

Mennonite Historical Society  
of  
British Columbia

*"What we have heard and known,  
we will tell the next generation."*

*Psalm 78,3.*

NEWSLETTER

September, 1997.

Dear Members and Friends,

The Directors have chosen Psalm 78, verse 3, as the biblical motto for your Society. This passage is cited directly under our letterhead, and in future will appear on all stationery, reports, and brochures of the Society.

Annual Fund Raising Banquet

The 1997 banquet will be held in the main dining hall of the Garden Park Tower. This facility is quite new, and some of the amenities, such as parking space, will not be ready. Therefore we must advise our guests to find parking space, either on the street, at the Clearbrook MB Church, or at Columbia Bible College. We apologize for the inconvenience.

All seating at the banquet will be by ticket only, and all tables will be reserved. If you wish to attend, please contact one of the directors, or telephone our office at [604] 853-6177. You may make an individual reservation, or reserve an entire table for eight. We will be pleased to reserve your tickets for your pick up at the office, or if you prefer, at the banquet. But you must make your reservation no later than Wednesday, October 8, so that we can ensure adequate service.

Booth at the MCC Fair

Your Society will have a small booth at the MCC Fair on September 19, 1997. Our purpose is to publicize the work of the Society. On display will be a few photographs, books, and our new brochure. Please drop by and say hello.



### New Location

At the end of August we moved the archives to our new location in the Garden Park Tower. This move entailed a lot of hard work by volunteers and we thank all directors, friends, and CBC students who participated.

Our offices are located on the second floor of the building on the Clearbrook road side. They may be reached either by the outside stairway, or by the internal elevator. We are very excited about our new quarters and welcome all to visit about a month from now, after we are properly set up. We expect to have an official opening about early-November and will send out invitations giving the exact date, time, and other details for this event.

Our current office hours are from 9:00 to 12:00 A.M., Monday to Friday. We hope to extend these hours in future. But for this, we will require additional trained volunteers. If you feel that you might be interested in this type of work and can spare a day, or a half day on a **regular basis**, please contact our archivist. Until we can increase our budget to hire more paid staff, this is our only option for extended hours

### Coming Events

November 6, 1997 - Official Opening of the Archives.

May 1998 - North American Mennonite History Conference.

The Directors



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**1997 ANNUAL FUND RAISING BANQUET**

Place: Garden Park Tower  
2825 Clearbrook Road.

Date: October 18, 1997  
Time: 6:00 PM

**Speaker: Dr. John H. Redekop**

**Topic: "Can Mennonites be proud of their heritage?"**

Dr. John H. Redekop was born in Herbert Saskatchewan. After completing his secondary education at the M.E.I, Abbotsford, he earned the following degrees: B.A. and B.ED. (Grad. Prog.) UBC; Zertifikat, Heidelberg, Germany; M.A. University of California, (Berkeley); P.H.D. University of Washington, 1966.

Dr. Redekop was Professor of Political Science at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario for twenty-six years - Department Chairman for six years. Since 1994 he has been a part time faculty member at Trinity Western University.

Among his honours and awards are: Canadian Church Press Award; Leslie K.Tarr National Canadian Writing Award; WLU Outstanding Teacher Award, 1992; Ontario Provincial Teaching Award, 1994; Government of Canada Citation and Medal, 1992 (for advising on constitutional matters).

Dr. Redekop has written or edited six books and more than a thousand articles that have appeared in about fifty popular periodicals and journals. He is also often consulted as a resource person by media organizations.

Our forefathers lived on this earth as Mennonites since the Reformation, and during those five centuries defined what we are. Dr. Redekop will speak to the question, "Can Mennonites be proud of their heritage?"