go into the world and discover our separate lives.

We walked around disconsolately most of the afternoon and stumbled finally upon a strange little building, a tiny Museum right there in the middle of the Carman park.

We walked inside and there we were, suddenly in the middle of history, knee-deep in the past, in this tiny house filled with creaky old things, smelling of leather and old wood. The walls were hung with huge tin ladles and soup kettles, the kitchen table was covered with black iron skewers and butcher knives. Everything seemed too big or too small. There was also a little old man in the Museum. We thought he was the tour guide but I realize now he must have just been there on a Sunday afternoon, visiting, like we were. He was walking around, pointing out things to people and explaining what they were, how they were used. He seemed to know everything, he had a story to

tell about each strange old thing. Rosie and I followed him around, watching, as he took a sickle from the wall and demonstrated how to cut grass with it.

But it wasn't so much the things I was interested in. It was his words. There we were, hungry for something we didn't know about yet, something our aunts with their picnic tables full of food couldn't give us, teetering on the brink of our lives, between our families and the world, past and future, and here was this little man with such bright curious eyes, full of stories about our grandparents' lives, and full of information also, we could see, about the world we didn't know yet. And then I remembered who he was. "That's Paul Hiebert," I whispered to Rosie, "he gave a lecture at CMBC last year. He's a very famous writer and philosopher, you know."

It was easy to believe if you looked at his eyes and his face, if you listened to him talk, and yet it was almost impossible for us to believe we could be meeting this famous man right there in the middle of our family gathering in the Carman park. He was hungry also, I realize now looking back, for audience, for intellectual companionship, and I suppose, for youth. I told him I was a Canadian Mennonite Bible College student and that I had heard his lecture last winter and enjoyed it. And I asked him right there in the Museum, the questions I was much too shy to ask him at the lecture about his ideas, and he was so surprised, so delighted, to find another thinker, a seeker, right there in the park with him, he invited us on the spot to come to his house so he could give me a copy of his newest book, called *Tower in Siloam*.

So we got in his car, thrilled to have found such an unexpected and respectable escape from the family gathering, and drove with him to his home on a nearby street beside the river. It was a tiny house, surrounded with evergreens, and it had a tiny sign at the street which said, "The Burrs." His wife was there waiting for him, and she served us some cookies while he rummaged around looking for a copy of *Sarah Binks*. He couldn't find one, but he did find a copy of *Tower in Siloam*, which he inscribed for me.

And then he sat back in his little armchair, with his hands behind his head, and talked and talked. And we listened. He told us about his life as a chemistry professor at the University of Manitoba, and about growing up as a Mennonite in Pilot Mound, and about how he came to write *Sarah Binks* and about *Tower in Siloam*. The room had rows of windows overlooking the river, and he also told us about the river and how it flooded in spring sometimes, right into the house, and when Mrs. Hiebert came in with the tea he told us about her and about her collection of little glass animals

which covered every available shelf and sill. I don't remember her saying very much, but she smiled at us indulgently. I don't remember us saying very much either, just listening. And then he took us back to the family gathering in the park, not quite so hungry, filled up for the time being with his stories, not needing quite so much to hate our family or the family gathering, happy in fact to be back.

I didn't see him again until the middle of the next winter, when as he had promised, he called me at CMBC one day and invited me to have lunch with him at The Bay. I had met Les by then, my future husband, and I took him with me through a blizzard to downtown Winnipeg on the bus. We had lunch in the Georgian Room. He looked even tinier and older than before. This time he talked about philosophy and God and science and the cosmos, and it seemed to me that everything he said had directly to do with the questions churning around in my own head at the time. I remember he talked at length about the personal nature of God, how he had discovered this and believed it to be true, despite the impersonal ap-

pearance of the universe and the abstractness of chemistry and physics.

And another thing I remember was, he asked Les if he truly loved me, and told him to cherish me, those are the words I remember, "cherish her." I was feeling very unparented at the time, there was such a huge rift between the world of my family and my childhood and the world I found myself in. And Uncle Paul, as I called him, was for me at the time a kind of surrogate uncle-grandfather. And he also represented for me, I recognize now, a kind of promise for the writer in me, for the possibility of someday reconciling in myself, in language and in story, the pioneer Mennonite prairie girl and the urban modern woman, the child philosopher full of cosmic questions and the story teller who just wanted to tell stories, the thinker and the maker who needed to know things, do things with her hands.

