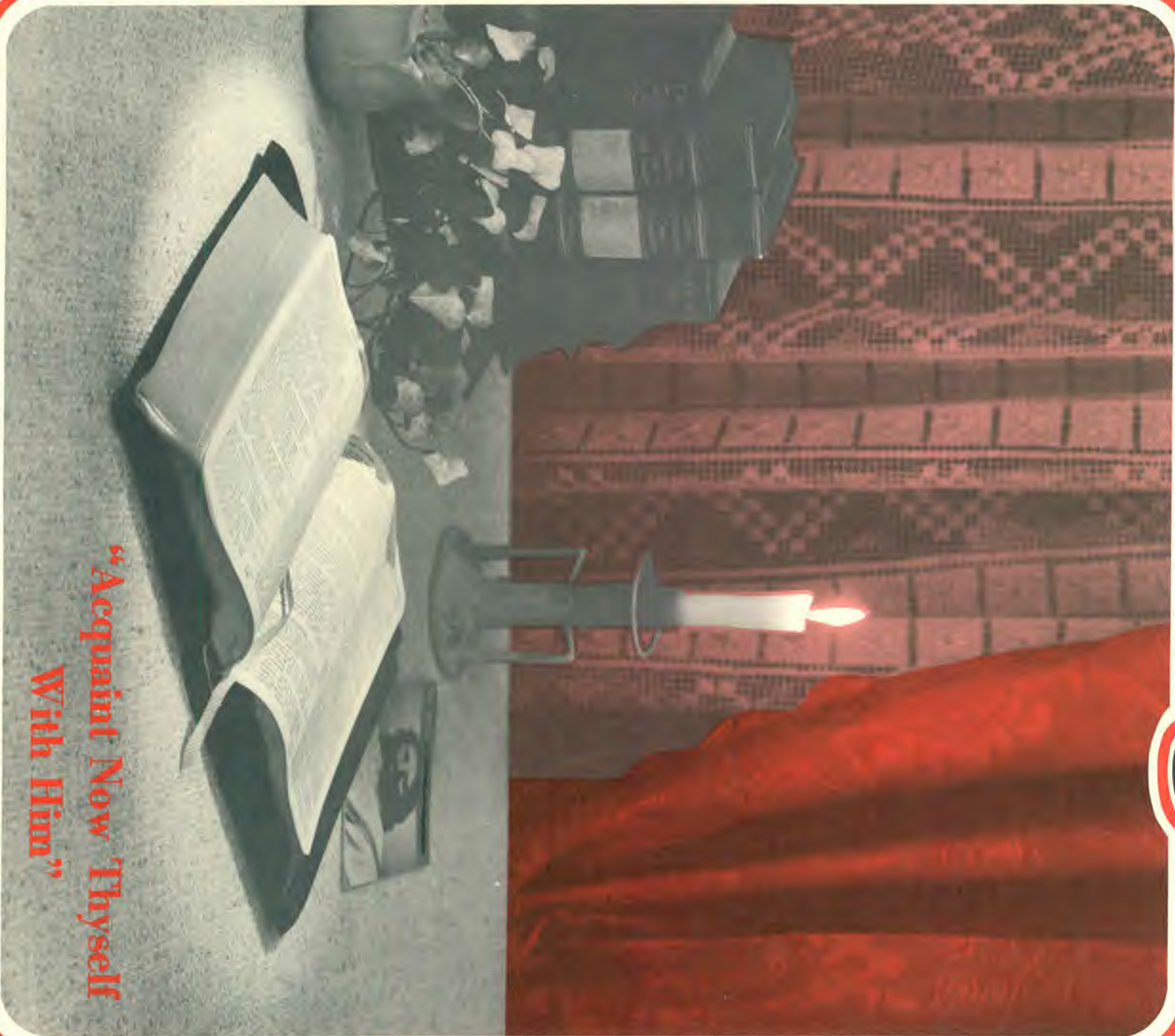


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"Acquaint Now Thyself With Him"

Eliphaz falsely accused Job, because he misunderstood the cause of the patriarch's sorrow and suffering. However, his counsel in Job 22:21 is very pertinent. The complete verse reads: "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: Thereby good shall come unto thee." This is a sublime message for each of us for 1978. Think of it often as you enter the new year.

