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			<p> Otto got his H.S. under Agnes Bartel (Wieneke) his father, & finished it on Kikungshan (American School) China in 1937. He had 3 years college by correspondence - by father's help. On June 3, 1939, his father took him to Shanghai. On June 11th, after a scare of being taken away from, instead of to, the boat by a coolie, a foreigner got him to the boat just minutes before the boat left. (Empress of Canada) & left for Canada, B.C. where he stayed a year & with sister, Gerhard Flannings. Three weeks after Willie arrived in B.C. (a year later) he had to leave Canada. U.S. citizens were not allowed long in Canada. He left for Reedley, Calif. with a stopover in Dallas, Oregon. </p>						
			<p> Willie got part of his H.S. the same as Otto, and ended it at Hong Kong, China, where the American School of Kikungshan fled to because of the Japanese invasion. He graduated in 1938. All correspondence with him ceased Apr. 4, 1938, & we heard nothing of him until June 1939. When Reid Konsterlie of the Lutheran mission brot me the Kikungshan newspaper, saying, "Willie Thiessen is on the special police force during the turnover in Hankow. He is well & has enough to pass the day." His father had just had an operation (rupture) at the hospital at Kulitah. All foreigners knew that we had no word, nor knew of Willie's whereabouts so long. Then we heard nothing of him until May 11th when he was at the door at home. Joy? Using Otto correspondence books his father helped him get his 1st year college. In June his father took him to Shanghai, got an entering permit for him into Canada, & took him to the boat on the 16 of June 1940, & he left. Foote, Lovie, Jonathan Bartel, Loyd B. with 3 girls & Grace & his father saw him off. </p>						