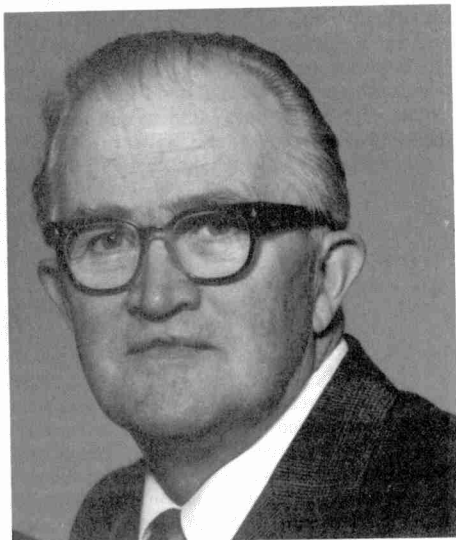
And after that we wrote letters to each other for a while, and eventually I left him behind, along with so many of the things that preoccupied me at that time.



*The Ens Family, under the name of Dietscha Sposs, were featured at the Annual MMHS program. From left to right: Heidi Harms, Erica Ens and Ernest Ens. In tribute to Paul Hiebert, they sang Sarah Binks' "Laurel's Egg" to the tune of Die Lorelei. In the spirit of Sarah, they also appropriately translated the German folk song Kein Fuer Kleine Kohle as "No Fire No Cabbage" and sang it in English. This music group also performed several of their originally written Low German songs. (Photo credit: Patti Harms)*

## MMHS Upcoming Events

Middle August	<b>Journal of Mennonite Studies</b> issue	Fall	Evening class on Mennonite history, SRSS, Steinbach.
September	<b>Mennonite Historian</b> issue.	Fall	Tentative publication of English translation of <b>Die Kubaner Mennoniten</b> .
September or October	Workshop, "Restoring Historic Buildings," Altona.	December	<b>MMHS Newsletter</b> issue
October 15	Genealogical Workshop, "Migration of Mennonites to Russia," Mennonite Heritage Centre, Winnipeg.	January 1989	<b>Mennonite Historian</b> issue.
Fall	Publication of Arnold Dyck's Works, Volume III.		MMHS Annual Meeting and Banquet



*Jacob Rempel (1921-88), Winnipeg, Manitoba. Rempel was an active member of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society, as treasurer, as membership secretary and as a member on the Monuments Committee. (Photo courtesy of Helene Harms)*

## Tribute to Jacob Rempel

— by Dennis Stoesz

It seems just yesterday that Jacob Rempel and I drove to a MMHS Membership and Publicity Committee meeting at Doris Penner's place in Landmark. It was on Tuesday, March 19, 1988. He had called me earlier to arrange the meeting, and upon knowing I was without a vehicle offered to pick me up. He arrived a bit early and came in to chat with my wife, Rhoda, and two-year-old son, Jeffrey. He said he had grandchildren close to that age.

On the way to Landmark, he told me of his early days in Canada living in a boarding house in downtown Winnipeg. That was the late 1940s. They could hear many fights, and he and his wife wondered if life in Canada was always this way. Soon after they moved further west.

Rempel also told of the beginnings of the Mennonite Mission Church on Furby, which became the Sargent Ave. Mennonite Church. Several immigrant couples started the congregation despite some wooing to become part of other *Gemeinde*. He indicated to me, that in the 1970s, he had written down some of this church's history in the German language. Later he had also written an English history. His particular gift was in statistics, and

in painting a picture of the changing social life of the congregation.

Rempel also told me of the growth of his family, their eventual move to North Kildonan and of their grandchildren. When he dropped me off at home, I offered to reimburse him for the gas, but he declined and said that though their family had never become rich, God had blessed them, and that I did not have to give him any money.

I was moved emotionally by his open, candid and humble sharing of himself with me. It seems to me that story telling is a gift. It was with sadness that I heard that Rempel died suddenly on April 11, 1988.