Acquaint means to know, to understand, to establish a friendship. This is much more than a mere casual or formal acquaintance, and will require continual, that is daily, renewing. To know Him is life eternal (John 17:3) and that is what this life is all about.

Now is the time. This is God's time. It is probationary time. To delay is extremely hazardous. We have no time to lose, for the time will come when it will be too late to know Him. Many will travel "from sea to sea" (Amos 8:11,12) but it will be too late to obtain heavenly knowledge. The urgency of the hour is indicated in Hebrews 3:7,8 "To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts. . ."

Thyself makes this a very personal matter. Parents can only introduce Him to their children, for this acquaintance-ship is and must be a personal experience. What a blessed privilege to know Him personally!

With Him. We are to know God and Jesus. It is often very helpful to know certain people. Unfortunately, too many live as if God didn't exist. But He is the greatest and most important. He is our heavenly Father. It is vital that we know and love Him.

Here are some methods to be used in making His acquaintance:

1. *Bible Study.* This is much more than a hasty reading. We should understand, and know. Psalms 119:105 — "Thy word is a lamp". We need light in this dark world. Again this is a personal experience. Jesus said, "Search. . .". John 5:39.

2. *To know and obey God's law.* The law reveals the character of Christ. We are to reproduce this character. This law is to be in our hearts and minds. Hebrews 8:10,11. God will put it there if we so desire. What a transformation will then take place! Psalms 19:7.

3. *By observing God's providences and nature.* "The heavens declare the glory of God." Psalms 19:1. Please read Isaiah 30:26.

4. *Prayer* is "the opening of the heart to God as to a friend." How we enjoy visiting with our friends! Let us determine to have complete communication with our best Friend. This should include private, family and public (worship) prayer. "Prayer is the key in the hand of faith

to unlock heaven's storehouse." We need God's blessings and His guidance. Let us pray.

5. *Witnessing.* As we introduce Him to others, we will get to know Him better. Let us determine to tell others what we know about Him. How wonderful if each of us would do this every day in the New Year.

As we become acquainted with Him great good will come to us. First the text says we will be at *peace*. What security and assurance! The *S.D.A. Bible Commentary* lists seven blessings as the "good" that shall come as a result of this acquaintanceship:

1. Pardon from sin.
2. Assurance of salvation.
3. Peace of conscience.
4. Victory over sin.
5. Support in trial.
6. Joy of service.
7. Citizenship in kingdom of glory.

We all need all seven.

It is too late to continue life as usual. We must plan definitely that our accustomed routine be replaced by an accelerated pace of increased activity for God. It is most appropriate for us to ask right now, "What does God expect of us in 1978?" Do we expect to finish God's work this year? Is this the year?

Other questions which are more personal: "Do you expect to finish the year 1978? If so, what do you plan on doing all year? What are your goals for 1978? How much will we do for the Master? Will every neighbor around you know that Jesus is coming very soon? Just how many new members will we win in 1978? How many new churches will be added? How much new territory will we enter?"

The greatest advances in God's church are yet in the future. They could be in 1978.

"Acquaint now thyself with Him."

May this be your "acceptable year of the Lord". (Luke 4:19).

L. L. Reile, *President*
S.D.A. Church in Canada

Special Day of Prayer January 7

Delegates to the Senior College advisory meeting are impressed by blessings of God in advancing to Senior College status. Sabbath, January 7, has now been declared a day of thanksgiving, fasting and prayer that government and other officials will be guided in making a decision in granting free-standing, degree-granting status to Canada's Senior College. Consequent upon this decision will be the importance of fund-raising for facilities and equipment, to offer the courses needed by the young people of Canada to fit them for service to God at home and abroad. Let us remember our young people as we conduct this day of thanksgiving, fasting and prayer.

