

Thoughts On Christmas

by Ellen G. White

Christmas as a Holiday. "Christmas is coming," is the note that is sounded throughout our world from east to west and from north to south. With youth, those of mature age, and even the aged, it is a period of general rejoicing, of great gladness. But what is Christmas, that it should demand so much attention?...

The twenty-fifth of December is supposed to be the day of the birth of Jesus Christ, and its observance has become customary and popular. But yet there is no certainty that we are keeping the veritable day of our Saviour's birth. History gives us no certain assurance of this. The Bible does not give us the precise time. Had the Lord deemed this knowledge essential to our salvation, He would have spoken through His prophets and apostles, that we might know all about the matter. But the silence of the Scriptures upon this point evidences to us that it is hidden from us for the wisest purposes.

In His wisdom the Lord concealed the place where He buried Moses. God buried him, and God resurrected him and took him to heaven. This secrecy was to prevent idolatry. He against whom they rebelled while he was in active service, whom they provoked almost beyond human endurance, was almost worshipped as God after his separation from them by death. For the very same purpose He has concealed the precise day of Christ's birth, that the day should not receive the honor that should be given to Christ as the Redeemer of the world—one to be received, to be trusted, to be relied on as He who could save to the uttermost all who come unto Him. The soul's adoration should be given to Jesus as the Son of the infinite God.

The Day Not to Be Ignored. As the twenty-fifth of December is observed to commemorate the birth of Christ, as the children have been instructed by precept and example that this was indeed a day of gladness and rejoicing, you will find it a difficult matter to pass over this period without giving it some attention. It can be made to serve a very good purpose.

The youth should be treated very carefully. They should not be left on Christmas to find their own amusement in vanity and pleasure seeking, in amusements which will be detrimental to their spirituality. Parents can control this matter by turning the minds and the offerings of their children to God and His cause and the salvation of souls.

The desire for amusement, instead of being quenched and arbitrarily ruled down, should be controlled and directed by painstaking effort upon the part of the parents. Their desire to make gifts may be turned into pure and holy channels and made to result in good to our fellow men by supplying the treasury in the great, grand work for which Christ came into our world. Self-denial and self-sacrifice marked His course of action. Let it mark ours who profess to love Jesus because in Him is centered our hope of eternal life.

The Interchange of Gifts as Tokens of Affection. The holiday season is fast approaching with its interchange of gifts, and old and young are intently studying what they can bestow upon their friends as a token of affectionate remembrance. It is pleasant to receive a gift, however small, from those we love. It is an assurance that we are not forgotten, and seems to bind us to them a little closer. . .

It is right to bestow upon one another tokens of love and remembrance if we do not in this forget God, our best friend. We should make our gifts such as will prove a real benefit to the receiver. I would recommend such books as will be an aid in understanding the word of God or that will increase our love for its precepts. Provide something to be read during these long winter evenings.

Jesus Not to Be Forgotten. Brethren and sisters, devising gifts for one another, I would remind you of our heavenly Friend, lest you should be unmindful of His claims. Will He not be pleased if we show that we have not forgotten Him? Jesus, the Prince of life, gave all to bring salvation within our reach. . . . He suffered even unto death, that He might give us eternal life.

It is through Christ that we receive every blessing. . .Shall not our heavenly Benefactor share in the tokens of our gratitude and love? Come, brethren and sisters, come with your children, even the babes in your arms, and bring your offerings to God according to your ability. Make melody to Him in your hearts, and let His praise be upon your lips.

Jesus, the Majesty of heaven, the royal King of heaven, laid aside His royalty, left His throne of glory, His high command, and came into our world to bring to fallen man, weakened in moral power and corrupted by sin, aid divine. . .

"Shall We Have a Christmas Tree?" God would be well pleased if on Christmas each church would have a Christmas tree on which shall be hung offerings, great and small, for these houses of worship. Letters of inquiry have come to us asking, Shall we have a Christmas tree? Will it not be like the world? We answer, You can make it like the world if you have a disposition to do so, or you can make it as unlike the world as possible. There is no particular sin in selecting a fragrant evergreen and placing it in our churches, but the sin lies in the motive which prompts to action and the use which is made of the gifts placed upon the tree.

Let there be recorded in the heavenly books such a Christmas as has never yet been seen because of the donations which shall be given for the sustaining of the work of God and the upbuilding of His kingdom.

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University Approves Offering of Second-Year Courses

at Canadian Union College

by Dr. Neville O. Matthews, President



A forward step in college development was marked recently when the General Faculties Council of the University of Alberta authorized its Committee on Admissions and Transfer to approve on a course by course basis the offering of second-year university courses at Canadian Union College. Course by course approval is a procedure regularly followed by the university in order to insure that university courses offered by its affiliated colleges are taught by academically qualified teachers, and are supported with adequate library resources and laboratory facilities. These requirements are minimal and can be legitimately expected of any institution of higher learning worthy of academic respect.

Second-year university courses in chemistry, mathematics and physics have already been approved by the committee, while courses in biology, business, French, English, music and organizational theory await approval pending either the arrival of library materials or laboratory equipment already on order, or the processing of academic documents of proposed instructional staff. No upper limits have been placed on the number or range of liberal arts and science courses the college may offer. The breadth of offerings can be as narrow or as wide as the Canadian Union constituency desires and is willing to support. At the present time the college has been approved to offer the following University of Alberta Courses:

Accounting 202, Introductory Accounting Accounting 204, Managerial Information and Control Systems

Biology 130, Introductory Biology Biology 296, Evolutionary Biology Biology 297, Heredity Biology 298, Environmental Biology Biology 299, Biological Functions Business 201, Business in Society I Business 203, Business in Society II

Chemistry 100, Introductory General Chemistry Chemistry 200, Introductory University Chemistry Chemistry 202, Introductory University Chem-

Chemistry 202, Introductory University Chemistry (with Mathematics)

Chemistry 250, Organic Chemistry Chemistry 350, Organic Chemistry (For stu-

Chemistry 350, Organic Chemistry (For students with credits in Chemistry 200 or 202)

Economics 201, Introduction to Micro-Economics 202, Introduction to Macro-Economics Educational Administration 261, The Role of the Teacher Educational Foundations 201, Introduction to Education

Educational Psychology 269, Maturation and Development Educational Psychology 271, Learning

English 200, Survey of English Literature English 210, English Literary Forms English 217, Readings in Poetry English 275, Readings in Prose

French 100, Beginner's French French 200, First Year University French

History 200, European History

Mathematics 202, Elementary Calculus I Mathematics 204, Elementary Calculus II Mathematics 302, Intermediate Calculus I Mathematics 303, Intermediate Calculus II Music 224, Practical Study (Piano, Voice, Viola, Violin and Instruments) Music 250, Elementary Harmony Music 251, Elementary Aural Skills

Physical Education 201, Bio-mechanics
Physical Education 202, Movement Analysis
Physical Education 203, Kinesiology I
Physical Education 204, Structural Anatomy
Physical Education 205, Kinesiology II
Physical Education 216, Introduction to
Volleyball
Physical Education 225, Introduction to
Gymnastics
Physical Education 227, Introduction to
Aquatics
Physical Education 236, Racquet Sports
Physical Education 250, Introduction to the
Administration of Athletic and Physical Education Programs
Physics 202, Basic General Physics
(Mechanics—for students without Physics 30)