Jacob Rempel was born on September 16, 1921, Libenau, Molotschna, Soviet Union. He was captured by the Germany army in 1941, was engaged to Kaethe Gaede in Germany on August 3, 1943, and was married on October 9, 1949, at Arnaud, Manitoba. He died unexpectedly of a heart attack April 11, 1988. He is survived by his wife, his children Peter and Elsie Rempel, Helene and Jake Harms, Anni and Pete Enns, his brother Hans and wife Liese, and six grandchildren, all of Winnipeg. (For a longer obituary, see *Der Bote* 11 Mai 1988)

The MMHS Newsletter is published twice a year by the Publicity and Membership Committee of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society. Editor for this issue: Dennis E. Stoesz. It welcomes letters and reports pertaining to the historical interests of society members. Correspondence should be mailed to MMHS Newsletter, c/o Editor Doris Penner, Box 3, Landmark, Manitoba, R0A 0X0.



*This marker indicates where the community and village of Hochstadt, East Reserve, was located: about 4 miles south of Kleefeld. John Rempel and William Harms, both of Altona, are working on an atlas/map of the original Mennonite homesteads and villages of the East Reserve, 1874-1881. They hope this atlas, with photographs such as the one above, can also serve as a guide map for people who want to tour the area. For more information, write: John Rempel, Box 1238, or William Harms, Box 84, Altona, Manitoba, R0G 0B0. (Photo credit: William Harms)*

## Historical and Genealogical Research in Progress

Editor's Note: This column is for sharing with each other the various research and writing projects we are working on in the field of Mennonite life and history. Feel free to write or phone the editor about what you are doing.

Albrecht, Henry, Boissevain, Manitoba, helped research and write the **History of the Whitewater Mennonite Church, Boissevain, Manitoba, 1927-1987**, which came out in 1987.

Doerksen, Victor, Winnipeg, Manitoba, recently gave a lecture "Post-War Developments in Canadian Mennonite Literature," at a **Mennonites in Canada** symposium in Waterloo, Ontario.

Driedger, Edwin, Box 303, Roland, Manitoba, R0G 1T0. Is working on genealogical lines of **Driedger, Giesbrecht, Harder, and Enns**.

Driedger, Leo., Winnipeg, Manitoba, recently gave a lecture "Urbanization of Mennonites in post-War Canada," at a **Mennonites in Canada** symposium in Waterloo, Ontario.

Dueck, Gus, Mitchell, Manitoba, recently co-edited and helped write the book **Our Stoesz Heritage, 1836-1987: Story of 3.9 Cornelius and Aganetha (Wiebe) Stoesz and Their Descendants**.

Dueck, Theodore, Winnipeg, Manitoba, completed a M.A. thesis for the University of Manitoba (1987) which examined Mennonite voting patterns on the West Reserve (Gretna/Altona/Rosenfeld/Winkler areas) from 1889 to 1935.

Dyck, John, Winnipeg, Manitoba, continues to work on **Penner, Wiebe** and **Dyck** family history lines.

Ens, Adolf, Winnipeg, Manitoba, recently gave a lecture "Changes in Language and Cultural Symbols during the 1950s," at a **Mennonites in Canada** symposium in Waterloo, Ontario.

Enns, Garry and Gail Whelan Enns, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and the Gretna History Book Committee have just published **Gretna: Window on the Northwest**.

Epp, George K., Winnipeg, Manitoba, recently completed an article on "Mennonite Immigration to Canada after World War II," see **Journal of Mennonite Studies**, 1987.

Falk, Edward, 211 13th St., Winkler, Manitoba, R6W 1S5. Is working on genealogical lines of **Falk, Dyck, Hoepfner, Hiebert and Braun**.

Friesen, John, Winnipeg, Manitoba, recently gave a lecture "The Changing Mennonite Theological Identity in the 1950s," at a **Mennonites in Canada** symposium in Waterloo, Ontario.

Friesen, Ray, Winnipeg, Manitoba, is doing a Master of Arts thesis on the **Martyr's Mirror**.

Friesen, Ted, Altona, Manitoba, helped write the 25th anniversary history of the **Altona Mennonite Church**. Friesen has been active in researching the Johann Krahn (1763) line.

