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Week of Prayer—November 2-9

# Annual Week of Sacrifice Offering November 9, 1974

By F. W. WERNICK, *President, Lake Union Conference of S.D.A.*

A crisis developed in the overseas work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1885. The mission work in Europe and Australia was ailing and most of the world was yet unentered by the Three Angels' messages.

To meet this crisis, the General Conference Committee on Finance recommended that all churches set aside December 25 to January 2 as a week of prayer and that a special Christmas offering be taken to meet the urgent needs overseas.<sup>1</sup> The offering given that Christmas season, 1885, was over \$10,000—a sacrificial gift for a small and struggling membership.<sup>2</sup>

Years later, in 1922, the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council faced another serious crisis in meeting the budget for the church's overseas mission. Lack of funds threatened to curtail the work and cause the return of overseas workers. That year an appeal was made for a special week of self-denial during Thanksgiving week. Workers employed by the church and laymembers were encouraged to give a week's income. As a result, over \$200,000 was given, a large offering for that time.<sup>3</sup> With that beginning the week of self-denial, or week of sacrifice, became a regular part of the church calendar. In more recent years it has been called the Annual Sacrifice Offering and has been taken at the close of the Week of Prayer. This special offering for overseas work has increased until last year, 1973, it amounted to \$1,651,645.61 in all the world's divisions. Of this total, \$843,468.41 was contributed by our churches in North America.<sup>4</sup>

This year, 1974, the Week of Prayer will be held November 2 to 9 and the Annual Sacrifice Offering will be given Sabbath, November 9. The objective is two million dollars. To reach this objective, we must recapture the spirit of urgency and sacrificial giving that spread through the church in 1885 and again in 1922. If we consider the needs of the church today, we can easily be convinced that sacrifice is needed as much as in those early years.

Inflation, worldwide, is rising so rapidly that it threatens to inhibit advancement by the church into unentered areas because more and more money is required each year to maintain the work of the church as it now stands. Yet, great opportunities stretch open before us. Millions of people in all parts of the

world are now willing and eager to listen to the Word of God. If we supply the means, God will impress the people needed to do the work. While doors are open to us, we must find a way to enter them quickly.

Ellen White, the Lord's messenger, wrote, "It is through sacrifice God's work is to be carried forward." — *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 449.

"I saw that the least that has been required of Christians in past days, is to possess a spirit of liberality, and to consecrate to the Lord a portion of all their increase. Every true Christian has considered this a privilege, but some who have borne the name only, have considered it a task; the grace and love of God had never wrought in them the good work, or they would gladly have advanced the cause of their Redeemer. But Christians who are living in the last days, and who are waiting for their Lord, are required to do even more than this, God requires them to sacrifice." — *Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 170.

The love of Jesus lived out in the life of the believer is the real motive for sacrifice. All can enter into this experience and the size of the gift is not as important as the motive which lies behind it. Such love makes sacrifice a joy and giving a pleasure.

While visiting a long-house village in Sarawak, a part of the Island of Borneo, a youthful minister said to me, "Pastor, these people depend upon us." I looked about the village and saw the physical poverty in which the people lived. But I also saw the poverty of soul and hunger of heart and mind. These villagers are typical of millions in every land. The words of the young pastor still ring in my ears, "These people depend upon us." Surely we can give up some comfort, some pleasure, some convenience or even what may appear to be some need, in order to give a sacrificial offering so that these people will not depend upon us in vain. For many years, a gift of a week's income was set as the objective for the Annual Sacrifice Offering. Perhaps this year many members can do this. If we give cheerfully and lovingly, God's mighty power will bless the gift. This Annual Sacrifice Offering, November 9, 1974, can be the largest and most significant of any ever given.

<sup>1</sup>Review & Herald, December 8, 1885

<sup>2</sup>Review & Herald, January 19, 1885.

<sup>3</sup>Actions of the Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee, Sept. 20-27, 1922, pp. 7, 8.

<sup>4</sup>Letter, John Kozel, March 6, 1974.

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**CANADIAN UNION BAPTISMS**  
 JANUARY TO AUGUST

B. C.	203
ALBERTA	89
MAN. SASK.	117
ONTARIO	494
QUEBEC	135
MARITIME	68
NFLD.	47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1153</b>

### Sligo Church Home Day — October 26

1974 marks the 100th anniversary of Seventh-day Adventist mission, the 130th anniversary of the Great Disappointment, and the 70th anniversary of Seventh-day Adventists' historic move from Battle Creek to Takoma Park, Maryland, to set up denominational headquarters.

**OCTOBER 26 IS SLIGO HOME DAY.** We are especially inviting former members of this church to be with us on that day and make this church's own heritage more vivid.

On October 26 former members visiting the church will be recognized and honoured.

During the worship hour senior pastor M. Dale Hannah will reemphasize the doctrine which was at stake during that critical conference — righteousness by faith.

Sabbath afternoon crowds will gather on the lawn of Columbia Union College where an old-time open-air meeting will be held in the fashion early Adventist pioneers conducted them. An address Ellen G. White made about the issues of the 1888 General Conference will be given word-for-word by Miriam Wood, well-known columnist for the *Review and Herald*.

## Voice of Prophecy Radio Broadcaster

**Dr. H. M. S. Richards**

**Celebrates**

**80th Birthday**

Friends and well wishers throughout North America recently joined in celebrating Dr. H. M. S. Richards' 80th birthday, August 28. From governors, senators, cabinet members, and fellow broadcasters, congratulations poured in from every part of North America.