L. L. Reile, *President*
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A Charitable Gift Annuity provides you with a fixed income for life. This income is a liberal one that is comparable to what is available in the secular investment market today. At the same time, you have the current joy of giving a meaningful contribution for the advancement of the cause of God in your conference. Therefore, the Charitable Gift Annuity is one of the most popular and desired forms for secure investments and liberal gifts for you who qualify.

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If your answer to the following conditions is, "Yes, this is my condition and desire", then you would not be content with any other investment program.

Since the amount of the fixed income is determined by both the amount of the Annuity and the age of the purchaser of the Annuity at the time of the purchase, I recommend this program for those aged 55 or over.

At this time of year when the Christian world is concentrating on the gift of God to mankind, our Saviour, do consider the estate God has given you to manage. It is possible that the Charitable Gift Annuity is the most advantageous way for you to return to God what He has trusted you to administer.

Illustration of an Actual Annuitant in 1977:

Mr. X, aged 77, had a \$10,000 bond that became due last spring. He planned on investing this amount and using the interest to supplement his living expenses. He desired to will the principal through his estate to the conference upon his death. His Income Tax level was 38%. If he invested his \$10,000 at 9% it would yield \$900 per year or \$75 per month, but he would have \$342 yearly taxes or \$28.50 monthly taxes leaving \$46.50 of actual supplementary income. However, he learned of the Charitable Gift Annuity from the conference. It yields for him \$83.33 per month tax free for the rest of his life, plus he received a receipt for \$870 which he can use for Income Tax exemption purposes in 1977. The monthly income he receives tax free would be equal to 16.2% interest income after taxes. He has the 100% assurance that his \$10,000 is going to the cause of God which he so strongly wanted. The transaction took place while he was yet alive and he can see the benefits both to the church and to his own economic need. There is absolutely no investment that could compare.

Did you know that you can have more than one Charitable Gift Annuity with your conference? The proof of a successful and satisfying program is revealed in how many come back for more. Twenty-five percent of the annuities written in Ontario in 1977 were to persons who had purchased an annuity previously and had now additional funds available for another annuity.

Right now, sit down and write your Conference Trust Services Officer for additional information or for an application form for your own Charitable Gift Annuity.

Dean O. McDaniel, *Director*
Ontario Conference Trust Services

Canadian Musicians Contribute to New England Youth Ensemble

The New England Youth Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, was described by a General Conference leader as "fast becoming, to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, what the Mormon Tabernacle Choir is to the Mormons."

Atlantic Union College is alma mater to this group of some forty-five talented young musicians from all over North America. Out of hundreds of entries by high school orchestras, the New England Youth Ensemble was chosen by the Friendship Ambassadors of America, to be first to visit behind the iron curtain, and to appear in leading music centres in Poland and the U.S.S.R. Performances have also been given in Iceland, Vienna and California. In Canada, the Ensemble has teamed up with the Kingsway College Symphonic Choir for graduation exercises in Oshawa and concerts in Montreal.

Canadians are well represented in the Ensemble itself, with four musicians from

Ontario, and three from British Columbia. Jeremy Van Dieman of Brantford, is first violinist and concert master. Lori Unger of Oshawa joined the violin section



John Corban (left) and Helgi Douay (right) of Willowdale, first and second trumpets respectively, of the New England Youth Ensemble.

this fall. John Corban, first trumpet, and Helgi Douay, second trumpet, joined the brass section in September. Both are graduates of Toronto Junior Academy, in Willowdale. Carmen Trenchuk, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Nick Trenchuk of B.C., is first flutist. In addition to her regular studies at A.U.C., Carmen is studying flute at Julliard School of music in New York. Two Whitney sisters from B.C., complete the Canadian representation.

