

S. S. Convention Held At Cornwall

The annual M. R. E. C. Sunday School Convention for Southwest Queen's was held in the Cornwall United Church on Thursday afternoon and evening, October 28.

The president, Mrs. Charles Hyde was in the chair. Mrs. Stanley Newman was organist. The Long Creek Baptist Sunday School conducted the opening worship service, with Mrs. Donald MacEachern reading the Scripture from Romans 12, and Miss Meredith MacLean giving a brief address on "Paul's Rules for Growing Christians." Rev. L. M. Murray, Kensington, led in prayer.

Mrs. Elmer Frizzell, of Cornwall, welcomed the delegates. Mrs. Melbourne MacEachern, Long Creek called the roll of Church Schools and read the minutes of the previous convention.

The president advised that all Superintendents attend the Executive meetings in future. An expression of appreciation was extended to Dr. Weir, Cornwall, on the honor which was conferred on him recently, when he was awarded the degree of Doctor.

Rev. L. M. Murray, the M. R. E. C. Convention Leader, introduced the discussion on "Lesson Preparation and Presentation." He pointed out that a good teacher will have an abundance of knowledge which may be obtained by studying the different "Revised Versions" of the Bible as well as the King James' edition, and also by reading some of the many spiritual books published by our Christian leaders of today; e.g. Frank Lawbach's book on Prayer, and "Meditations" by Grace N. Cowell. He also displayed several books of value to the Sunday School Teacher.

Rev. Owen Cochran closed the afternoon meeting with prayer. A fellowship supper was served in the Cornwall Hall, and enjoyed by all.

Evening worship was conducted by Mr. Ernest Ladner, North River, with Mrs. Lawrence Molyneux at the organ. Scripture was read from John 15. Misses Judy Yeo and Elva Jewell sang "Jesus Bids Us Shine." Rev. O. Cochran offered prayer.

Several young people took part in a dialogue which explained the relationship of the M. R. E. C. to the Churches.

A solo "Softly and Tenderly" was rendered by Rev. Mr. Murray.

Mr. Colin Murray and Mrs. Hazen Howard were the nomination committee and brought in the following slate of officers: President, Mr. Austin Bowman, North Wiltshire; Vice-President, Mrs. Dan Livingstone, New Dominion; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence Molyneux, North River.

The resolutions committee, consisting of Mrs. Owen Younker and Mr. Austin Bowman presented the following resolutions:

Be it resolved:

SHARP CONTRASTS IN GERMANY SAYS NEWSMAN AFTER TWO-WEEK TOUR

Editor's Note: This story, one of a series, tells what a Canadian Press staff writer saw during a two-week tour of West Germany, Monday. The German ministry that gets in the hair of the Russians.

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West Germany to the casual visitor is a country of sharp contrasts. There are the still ruins, symbols of two unsuccessful wars; there are the increasing numbers of new buildings, symbols of post-war recovery and a new life.

Most of the people followed the Kaiser and Hitler through the wars; they say they want peace and security for themselves and the new generation.

Chancellor Adenauer wants rearmament first and reunification of Germany later; the opposition wants the reverse.

TWO-WEEK TOUR
These are impressions gained during a two-week tour of West

1. That we, as members of the South West District of M. R. E. C. extend our hearty thanks to Cornwall Church and congregation for their gracious hospitality.

2. That we, as delegates to this convention, express our appreciation of the services of Rev. L. M. Murray in providing leadership and inspiring us to better service in our church schools and in encouraging us to aspire toward the standard set by the M. R. E. C. for our church schools.

3. That we, as teachers, pastors, and representatives of the church schools in this district, do all in our power to set forth the principles of Christian Temperance by precept and example and that we endeavor to promote the use of the National Temperance Study course in our church schools this year.

4. In view of the loose conception of the Lord's Day held by many people, we emphasize and exemplify the New Testament teaching concerning the Lord's Day, and we resolve to do all in our power to lead our boys and girls, the men and women of tomorrow, to do the same. We view with alarm the increasing popularity of Sunday baseball and we resolve to do all we can to discourage it. If the Lord's Day goes, everything worthwhile goes.

5. That we greatly regret the effect on the quiet of our Sunday evenings of the local operating of midnight shows and we believe the late hours of such shows will make for a harmful moral influence on our young people. After a lively discussion, these reports were adopted.