Dr. Richards, who broadcasts from Glendale, has been on the air continuously since 1930. The Voice of Prophecy radiobroadcast is aired by 700 stations in North America, including the NBC and Intermountain networks.

Beginning over one station, the program has grown today to the point where it is heard in 35 countries around the world.

Dr. Richards continues to broadcast actively and holds the rank of Speaker Emeritus at The Voice of Prophecy. His son, Harold M. S. Richards, Jr., has become Director-Speaker, and the two frequently team up to present broadcasts.

The format for the program has remained the same through the years. The message with music from the King's Heralds quartet, Del Delker, and Brad Braley at the organ has made it a popular religious broadcast. Recently joining the organization is new organist Calvin Taylor.

It was on January 4, 1942, that The Voice of Prophecy was first broadcast coast-to-coast. It has remained a national broadcast and has since become an international broadcast.

Voice of Prophecy programming emphasizes the Bible as relevant to modern man, upholds the Ten Commandments as the only foundation for happiness in society, and has consistently combated such threats to society as juvenile delinquency, intemperate living and drugs.

Repeatedly the broadcast has emphasized the theme that "Christ Is Coming Again."

The Voice of Prophecy broadcast was the first to pioneer Bible correspondence courses, which have been adopted by a number of religious broadcasts and tele-



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casts since. Correspondence courses were prepared by Fordyce Detamore, who served as announcer with the program and today is an evangelist working with The Voice of Prophecy.

Friends of Dr. Richards gathered at the Voice of Prophecy chapel, 1500 East Chevy Chase Drive, in Glendale to join in celebrating his birthday.

The secret of his longevity and excellent health: "I have always attempted to follow Bible teachings in regard to health, and feel that living by Bible principles has contributed greatly to my peace of mind," Dr. Richards says.

Flanked by the Voice of Prophecy King's Heralds Quartet and standing behind a huge birthday cake, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. S. Richards are honoured on the occasion of his 80th birthday and 44 years of radio-broadcasting. An overflow crowd packed into the Voice of Prophecy auditorium to hear messages of congratulation that poured in from around the world. Governors, senators and cabinet members tendered best wishes. Church leaders who were present and members of the Richards' family gave personal tributes. Quartet members from left to right: John Ramsey, Jerry Patton, Jack Veazey, and Jim McClintock.



## Newfoundland —

### . . . Corner Brook . . .



1974 Attendance at the Corner Brook VBS.

Another successful Vacation Bible School was conducted August 12-16 by the Corner Brook Church in the school rooms at Corner Brook with a total enrollment of some 65 young people from ages 6 to 14 years, and representing six denominations — Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Church, Salvation

Army, Baptist, and Seventh-day Adventist.

The School was under the direction of the pastor, Max Mercer, and was divided into three sections: The Juniors, under the leadership of Mrs. Rita Collins and Miss Darlene Reimche; the Primary, with Mrs. Goldie Mercer directing; and the Kindergarten with

Mrs. Patricia Temple in charge. These were all assisted by a number of other ladies of the church!

The evening of the closing day of the five-day program saw a very interesting and inspirational hour-long demonstration in recitation and song of what the participants had learned in their respective divisions during the week, and which was much enjoyed by the many parents and friends who attended.

It is hoped that the seeds of truth thus sown might one day bring forth fruit for God's kingdom.

M. MERCER, pastor  
Corner Brook Church

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*"If the children do not find in their parents and in their home that which will satisfy their desire for sympathy and companionship, they will look to other sources, where both mind and character may be endangered."—"The Ministry of Healing," page 389.*

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*"Parents, let the sunshine of love, cheerfulness, and happy contentment enter your own hearts; and let its sweet, cheering influence pervade your home."—"Child Guidance," page 146.*

## Maritime —

### Evangelistic Crusade

An Evangelistic Crusade will begin October 19 in the Kentville, Wolfville, New Minas area of Nova Scotia, Canada. Any individuals you would like to receive a personal invitation send their name and address to Pastor G. Pifher, 35 Murray Drive, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia.

## Bridgewater Vacation Bible School

The week of July 8 saw the Bridgewater members unite in yet another facet of the total evangelistic outreach of the church — child evangelism through the Vacation Bible School program.

Under the direction of Mrs. Marie Pifher, this year's Vacation Bible School was one of the most successful ever. Each day the enrollment increased until the total had reached over sixty children. They ranged in age from 4 to 15 years, but the stories from the Bible and the spirited choruses rapidly broke down all age barriers.

Over ten adult teachers and craft instructors joined their efforts in making the program a success. The children not only learned new songs and reviewed Bible lessons, but

put their artistic abilities to work in creating individual masterpieces during the craft periods. Plaster wall plaques, wood carvings and egg-carton animals all gradually took shape as the week-long program progressed.

The closing program on Saturday night was the highlight of the week's activities and the church was filled to capacity for the event. It was almost unbelievable to see the amount of material the children, most of them non-Adventists, had learned in such a short time.

Vacation Bible School is now officially over for another year, but the lessons and stories will stay with these children throughout their future lives and, with God's leading, into eternity.



Debbie Slavenwhite holds the Juniors spellbound during the story period.



Happiness is — Vacation Bible School.