Trumpeters John and Helgi were further honored by an invitation to join a specially selected group of Seventh-day Adventist professional musicians, "The New Cantata Singers and Players", under the direction of Dr. Francisco de Araujo, of Washington, D.C. The group toured North American colleges and academies October 16 to November 12.

A recent engagement by the New England Youth Ensemble was marred by a highway accident in which Dr. and Mrs.

Harvey Rittenhouse, and Virginia-Gene's mother received serious burns and injuries. All three were hospitalized in Billings, Montana. On the insistence of Dr. Virginia-Gene the Ensemble continued without them but with reluctance, and a keen sense of loss.

Those who know Dr. Virginia-Gene realize that as long as she is spared, her talents, time, heart and soul will be fully dedicated to the Youth Ensemble, and to the highest standards of music this side of the earth made new.

Your prayers for a full and speedy recovery within the Rittenhouse family are solicited.

John Thorne
Communication Secretary
Willowdale S.D.A. Church



New Youth and Temperance Director for British Columbia

In April, 1976, we were happy to welcome from the Alberta Conference, Pastor Don Melashenko and family. After only a year and a half we find we have to say farewell to Pastor "Don" as he is affectionately known to the Victoria church family.

Unlike pastoring a local church where a minister's presence and ministry is constant, in his new appointment as Conference Director of the Youth and Temperance Departments, much of his time will be spent in the field, so we do



Pastor Don Melashenko with his family: daughter Cindy, wife Marilyn and son Joel. Dr. R. Matiko, right, presented the farewell gifts.

hope to see him in our area from time to time.

The ministry of Pastor Don and the musical talents of Marilyn and the children have been very much appreciated. Our Sabbath vesper programs were so enjoyable as from week to week we have gathered to "sing down the sun", and share our feelings of praise and gratitude to our Heavenly Father. These we shall greatly miss, and look forward to the time when we shall all gather together on that first Sabbath in Heaven to sing the final song of victory.

To conclude an Investment and Fellowship Supper, on behalf of the church membership, Dr. Reuben Matiko, first elder of the Victoria Church, presented the Melashenko family with useful gifts to remind them of the happy times they spent in the Victoria Church.

The Melashenko's will be establishing their new home in Abbotsford where the B.C. headquarter's office is located.

Kathleen Piper
Communication Secretary
Victoria, B.C.



Faith for Today on Cable In British Columbia

Faith for Today's Westbrook Hospital television series has a potential viewing audience of 232,600 throughout British Columbia.

As a result of multiple cable stations relaying the program from Station KING in Seattle, Washington, many homes have the opportunity of tuning in. Since these cable networks are not indicated in general TV program schedules, a list of CATV areas where *FFT* is transmitted is printed below:

Burnaby, Campbell River, Chilliwack, Courtenay, Delta, Duncan, Gibsons Landing, Kamloops, Lake Cowichan, Ladysmith, Maple Ridge, Nanaimo, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Oliver, Powell River, Prince George, Saanich, Saltspring, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, White Rock.

Sharon Faiola
Assistant Director, P.R.

Welcome to Pastor Glen Fleming



Mrs. Diane Fleming, Barbara Louise, Pastor Glen Fleming, Daniel Richard.

Pastor Glen Fleming, who graduated from Canadian Union College last spring, has joined the British Columbia team of Pastor-Evangelists as a ministerial intern. He is presently associated with Pastor Allan Robertson in the Vancouver Central Church.

It was only a few years ago, as a lay member of the Victoria church, that Glen felt the call of the Lord to lay down his hammer and saw and train for gospel ministry. Having responded to the leading and training of God, Glen now says: "What a privilege it is to be a worker for the Master and to be associated with His ministry! Truly we have been richly blessed and I am continually amazed when I look at the way He has guided my life."

We heartily welcome Glen and his lovely family to the British Columbia portion of God's vineyard.