Rev. Mr. Murray showed a film on "The Use of the Bible," which offered inspiration and instruction to all present. A thought provoking address on "Worship" was given by Rev. L. M. Murray, who also closed the convention with prayer.

Germany. But one thing bound to impress a first-time visitor is the economic recovery.

It is seen in industry generally, in the big and little stores on busy city streets, in transportation and post-war rebuilding.

Recovery had its slow beginning after the stabilization of currency in 1948, ending a muddled monetary situation, black markets and attendant economic evils. Western assistance was needed. A spokesman for one government department said: "The Marshall plan was the same as putting a motor in a car."

One enormous task facing West Germany has been the integration of 11,000,000 refugees, about three-quarters of them expelled from eastern European countries because of their German origin and others from the East zone.

This influx has brought to nearly 50,000,000 the population of West

Germany, whose 100,000-square-mile area is less than half the size of Manitoba and about one-quarter the size of Ontario.

The federal housing ministry pitched in, combining private capital, federal, state and municipal agencies and other sources such as owners' funds. From 215,000 residential quarters, largely apartment-type, built in 1949 the figure reached 515,000 in 1953 and an expected 550,000 this year. Loss of dwellings through the war has been placed at 2,500,000.

POST-WAR PARTY

Rebuilding helped create jobs but the general economic recovery has steadily gained momentum.

With it came political reawakening. A new post-war party, the Christian Democratic Union, came into office through free elections as the government party of the new federal republic, supported by several smaller groups. The robust opposition is the social democratic party.

All this came about with approval of the Western powers. There is every indication West

Germany wants to go along with the West. There isn't a Communist member in the West German parliament. Political spokesmen insist that a free election in the Russian-occupied zone would show only a small percentage of Communist votes and there is a common feeling that Russia alone is responsible for the continued division of Germany.

There has been political unanimity on anti-communism and in a general way on reunification of Germany and ultimate full sovereignty. Political-party opinion differs as to procedure.

The Social Democrats have said in effect: Let's straighten out first with Russia the matter of reunification, get into the United Nations and move toward security through a general unification of Europe before we talk rearmament for West Germany.

Chancellor Adenauer's government has felt a collaborative, defensive tie-up with the Western powers, including rearmament, is the immediate need.

STRONG MAN

The 79-year-old but vigorous Adenauer would seem to be his coun-

try's strong man today. A highly placed Canadian source in West Germany told me: "If anything happened to Adenauer I don't know any public man at the moment who could take his place."

Of West German rearmament, this source said: "It is my opinion that the German people want to feel they would be playing their full part in Western defence. Any plan hedging them with a lot of restrictive dos and don'ts wouldn't be so readily acceptable."

Here is a slice of opinion expressed in conversation in various parts of West Germany: Anton, 45, a hotel employee: "I was in the last war. I've got a home and family and I'm satisfied with my job. Maybe the Russians will make trouble. No one knows. Maybe we'll have to fight again some day, but don't ask me. I was in Canada for a few days once and I liked it."

Karl, 22, a trap-drummer in the American zone: "I've got a lot of friends in the American army I'd just as soon join it if anything happened."

Frida, a housewife: "Oh, no more war. My husband and I have

a business and we stay here, but I'm glad my brother went to Canada two years ago. He writes he is happy."

Rudolf, 23, a waiter: "If I go into the army, all right. But I've got a job and a girl friend and plan to get married. I was too young to serve in the last war but I'd serve in the army now if I'm expected to. I lived in the Russian zone and got out of there."

H. Guhr, a government department spokesman: "Military service would be something new to our young people and they are not very enthusiastic about becoming soldiers."

Berlin, a divided city now isolated from West Germany, still contains many gaunt war ruins. But rebuilding goes on, and the cultural side of life in West Berlin is reappearing too in theatre, music, ballet. The great shopping centre along Kurfuerstendammstrasse is spruced up with smart stores that display all manner of goods.

