

Date: March 26/75

Place: Milverton

Participant: David Jantzi

Pre-War

- had been baptized in the Old Order Amish church, but did not feel a deep sense of commitment since the major emphasis was on form and not on content
- at 20, working in town - this was unusual and somewhat problematic since Old Order boys were expected to stay on the farm
- went CO because it was expected of him, and he would have been excommunicated if he hadn't

War

- was the only Old Order in the group; this was something he was self-conscious about when he was in the company of other CO's in public and it was the source of embarrassment for the group; but when alone he felt no embarrassment
- on the trip out to B.C, he was surprised to find that there were some boys who talked about their Christian faith – this was strange to him since it was not part of his background – the emphasis he was used to was that of living a correct life
- furthermore, when these boys spoke of “being saved” this was new terminology to him
- in their church they never spoke of being sure of one's salvation: rather; it was something that one hoped for after having lived a Christian life: this led him to have internal struggles, which led to a recommitment
- felt that camp either made one a deeper Christian or else turned him the other way
- he had done some reading on the experiences of Mennonites during WWI ; knowing that story he was glad for the opportunity he had to serve; this made it easier to accept the fact that they did not know how long they would be out in B. C.
- after he returned from B.C. his and seven other families began to meet weekly for Bible study and fellowship; because of this he was excommunicated from the Old Order Amish