Alex Ramsay, *Director*
Department of Communication
B.C. Conference

Bauers Have Mock Wedding To Commemorate 50th Anniversary

On Sunday evening, September 4, 1977, friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bauer of Winfield, B.C. gathered at the Winfield S.D.A. church hall to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. The guests numbering around 200, included all of the children and the brothers and sisters of both Mr. and Mrs. Bauer, as well as many close friends they had not seen since their school days. They came from such far-away places as California, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta to join with those from Rutland, Winfield and other parts of B.C.

The festivities began with Mrs. Rosendahl of Winfield, singing "Because" as they renewed their marriage vows with Elder W. Striefling officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer were attended by Mrs. Hazel Newcom of Vernon, the brides sister and Dr. E. A. Bauer of California the groom's brother, who were bridesmaid and best man at their wedding, 50 years earlier. Mrs. Rosendahl closed this ceremony with "The Lords Prayer".

Following this a delicious supper was served by the ladies of the Winfield S.D.A. church, after which the children of the honored couple put on a short program of songs and recitations, conducted by Wilfred Neufeld. The highlight of this program was the song "I Believe in Miracles" sung by their 13 year-old blind grand-daughter of Oakville, Ontario, Donna Lynn Johnson. Needless to say there were many tear-filled eyes in the audience as she finished singing. Donna Lynn closed the program with that well-known hymn "Amazing Grace".

In lieu of gifts, donations were made to the *Quiet Hour* which amounted to \$260.00.

Alice G. Todd



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bauer.

Windfalls for Investment

Four years ago Brother and Sister Dorance Flowers moved from the prairies to the fruit-laden Okanagan Valley.

"I was appalled, and still am, by the waste of fruit," Sister Flowers said. Apples, which had been so precious where they came from, lay scattered on the ground under the trees. What could be done about it?

Brother Flowers, having initiative and mechanical ability, set about making a press for these surplus apples. The project started as a source of supply for their own use. But friends and neighbors sampled the delightful juice and asked if some could be made for them.

Then the idea of Investment came to their minds. Here was a project that would benefit the community and furnish funds for God's work. For a nominal sum per box, Brother and Sister Flowers now press juice for a growing number of patrons. If a sizeable number of boxes are ready at one location the equipment is moved to the spot. For small orders, the apples are brought to the spacious grounds of the Okanagan Manor in Kelowna, where Brother and Sister Flowers are the resident managers.



Left to right: Mrs. Faye Lawton, Mrs. Dorance Flowers, Mr. Dorance Flowers and a customer pressing apples for Investment.

Usually business is so brisk, it is hard for them to fit mealtimes into the crowded schedule. More extractors have been added each year until now there are five running simultaneously. These are cared for by Sister Faye Lawton, their daughter, who has joined the team.

The first year, every penny went into Investment. But as the demand grew, so did the expenses, so these are subtracted and the profits given.

Last year Brother and Sister Flowers divided their Investment between the Sabbath School and Christian Education.

This year a new church building for Kelowna is taking form. The profits will be divided between the Investment and the building fund. Sister Flowers, besides her managerial duties, has a part-time job. She also bakes homemade bread for Investment. Brother Flower's accomplishments are all the more outstanding, considering he is an amputee and all his work is done with his left hand.

When asked how much she thought their project had netted for Investment, Sister Flowers modestly said "I don't remember". But those who have been watching their efforts feel sure that hundreds of dollars have come in from windfalls turned into profits for Investment.

Mrs. Katherine Wagner



Tataryns Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tataryn were pleased to present their parents to a host of friends and relatives as they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Over 200 were in attendance—among them, the original bridesmaid and groomsman. Thanks to Pastor Soloniuk and Pastor Gallant for their words on Christian homes and for their prayers.

Eight children and 21 grandchildren have been blessed by loving and caring parents and grandparents.

The children Bill and Ben of Watson; Jean of Regina; Bernice and Russell of Yorkton; Alfred of Canora; and Albert and Florence of Craven, held a Family Chit Chat during the program in which each presented memories of younger years and each took the opportunity to thank their parents for their love and prayers and for the Christian home they were privileged to be a part of.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tataryn.