Giesbrecht, Herb, Winnipeg, Manitoba, has recently translated into English the Echo-Verlag book, **Die Kubaner Ansiedlung**. It is part of an ongoing project of the MMHS Research, Scholarship and Publication Committee.

Klippenstein, Lawrence, Winnipeg, Manitoba, is researching the "Emigration of Mennonites from Prussia to Russia, 1789-1806," for the Gerhard Lohrenz Festschrift.

Kroeker, Walter E., Winnipeg, Manitoba, recently wrote an article on his father entitled "A.A. Kroeker: A Man for Agriculture and Community Involvement," **Mennonite Historian** (December 1987).

Loewen, Royden, Blumenort (Eastern) Manitoba, is presently completing his Ph.D. for the University of Manitoba. He is examining the development of Manitoba rural society in Manitoba and Nebraska, with focus on the Kleine Gemeinde.

Penner, Doris, Landmark, Manitoba, recently wrote an article on how to "Preserve Precious Family Memories," **The Carillon and MMHS Newsletter** (December 1987). She continues to research Mennonite ethnic cooking, and covers events at Mennonite Heritage Village, Steinbach.

Penner, Glen, Plum Coulee, Manitoba, recently indexed the early Sommerfelder Mennonite Church Registers.

Peters, Jake E., Winkler, Manitoba, is presently working on his Master of Arts thesis which examines the emigration of Mennonites from the Fuerstenland Colony, Russian, to the Canadian prairies, 1889-1914.

Peters, Jake, Winnipeg, Manitoba, recently gave a lecture "Changes in Mennonite Congregational and Denominational Authority and Policy Structures in the 1950s," at a **Mennonites in Canada** symposium in Waterloo, Ontario.

Plett, Delbert, Steinbach, Manitoba, recently published Volume 4, **Profile of the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde, 1874**, and is working on Volume 5, 1874-84.

Plett, Harvey, Steinbach, Manitoba, is working on his Ph.D. for the University of Manitoba. His dissertation is on Georg Hansen, a 17th century Prussian Mennonite elder and writer of several theological books.

Rempel, Peter H., Winnipeg, Manitoba, recently wrote an article on the "On the Origins of the Conference of Mennonites in Manitoba," **Mennonite Historian** (December 1987).

Schulz, Leona, 926 Byng Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 0Y5. Is working on the genealogical lines of **George Dyck, Rev. G. Wiebe, Hiebert and Schulz**.

Stoesz, Dennis, Winnipeg, Manitoba, completed a M.A. thesis for the University of Manitoba (1987) which described the history of the Choritzer Mennonite Church of Manitoba from 1874-1914.

Suderman, Jim, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3P 0M4 is researching the history of Mennonites in the Soviet Union, 1941-45. Contact him if you have any information.

Werner, Hans, Box 1848, Winkler, Manitoba, R0G 2X0. Is working on the genealogical lines of **Werner and Suderman**.

Wiebe, Bruce, R.R. 1, Box 79, Winkler, Manitoba, R6W 4A1. Is working on the Mueller line.

Wiebe, Jack, Box 927, Morden, Manitoba, R0G 1J0. Is working on **Abraham Wiebe** (father to Peter Wiebe \*1836).

## Winner of 1988 Composer's Competition

The Arts Committee of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society is pleased to announce the winner of its 1988 Composer's Competition. Keith Hagerman of Toronto, Ont., was awarded first prize in the choral/vocal category for his unaccompanied choral composition entitled "Praise the Lord, O my Soul." The composition is based on the tune of "Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele." The text and tune of this song have been part of the Mennonite musical tradition since the 17th century.

Mr. Hagerman has a BA and a BMus from Mount Allison University. On May 15, 1988 he received a Master of Divinity/Master of Sacred Music degree from Boston School of Theology, and completed requirements for United Church ordination at Emmanuel College in the University of Toronto. He will receive \$200 for his award-winning composition.

Composers were invited to submit entries in two categories: instrumental pieces based on traditional Mennonite tunes, and choral/vocal pieces based on traditional Mennonite ideals and beliefs. No other prizes were awarded since other entries did not fall within the parameters of the competition.