Physics 203, Introductory General Physics 30)
Physics 205, Introductory General Physics 1
(Mechanics—for Students with Physics 30)
Physics 207, Introductory General Physics 11
(Matter, Heat, Optics)
Physics 209, Introductory General Physics III
(Electricity, Magnetism and Atoms)

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Physics 209, Introductory General Physics III
(Electricity, Magnetism and Atoms)
Physics 240, Mechanics, Waves Optics
Physics 340, Heat, Electricity and Magnetism
Political Science 200, Introduction to Government and Politics

Pyschology 260, Basic Pyschological Processes Pyschology 261, Individual and Social Behavior

Sociology 202, Introductory Sociology

Courses currently under consideration by the University are:

Biology 301, Cellular Biology Biology 302, Developmental Biology Business 310, Commercial Law Business 357, Introduction to computing for Business Application

English 350, The Earlier Victorian Age English 351, The Later Victorian Age

French 301, Second-Year University French

History 278, Canadian History from 1500-1867 History 279, Canadian History from 1867-1967

Music 202, History of Medieval and Renaissance Music Music 203, History of Baroque Music

Organizational Theory 303, Behavior in Organization
Organizational Theory 305, Theory of Formal Organization

While approval to offer second-year University courses moves the college a step forward in preparing students to earn a Baccalaureate Degree, the effort to secure from the government of the Province of Alberta approval to offer a full degree program and power to confer degrees continues unabated. A complete proposal for the operating of a degree-granting college requested by the Minister for Advanced Education will be placed in his hands before the end of November and it is expected the matter will be introduced for consideration by the Legislature at its spring sitting.

Progress towards the goal of recognized statutory degree-granting status has perhaps not been as rapid as the constituency would like. And the constituency is not to be faulted for indulging in a bit of impatience, as long as the impatience does not give way to despair and discouragement. Experience reveals that the pace of human life in some of its aspects can be speeded up; in others it has to take its normal course. All God's outworkings in nature and in the affairs of men are timed with precision and though sometimes they may seem long in coming are, in the long run, well worth waiting for.

"Patience as well as courage has its victories." Acts of the Apostles p. 465.



North Battleford District News

Pastor Mark Atwood has held three Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking this year in different areas. One was held in northern Saskatchewan, at Beauval, for an Indian boarding school, at the request of the government. Over 50 were enrolled. Another was held in North Battleford in cooperation with the Health Region Office. The third Five-Day Plan was held at Loon Lake with eight successfully completing the course.

Rabbit Lake had its first anniversary as an organized company the last weekend in May. This group has done many things since it was organized. Under the leadership of Vern Aaserude and Earl Rogers, they have held two Vacation Bible School with an attendance of 30–40 children which are 90% non-Adventist. They conduct a Neighborhood Bible Club every week with over 30 children attending. Four people have been baptized into this company during the past year. They also hold a weekly prayer meeting and began a church school this fall.

For the anniversary Sabbath, Elder Stan Gallant, conference Lay Activities Director was guest speaker. The occasion was highlighted by a baby dedication. Pastor Mark Atwood dedicated Cheryl Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers, and Byron and Harold Geates, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Geates. The service was followed by a fellowship dinner and an afternoon program.



Cheryl Rogers, and Byron and Harold Geates were dedicated by Pastor Mark Atwood.

On September 17, the St. Walburg church had a conference work-day for their new church. Much was accomplished on this day with laymen and pastors coming from various districts to help. The St. Walburg church members have been working on a new church building since they were organized into a church a year ago by Elder Bill Soloniuk, conference president. The church men along with Pastor Atwood have spent many days in the woods cutting down trees, sawing, planning, and stacking the lumber. They plan to begin meeting in the basement of the new church this winter.

S. H. Gallant

Two Elementary Schools Open

For the first time in the history of Rosthern, and Mayfair, Saskatchewan, two elementary Seventh-day Adventist church schools have been established.

The Rosthern school is under the direction of Gus Lehmann. He is the principal-teacher and started the year with nine students. They have already increased that enrolment because people are interested in sending their children to Christian schools.



A view of the new Rosthern church school with students and Mr. Lehmann.

The Rosthern area is greatly impressed with the new church school. On the front cover of their local newspaper, they covered a good spread, pictures of the church school program, and gave a very fine write-up about the church school.

The Mayfair school is in the Rabbit Lake District. This is a small district, but the Adventists there are carrying on a great Evangelism project: one form of it being the addition of the church school in Mayfair this year. This school is under the direction of Mrs. Kathy Sabo. She is doing a fine job there working with our young people.

Some wonderful things are taking place in the various schools throughout the Conference of which you will be hearing from time to time.

Jim Eiseman

Education Director

Mayor Reads Scripture On Community Relations Day

Mayor and Mrs. Herbert Taylor, were guests of the Moose Jaw Seventh-day Adventist Church, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, on Community Relations Sabbath, October 15.

Mayor Taylor who is a former parish priest of the Anglican Church, and a friend of Seventh-day Adventists, participated in the worship service by reading the scripture, Psalm 91.

In conveying greetings to the congregation on behalf of the city, the Mayor said, "It is a distinct pleasure and privilege to be afforded this opportunity to worship with you today and to bring you greetings on behalf of the citizens of Moose Jaw who still remember with gratitude, the contribution made by your church during the flood disaster of 1974.

"The most significant memory however, is the fact that long after the excitement of the situation had subsided and all our benefactors were gone, the only ones still around were the Seventhday Adventists."

On behalf of the congregation, Pastor James thanked the Mayor for his kind remarks and presented him with a deluxe copy of *Patriarchs and Prophets* by Ellen G. White.

Following the worship service, the Mayor and his wife were given a tour of the church facilities. They were also guests at the Fellowship dinner in the church hall, and seemed to enjoy the vegetarian meal.

R. James Pastor



Left to right: Ed Livadney, Pastor R. James, Mayor Herbert Taylor reading Psalm 91.



Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Rhoda James. Children are members of the Neighborhood Bible Club.



Westmount "New Members" Take Sabbath Services

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." Matt. 28:19,20.

I cannot adequately tell how much it heartened me, to observe that in this complex, commercialized world, where pressures are engulfing everyone on all sides, the above command which Jesus gave almost two thousand years ago is still prevailing. This was manifested on Sabbath, September 10, 1977 at the Westmount S.D.A. Church as we, the fifty-two "new members" for the year September 1976 to September 1977, demonstrated what we had derived from studying the Word of God and what the Word had done for us. We, the fifty-two "new members" who were formally in charge of the day's activities, are the newly baptized, those who were accepted by transfer of membership and by profession of faith.

Pastor R. O. A. Samms and superintendent Walton who, among others, had a burning desire to create a Christian-family relationship between the "new" and the "old" members, to stimulate the members' feeling of personal responsibility and sense of duty toward God, had the new members take charge of the Sabbath services.

The theme for the day's program was "The Church in the World".

Sabbath school, the church service and the M.V. meeting were all conducted by the "new members". The sermon was presented in three parts, namely: "The World", "The Church" and "The Church Triumphant". The "new members" choir sang "The Church in the Wildwood".