## Quebec —

### Record-breaking Student Summer Sales in Quebec

C. K. OKUNO, *Publishing Secretary, Canadian Union Conference*

The largest summer student rally ever held in Quebec took place at Camp Eben Eden, August 15-18. The accompanying picture shows most of the more than forty students and regulars who participated in the summer retreat. Under the able leadership of Pastor Gabriel Saintus, and ably assisted by his wife, the Quebec bookmen enjoyed a spiritual feast second to none. Likewise, their record of attainment this summer is unequalled by any previous year. In just three months' time working door-to-door they have delivered over \$100,000 worth of truth-filled literature. Many of them, rather than attending church on Sabbath, have been conducting Branch Sabbath Schools and cottage meetings with the contacts that they have been making. We are truly grateful to God for His leading and the fact that these capable French-speaking students are helping to give the message of a soon-coming Saviour.



## Special Thanksgiving Weekend at Perth Avenue Church

By MRS. EVELYN MARTINDALE, *Communications Secretary, Perth Ave. Church*

The weekend of August 24-25 was a memorable and inspiring one for the members and friends of the Perth Avenue Church. For some it was reuniting with their former Pastors F. Harris and A. Hitlall of Trinidad, who are now studying at Andrews University and whom they had not seen for over a decade. For all it was a spiritual feast.

On Sabbath, Pastor Fitzgerald Harris brought us a stirring sermon centered on resurrection. This not only made us all sit up and listen but at the end reconsecrate our lives to God.

On Sunday evening was our annual Harvest Thanksgiving service. At this time members and friends bring gifts to God as an emblem of thankfulness for His watchcare throughout the year. The front of the church was gaily decorated with fruits and vegetables and other goodies. Despite our transportation problems, many attended this beautiful service.

To begin there was a musical program in which the West Toronto Harvilites, Brother T. Abrahams from East Toronto and Brother and Sister E. Peterson from Perth participated. The guest soloist of the evening was Laodice Dooley of Jamaica who studied music in England and now teaches at Alpha Academy in her homeland. She visits Canada once a year and is usually accompanied on the piano by her husband but at this program she was accompanied by Brother David Walker our musical director who was responsible for the program. Sister Dooley also took part later in the program with a beautiful rendition of "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings".

The guest speaker of the evening was Pastor Aaron Hitlall who spoke about all the little things of life for which we could be thankful. This discourse was preceded by the Perth Avenue choir rendition of "For the Beauty of the Earth" under the direction of Brother David Walker.

Other participants in the program were Pastor R. Adams of the East Toronto Church and Pastor Harris with Pastor E. Bacchus, Elders S. Powell, and O. Rock of our church.

*It takes a kindly action and it takes a word of cheer*

*To fill a life with sunshine and drive away a tear*

*It's not the "biggest" things that count and make the "biggest" show*

*It's the little things that we may do that make the old world go.*

May God help us as Christians to be thankful and always conscious of the little things we do.



Guest soloist Laodice Dooley during the beautiful rendition of "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings."



Lovely decorations of fruits and vegetables, under the direction of Brother S. Powell.



Perth Avenue choir directed by Brother Walker. Seated on the extreme right is Brother Powell responsible for decorations.



Guest speaker Pastor Hitlall with Pastor Harris directly behind him and Pastor Adams of East Toronto on his left.



Pastor Bacchus the leader of our Perth Avenue church.

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... Service ...

PRAY—GIVE—GO

*Three things the Master hath to do,  
And we who serve Him here below,  
And long to see His kingdom come,  
Must pray, or give, or go.*

*He needs them all — the open hand,  
The willing feet, the asking heart —  
To work together and to weave  
The threefold cord that shall not part.*

*Nor shall the giver count his gift  
As greater than the worker's deed,  
Nor he in turn his service boast  
Above the prayers that voice the need.*

*Not all can go; not all can give  
To arm the others for the fray;  
But young or old, or rich or poor  
Or strong or weak — we all can pray:*

*Pray that the full hands open wide  
To speed the message on its way;  
That those who hear the call may go,  
And — pray that other hearts may  
pray.*

*Annie Johnson Flint*

("Quotable Poems", P. 123)



Clothes sent to Africa by Mr. and Mrs. John Mekons and the Paris Church. The following letter came back from Brother and Sister Victor Chant in Africa.

See letter from Africa on page 356

# Commencement Exercises Branson Hospital School of Nursing

By ADELE STICKLE, *Instructor, Branson Hospital School of Nursing*

Forty-seven nurses received diplomas during the Commencement Exercises of the Branson Hospital School of Nursing on Sunday, August 4, 1974. Eighteen of the graduates had completed the three-year course, and twenty-nine completed the two-year course inaugurated in 1972, bringing to two hundred and sixty-six the total number of graduates during the fourteen years of the school's existence.

Elder Robert Pierson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, gave the Commencement address.

The graduation weekend activities opened with the Consecration Service on Friday evening, when Mr. A. Grabo, publishing secretary of the Alberta Conference, and father of Treva Grabo of the graduating class, was the speaker. Misses Monika Dost and Lynn Barter represented the three-year and two-year groups respectively in responding to the challenge presented by the speaker. Each class expressed their aims in hymns of consecration: "Eternal Life" and "Let There Be Peace On Earth." The dedicatory prayer was offered by Glenn Simpson, Supervisor, Mental Health Unit, and class sponsor.