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### Genealogical Workshop

*"Migration of Mennonites from  
Prussia to Russia"*  
in celebration of the 200th anniversary  
1788-1988

Sponsor: MMHS Genealogy Committee  
Date: 15 October 1988  
Place: Mennonite Heritage Centre  
600 Shaftesbury Blvd.  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Key-note address: Alan Peters, California. He has indexed names of Mennonites moving to Russia, such as those contained in B.H. Unruh's book. Peters also has worked extensively on Russian Mennonite family history for 25 years, and has over 200,000 index cards.

Look for more information being sent out, or contact Anne Unruh, (work 888-6781) (home 837-5106).

## Geological Workshop held at Plum Coulee, March 1988

— by Bruce Wiebe

THE MENNONITE WEST RESERVE GENEALOGY COMMITTEE was formed September 23, 1986 as an area outreach of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society's Genealogy Subcommittee. The objective of the committee is to encourage genealogical research among Mennonite people and to encourage submission of data to a central depository.

Members of the Committee are:

Dick Hildebrand, Altona, Chairman  
Bruce Wiebe, Winkler, Secretary  
Mary Ellen Neufeld, Plum Coulee  
Theodor Martens, Altona  
John Wiens, Morden  
John Dyck, Winnipeg

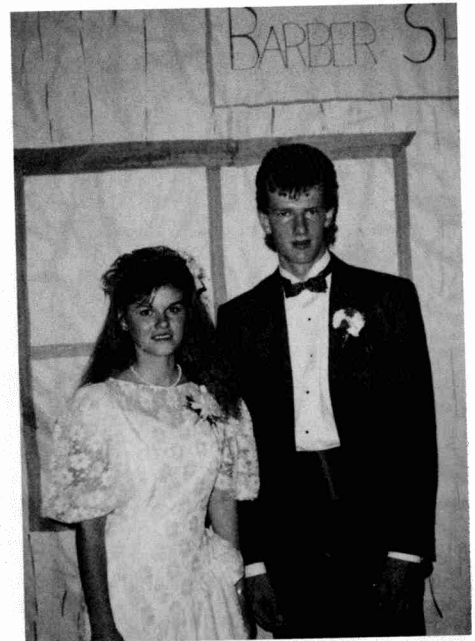
To acquaint people with the genealogical resources available, and to facilitate contacts between those already involved in such research, the second annual Public Meeting was held Tuesday, March 29, 1988 in the New Horizons Drop In Center at Plum Coulee.

That forty persons attended was indicative of the interest in the subject. The evening was chaired by Dick Hildebrand. Reverend Ed Funk of the local Bergthaler Church led a short devotional which set the tone for the evening. Theodor Martens of Altona read from his memoirs of family life in Russia. This was presented as an example of how one could write a family history and the type of information that could be recorded.

Ken Reddig, Mennonite Brethren Archivist, presented an overview of their resource materials noting specifically those of most interest to genealogists. Ken also noted that historical data should not be overlooked when searching for family information. Herman Rempel of Morden then provided information on his project to identify southern Manitoba cemeteries. When properly recorded these cemeteries can yield much data of interest to genealogists.

Following the three presentations, time was given for introductions and sharing of family names currently being researched. During the subsequent coffee time, participants traded information and sources.

A third annual Public Meeting will be planned for 1989. For more information contact Bruce Wiebe, R.R. #1, Box 79, Winkler, MB., R6W 4A1.



Orlynn Sawatzky and Brad Toews, grade 12 students at Steinbach Bible College, were recipients of the Henry E. Plett Memorial Award.

## Recipients of Mennonite Family History Awards

Orlynn Sawatzky and Brad Toews, grade XII students at SBC, were recipients of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society sponsored Henry E. Plett Memorial Award. The award is based on the research and the writing of a Mennonite Family History. Local historian, Delbert Plett, presented \$100 to Orlynn for her paper on "My Broesky Heritage", and \$50 to Brad for his work on the "Klippensteins". The presentations were made at the annual SBC Collegiate Banquet on June 24.