The M.V. program consisted of a variety of songs, instrumental solos, poems and admonition. At the close of the day we wondered how we could accomplish so much. The answer is "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me".

A. J. Palmer

Evangelism in Quebec City

The first nine months of 1977 have been blessed with good results from the preaching of God's Word in the Quebec City area.

Eighteen souls were baptized during that period and several interested souls are preparing to follow in their steps.

In Saint-Raymond, forty miles away from downtown Quebec City, a new group of thirty people is meeting faithfully every Sabbath. Several talented young people are among the new members both in Quebec City and Saint-Raymond.

A plot of land, thirty-five thousand square feet, has been offered to the Association for the building of a chapel near Saint-Raymond de Portneuf in the Laurentians. This will be a tremendous boost to the growth of the church in that area.

The pastors in charge of the Quebec City district are launching a series of evangelistic efforts in the surrounding regions of Quebec City. They hope to establish several outposts which will give priority to the preaching of the good news of Jesus Christ.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our fellow believers who have had a part directly or indirectly in the preaching of the gospel in this area. Thank you for your prayers and financial support in the work of evangelism in la belle province.

Daniel Rebsomen, Pastor Quebec City Church



From left to right: Pastor D. Rebsomen, Jeanine Rebsomen, R. Cayer, G. Papillon, R. Dubé, S. Dubé, P. Beaulieu, I. Dubé, A. Cayer, M. F. Dubé, M. Lortie, Pastor M. Fleurimond.

Give away an enrollment card this week.
Voice of Prophecy



Bob Tetz Accepts Call to Teach

The welcome presence of Pastor Bob Tetz, youth and temperance director, and his wife and secretary, Myrna, will no longer be enjoyed in the British Columbia Conference. Pastor Tetz has accepted a call to teach at Little Creek Academy, near Knoxville, Tennessee. His wife will be working as Dean of girls.

Pastor Tetz was a beloved leader among the youth of British Columbia and carried the youth and temperance program forward in a marked way over the past three and a half years.



Pastor Tetz keeping in touch with youth activities.

His ministry began in British Columbia as an intern in the Vancouver area, and, later, with pastoral duties in the north Okanagan Valley and Williams Lake areas. Well-known and appreciated by both ministry and laity, Pastor Tetz and his family will be greatly missed.

Alex Ramsey, Director Department of Communication B.C. Conference

Mr. Carlson Celebrates 90th Birthday

Thanksgiving came one day early for the Carlson Clan this year, as they celebrated the 90th Birthday of J. S. (Bill) Carlson.

The family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kay near Stettler. About 50 people, including 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren

gathered to wish "Grandpa" Carlson well and to thank God for His many blessings to each of them down through the years.

Bill Carlson and his family homesteaded and farmed for many years in the Peace River country and in Southern Alberta. He and his wife Lisa now make their home in Chilliwack, B.C., where he continues his lifetime avocation, Mr. Carlson was blessed with a unique talent (begun early in his Sweden homeland) for making concert violins. In his spare time, his skill and craftsmanship have gone into the making of over 200 of these masterpieces. He has brought music and happiness into the homes and lives of many fellow Adventist Canadians, and his family wanted all of his friends to be able to join in their thanksgiving on his 90th birthday.

Russ Spangler



J. S. (Bill) Carlson surrounded by his four children: Dean Carlson, from Vancouver; Mrs. Phil (June) Spangler, from Golden, B.C.; Mrs. Norma Spangler, from Toronto; and Mrs. Tom (Zelma) Kay, from Stettler, Alberta.

Revelation Lectures Successful At Williams Lake

The Williams Lake church experienced a busy summer this year as preparations were made for special meetings, based on the book of Revelation, Our guest speaker was Elder Harold Friesen, Evangelist of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, on loan to us for a five-week period. Several months before the series the Williams Lake church members were actively inviting their friends and neighbors to the first meeting on August 28.

It was most encouraging to witness the tremendous musical talents that were offered by our members under the direction of Harvey Brucks. As an added feature, Elder Harold Friesen played the piano and organ at the same time, this was a real treat for all. Under the direction of Dorothy Jones, there were wellorganized programs for the younger children each evening. Don Erickson, with the church deacons and the welcoming committee, created a warm welcome for all who attended.



Newly baptized members with pastors after baptism on September 17.



Pictured are those baptized on October 1 at Williams Lake. Three are missing from the picture.

The entire series of meetings were held in our local church and the attendance was most encouraging. About 60 visitors attended the meetings. The average attendance ranged from 150–300. Of the 60 visitors about 40 were quite regular. The Lord richly blessed us here in Williams Lake. The entire church family experienced a real revival, and, furthermore, the Lord blessed us with 21 new members. On September 17, four were baptized and October 1, seventeen more took their stand in baptism. Fourteen others are preparing for a future baptism.

With the Lord's guidance we are looking forward to a finished work in Williams Lake. Jacob Hiebert, *Pastor*

Williams Lake S.D.A. Church

Dedication of Silver Creek Church

September 10, Sabbath, was a beautiful day and a very special one for the members of the Silver Creek Seventh-day Adventist congregation, as Elder Lloyd L. Reile, Canadian Union President, presented the dedication message for their new church. Many freinds from the surrounding churches joined for the happy occasion, resulting in an attendance of over 200 persons.

Mr. Leonard Bawtree, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the area was in attendance to express his congratulations and best wishes.

Praise and thanksgiving reigned in the hearts of each member for the abundant blessings of God that made possible their beautiful house of worship.

Mrs. Noeline Whippy, Communication Secretary 'Silver Creek Church



David Ellis, Pastor for the Silver Creek Church leads the congregation in the "Act Of Dedication"

MISSION FUND OFFERINGS

Each month the General Conference puts out a statement indicating the contributions for Missions from all the conferences and Unions in North America. From the September 1977 statement we find that the Canadian Union per capita offering is 75 cents per week for missions. This is the second highest in the North American Division, being exceeded only by the North Pacific Union with a per capita of 83 cents.

For comparison purposes we are listing the conferences in the two top Unions:

Canadian Union		North Pacific Union	
Alberta	.895	Alaska	.715
British Columbia	T.060	Idaho	.889
Manitoba-Saskatchewan	.532	Montana	.818
Maritime	.739	Oregon	.801
Newfoundland	.477	Upper Columbia	.919
Ontario	.593	Washington	.777
Quebec	.422		
Canada	.751	North Pacific	.834

No doubt you will find these figures both encouraging and challenging.



At the church service, on October 22 eighteen precious souls were baptized.

In answer to many prayers the Holy Spirit has been at work in Oshawa, Ontario. Fifty-two persons have been baptized and many others have re-dedicated their lives to Christ.

To say that the Oshawa *It Is Written* Crusade has been a success is not enough, for more than a thousand members have prayed and worked earnestly in support of our enthusiastic Pollett family and the working of the Holy Spirit.

Elder Lyle Pollett, on 30 nights over a period of 6 weeks presented our message in a clear and exciting manner. The prophecies and doctrine were shown in such a way that even lifetime S.D.A. members were given a much clearer understanding of Scripture. Dale Pollett, singing evangelist, sang nightly and prepared the congregation for receiving the message and his appeal song at the end of each sermon left the listeners with the impression from the Holy Spirit and reflection of the evening's message.