Yorkton Happenings

Several enthusiasts from the Yorkton church went "halloweening" by collecting canned goods, which will be used for food hampers this Christmas. The day before Halloween, a letter was distributed to each household in a designated area announcing the nature of the call to be made on the following day. The response was good.

Ingathering "field day" is always an exciting time for the church school children. This year again, they covered the same territory as in previous years, approximately twenty miles from their home base, and brought in a good sum for the cause.

"There is so much for which to be thankful,"

with the words of this hymn of thanksgiving, we began our Thanksgiving program on October 29, 1977.

A beautiful, artistic array of vegetables grown in gardens in our local area; baskets of fruit; bags of grain, stems of wheat, an arrangement of bulrushes, antiques such as wooden barrels, old-fashioned cream cans, and barn lanterns — all these made a colorful and quaint setting for our program.



Pastor Fraser presenting the Thanksgiving message. Russel Tataryn, who offered the opening prayer, is seated.

We were happy to have Pastor Fraser from the Saskatoon church, bring us the Thanksgiving message. He reminded us that we look to God for His mercies and we should recognize our needs and dependence on Him.

Following Pastor Fraser's inspiring message, we all partook of a delicious meal, served by the Yorkton church ladies.

To conclude the day's activities, a musical program was presented. Grades 4-6, of the church school, for a class project, sought out the origin of Thanksgiving Day, and put their findings into plays, poems and song. Much credit is due to these children for their accomplishment.

Mrs. Janet Astolfi
Communication Secretary
Yorkton Church

Health Ministry—Fats In the News

Fats are still in the news. Why? Because people are eating too much fat and of the wrong type. But what's wrong with fat?

Fats Are Fattening — A gram of fat yields 9 calories whereas a gram of carbohydrate or of protein yields only 4 calories. Fat is more than twice as fattening as carbohydrate or protein.

Fats Affect Serum Cholesterol — Serum cholesterol (cholesterol in the blood) is associated with coronary heart disease, the greatest killer of the developed countries. The higher the intake of saturated fats, the higher the level of serum cholesterol. But simply replacing saturated with polyunsaturated fats may not lower cholesterol level because total fat intake whether saturated or polyunsaturated also affects serum cholesterol. One should never take excess polyunsaturated oil with the intention of thereby lowering serum cholesterol.

Fat Reduces Muscular Endurances — More oxygen is required to burn fat for energy than for carbohydrate. Fat requires 213 ml. of oxygen versus 198 ml. for carbohydrate. That's enough to significantly reduce muscular work endurance and output. Fatigue occurs earlier on high fat diets.

Delays Digestion — Fats in the diet may delay stomach emptying time by 2-3 hours. This does not mean that fats "stick to your ribs" better than proteins or carbohydrates. Instead, it means that the stomach is not given the amount of resting time between meals that it needs.

Fats Inflamm System — Excess fats in the blood irritates the lining of the arteries and simultaneously prevents normal control of atherosclerosis. Fats in food residues lingering in the colon irritate the intestinal lining.

Excess Fats Are The Problem — A normal amount of fat in the diet can be handled by the body but excess fats become

injurious. The average consumption of fats ranges from 40 — 44% of total calories. These should be reduced to between 20 — 30% of calories. It is not recommended that fats be totally eliminated from the diet. An oilless diet is not 100% effective in reversing atherosclerosis.

The following foods are the sources of excessively rich fat in the diet: butter, shortening, cooking oils, margarines, cream, ice cream, mayonnaise, cheese, meat and whole milk. Some of these should be eliminated from the diet. Others should be greatly reduced. Others can be substituted with suitable replacements.

With a little practice you can learn to prepare soy butter as described below: It is not expensive and it is even good for you. Eat more if you like.

Soy Butter

Blend: 1 cup soy concentrate, $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. butter salt, Kennedy's preferred, Yellow food coloring or tumeric.