To the Germans the unhappiness over division of their country seemingly is accentuated by Ber-

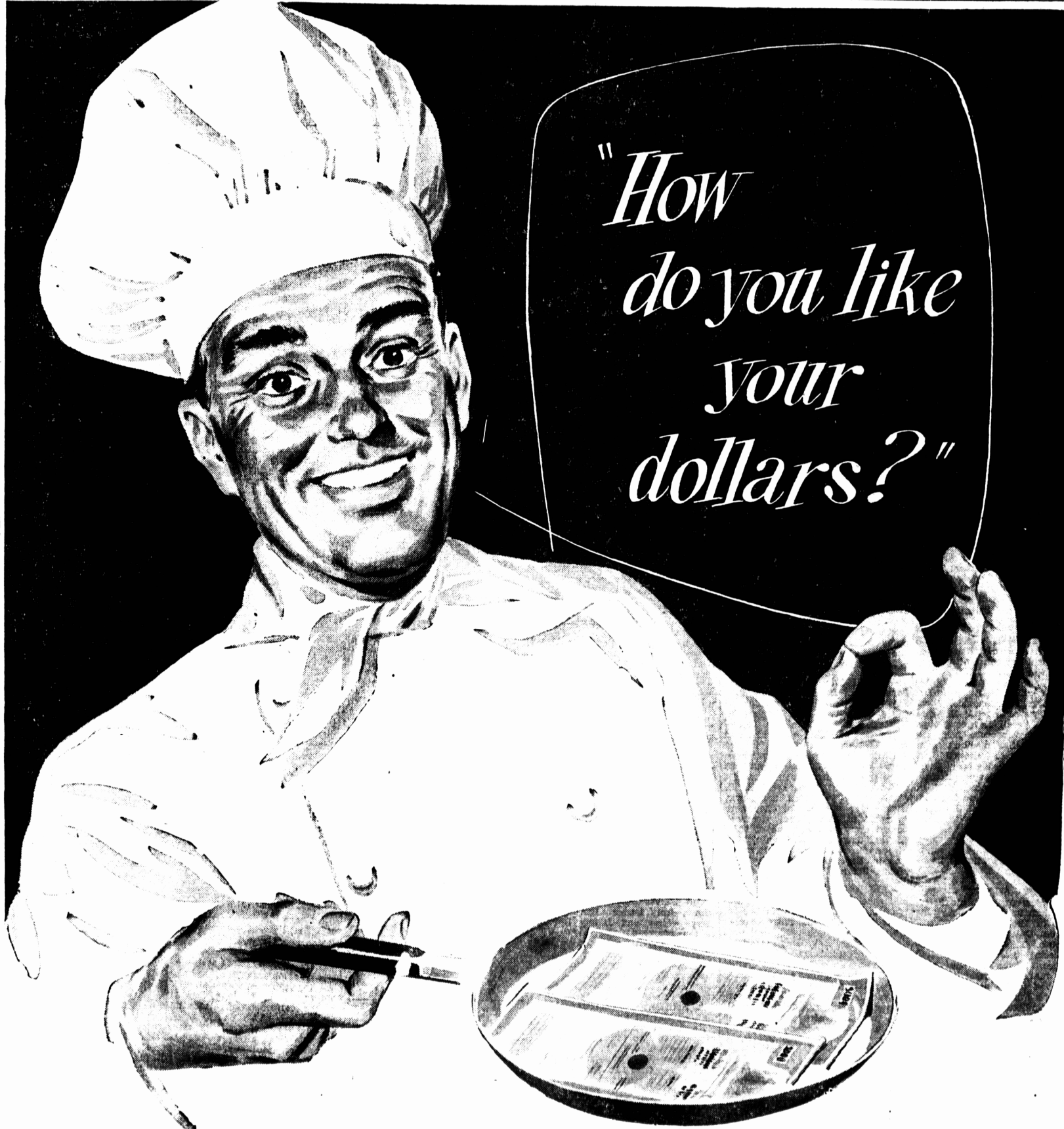
Doukhobors Mark Death of Verigin

BRILLIANT, B. C. (CP) — A hymn-singing chorus of 500 Doukhobors, in a half-hour procession into the hills surrounding this Kootenay valley town, Friday marked the 30th anniversary of the death of Peter Verigin, the man who brought them here from Russia at the beginning of the century.

Verigin, known to his followers as "The Lordy," died in 1924 in a train explosion near Farron, B. C. He is buried with his son, "Peter the Scourger," in a plot overlooking the junction of the Kootenay and Columbia rivers, a shrine for Canadian Doukhobors.

The ceremonies were orderly, in contrast to incidents of internecine strife which marked previous anniversaries.

lin's present lot. All West Germans pay a tax to help Berlin and the windows of railway coaches bear this sign: "Always think of Berlin"



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