On Sabbath, October 22, an overflowing church of more than 1,400 persons praised God as 18 persons were baptized. It was a special day of worship as many more people came forward with a decision to be baptized. The Kingsway College Symphonic Choir and brass ensemble from the College Band performed "O Praise Ye the Lord" by Hubert Parry,



Pollett Crusade Success In Oshawa

and Leslie Riskowitz, a guest pianist from Wales inspired everyone with his arrangement of "The Lord is my Shepherd" during the morning offertory. It was a special Sabbath on October 22, and on the next Sabbath, October 29, the church was again overflowing when 25 more persons were baptized. The choir and brass again performed magnificently.

On both October 22 and 29 more than 400 members from the Bowmanville, Kendalwood, and College Park churches joined in a fellowship dinner held in the Kingsway College cafeteria. It was a time of welcome and love for those born again.

On the evening of October 29, the last



Those baptized on evening of October 29.

PHOTO CREDIT: E. Lange

meeting of the Crusade, nine more persons were baptized and God's richest blessing was felt as a \$3,000 offering was received.

Another baptism took place on November 5 and another is planned for the near future.

Many thanks to the Pollett family, to Denise Raymundo our faithful organist, to Pastors Daniel Handysides, Gordon Pifher, David White, David Toop and many more who worked so faithfully during the crusade.

Carl Anderson Communication Secretary College Park S.D.A. Church



Twenty-five were baptized at the church service on the last Sabbath of the Pollett crusade.

Average Attendance 750

Toronto Tucker Team Crusade

During the four-week Quiet Hour Search for Truth Crusade in Toronto, Pastor and Mrs. LaVerne Tucker, were assisted by Pastor and Mrs. Gerard Christiansen, Pastor and Mrs. Arthur Zaft, Pastor and Mrs. Frank McMiller, Pastor and Mrs. Ken Corkum, Pastor and Mrs. B. Mary, Pastor and Mrs. Enoch Anderson, Pastor and Mrs. Larry Milliken, and a host

of dedicated church workers.

More than 19,500 people attended the 26 meetings with an average attendance of 750 per night. Hundreds of precious souls now have a closer walk with Christ and more than 100 people made a decision to be baptized and unite with the remnant church. Fifty-four of these people were baptized before the crusade

closed on October 22 and many have been baptized since.

Wayne Doggett (back row, left) expressed his belief that God had called him to be a minister for the Lord Jesus. Next to Wayne is Carmen Paolucci (20). The night he made his decision for Christ and His church, his parents asked him to leave home.

Anand Chandra Sharma (third from left, back row) is the son of a Brahman priest. Many more thrilling stories of victories won could be told about these precious souls who have taken this advanced step with Jesus. We pray for the scores of people who are still in the valley of decision that they will choose Christ's way.

LaVerne Tucker, Pastor Search for Truth



Some of the precious souls that were baptized during the crusade.

Health Ministry — Timely Tools

Better Living Breakthrough

Adventist Health Ministry has a twofold responsibility; to lift the level of health behaviour among Seventh-day Adventists, then to help them to share their way of living with a receptive world.

Better Living Breakthrough has been created for the very purpose of helping in the first step. It's for church members!

This informative and practical prayer meeting series covering the eight natural remedies is now available from the General Conference Health Department, but is to be ordered through your local conference Health Secretary. Ask for Better Living Breakthrough.

The entire sequence of each meeting is ready-made. Different people take part. It is a relief; not a burden, to the pastor.

The beauty of the program is that it involves immediate interaction. Members bring reference books to the meeting. Time is given during the meeting for study. Then small and large group discussions follow.

The complete series of eight costs only \$2.00 per set, .25 for each instructor's manual. Ask your church health secretary about it.

Health Study Program

The 1978 topic for the Health Study Program is Mental Health. The General Conference recommendation is that the last prayer meeting night of the month be devoted to the study of this topic.

A Life & Health article is written each month to coordinate with the topic. The textbook for 1978 is Mind, Character & Personality, "A Guide to Mental and Spiritual Health." It is a two-volume set and will be available from the Adventist Book Centre for \$4.95 each in early January.

This new book and this year's emphasis is a first for our church. It's long

overdue but it's ahead of its time. You won't want to miss a single night.

Seventh-day Adventists are unusually blessed with health information and we therefore carry an unusually great responsibility to minister to others. How do we do this accurately and reliably? We must first live it!

"In their own lives and homes they should obey the laws of life, practicing right principles and living healthfully. Then they will be able to speak correctly on this subject, leading the people higher and still higher in the work of reform. Living in the light themselves, they can bear a message of great value to those who are in need of just such a testimony." *Testimonies* Vol. 6, p. 376.

G. D. Strunk, Director Adventist Health Ministries

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CANADIAN UN	HON BAPT	ISMS
OCTOBER	1977	1976
B. C.	225	251
ALBERTA	258	240
MAN. SASK.	111	106
ONTARIO	561	793
QUEBEC	118	105
MARITIME	48	68
NFLD.	61	60
UNION TOTAL	1382	1623

Welcome to Two New Pastors



Charles H. Buursma.

It is a privilege to welcome to the Ontario Conference Pastor and Mrs. Charles H. Buursma and children; Henry and Heidi. Graduates of Andrews University in 1961,

Elder and Mrs. Buursma served in pastoral work in Ohio and later in evangelism in Nebraska and Indiana.

The Buursma family is residing in London and will be serving mainly the southwestern region of Ontario. We all join in welcoming the Buursma's and wish for them God's continued blessings as they preach the gospel and win souls to Christ in this area of His vineyard.



Alfred J. Webb.

We are happy to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Alfred J. Webb to the Ontario Conference. Pastor Webb will be pastoring the Kingston and Brockville churches. He comes to us

from Texas, where he has been engaged in pastoral work. He is a graduate of Canadian Union College and has served as Chief Accountant at Loma Linda Foods, a teacher at Canadian Union College, pastor in Oklahoma, Washington, Colorado and Texas.

We wish for the Webb family, God's special blessings as they carry on the work of gospel ministry in the Ontario Conference.



FAITH FOR TODAY

On Cable in Ontario

Seven hundred sixty-six thousand people have the potential of viewing Faith For Today's Westbrook Hospital series throughout Ontario.

Many homes tune in the telecast as a result of multiple cable stations relaying the program from WKBW in Buffalo, New York. Since these cable networks are not indicated in general TV program schedules, a list of CATV areas where FFT is transmitted is printed below.

Brampton, Brantford, Brockville, Burlington, Campbellford, Cobourg, Downsview, Dundas, Erin Mills, Fergus, Georgetown, Grimsby, Guelph, Hamilton, Lindsay, Mississauga, Mitchell, Newmarket, Orangeville, Orillia, Oshawa, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Scarborough, Toronto, Uxbridge, Welland, Woodstock.

Haileybury Holds Cooking School

A cooking school sponsored by the Haileybury S.D.A. church was conducted in New Liskeard during the latter part of October. Twenty-six enthusiastic persons from New Liskeard, Haileybury, and Cobalt registered for the classes. Several of those attending had quit smoking the week before at a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking conducted by Pastor A. Matchim.