Soak 1 tsp. agar flakes, 1 tsp. pectin crystals in 4T water for at least 2 min.; then cook for 2 full min. stirring. Add while warm to blended concentrate and blend well.

Pour into container, cover and refrigerate. Molds beautifully. Keep refrigerated. Will not melt at room temp. Keeps about 1-2 weeks if refrigerated.

How To Make Thick Soy Concentrate:

1. Soak soy beans 24 hours.
2. Blend $1\frac{1}{2}$ c soaked soy beans with $1\frac{1}{2}$ c boiling water for 2 full minutes. Pre-heat blender and beans before blending. Hold lid onto blender with several thicknesses of towel.
3. Cook in top of double boiler covered for 30 min. stirring once in a while.
4. Concentrate should be quite thick when ready.

G. D. Strunk, Director
Adventist Health Ministries

Ad on TV Leads to Interview

An advertisement regarding the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking aired on CKNY Channel 10 TV in North Bay led to a fifteen-minute interview with Pastor Orville Parchment of the South River and North Bay churches on the Debby Robinson TV show November 10.

Questions were asked relating to the origin of the plan, procedures, methods and success and Pastor Parchment demonstrated by the use of Dumpty Dummy the hazards of smoking.

This interview has opened the door for a Five-Day Stop Smoking clinic to be conducted on TV in the near future.

The ad that started the ball rolling was about a clinic that has just been completed at South River in which eleven people took the course, and half of them have thus far succeeded in kicking the habit, and also concerning a clinic that is to be held in the North Bay Civic Hospital.

Local physicians donated time to give counsel and to answer questions pertaining to the dangers of smoking.

A. E. Hayward
*Communication Secretary
South River S.D.A. Church*



Pastor Orville Parchment being interviewed by Debby Robinson on CKNY TV-North Bay.



Sudbury Baptisms

Through Bible studies and Seminar meetings, the Sudbury Seventh-day Adventist church has gained four new young members. Mrs. Cecile Genereux dedicated her life to Jesus, on June 25. Mr. Tarmo Veedler's ceremony was performed on July 23. At a meeting at Keswick camp on August 13, Mr. Marcel Castonguay was baptized and Sister Eva Piette on October 22.

Pastor Stephen D. Villeneuve baptized these new members. We extend to them the fellowship of the church wishing for them heaven's richest blessings.

Mrs. Cecile Genereux
*Communication Secretary
Sudbury S.D.A. Church*



Baptized recently in the Sudbury area by Pastor Stephen Villeneuve are: left, Mrs. C. Genereux, right, top to bottom, Eva Piette, Tarmo Veedler and Marcel Castonguay.



Health Creations in Oshawa

The recent *It Is Written* crusade held in Oshawa, Ontario, generated an interest in healthful living among the church members of the Bowmanville, Kendalwood and College Park churches. On each of the 5 different evenings, more than seventy persons attended a cooking school held in the College Park Church.

During the 5 evenings, Elder G. D. Strunk, director of Health Ministries for Ontario, and Mary Alice White from the Kendalwood Church, provided nutrition and health information. Tasty, nutritious recipes were revealed and demonstrated each evening by various church members



Mrs. G. D. Strunk demonstrates nutritional cooking.

and Home Economics students from Kingsway College.

Door prizes, movies, slide programs, quizzes and even taste tables, encouraged everyone to attend and about 20% of those present were men who apparently enjoyed each class.

Several husbands who were not able to attend all the classes were invited to join the final class which included a delicious buffet dinner. Bread, salad, entrees and other menu items were carefully prepared by those who attended the classes and everyone enjoyed the creative vegetarian menu.

