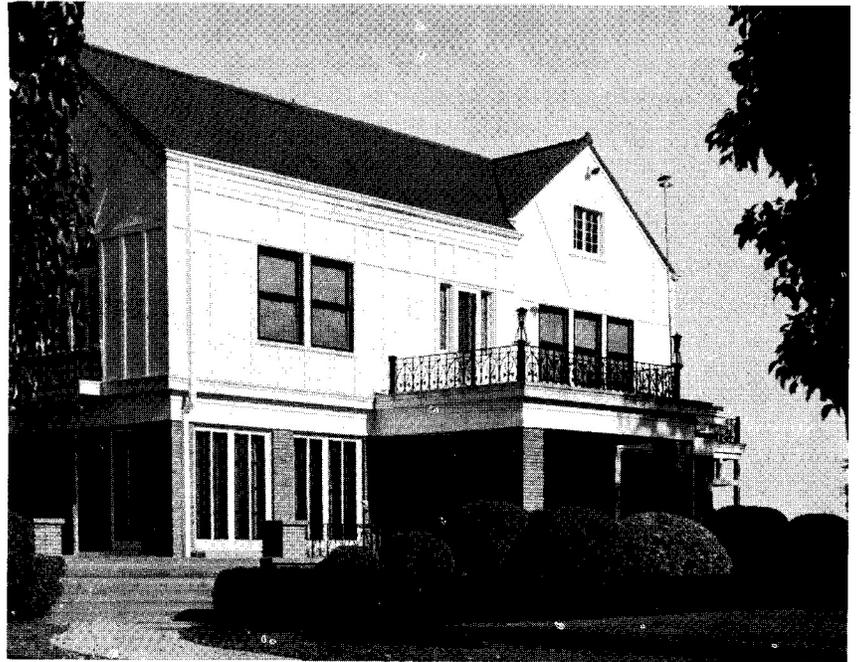


# The US Conference Board of Education, 1954-1979:

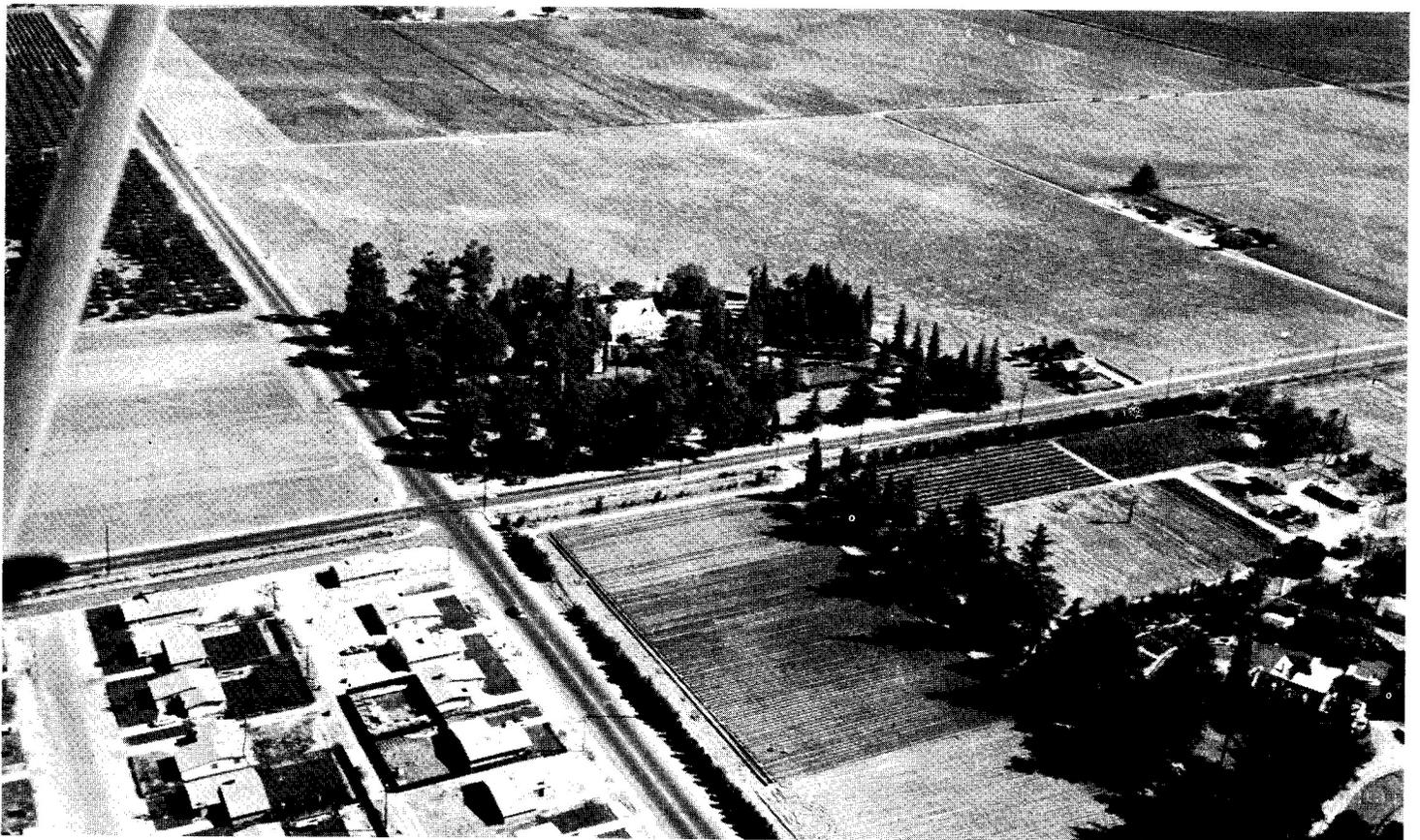
## Some Western Visual Images

The year 1989 marks the tenth anniversary since the dissolution of the unified US Conference Board of Education. This board supervised the operation of all three Mennonite Brethren institutions of higher education in the United States: Tabor College, Fresno Pacific College and Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary. These were years of great change and progress for Mennonite Brethren higher education. Improved facilities, new programs and the academic accreditation so long sought after all became realities during this fertile period.

The many achievement of the Board of Education were recognized and reflected upon during a recent symposium on the campus of MBBS and FPC held April 5-7, 1989. In further acknowledgements of that era we present here a photographic essay illustrating significant events in the development of the two Fresno schools.



**Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary moved into this stately mansion in 1956 for its second year of operation.**



**An aerial view of the property purchased by the Board of Education in 1955. Note the lack of urban development in southeast Fresno at that time.**



The first building on the Chestnut Avenue college campus was completed in 1959. It is known today as Sattler Hall.



The presidents and deans of the two schools gather to inspect plans for the future library in late 1961. (left to right): MBBS Dean R.M. Baerg, PC President Arthur J. Wiebe, MBBS President B.J. Braun, PC Dean Joel Wiebe.



Academic accreditation was a major milestone for both schools. Pacific College achieved this goal in 1965. Below left: students organized a celebratory demonstration, which greeted Wiebe at the air terminal and escorted him back to the campus. Below right: On a somewhat more sedate note, the seminary faculty poses for a group photo during its 1972 celebration of that school's accreditation.