The participants expressed their appreciation for the additional nutrition information acquired; and for the tasty, economical and nutritious foods that were demonstrated. Nutrition talks were presented by Mary Alice White and the food demonstrations were given by Ruth Blum, Leona Selman and Donna Matchim.

Mary Alice White Dietician, Adventist Health Ministries

Perth Church Baptism

On September 17, members of the Perth church gathered at a cottage on beautiful Rideau Lake to witness the baptism of three persons we had come to love.

As Mrs. Linda Driscoll was lowered into the water we wished her grand-mother, Sister Elliott, of South River could have been here to witness the event. She had written our clerk, asking that someone contact Linda. Pastor Hayward along with some ladies of the church called and began Bible studies

with Linda. It was thrilling to watch as the Holy Spirit spoke to her and she responded step by step. Now Linda is teaching our children in Sabbath School.

Sister Palmer studied with Al and Nettie Ransier and they attended a few of Pastor Hayward's meetings last fall in Smiths Falls. When they left for Florida last winter, Sister Palmer, gave them several of our books for their reading pleasure. Upon returning they began attending church. It was evident the Holy Spirit was calling them to a complete commitment to Jesus, which they gladly made this day.

A luncheon was served after the baptism and a time of fellowship followed.

Mrs. Ruby Richardson Communication Secretary Perth S.D.A. Church



Left to right: Mr. Al Ransier, Mrs. Nettie Ransier, Mrs. Linda Driscoll and Pastor Wayne Hayward.

It Is Written Presents

Two Special Christmas Telecasts

"O Come Let Us Adore Him!" Christ, whose birth the world honors at this season of the year, gives us the joy, peace and gladness of Christmas.

In keeping with this spirit, It Is Written is bringing a double portion of good will programs to its viewers this Christmas season.

The first one, "The Reluctant Messiah" will be aired nationwide (It Is Written stations) the December 18 weekend, one week prior to Christmas.

In it, Pastor Vandeman will utilize a giant jigsaw puzzle to graphically illustrate how Old Testament prophecies on

the nativity and life of Christ interlock with their New Testament counterpart fulfillments.

A gift offer climaxing the program will make it possible for your non-Adventist friends to receive a similar puzzle. It is emphasized that these puzzles are not children's toys, but are unique Bible study aids for adult thinking.

An overwhelming response was experienced from the telecast's 20th anniversary Christmas special last year, so an encore presentation is slated this year for the December 25 Christmas weekend. Pastor and Mrs. Vandeman will both

participate, along with *It Is Written* singers Connie Vandeman, Marilyn Cotton and her daughters, Ben Parrish, and Walter Arties.

Pastor Vandeman's moving Christmas story, with the musicians combining their talents in nine Christmas melodies with orchestra accompaniment, will make this a joyous, festive occasion, one which you will want to invite all of your friends and neighbors to view.

Theda Kuester, Assistant Public Relations Department It Is Written

Members of K.C.'s Concert Band witnessing in the nation's capital.



Elders Pifher and McDowell spend much time counselling students.



Pastor Pifher leads the Campus Ministries committee.

Kingswa offers we Christ-cent

To educate young Christians in harmony wit schools like Kingsway College.

Everyone knows that. What some may no opportunities for leadership, friendship, knowledg

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All of these activities are organized by the s organization was founded so that, "those who school can be united in their goals and have an o Darrel Juriansz, CABL leader of "Campus Ministri

CABL, or "Collegiate Adventists for Better I program. The CABL department helps to organ demonstrations and Temperance Booths in th information centres. Starting November 27 we wil

You would be right in thinking that with so cannot help but share their knowledge with their Religion Department, has recently created a small about Kingsway, it's history, reasons for existence programs.

The next major community endeavor is, of co the student body of Kingsway will join the ranks

Gordon Pifher, Campus Pastor, agrees that K together to create a family atmosphere of caring family at Kingsway and as Campus Pastor it is m enthusiasm in working for God."



A joyous conclusion to Lyle Pollett's 6-week crus Kingsway College Choir added much to the beaut

College

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Students of Grade 13 doing research for their course "Life and Teachings of Jesus".



Singing choruses in the valley is much a part of life at Kingsway.



Students go on Sabbath afternoon hike.

A School Miracle

Reo Ganson, Superintendent of Schools for the Alberta Conference, states that "The school in Lethbridge has experienced a miracle. Last year this school opened with an enrolment of nine and closed with. . .ten. . .The school board met and asked the Conference to provide them with a second teacher. This we did with some fear of not having sufficient enrolment to warrant two teachers (for the school year 1977-78). We feel the Lord is leading in the school. . and confirmed two teachers for the Lethbridge school, namely, Jim Weir and Sandi Beckwith. When school opened in September, 1977, twenty-four students enrolled."

Jim Weir, principal, states that the students enjoy their photography class. The school intends to extend black and white film developing service to the church members. The accompanying picture is a sample of the developing & printing done by the students of the school. The student response to the school program and photography class is summarized by the typical student phrase, "It's a blast!"

M. Graham Associate Director of Education



Sample of the photographic printing and developing done by students at Lethbridge.

Winner of National Junior Essay Contest

Sylvia Link, won a National Junior Essay Contest of the Royal Canadian Legion. Her essay, Canada's Heritage—Our Need To Remember, was judged the best among all Junior entrants from the nationwide essay contest.

Sylvia and her family live in Westlock, over 50 miles from Edmonton. They are very active in the Branch Sabbath School that is carried on in Westlock as an outreach ministry from the Edmonton Central Church. Sylvia leads out in the Primary division of the Branch Sabbath School there.





Miss Sylvia Link

R. J. Chapelhow, Vice President of the Royal Canadian Legion, stated in his letter informing her, "I am enclosing a cheque for \$150.00, your monetary award for this excellent effort. The certificate that goes with the cheque will be forwarded to the Westlock Legion to be presented to you at an appropriate time."

Seventh-day Adventists in Canada should speak often of Canada's rich heritage and the privilege of being a part of such a country where religious freedom is available to all. With a young lady who can speak and write so vividly of her heritage, we as Seventh-day Adventists can be proud of our church and of our country.

Phil Brod Communication Secretary Edmonton Central Church

Effective Witnessing in Calgary

"I just can't handle it alone!" The words, though softly spoken, were emphatically pronounced. Mrs. Ken Machan the Bible Instructor for the Calgary district, held up a box piled high with requests for Bible studies. "I already have twelve members of the church assisting me, but as you can see, I need many more." She glanced over the large congregation sitting before her. "Be guaranteed—if I don't hear from you, then you will be hearing from me!"

And the members did not only hear from Mrs. Machan, but many also volunteered their services. Presently, twentyfour people are involved in sharing their faith through the use of the "Encounter" series of Bible studies and film strips.

On November 5, the lay activities department of the Calgary Central Church held a witnessing program, in which several of the participants and their students shared how the Bible studies had affected their lives. The experience of Miss Georgette Quibeck is an outstanding example of how God draws to Himself those who are searching for truth.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thorarinson started studying with Georgette, and just as fast as she could absorb it, Georgette began to share her new-found faith. Georgette was baptized on September 17 of this year and is currently giving Bible studies to six of her friends and family.

It is just as one Bible student has said: "Giving Bible studies is more than just studying God's Word. It is letting Jesus Christ so shine through you that the light of your faith kindles a fire of love in another life, and that life in turn sparks dying embers into a flame of everlasting joy."