### Local History Workshop

**"Restoring Historic Buildings"**

Date: September or October, 1988  
Place: Tentatively, Altona, Manitoba  
Sponsor: MMHS Local History and  
Historic Sites Committee

It is hoped several resource people will be available to provide information on this timely topic on restoring old buildings. Several buildings have been or are in process of restoration. Contact Lawrence Klippenstein, chairperson, (888-6781) for more information.



*Doris Penner, Landmark, Manitoba, was elected to the MMHS board this January, and is chairperson of the Membership and Publicity Committee.*

## Introduction to a new MMHS Board Member: Doris Penner

Several new members were elected to the MMHS Board at the annual meeting in January, 1988. They included Martha Martens of Horndean, Frank Zacharias of Gretna, and Doris Penner of Landmark. Outgoing members are Allan Dueck, Doreen Martens and Delbert Plett. We would like to give a brief introduction to Doris Penner in this issue. She is the chairperson of the MMHS Membership and Publicity Committee, and is assuming editorship of the December issue of the newsletter.

Penner grew up and is living in Landmark, Manitoba. She is working as a reporter for *The Carillon* in Steinbach. Penner received her education at Landmark, Steinbach Bible College and the University of Manitoba, and obtained several degrees in religious studies, education, the arts and in community nutrition.

Her former career as a teacher has taken her to southern and northern Manitoba, to Labrador and to West Germany. It included several Indian and Inuit communities. Penner has also written several reports on health and nutrition, is actively involved in the Mennonite church and in a variety of volunteer projects.

We wish her well in her duties in the Society.

## MMHS at Work

— by Doris Penner

### Annual Meeting, January 16

"Take heed lest you forget the Lord your God, by not keeping his commandments and his ordinances and his statutes, which I command you this day . . ." (Deut. 8:11)

With a reminder to remember our own history, Ken Reddig, president of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society opened the annual meeting January 16 at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

Board chairperson Adolf Ens briefly cited the history of the MMHS board: 32 members have served on the board since its beginning in 1980. Presently there is an 18-member board.

Some of the involvements in the past year (1987) have been:

- \*Working with the publication of volume III of Arnold Dyck's works (volume IV will be published in 1989).

- \*Beginning the translation of the 14 monographs by students of the Chortitza Centralschule, published by Echo Verlag.

- \*There has been substantial progress on the writing of the history of the first Manitoba Mennonite Oberschueler, Jacob Peters and Isaac Mueller.

- \*Discussion on the issue of government funding with respect to lottery-generated funding. An operating grant and subsidy for local history research have been received, but lottery-generated funds will not be requested. The board is recommending a public forum on lotteries and is beginning its own endowment fund.

The Arts committee was involved in: planning the Jubilee Saengerfest to celebrate the 80th birthday of Ben Horch (Oct. 2, 1987), attempting to incorporate the Creative Writers group into the MMHS, and sponsoring the second "Composer's Competition".

Ken Reddig reported that Mennonite Books, located at 1317 Portage Ave., is in a good financial position, with about \$15,000 in sales last year and an inventory of \$21,000.

Reddig also noted three books will be published in conjunction with the 1990 Mennonite World Conference: **Mennonites in Winnipeg** by Leo Driedger; **Tour Guide of Manitoba Mennonites** by Ken Reddig and Lawrence Klippenstein; and **Mennonites of Canada** by Adolf Ens. The first book will be produced specifically for the conference in various languages and included in participants' packets. The others will have an ongoing market.

### Executive Meeting, February 25

The first meeting of the new MMHS board was held February 25 at the CMC Heritage Centre, Winnipeg, and the first item on the agenda was the reorganization of the board.

A discussion on the German, Mennonite, Hutterian consultation with the provincial Ethnocultural Affairs Committee followed. At the February 3 meeting it appeared that Mr. Kammerlock of the German Canadian Congress (GCC) was speaking on behalf of all German-speaking groups of Manitoba since he was the only one asked to make a presentation. However, it was pointed out at the board meeting that although Mennonites assisted in the formation of the GCC, the congress does not adequately represent Men-

nonite concerns, nor can Mennonites identify with all interests of other Germans. One example: the proposed German Cultural Centre does not have Mennonite support since Mennonites already have archives and auditoriums and don't feel the need for another facility.