The Baccalaureate sermon on Sabbath was given by Pastor E. Hillock of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, and father of graduating students, Barbara and Bette Hillock. Using the class mottoes—"Today We Follow, Tomorrow We Lead," and "Take the Road as It Comes and Leave It Better"—he admonished the nurses to do as the disciples did, becoming leaders by being with Jesus and learning first to follow; and to follow the example of the Good Samaritan, making the road to Jericho a better place because he was there to minister to the suffering.

Elder A. G. Rodgers, Administrator of the Branson Hospital, was chairman of the colourful Commencement program on Sunday afternoon. Following an honour guard formed of Branson School of Nursing alumni in full uniform, the graduating nurses entered, wearing their white uniforms and black ribbons for the first time, and carrying the traditional bouquets of red roses.

Elder Pierson, in his address, emphasized the goal of Adventist medical work everywhere: "To Make Man Whole." Then, stressing "TLC" (Tender Loving Care) as the hallmark of Adventist nursing service, he challenged the graduates to fulfill these guiding principles as Christ demonstrated during His ministry on earth. Love, he said, has healing power, and the Christian nurse's mind, lips, and hands will be controlled by the spirit of love.

Diplomas were presented by Miss Donna Wells, Dean of the Nursing Division of Seneca College, Mrs. Althea Turnbull, former Director of the Branson School of Nursing, and Mrs. Florence Dunbar-Vella, Acting Assistant Director of the Branson School, presented the school pins.

Mr. William Easterbrook, Chairman of the Board of Management, presented awards contributed by the Medical Staff for

Outstanding Achievement. Three-year students who received awards for special accomplishments in nursing and extra-curricular activities were the following: Patricia Sulz, Judy Clark, Loretta Hrenyk, Joy Prouty, Sylvia Smith, Eva Hillock, and Jane Babington.

Graduates from the two-year group who received awards included Elva Mathers, Debbie Madden, Myrn Lehmann, Sandra King, Pat Haughland, Ruby Kizema, and Brenda Baverstock.

Sylvia Smith and Sandra King, valedictorians for the three-year and two-year classes respectively, received the Jessie McRae Nursing Scholarships for further Nursing Education made available by the Women's Auxiliary of the hospital. The scholarships were presented by Mrs. Crawford, president of the Auxiliary.

Contributions to the Ruth Scott Memorial Fund for Further Nursing Education were presented by Mr. D. Michael and Elder Philip Moores representing the Union Conference and the Ontario Conference respectively. This fund is available for loans to Branson graduates who wish to continue their nursing education.

The Julia Elizabeth Rodgers Award to the Nurse of the Year is given to the nurse from each class who best exemplifies the Christian graces and ideals of the nursing profession. The recipients of these awards were Monika Dost of the three-year class, and Janice Polishuk of the two-year class.

Dr. Stoddart, Chairman of the Division of Allied Health Programs of Seneca College, brought greetings from the College. He paid tribute to the individuals responsible for the supervision of the nursing program on the Branson campus during the year of transition of the program to Seneca College. Since diploma nursing programs in Ontario were transferred to the Department of Education and the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology as of September 1, 1973, the class of 1974 is the last class to graduate from the Branson Hospital School of Nursing. Students applying for admission to the school during 1973 were given opportunity to enroll at Seneca College or the School of Nursing of their choice.

An added feature of this last graduation exercise of the Branson Hospital School of Nursing was the presence of many visiting and local alumni of the School, some coming from as far as the west coast and California. Those serving on the honour guard included Linda Stevenson, Elaine Cotie, Janet Landry, Alison Down, Myrtle Gooding Benjamin, Verla Boyce, Beverly Matiko, Sandra Foulston, Celia Wilson Adams, Marilyn Froom, Nancy Daigle, Lilla Potter Gilbert, Josie Klimosh Hess, Sherri Wirsz, Yolanda Tomazewski, Merle Jacobs, Mary Ann Tanner McLean, Grace Kneller, Rosemary Juriansz Okimi, Grace Stewart, Jessie Toop Atwood, Jennie Stansal, Marlene Skula Klam, and Violet Lyle.

## LIST OF 1974 GRADUATES

<i>Jane Babington, Ontario</i>	<i>Sylvia Smith, Toronto</i>	<i>Treva Grabo, Alberta</i>	<i>Sherille Parchment, Ontario</i>
<i>Alaire Ball, Alberta</i>	<i>Mary Szabo, Ontario</i>	<i>Karen Hamilton, Alberta</i>	<i>Evangeline Pedro, Philippines</i>
<i>Rena Cheung, Hong Kong</i>	<i>Patricia Sulz, Alberta</i>	<i>Patricia Haughland, Ontario</i>	<i>Janice Polishuk, Ontario</i>
<i>Judy Clarke, Ontario</i>	<i>Nancy Travis, Toronto</i>	<i>Ellen Ho, Malaysia</i>	<i>Alice Ramharacksingh, Trinidad</i>
<i>Monika Dost, Ontario</i>	<i>Colleen Troop, Manitoba</i>	<i>Judith Horsley, Ontario</i>	<i>Heather Sampson, Ontario</i>
<i>Roger Hild, Nova Scotia</i>	<i>Judy Wecker, British Columbia</i>	<i>Sandra King, Ontario</i>	<i>Elaine Saylor, Alberta</i>
<i>Barbara Hillock, Saskatchewan</i>		<i>Kathleen Kingsfield, Alberta</i>	<i>Sandra Snape, British Columbia</i>
<i>Bette Hillock, Saskatchewan</i>	<i>Lynn Barter, Ontario</i>	<i>Ruby Kizema, Alberta</i>	<i>Olive Sterling, Jamaica</i>
<i>Eva Hillock, Ontario</i>	<i>Brenda Baverstock, Ontario</i>	<i>Myrn Lehmann, Saskatchewan</i>	<i>Sandra Strmski, Ontario</i>
<i>Loretta Hrenyk, Saskatchewan</i>	<i>Marlene Carmichael, Bermuda</i>	<i>Debra Madden, Ontario</i>	<i>Betty Strutt, Manitoba</i>
<i>Marlene Lippert, Alberta</i>	<i>Donna Densmore, British Columbia</i>	<i>Elva Mathers, Ontario</i>	<i>Sandra Templeton, Ontario</i>
<i>Joy Prouty, Ontario</i>	<i>Dolores Fletcher, Ontario</i>	<i>Christine Okimi, Ontario</i>	<i>Linda Trupp, Ontario</i>