Gayle Rusnak

Farewell for Brother and Sister Archie Bruce

Brother and Sister Archie Bruce were honored by the Edmonton Central Church at a farewell social on the evening of September 25. Brother and Sister Bruce have lived in Edmonton for over 22 years and been members of the Central Church.

The Bruces have been called to the B.C. Conference to help promote the campgrounds at Hope, B.C.



Brother and Sister Archie Bruce with Art Cooper.

Through their years of service in the Edmonton Central Church, they have held many different positions. Brother Art Cooper, speaking for the church at the social evening, presented the Bruces with a silver tray as a farewell gift.

Phil Brod Communication Secretary Edmonton Central Church

At Canadian Union College

Alumnus Of 1935 Is Weekend Guest At Canadian Union College



The weekend of September 16-17 held a special treat for everyone who attended Friday evening and Sabbath services at Canadian Union College,

for it gave them the opportunity to welcome back home an Alumnus of 1935 who had not been back to the campus in the intervening years. Dr. Ronald Drayson of Riverside, California was the Friday evening Vespers speaker; he also spoke to the students and community friends who gathered at a special Sabbath afternoon program. An unforgettable feature of his visit at his Alma Mater was his solo at the close of the Sabbath morning service.

Canadian Union College Has Record Enrolment

Labor Day weekend may have included a Monday holiday for most people, but on the campus of Canadian Union College it was the busiest time of the school year, for September 4, 5 and 6 were registration days. For the next week or so after classes began on September 7 new arrivals kept coming on the scene until latest figures show 410 students now are enrolled in the High School and College programs. To appreciate the significance of these figures it might help to make a comparison with those for the previous year when there were 112 college students (170 this year - a 35% increase) and 235 high school students (240 this year).

There has been a significant change in the high school program as Canadian Union College is no longer offering grade nine. This puts an entirely different light on this year's 240 high school students, five more than previously even without grade nine. The majority of the increase is in the grade eleven level.

Delving further into the records revealed the following statistics: Of the 170 students in the college section, 111 are men and 59 are women; 89 live in the

dormitories and 81 in the community. In high school, there are 89 men and 151 women. Of these, 193 live in the dormitories and 47 in the community.

Locating adequate housing for the increased enrolment called for considerable ingenuity on the part of the housing authorities. Several house trailers were purchased and moved to the campus trailer parks to house married students. A building that had previously housed the College Development office, Student Association office and a student apartment quickly became a men's dormitory annex, and in the dormitories some rooms are shared by three.

Lacombe Church Adopts Two Sabbath Morning Service Plan

With the increased student enrolment at Canadian Union College, church facilities at the Lacombe church had become increasingly over-crowded. To alleviate this problem, early in October the two-service plan was begun.

The first church service now begins at 8:00 a.m., followed by Sabbath School at 9:15. Second service begins at 10:55 a.m.

Second Floor Of C.U.C.'s Physical Fitness Complex Nears Completion

Several members of the teaching staff at Canadian Union College spent the summer completing the second floor of the new Physical Fitness Complex. Earlier in the year the Board of Trustees had voted the funds necessary to complete the second floor in order to have the facilities available as required for acreditation in second year Physical Education courses.

Three teacher's offices are located on the second floor. These have been painted and carpeted and the occupants are now enjoying the fruits of their labor. The classrooms also are finished and in use. The health spa is completely painted and the carpet is in the room waiting to be laid. A few other minor details still need attention, but otherwise every room on the second floor is completely useable. The decorators chose a pleasing blend of tones of deep blue, avocado and soft blue, repeated throughout the second floor in wall and hallway paint, carpets and office wallpaper.

Approximately \$9,000.00 worth of equipment has been ordered for the health spa and most of this has already arrived and will be installed as soon as the carpet is down. For the first time Canadian Union College has had the facilities to offer a course in Physical Fitness in its adult education evening courses. So many people applied for this course that it was necessary to turn some away.

On the lower level ceiling tile and lights have been installed in the lobby and hallways and concrete has recently been poured for the spacious entrance area and wide sidewalk. Workers continue on constructing concrete steps leading up to the Complex from the parking area, eliminating the need for the temporary wooden structure that was in use since last spring.

Just recently a friend of the College donated \$6,000.00 to be used to purchase much-needed lockers for the Complex. Price quotations have been called for and the order for the lockers will be placed shortly. This will mean that much wider use can be made of the pool as without them swimmers must leave their clothes and personal belongings on the floor of the locker rooms. The College is now hoping someone will come forward with the funds to tile the washrooms, locker rooms and showers (estimated at \$2,500.00) so that this can be done before the lockers are installed.

Other than the tile and lockers, these areas of the Complex are completely finished. Facilities include private dressing areas, eight shower stalls in the ladies' area and a community shower in the mens, and a spacious locker room for each. Provision has also been made for a sauna which will be installed some time in the future.

Students And Farmers In Harvest

Wednesday, October 12, classes at Canadian Union College were cancelled so students could help farmers in the area harvest their crops. With the weatherman being uncooperative for weeks, the prospects of getting crops harvested were getting progressively bleaker. Continuous rain had caused sprouting and lodging until it seemed that what had promised to be a bumper crop was about to be lost. Fortunately the weather had since

improved, combines are running around the clock and it now looks as if all the crops will be harvested before the snow flies.

The duties of the students and faculty on harvest day included such chores as swathing, combining, baling, driving trucks full of grain, gardening, stubble cultivation, domestic duties in farm homes and maintenance around the campus.

The work which the students accomplished was done for no wages, just two square meals, dinner and supper. The free-labor work day was in its truest sense a day of Public Relations. It not only helped the farm population harvest their crops, but helped prepare the community and surrounding districts for the annual lngathering campaign which is soon to take place.

The harvest day program was a day which helped many students to realize what true Christianity is all about unselfish toil for the good of others.

Elder H. Ward Hill Is C.U.C. Week Of Prayer Speaker



Elder H. Ward Hill, Associate Professor of Religion at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, was the guest speaker for the Fall Week of Prayer

at Canadian Union College. Elder Hill is well known in eastern Canada where he has pastored churches at St. John, N.B., Ottawa, Willowdale and for five years previous to his accepting a call to Union College he was on the teaching staff of Kingsway College.

There were many truly special moments in this Week of Prayer. Elder Hill's talks in the mornings dealt with the problems of Christian living and how to handle them. He discussed feelings; how we sometimes must give up our self-image

to be better used of God; the battle to believe in Christ, in ourselves, and others; the essential element of trust; how to let Christ dwell within us and give control over the emotions; dealing with guilt feelings; God's providence, why certain things happen and how to deal with them. So many lessons in practical Christian living!

During the evening meetings Elder Hill told us how to enjoy life with Christ at the centre of all our plans. The summation of the studies came on Friday evening when after an inspiring talk on Mary Magdalene the communion service was held.

During the week former Kingsway College students and faculty and others who remembered Elder Hill during his years of ministry in eastern areas of Canada enjoyed a fellowship get-together in his honor. The hour-long supper proved to be a re-aquaintance period for each one as Elder Hill mingled with his friends.





