The ratio of soldiers to physicians in the developing world is eight to one. One thousand classrooms could be provided in Africa for the cost of one tank. (*Synapses Messages*)

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"Shalom Connections," a conference for people interested in "common life shaped by a radical discipleship commitment," will gather people seeking community and veterans of communal life. The Oct. 1-3 meeting will be sponsored by Shalom Mission Communities and hosted by Reba Place Fellowship, Evanston, Ill. Cost for out-of-town participants is $50, local participants $30. Scholarships are available. Contact David Janzen, Shalom Mission Communities, 726 Seward #2, Evanston, IL 60202, (708) 475-8715.

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Henry P. Buller of Beaumont, Texas, and a member of Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, Kan., died May 15 at age 77. Buller was one of several Mennonite Central Committee workers interned by Germany during World War II. He was doing relief work for MCC at Lyons, France, in 1943, when Germany occupied the area. He and Beatrice, his wife, plus about 175 American journalists, diplomats and their staff, were interned in a hotel in Baden-Baden, Germany. To pass the time they held classes among themselves, teaching each other Shakespeare, medicine and music. "Henry taught German literature, and I taught German and French," Beatrice said. The Bullers were released in early 1944 in exchange for Germans interned by the United States. After completing his alternative service, Henry moved with Beatrice to Newton, Kan., in 1947, where Henry taught in area public schools. He later went on to teach psychology at Lamar University in Beaumont until his retirement in 1982. (*Mennonite Weekly Review*)

what is shown on television. Today's cartoons are "more realistic in their portrayal of violence," Bergen said. "You have someone pumping bullets into another person as opposed to someone pushing a coyote off a cliff."

While Bishop agrees that teens could be influenced by television violence, he thinks that most of the violence is a direct result of peer pressure. "Some kids are simply trying to grow up too fast," he said. "They also want to get attention."

As the only Mennonite student at Wichita Heights, Bishop tries to talk to his friends about his pacifist beliefs. "I get a negative response from some, and others are kind of interested," he said. "I have a sense of sickness about all the violence around us. Fighting and war only bring more problems." *Carla Reimer*

Minister's license pulled, church still in recovery

North Newton, Kan. (WDC)—The Western District Conference Ministerial Committee has revoked Peter Ediger's ordination credentials.

Ediger had been placed on indefinite leave of absence from ministry by the committee since 1987. The goal of this action is to retain Ediger as a member in the Mennonite church while recognizing that a leadership role is no longer appropriate or acceptable, according to the committee.

Dialogue: The committee has been in dialogue with Ediger and with members and friends of the Arvada Mennonite Church, where Ediger served as pastor for more than 20 years. He resigned in 1987 as a result of his sexual abuse and abuse of power toward people in the congregation. Since then he has been living and working in Nevada.

At the invitation of the ministerial committee, the Arvada congregation has established a committee of three members to be a vehicle for communication between members and friends of the congregation, including victims, the Western District Ministerial Committee and Peter Ediger. The goal of this communication is to bring healing and closure to the relationship between the congregation and Ediger.

The ministerial committee has established an Arvada Abuse Recovery Fund, which will be available to abused people in the Arvada congregation. The fund will also be available to the congregation for communication and healing.

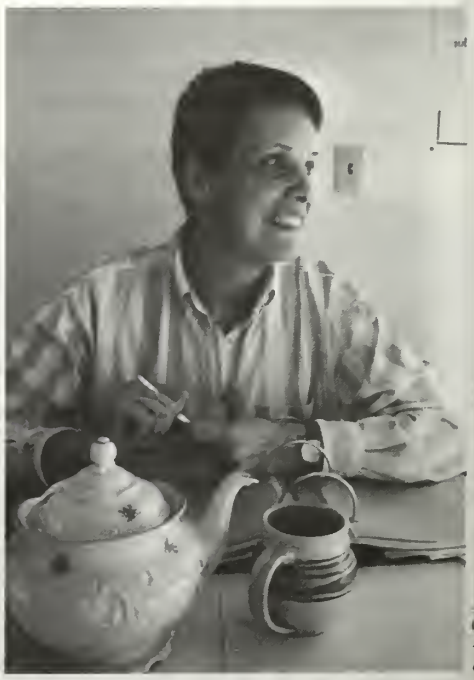
In a May 11 meeting the ministerial committee affirmed Ediger's intention to contribute monthly to this fund. This will be reviewed by the committee after one year. Other people are also invited to contribute to the fund, which started with a contribution from the ministerial committee.

In response to the committee action, Ediger said, "I deeply regret the patterns of my behavior which have been hurtful. I appreciate the efforts of the Western District Ministerial Committee and Marvin Zehr, conference minister, in facilitating healing for these hurts."

The ministerial committee will continue to work with both Ediger and the congregation toward increased communication and healing.

Canada-wide project gets at roots of abuse

Rosthern, Sask. (GCMC)—Rosthern seems too quiet and removed to encounter domestic abuse. There isn't much hustle and bustle in this prairie town of 1,500 people. Downtown



Finding a voice: *Heather Baergen Warkentin discusses how Rosthern Mennonite Fellowship is working on the issues of violation and abuse.*