See next two pages for class pictures

Three-year Nursing Class



BARBARA HILLOCK



BETTE HILLOCK



MRS. F. DUNBAR VELLA



SYLVIA SMITH



NANCY TRAVIS



LORETTA HRENYK



JOY PROITY



MARLENE LIPPERT



JUDY CLARKE



RENA CHELONI



ROSER HILD



ALAIRE BALL



COLLEEN TROOP



MONIKA DOST



JUDITH WECKER



JANE BADNINTON



EVA HILLOCK



PATRICIA SULZ



MARY SZABO

1974

GRADUATING CLASS

BRANSON HOSPITAL

SCHOOL of NURSING





LYNN BARTER



BRENDA BAVERSTOCK



MARLENE CARMICHAEL



DONNA DENSMORE



DOLORES FLETCHER



TREVA GRABO



KAREN HAMILTON



PATRICIA HAUGHLAND



SEE GEE HO



JUDI HORSLEY



SANDRA KING



KATHLEEN KINGSFIELD



RUBY KIZEMA



MYRN LEHMANN



DEBRA MADDEN



ELVA MATHERS



CHRISTINE OKIMI



SHERI PARCHMENT



EVANGELINE PEDRO



JANICE POLISHUK

# Class of 1974

# Branson School of Nursing

*Ashley + Crupper*



ALICE RAMHARACKSINCH



HEATHER SAMPSON



ELAINE SAYLER



SANDRA SNAPP



OLIVE STERLING



SANDA STRMSKI



BETTY STRUTT



SANDRA TEMPLETON



LINDA TRUPP

## Camp Saskatoba Summer Activities

By M. LLOYD ERICKSON, *Conference Youth Director*



The kitchen is a popular place.



Delicious meals.



Nature study.

A busy summer of activities was recently concluded at Camp Saskatoba. Following successively after Camp Meeting, were Junior Camp, Teen Camp and Friendship Camp. Activities consisted of leathercraft, basket weaving, water skiing, boating, nature study, swimming, sailing, horseback riding, campfires and good eating. The waterfront program added a new popular feature this year — a sailboat. Unit workshops, camp counsel, evening worship and Bible study classes helped to round out the spiritual phase of camp. New camp T-shirts and Sweat Shirts were enthusiastically received by the campers.

There were 63 campers in attendance at Friendship Camp. This camp is financed to a great extent by Ingathering reversion and so several churches — Portage, Morden, Brandon and Winnipeg English — sponsored a number of youth. It was a real pleasure for the staff to witness the tremendous spiritual and social growth of these campers from underprivileged homes.

Canoe Camp was held in the Lac La Ronge area of northern Saskatchewan. The group that braved this canoe trip through the beautiful north woods was treated to many of nature's delights. The unbelievable beauty left one with a real sense of God's goodness.

The summer's final camp at Camp Saskatoba, held over Labour Day weekend was Family Camp. Elder Paul Cannon of the Religion Department at Andrews University was the special guest. The discussions centered around the topic "With the Spirit in the Family, Happy, Happy Home." The good food, fellowship and fun will long be remembered.



Flag raising.

## Morden and Portage la Prairie Churches Send Children to Friendship Camp



Beryl James — 3rd from the left, local elder  
Randolph James 5th from the right. Group of  
Friendship campers.

The Morden and Portage la Prairie Churches were very thankful to be able to send 32 youth to Camp Saskatoeba. All youth were thankful; a letter from Morden: "Thank you for sending my sister and myself to camp this summer. We both enjoyed ourselves very much and appreciate that we were able to go."

Let us send twice that number next year!

We thank Mrs. Fehr from Morden and Mrs. Beryl James from Portage and the other members for their labours for Christ.

Forward, forward, each reader, into Christ.

RON DORCHUK, pastor

### WITH HIM

*In the dawn of breaking day,  
When its first faint rays I see,  
I can hear my Saviour say,  
"Walk this day with Me."*

*When I feel the noon day's heat,  
I press closer to His side,  
There indeed is a retreat,  
There in Him, I can abide.*

*When the sunset tints the West,  
And the day is done,  
He giveth His beloved rest,  
To the weary one.*

Julia E. Martin

"Quotable Poems," P. 144

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## Camp Meeting Book Sales Across Canada

Camp Meetings are halted for another year across Canada, but the results of multiplied thousands of pages of literature being circulated from purchases made at the Adventist Book Centers will ripple from heart to heart convicting souls of their need for Christ.