Personnel of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador with visitors who were attending the Workers' Meeting held November 3. Standing (left to right) Larry Murrin, Roy West, Publishing Department, D. C. Uffindell, Don Johnson, C. A. Holm, George Lanto, John Gilbert, Dennis Wysong, Malcolm Pedlar, Glen Wade. Seated (left to right) A. N. How, Secretary, Canadian Union, William Hull, Faith for Today, J. M. Campbell, President, R. R. Janes, Treasurer and Educational Superintendent, W. M. Mercer, Lay Activities and Sabbath School Departments.

Workers' Meeting

Workers from all over the Island met in St. John's on November 3. The main item of discussion was Evangelism; reports of meetings held, planning for other meetings, and discussions as to how to co-ordinate all phases of the work of the church in an evangelistic outreach.

Elder William Hull of Faith for Today explained the philosophy of their programming, which is to reach the unchurched. To accomplish this their format is built around a hospital environment, with real-life situations and solutions to problems and with an opportunity to enroll for a free Bible course.

The meeting was conducted in the academy, with lunch being prepared and served by the ladies in President Campbell's home.

Before adjourning the workers pledged themselves to evangelism through Ingathering, through the schools, through *Signs* and other literature and through public evangelistic meetings.

A. N. How, Secretary

Latest Happenings at St. John's Academy

The Seventh-day Adventist Academy, St. John's, is enjoying an excellent school year. A dedicated faculty under the leadership of Alex Garland, principal, is conducting a sound educational program for the 200 students enrolled.

A spiritual emphasis program was conducted November 1–4. M. Graham from the Education Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada was the guest speaker. Students participated actively in providing musical selections, conducting song service, and leading out in the opening exercises of Scripture reading and prayer.

The elementary section, grades 1-6, is in full operation in new facilities. The academy section of the building is being remodeled. The science room and library have been appreciably up-dated. The accompanying pictures are only a brief resume of the many good things that are happening at the school.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador also conducts sound education programs at Bay Roberts, Lethbridge, Botwood and Corner Brook.

M. Graham, Associate Director of Education



Principal Alex Garland prepares for action.



Student broadcaster, Brian Hall, at the VOAR



Happy grade 1 and 2 students.



Connie Janes helps Jennifer Uffindell with 8th grade English.

Week of Prayer Meetings Held at Bay Roberts and Lethbridge

Week of Prayer was observed in Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, with the help of Pastor A. N. How, Secretary of the church in Canada. Services were conducted in the school and the church each day, with the closing service on Sabbath morning.

In the elementary school the morning "Bible" class became a joint worship for the 35 students making up the enrolment in Mrs. Earl's room, Grades 1–4, and Mr. Stagg's room, Grades 5–8.

A special feature for the students was the visit Friday afternoon of Elder J. M. Campbell, President of the church in Newfoundland, William Hull of Faith for Today, and Malcolm Graham, Associate Director of Education for Canada. Elder Graham showed slides taken during his service in Africa. Not only were these of interest to the upper grade students, but the lower grade students have just been considering this exotic country in their



Bayview Junior Academy, Lethbridge, Newfoundland.



Lethbridge, Newfoundland, students.

social studies and the slides served as a visual review of their lessons.

Each evening the Week of Prayer readings were studied by the church membership. Although all members were not present every night, almost every one did attend at some time during the week. During the day visits were made to the homes of most members.

For a number of years, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador has operated a school in the beautiful community of Lethbridge. A week of prayer was conducted for the students by M. Graham, October 3–8. Student response and participation was excellent. Evening meetings were held in the church for the adult members.

A fine group of some sixty students from Lethbridge and surrounding communities are taught by four dedicated Christian teachers under the principalship of Mr. K. C. Robertson.

More pictures on next page.



K. C. Robertson, Principal, Lethbridge.



Mr. Wesley Stagg, Principal of the Bay Roberts school.



Students in the Grades 5-8 room at the Bay Roberts school.



Miss Coles, a first-year teacher, enjoys school.

Happy Homes

Are you happy? Are the members of your family happy and content? Domestic problems seem to take first place in our society, and affect every other sector of our society. Unhappy husbands and wives make unhappy children which make unhappy adolescents which make more unhappy homes later as well as many delinquency problems along the unhappy assembly line of humanity.

There is an answer. It is Jesus Christ. He can bring happiness. It Is Written has directed thousands to Christ and has made many find a new way of life. This is what one person said, "My wife sent for this book, Happiness Wall to Wall, and I read it. It did something for me. It made me realize that it takes a lot of self-sacrifice to have a happy marriage. I will now do my best. Thanks for sending this book into our home." E.J., Manitoba.

Here is presented a practical paradox so common in the Scriptures. When the love of God comes into the heart, self-sacrifice brings happiness. Selfishness brings unhappiness. Serving others brings a blessing and happiness. Jesus, in the Beatitudes, spoke of the blessing, which can be translated "happiness," that come to the serving Christian.

Young people are looking for happiness in their future homes. They have seen so much unhappiness that they want to experience a change. Consider this request: "I saw your program the other day and enjoyed it very much. I am soon to be married and I was wondering if you could send me a copy of *Happiness Wall to Wall*." G.H., Saskatchewan.

Remember It Is Written in your prayers. Remember the many viewers who are searching for happiness. Remember It Is Written with your offerings, especially February 11, 1978. If we all do our best we should be able to raise \$100,000 in 1978. Thank you and God bless you.

L. R. Krenzler, Director Communication Department

Do You Have It?

SINDIGA THE SAVAGE! Do you have a copy of this book? Copies are being sought by some church libraries and pastors. It was published by Harpers of New York in 1930 and written by Elder Eric Beavon. Please write the *Messenger* if you have a copy that could be made available.

Editor

Kingsway Students Need Alumni Support

The Student Association of Kingsway College requests the support of all Alumni and past faculty and staff of Kingsway in support of the 77–78 newspaper, the Cedar Sentinel.



Editor, Anne Prouty, and her staff are working to improve this years Cedar Sentinel by building a creative writing, photography and lay-out staff. Presently, the Cedar Sentinel is a

four-page issue with plans for an occasional six-page issue, but the 9 monthly issues and improvements planned depend on raising the necessary dollars.

Many Canadian Adventist Messenger readers have already received the first issue of the Cedar Sentinel. The students hope to have a total of 1200 subscribers. However, the subscriptions are presently being received at a slower than anticipated rate.

Donations are appreciated but more importantly, the *Cedar Sentinel* needs readers. Subscribers help in two ways: first, the \$3.00 subscription price raises needed dollars and secondly, good circulation attracts advertisers. More than \$2,000 was raised in advertising last year.

Are you interested in life at Kingsway? Do you know a young person who might become interested in Kingsway if you send the *Cedar Sentinel*? Why not subscribe now and support our future denominational writers and church leaders?

Subscribers should send \$3.00 with their name and address to *Cedar Sentinel*, Kingsway College, Box 605, Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 7L3.

C. Anderson

Insight Writing Contest Offers \$1,700 in Prizes

The editors of *Insight* are pleased to announce the 1978 Writing Contest. Cash prizes will total \$1,700 and will include a \$500 grand award.

The contest is open in two categories: the short story, and poetry. Separate judges will be involved. Prizes in each category—poetry and short story—will be: \$250, first; \$200, second; \$150, third. There will be one grand prize of \$500.

