

shareware on the CD-ROM in both DOS and Windows version. The database may be used with other programs capable of importing GEDCOM files, though many of these programs cannot import databases as large as GRANDMA. We have not yet found any Macintosh program capable of importing GRANDMA, though we are still working on providing a Macintosh-compatible version.

In order to use GRANDMA on your computer, you will need a DOS or Windows system with a CD-ROM drive and at least 85 MB available hard drive space.

To order, send US \$30.00 plus \$2.00 shipping to the California Mennonite Historical Society, 4824 E. Butler, Fresno, CA 93727. For Canadian and other foreign orders, please send payment in US dollars.

The database may also be accessed by the public at the Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies in Fresno, California. There is no charge for using the database in the Center; printouts of ancestor charts and family group charts are available for 25 cents/page. Contact Kevin Enns-Rempel at 209-453-2225 or kennsrem@fresno.edu for more information.

## 1998 annual meeting will feature stories of the Russian Mennonites

Make plans now to attend the 1998 annual meeting of the California Mennonite Historical Society, to be held Saturday, April 18 on the campus of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno. This year's featured speaker is Glenna Janzen, a storyteller from St. Catharines, Ontario.

Janzen tells family and Mennonite stories, as well as folk tales, fairy tales, myths and epics. She has traveled to Ukraine with the Mennonite Heritage Cruise twice to tell stories. Her presentation at this year's meeting is entitled "From Bread and Salt to Roasted Zwieback and Tears: Family Stories From the 1920s Russian Mennonites."

During the afternoon, Alan Peters and other members of the Genealogy Project Committee will present a genealogy workshop. They will provide information on the work of that Committee, particularly as it relates to the GRANDMA CD project. Other plans for afternoon sessions have not yet been finalized, but will probably include the showing of a recent film on Mennonite history.

A traditional *faspa* dinner will precede a brief business meeting and the featured speaker during the evening. You will receive more information about the program, times of events and cost of tickets in several weeks.

## Historical Society receives record donation from Neufeld Trust

The Historical Society received an unexpected Christmas gift this year—a check in the amount of \$17,000 from the Theodore C. Neufeld Trust. This is the largest single donation ever received by the Society. The gift was not designated for any particular project or Society activity, and the Executive Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss how it might best be used.

Theodore C. (Ted) Neufeld was born December 28, 1908 in Fairview, Oklahoma, the youngest son of Isaac U. and Catharina (Claassen) Neufeld. His maternal grandfather was Johann Claassen, one of the eighteen founders of the Mennonite Brethren Church. In about 1920 the Neufeld family moved to Reedley, California. Ted Neufeld was baptized and joined the Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church on June 18, 1922.

Probably in late 1920s Neufeld left Reedley to attend college in the Los Angeles area. He formally transferred his membership from the Reedley MB Church in September 1931. During this time he married Helen Crane and worked on the pastoral staff of a Los Angeles-area Baptist Church. After leaving the ministry, Neufeld worked for many years as a school administrator in various parts of southern California.

Following the death of his first wife, Neufeld married Helen Hogan. There were no children born to either marriage. Helen Hogan Neufeld taught chemistry for many years at Glendale Community College.

Following their retirement, the Neufelds moved to the small community of Mt. Baldy, north of Upland, California. They both were active in community affairs there, and Ted served on the board of the local volunteer fire department. They attended the Mt. Baldy Community Church.

In 1979 the Neufelds participated in the Historical Society's Heritage Tour to the Soviet Union and Poland. This event apparently was the only active involvement that they had with the activities of the Society, though they remained on its membership list afterward.

Ted Neufeld died in 1990. His wife moved to Pomona soon after, where she died in 1997. Following her death, the assets of the Theodore C. Neufeld Charitable Trust were distributed to various organizations, including the California Mennonite Historical Society.

The Society Executive is grateful for the generosity and support shown by this donation, and looks forward with anticipation to the projects that are now possible as a result of it.