John Friesen representing the CMC archives, Mennonite Historical Society of Canada and Mennonite Heritage Museum has already responded to Judy Wasylycia-Leis by letter.

The executive recommends Ken Reddig and Vic Doerksen meet with representatives of other Mennonite organizations to discuss this.

The board discussed the objectives of several of the standing committees. The Education Committee pointed out the need to create interest in studying Mennonite history both among high school students and their parents. They identified a need to create resource material. At present there is no textbook on Mennonite history.

The Genealogy Committee would like to create more interest in the H.E. Plett Memorial Award. Presently it is primarily SBC collegiate students who enter the competition.

The Research, Scholarship and Publication Committee noted Volume III of Arnold Dyck will be published in late spring and Volume IV is in progress.

### Second Executive Meeting, April 22

The second meeting of the MMHS board was held April 22 at the Steinbach Bible College.

A presentation was given by guests from the Manitoba Historical Society, Margaret Carter the past president and Anne Selwyn the MHS Century Farms Project. Carter expressed her concern that historically significant buildings be designated and preserved. She pointed out this becomes economically more feasible when history and tourism work together.

Selwyn presented a brief history of the Centennial farms awards project begun in 1970 and encouraged the board to forward applications.

The Executive Committee reported that the MMHS has nominated two books for the annual Margaret McWilliams history award: the Gretna history book by Garry Enns and **Search for Renewal** by Jack Heppner. Ken Reddig has been asked to be the MMHS's official representative on the editorial board of the **Journal of Mennonite Studies**.

John Dyck was nominated to serve as treasurer to take the place of Jacob Rempel who passed away earlier this year. The Rempel family has established a memorial fund designated for an historical project - the Bote index project.

Wilmer Penner (Education and Resources Committee) told the board he has met with East Reserve Mennonite history instructors, and Henry Ens with those on the West Reserve to discuss ways to arouse interest in the study of Mennonite history among young people. As well, they discussed curriculum and time-tabling for these courses. An evening class of Mennonite history is tentatively planned for Steinbach at the SRSS (Regional School) for fall.

The Special Projects Committee reported that Tetracor (a group of Winnipeg entrepreneurs) is planning to publish a book which they bill as "a

social, cultural, and economic history" of Mennonites although it will highlight the history and present activities of about 50 corporate sponsors of the book. After some discussion on the historiography of the project, it was decided the Research, Scholarship and Publications Committee will ask Tetracor for more information.

## 1988 Organizational Chart Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

(\*signifies Board Member)

### A. Executive Committee:

Ken Reddig\*, President; Lawrence Klippenstein\*, Vice-President; Doreen Klassen\*, Secretary; John Dyck\*, Treasurer; Adolf Ens\*, Board Chairperson.

### B. MMHS Board Members:

Victor Doerksen, John Dyck, Adolf Ens, Henry G. Ens, George K. Epp, Ted E. Friesen, Helmut Huebert, Doreen Klassen, Lawrence Klippenstein, Harry Loewen, Royden Loewen, Martha Martens, Doris Penner, Wilmer Penner, Ken Reddig, Bill Schroeder, Anne Unruh, Frank Zacharias.

### C. Operating Committees:

1. **Membership and Publicity** - Doris Penner\* - chair, Dennis Stoesz.
2. **Nominating Committee**

### D. Standing Committees:

1. **Arts and Interdisciplinary** - Doreen Klassen\* - chair
2. **Local History and Historic Sites** - Lawrence Klippenstein\* - chair, Bill Schroeder\*, Bert Friesen, Henry Fast, Peter D. Zacharias
3. **Research, Scholarship and Publication** - Harry Loewen\* - chair, Victor Doerksen\*
4. **Education and Resources** - Wilmer Penner\* - chair, Henry G. Ens\*
5. **Genealogy and Family History** - Anne Unruh\* - chair, Margaret Kroeker, Martha Martens\*, John Dyck\*, Henry Fast

Subcommittees have been organized for various geographic areas: East Reserve - Al Hamm; West Reserve - Dick Hildebrandt; Winnipeg - Anna Ens

### E. Special Projects Committees:

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3. **Arnold Dyck Project** - George K. Epp\*, Victor Doerksen\*, Al Reimer, Elizabeth Peters

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