Anyone interested may write the Messenger for further details.



Philosda — What Is It?

The first Singles camp meeting was held at Union College in June, 1977. This Singles camp meeting was put on by the International Philosda Club.

Prior to May 1977. I had never heard of such an organization. Here is where the blessings come from reading our publications. I first read about it in the Ministry and then saw a lovely article in the Review. After asking about the Club, I found it to be well established in the United States. My holidays for two weeks were coming up and I had hoped to go to California, but my plans did not materialize. The Lord worked things out so I received my Income Tax money in time for my holidays. I ventured alone on the bus to Lincoln, Nebraska to see for myself what this Philosda Singles camp meeting was like.

The high spiritual tone of the camp meeting impressed me greatly. The loving fellowship was very refreshing, and the bond of unity was admirable. Also the Lord worked it out for me to go to California with the Philosda members from there on the bus, so the blessing doubled.

Observing that the majority who attended the camp meeting, were older did not discourage me. My only hope was to see Canada start a Philosda Chapter and eventually many Chapters across Canada. Hopefully young Canadians would enjoy such a Club since they are so isolated in some areas. Very optimistically I returned to Canada to share the good news of Philosda. The only response I received was — What's that? Realizing that other Canadians were as ignorant of Philosda as I was just a few months ago, I decided to share my experience and explain Philosda in the Messenger.

The name Philosda is a combination of Philo, meaning friendship and SDA, meaning Adventist friends. Philosda is a friendship organization for single, widowed or divorced adults 18 years and older who are in good and regular standing in the church. Membership is approved by the local church pastor. Philosda was formed to prevent single men and women from becoming discouraged and leaving the church for outside friendship. Singles enjoy spiritual and social fellowship, which provides a sense of well-being. Philosda helps make it possible for Christians to fulfill the Bible admonition of not being "unequally yoked with unbelievers"

In February 1974 Philosda was approved by the North American Youth

Council. It has members in 47 of the 50 states, in foreign countries and in Canada. Missionary activity plays an important part in the Club's purpose as well. The Voice of Prophecy, Amazing Facts, local church building projects and overseas missions are all sponsored by the International Philosda Club.

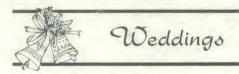
A membership fee is required which entitles the member to a club directory, a monthly news bulletin, a membership card, and opportunities to fellowship with those of like faith. Philosda is not a match-making club, but marriages do occur as a result of fellowshipping together.

Philosda consists of Chapters in various areas where there are enough interested in working together. They elect a president and officers and then plan their meetings, spiritual activities, potlucks, retreats and other programs.

I believe Canada needs a Philosda Chapter, and I believe we can have one. Should you be impressed about Philosda, please contact President Floyd Miller at 6781 Pyramid Way, Columbia, Maryland 21044 — (301) 997-9170.

Also contact your local conference M.V. Leader who can help establish Philosda in your conference, and in your local area where there are enough interested. You have read this article in faith, now put your faith into practice by doing something about it today, and watch the showers of blessings come your way.

Miss Helen Northcott Bible Instructor Alberta Conference



BEERMAN-GROSNICK

Gloria Betty Grosnick and Stanley Lloyd Beerman were united in marriage August 21, 1977 in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Gloria is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grosnick of Moose Jaw and Stan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beerman of Brewster, Washington.

Gloria and Stan will be continuing their studies at College Place, Washington. Stan is a Theology major and Gloria a Major in Education.

May God's blessing be with them as they establish this new Christian home.

R. Lyle Bergey, Pastor.

GAYAN - EMM

On Sunday, August 21, 1977 at the Rest Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sidney, British Columbia, Beverly Monica Emm, eldest daughter of Elder and Mrs. George Emm of Lacombe, Alberta became the bride of Mr. John Gayan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jan Gayan of Victoria, British Columbia.

Sharon Emm, sister of the bride was maid of honor, and Peter Misek was best man. Bridesmaids were Ingrid Gayan, sister of the groom, and Marilyn Smart. Groomsmen were Craig Smart and Del Spenst.

Beverly had been praying for weeks that her father would be well enough to unite her in marriage to John, and her prayer was answered making the occasion not only beautiful but very special.

George Emm, Pastor

RAMSAY - KROPF

Margetta Ruth Kropf and Robert John Ramsay were married on August 21, 1977 at the Edmonton Central Church. Margetta is the daughter of Brother and Sister Oskar Kropf of Edmonton, Alberta. Robert is the son of Brother and Sister John Ramsay of Brookdale, Manitoba. Both young people work in the Department of Civil Engineering in Edmonton. As these young people set up a Christian home in Edmonton we wish them God's richest blessings.

D. H. Watson, Pastor



KOZACHENKO — Nicholas Kozachenko was born in January, 1886 in the village of Tuchepe, Ukraine. His death occurred at Willowdale, Ontario on October 21, 1977.

In 1906, Nicholas emmigrated to Canada and in 1910 married Margaret Malko.

The early 1940's marked a turning point in his life for at that time, he accepted the teachings of the Adventist church and was baptized into its membership.

Left to mourn his death are sons Steve of Winnipeg; William of Beausejour, Manitoba; Michael of Thunder Bay; and Stanley of Willowdale, Ontario; and two daughters Mary Morozof St. Catherines, Ontario and Carol Goddard of Thunder Bay. Also six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and many friends.

Pastor Nick Kozachenko, one of the grandsons, of Canadian Union College, Alberta, presented a very timely message. Interment was in the Mountain View Cemetery.

S. M. Isaac, Pastor Thunder Bay S.D.A. Church

WHITTEN - Irene May Whitten was born to David and Susan Taylor in St. John's Newfoundland, May 1, 1906 and passed peacefully to her rest on August 14, 1977.

In 1928 she was married to Gordon Whitten who predeceased her in 1962. She leaves to find assurance in the blessed hope, two sons, James and Edward; three daughters, Audrey, Mrs. Arthur Rheaume; Violet, Mrs. Walter Dawe; and Jean, Mrs. Clarence Dominey; one sister, Mrs. Mary Norris; and one brother, Harry Taylor, all of the St. John's area. Irene found great blessing in the Seventh-day Adventist Church of which she was a member for more than forty years. She is dearly remembered for her active, dedicated service to her church and for her gentle thoughtfulness, especially by those who cared for her during her illness.

J. M. Campbell Conference President

PYLYPIUK — William Pylypiuk was born on December 31, 1895, in the village of Zawale in the Ukraine and passed to his rest on October 23, 1977 in the University Hospital at Edmonton.

Brother Pylypiuk was a long-time member of the Beauvallon S.D.A. Church and was a man

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who was highly respected both in the church and in the community. He resided in the Morecambe-Beauvallon district for nearly 50 years and his final years of retirement were spent in the town of Vegreville.

He is survived by four sons: Russell of Edmonton, Walter of Calgary, Victor of Beauvallon and Eugene of Stockton, California; one daughter, Mrs. Valerie Clifton, of Napa, California; 15 grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Samograd of Innisfree, Alberta and Mrs. Mary Krysowaty of Smoky Lake, Alberta.

Memorial services were held in the Park Memorial Chapel in Vegreville on October 27 and the funeral services were conducted at the Adventist Church in Beauvallon, Alberta.

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