At each Camp Meeting, no matter how large or small, believers could be found preparing to return home armoured with more soul-winning material than ever before.

How much time have we left? How many opportunities passed by will come again? What we have to do we must do quickly.

Purchases grandly made will accomplish little if they are left idle to gather dust on a shelf. Let's introduce Canada to Jesus this year, and wear out the pages of these truth-filled books by sharing this beautiful message.

Sales at Camp Meetings across the Canadian Union this year were as follows:

British Columbia	\$53,026.00
Alberta	\$43,058.00
Man.-Sask.	\$11,245.73
Ont.-Que.	\$40,280.00
Maritimes	\$ 7,200.00

Thanks so much to you the people in the field who have made these sales possible. We join with you in looking forward to the soon coming of Christ.

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER

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*All who would win joy must share it:  
happiness was born a twin.—Byron.*

## Bookmobile Schedule For Western Canada

DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE
Sept. 30—74	Lethbridge	Nov. 10—74	Dawson Creek-Fort St. John
Oct. 1—74	Medicine Hat	Nov. 11—74	Chetwynd
Oct. 2—74	Maple Creek-Shaunavon	Nov. 12—74	Prince George
Oct. 3—74	Swift Current	Nov. 13—74	Vanderhoof
Oct. 5—74	Moose Jaw-Tugaske	Nov. 14—74	Hazleton
Oct. 6—74	Regina-Strasbourg	Nov. 16—74	Terrace
Oct. 7—74	Estavan	Nov. 17—74	Terrace
Oct. 8—74	Moosomin	Nov. 19—74	McBride
Oct. 9—74	Brandon-Killarney	Nov. 20—74	Quesnel
Oct. 10—74	Portage La Prairie	Nov. 23—74	Williams Lake
Oct. 12—74	Winnipeg	Nov. 24—74	Williams Lake
Oct. 13—74	Winnipeg	Nov. 25—74	Kamloops
Oct. 14—74	Winnipegosis	Nov. 26—74	Salmon Arm-Silver Creek
Oct. 15—74	Swan River	Nov. 27—74	Grandview Flats
Oct. 16—74	Hudson Bay	Nov. 28—74	Vernon
Oct. 17—74	Canora	Nov. 30—74	Rutland
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## Letter of Appreciation from Africa

September 16, 1974

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mekons:

Thanks so very much for all your help. Our spirits have been greatly refreshed. Before we wrote our Christmas letter, we were getting a bit discouraged, now that we've been gone for over five years, that most people were beginning to forget us and the tremendous needs of the people here, to whom we've given our lives. But last week we got twenty-five bags of clothes in one day. Since that day we've gotten nearly that many again and we've gotten several letters saying more were on their way. Among the twenty-five bags were all the ones you sent us last time. Thanks so much. It is wonderful to have someone so faithful back home.

I'm only sorry that you are on the shipping end instead of the receiving end, because you miss all the fun. I sent three bags to Nolola to a pastor up there for his church (they'd sent us the money already) another two bags were sent to Josephat's older married sister up in Kitivo (Copperbelt, Zambia) who also had already sent money for clothes. The rest I took out to a village and in three hours there was hardly a garment left and we had over \$300 for our church building fund. But, even better than that were all the blue (if brown skin can turn blue!) arms covered with warm jerseys (sweaters as you'd say), the bare legs covered, the children dancing for joy in "new" clothes, and old men snuggling into warm jackets or a young man putting a pair of "new" slacks over the "holey" ones he had on.

I just wish you could see the joy you bring in two ways! One, as the balance of our church building fund slowly rises and two, the happy people who have "new" clothes with which to face the winter for themselves and for their little ones. But for each person clothed, I turned away at least five. Only when Christ comes can they all be warm. But, I hope the physical warmth you've sent here will return as spiritual warmth in your heart.

With love,

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Chant

P.S. Thanks also for your encouraging letters.

E. J. PARCHMENT

Lay Activities Secretary  
Ontario Conference

(Picture of bundles of clothing sent to Africa is shown on page 350)

unfortunately had to be subcontracted due to the absence of available volunteer block layers.

The work project as a whole seems to be off to a good start. Crews of 10-20 men are usually on the job on Sundays to assist Greg Eppel.

Although the project is far from completed, it is expected that certain areas will be used for the opening of school this fall.

The high school will serve students in the lower Fraser Valley or an area that



Young man from Arizona enjoys Canadian climate while putting up blocks on new school.



Men work industriously to put up walls.

## British Columbia —

### Volunteer Work Project Gives Boost To Christian Education in the Fraser Valley

By D. VANDERWERFF, Co-ordinator

Christian education moved ahead in faith in the Lower Fraser Valley when constituents voted to expand facilities to a full grade 12 last spring.

A volunteer work project officially began on August 1, 1974. Workers from several churches assisted Greg Eppel, con-

struction foreman, in setting up forms for footings on July 27. August 14 saw the near completion of the block walls which



Workmen nearly lay school complex blocks in one week. Auditorium construction to follow when more funds become available.



Construction foreman, Greg Eppel, places forms industriously and donates a full day's work each Sunday plus overtime.

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## Volunteer Work Project — Continued from previous page

contains about 50 percent of B.C.'s population.

On the job, Christian men and students of the school have worked side by side to make this school a success.

