

Date: Dec.13/74

Place: 50 Kent St., Kitchener

Participant: Rufus Jutzi

Pre-War

-was keenly aware of his stand on nonresistance due to the influence of his family and the church

- baptized ca. 1931 when he was 16 years old

- did not experience any negative feedback concerning his stand on nonresistance from non-Mennonites

War

- was quite willing to go to B.C. to do A.S.W.; left with a spirit of excitement and adventure

- there was a great deal of fellowship; the boys were responsible for organizing their own religious services; learned that it is possible to cooperate interdenominationally; at Hill 60, though, there was a small group of Plymouth Brethren who refused to worship with the others

- J.B. Martin and E.J.Swalm did a good job of trying to keep up the communication with the home church, but he still felt that there was not enough support from the home congregation

- did not bother him particularly much, but there were some boys in need of support who did not get it

- many discussions, sometimes heated, but usually in a spirit of good will; a constant challenging of ideas; this was good because a person had to think through what he believed; for those without specific convictions it was a time of "weeding out" or strengthening, usually the latter

-a group of them sometimes went to serve in a small Baptist mission in Victoria

- Plymouth Brethren speakers periodically came to actively promote their theology to the Mennonites - were not received too well

- Mennonite leaders, eg. Martin, Swalm, and Toews, when they spoke at the camps, tried to encourage all the boys and not convert them