AT ROSEDALE . . .

The population of Rosedale increased by eight on August 30. On that day, Alvin and Ruth Ann Yoder with their two children, Nathan (3 years) and Sheldon (5 months) came to Rosedale from their home in Atmore, Alabama. For the past four years, Alvin taught in the Bible School at the Atmore State Penitentiary, interrupting the last three years to serve on the RBI faculty for the January-February term. In addition to faculty responsibilities, Alvin will assume the role of Student Pastor. The Yoders are living one mile from the school in the house vacated by LeRoy Yoders earlier this summer when they moved to near Plain City. Their telephone number: 614-857-1068.

The Newton Yoder family from McVeytown, Pa. moved into a trailer on the school campus. Newton and his wife, Mary, are the new custodians at the school. Two of their seven children, Linda and Jerry, came with their parents and are attending local public schools. Newton served twelve years as pastor of the McVeytown Mennonite Church prior to coming to Rosedale.

Mark and Fannie Peachey have moved to Harrisonburg, Va. where Mark will be attending Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Lloyd and Mary Kauffman have moved into Marks’ house and will be operating the Bookstore this winter. Lloys’ telephone number: 614-857-1475.

Philip Shetlers also anticipate moving. They have purchased a house in Irwin and plan to move in several weeks.

APPLICATIONS

As of September 11, applications received for the 1974-75 school terms number 24, 144, 206 and 159, respectively. All persons yet applying for the third term will be placed on the already-existing waiting list, with acceptance for that term pending cancellations from students now accepted. Married students may apply for any term so long as lodging in the community remains available. The volume of applications for this year has been about one month ahead of those for the 1973-74 year.

PERSONNEL PLACEMENTS

Some changes have been made in staff personnel and placement for the coming school year which begins Monday, September 23. New placements are indicated with an (*).

*Alvin Yoder          Student Pastor
  Rhoda Showalter     Matron
  Phil Kanagy         Dean of Men
  *Karen Burkley      Dean of Women
  *Elva Bowman        Librarian
  Janet Good          Secretary to the Faculty
  *Dorothy Alger      Assistant Secretary and Librarian
  *Lucy Beatty        Secretary to the Administrative Staff
  Gary Mininger       Assistant Dean of Men (Beginning Second Term)
  *Sharon Yoder       School Nurse

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COMMUNITY PICNIC

An "All-Rosedale" picnic was held at the school on Friday evening, September 6. Lonnie Skaggs and Mark Peachey were in charge of planning and arrangements.

A program following the meal included introductions and a talk by Miss Krout, a long-time community resident, giving a history of Rosedale, (originally known as "Liverpool"). She spoke of the early settlers, information on landholdings, and other interesting notations. Willard Mayer spoke of the presence of the school in the village and prospects for the future. A tour was conducted for those wishing to see the buildings.

To those acquainted with the Rosedale campus, it may be of interest to note that in the "early days" before the library/gym building was erected, the cafeteria was in the basement of the administration building, the library in the present Treasurer's office and the Head Teacher's office on the main stairway landing. The large porch in front of the building was for horse-drawn carriages (and later school buses) to drive under while loading and unloading children.

A number of persons expressed appreciation for the school's presence in the community. One person commented, "We appreciated it so much when the students came to sing Christmas Carols; it was so nice."

It was a good evening -- a time of learning to know each other better. It was also a time of reflecting on the past and visualizing goals for the future. What happens on the Rosedale campus if felt not only "back home" when the students leave, but it is felt in the immediate community as well.

Mark Peachey was the first Mennonite to move into Rosedale. Now, ten years later, the Mennonite population numbers fifty-four.

BUILDING PLANS

The Associated Church Builders have submitted a campus layout plan as well as floor plans for the library/chapel. Several possible plans are under consideration. The School Board is scheduled to meet September 20-21 at which time plans will again be reviewed.

BUILDING FUND DRIVE

The Slide-Sound presentation which was shown at the annual Conference in August is being revised and will soon be available to churches or groups requesting it. The presentation includes a brief background of the Bible Institute, an introduction to present facilities and personnel, information about the current school program and projections for development.

Contact persons for the building Fund Drive should be aware of this presentation as a means of introducing the school's program to your congregations. Reply envelopes for contributions are available and will be sent to contact persons along with building plans as soon as this information becomes available.

The Library-Chapel Fund (as of September 12, 1974) totals $43,499.54.