Special contributions to the building project have been outstanding. Large and

small personal donations of cash have been made. Many tradesmen have donated their skills and equipment. Others in the fabricating business have given materials at cost with labour donated. Besides these larger donations it has been

thrilling to see the students help build "their" school — driving nails, painting, etc. Fraser Valley Academy is becoming a reality because the constituency, young and old alike, have made a practical commitment to an ideal.



Ronnie Kuppers, grade 10, places forms for footings.



Students Ken Scott and Ronnie Kuppers help layout of footing forms.

## Vacation Bible Schools and Branch Sabbath Schools in B.C.

W. W. ROGERS, *Lay Activities, Sabbath School, Communications, B.C. Conference*

1974 was a good year for Vacation Bible Schools in British Columbia. B. J. Liebelt from the General Conference visited many of the outlying churches and brought encouragement and vision as to the potential in Vacation Bible Schools for soul winning.

Some thirty-four Vacation Bible Schools were held throughout the conference. Some people went far beyond the call of duty. The Vernon Church and the enthusiastic leadership of Pastor and Mrs. Fritz put on three Vacation Bible Schools; some of the members helped with a fourth. Two horse-drawn wagons hauling some thirty children each to and from Vacation Bible School was a special attraction of the Vernon VBS.

Another worthwhile feature was the placing of a stack of Bibles and lessons on a table at the rear of the room graduation day. As the parents left, an announcement was made to the effect that VBS is only ten days long. There is much more to study and learn in the Bible. If you are interested in further study, the parents were told, just take a Bible and a set of lesson guides from those beside the door as you leave. Sixteen families took the guides at the first school. A similar response came from the others. The result: branch Sabbath Schools.

A number of schools are following the Sabbath graduation plan. Graduation takes the place of Sabbath School and the worship hour. This brings children and their parents into a Sabbath morning program as nothing else will. Where this has been tried, both church members and non-members feel it was a most rewarding experience.

In Surrey, the church added another worthwhile feature to the Vacation Bible School. They had adult nutrition and cooking classes plus a Happy Home feature while the children were having their program and crafts. The response to this was worthwhile and gratifying.

In Vacation Bible School, there are many avenues to lead parents and children into growing relationship with the church.

Branch Sabbath School is one of the finest. This year ten churches made definite plans to follow VBS with branch Sabbath Schools.



VBS is concentration on a sail boat.



VBS is riding on the wagon with Pastor Fritz.



VBS is your teacher helping you make colourful fishes swim through the air.



VBS is modelling an original head dress just made.



VBS is responding to an interesting teacher (Vernon).



The happy group at Creston VBS — typical of all the rest.

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### Many Factors Lead to Decision

Mrs. Seward of Golden was baptized June 30 by former pastor, Pastor E. L. Stewart.

She attended the evangelistic meetings held by Pastor Knoll and desired to be baptized a little later so she could study truths more thoroughly.

Mrs. Seward's husband passed away in



Mrs. Seward and Pastor E. L. Stewart.

the spring, and her daughter Trixie (a faithful SDA at one of our self-supporting schools in the States) came home to be with her family. Trixie had a burden on her heart for her mother. She brought her out to Pastor Knoll's meetings and studied the Bible with her at home.

Mrs. Seward had to quit her job as she was unable to get the Sabbath off. But the Lord provided another job. However, shortly after she started work there, this business closed and she was again unemployed. She remained faithful and again found another job where she didn't have to work on Sabbath.

We all rejoice in the faith of this new sister.

MRS. BLAIR JONES, PR Secretary  
Golden SDA Church

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### Fort St. John Baptism

Six precious souls, all from one family responding to the call of the Holy Spirit,

dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ. Mrs. Donald Kruse and all of her children were baptized in the Peace River near Fort St. John. Mrs. Kruse had for some time been searching for the truth, and as a result of her personal study of God's Word and the dedicated lay efforts of Brother Dorse Prosser, who gave a number of Bible studies, she decided that she should unite with the Remnant Church.

What a thrill it is for us to see those who take their stand for the Lord and prepare for the wonderful day of His coming. At such moments as these, we find occasions for a reconsecration of our lives once again to Christ.

We invoke an interest in your prayers for this wonderful family that are isolated and live many miles from the church. It is our prayer that these might ever prove faithful and be a real light to those about them. How we long for the day when the wonderful family of God will unite about His throne in the presence of Jesus.

OSBORNE LEE, pastor

## Wedding

### McLELLAN-SPERLING

Angus James McLellan and Heidi Sperling were united in marriage Wednesday evening, July 17, at the Maranatha Church, in Toronto. Peter Brown acted as best man and Nancy Daigle, who was Heidi's roommate at the Branson School of Nursing, was the maid of honour. Kathy Gillan sang two numbers and Pastor T. McComb gave the sermonette. Sandra Foulston was co-ordinator for the wedding and Elaine Cotte was master of ceremonies for the reception.

In good Scottish style the McLellans left the wedding ceremony to the skirl of the bagpipes played by Mr. Bob Smith. Many friends from California to the Maritimes were there to wish the newlyweds many years of happiness.

PHILIP MOORES

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Juicers, blenders, water distillers, yogurt makers, flour mills, etc. Order by mail. Will give juicer demonstration in Vancouver area. Send for brochures, price list. Free book with every purchase!

Send stamped, self-addressed envelope to: M. Platt, General Delivery, White Rock, B.C.

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Contact: The Administrator  
Sherwood Park Nursing Home  
2020 Brentwood Boulevard  
Sherwood Park, Alberta  
T8A 0X1  
Phone: (403) 467-2281

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## Review of the "Northern Light"—(Continued from back page)

started with interested people. One believer in Bella Coola remarked,

"Your coming to Bella Coola makes us feel we really belong to the church in British Columbia." It has always been hard to reach Bella Coola by any means of travel, and so the visits of the *Northern Light*, and the meetings held with them meant a great deal to them.

In the spring of 1967 the writer took the examination of the Department of Transport and received her Masters Certificate, so she was able to help with the navigation of the boat. She also took care of the charts and the log book, the cooking, and the teaching of son Darby until he left for the academy.

In the fall of 1971 it was decided to use the boat to transport dentists and assistants, and board them while they worked in the Indian villages. Equipment for this also had to be transported. This new work was under the direction of Dr. W. K. Danielson, dental secretary of the conference.

Our last assignment was to take the boat from Port Hardy

to Prince Rupert in January where we lived on the *Northern Light* while assisting Evangelist Tom Knoll and Pastor Keith Dearing with a crusade in the city, and with the follow-up work.

In May of this year we received a call from the Alaska Mission to take charge of the work of the MESSENGER III, a boat similar to the *Northern Light*, but larger. Our work will be in the area around Ketchikan, and also the logging camps on the Prince of Wales Island.

During our time on the *Northern Light*, we have logged over 5,500 hours of running time. We have come to know and love the people of the coast from Vancouver to Prince Rupert. We like to quote and paraphrase the last paragraph from the "Pathless Way" by Justin de Goutier, a bush pilot of the British Columbia coast.

"It was a pathless way of many paths for us"—one of 55,000 miles "of the lovable and terrible, thrilling and hateful, beautiful and treacherous Pacific coast of British Columbia"—but every mile was with dedication and service, and most of all with LOVE.

# Review of the Work of the "Northern Light" in British Columbia

By NANCY GILDERSLEEVE (MRS. CLYDE W.)

In the summer of 1964 we were asked by the British Columbia Conference to take over and expand the work of the conference mission launch, the *Northern Light*, a 37-foot cabin cruiser built on a gill net (fish boat hull).

This mission boat was based on Powell River, and the work up to that time had been carried on by the late Elder R. E. Reimche and his wife Gertrude, who had requested relief from the boat work.

It was suggested that the launch be moved farther north, and my husband Clyde suggested Port Hardy at the northern end of Vancouver Island, although we knew no one there.

There were no Seventh-day Adventists in Port Hardy when we arrived. Later some of the Indians from Smith Inlet moved over, and we began holding a Sabbath School in one of the Indian homes.

The Lord opened the way for us to get some property in Port Hardy, and Andy Waterman came up from Surrey to build a house for us. He moved up with his family, and although they had no intention of staying in Port Hardy they were of such help to us that they stayed and now have a home of their own here.

Clyde's aim was to build a strong home base for the *Northern Light*. By the time another pastor was given Port Hardy in the spring of 1973, there was a church membership there of 45, with a four-acre lot cleared for a church, and a church school then operating in its fourth year. The reason the responsibility of the Port Hardy Church was transferred to someone else was so that Clyde could give his full time to the dental program of the launch.

The run of the *Northern Light* was Bella Coola, a big Seventh-day Adventist logging camp in Rivers Inlet, Watcher Isle Church at GMG logging camp in Smith Inlet, Port Hardy, Surge Narrows, and Read Island; as well as much of the time Powell River.

It was over a 300-mile run, much of it in treacherous waters, but the Lord blessed our travels and we never missed being at one of our places. In addition, we visited isolated members,

small communities, and Indian villages where literature was given out and Bible Correspondence courses started.

There were baptisms every year. A MISSION '72 evangelistic effort for Port Hardy was arranged with Elder Carl Sundin, then of Loma Linda and now of the General Conference Health Department, as the speaker, and from which ten were baptized.

In the spring quarter of 1963 a third of the 13th Sabbath overflow offering was given to build a larger, faster *Northern Light*, but as no suitable boat was found Clyde was asked to come up with a good design for one to be built. He finally decided on a 50-foot off-shore cruiser designed by naval architect Elder Monk of Seattle. The plans and specifications were submitted to the conference committee who approved them and put out tenders. Matsumoto Shipyards of North Vancouver was given the contract with the understanding that a competent member of the church organization periodically check the building of the boat as it progressed. Clyde went to Vancouver every two or three weeks for this purpose, and in early spring we moved near the shipyards and spent our days in the shipyards overseeing all the final details.

Finally the great day arrived and the new *Northern Light* was launched May 19, 1964 at the time of the Canadian Union Biennial Session. After speeches by G. O. Adams, then president of the British Columbia Conference and Mr. Matsumoto, president of the shipyards company, as well as others, the keys were formally presented to Clyde, and after a prayer of dedication by Elder Neil Wilson, vice-president of the General Conference, the new mission launch slipped into the waters of Burrard Inlet to the cheers of about 400 people assembled on the wharf for the occasion.

This faster, larger boat greatly aided in the coastal work. It could more efficiently care for the six groups and the Bible studies held with isolated folk. More Indian villages could be visited, with services held there. Almost literally tons of literature was given out, and more Bible correspondence courses

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Clyde and Nancy Gildersleeve stand near the wheel and panel board of the *Northern Light*, mission launch of the British Columbia Conference.