Carl Anderson



Christian Fellowship Following Week of Prayer

On November 5, 1977, after a most inspiring Week of Prayer reading, a delicious Sabbath dinner was served in the basement of the Tantallon Seventh-day Adventist Church. The aroma of food escaping the kitchen was certain to give anyone a hearty appetite. Sister Lorraine Boutilier headed the staff in the kitchen arraying the tables with meat loaf, salad, potatoe scallop, fresh buns, dessert and other tempting dishes prepared by the ladies of the church. The meal, as well as the opportunity for Christian fellowship, was enjoyed by all.

Following the dinner, a devotional meeting was held at 2:00 by Pastor D. Crook with emphasis given on how we can best ready ourselves and others for the soon coming of Christ. Testimonies were also shared which contributed to the spiritual growth of one another.

An hour before sunset, a lovely M.V. Program was presented by Sister Nancy Hutt bringing to an end a Sabbath filled with blessings that would long be remembered by everyone.

Anne Boutilier
Communication Secretary
Tantallon, N.S.

New Student Center At Guadalajara

For many years Seventh-day Adventist young people seeking to enter the medical profession have studied in Guadalajara, Mexico, because Loma Linda University could not accommodate everyone who sought such training.

Seventh-day Adventist young people attending the Universidad Autonoma of Guadalajara have often felt lonely, and as isolated as they have been from their culture, language and home influences.

A pastor-chaplain has been assigned to this post for a number of years and the university Adventist church meets in rented quarters in a centrally located church building. Services are conducted in English, and the church also operates a two-teacher church school.

Recently the student group took the initiative in searching for and obtaining a commodious building which now houses the Student Center and church school. The General Conference and the Inter-American Division not only gave their solid approval to this project but also contributed generously. W. E. Baxter, Jr.

Chaplain, Guadalajara, Mexico

Seventh-day Adventist Church Membership Statement

July 1, 1977 to September 30, 1977

Conference	Ch.	Memb. June 30	Bap.	Added P.O.F.	Letter	Letter	Dropped Death	Apos.	Miss.	Memb. Sept. 30	% Gain
Alberta	43	4,757	26	3	60	71	11	9	-	4,755	(0.04)
Br. Columbia	48	6,719	48	1	67	45	8	11	5	6,766	0.69
Man-Sask.	44	3,108	85	1	26	21	6	-	2	3,191	2.67
Maritime	21	1,470	7	-	21	10	7	10	-	1,471	0.06
Newfoundland	6	713	6	-	-	3	2	-	-	714	0.14
Ontario	63	9,384	117	10	163	158	16	35	10	9,455	0.75
Quebec	12	1,275	27	17	9	3	2	-	-	1,323	3.76
CANADA	237	27,426	316	32	346	311	52	65	17	27,675	0.90

Seventh-day Adventist Church Tithe and Mission Statement

January - October, 1977 - 1976

TITHE								
Conference	Memb.	1977 (44 Weeks)	1976 (44 Weeks)	Increase	Decrease	Per Capita		Gain
						1977	1976	
Alberta	4,438	1,504,586.52	1,291,758.49	212,828.03		339.02	304.23	34.79
Br. Columbia	6,351	2,069,453.51	1,887,084.75	182,368.76		325.85	309.92	15.93
Man-Sask.	3,019	727,595.25	661,967.10	65,628.15		241.01	223.41	17.60
Maritime	1,473	362,543.05	348,021.13	14,521.92		246.13	246.47	(.34)
Newfoundland	704	148,552.16	141,666.67	6,885.49		211.01	207.12	3.89
Ontario	8,589	3,011,774.03	2,746,777.39	264,996.64		350.65	349.11	1.54
Quebec	1,123	329,970.92	271,730.15	58,240.77		293.83	260.53	33.30
CANADA	25,697	8,154,475.44	7,349,005.68	805,469.76		317.33	302.37	14.96
Increase				805,469.76				
MISSIONS								
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Weddings

SIMPSON — LONG

Toronto Maranatha Church provided the setting on August 31, 1977 for the wedding of Donna Long and Wayne Simpson. Donna's attendants were her sister, Mrs. Sandy Blake, matron of honor, and friends Mrs. Judy Cummings and Mrs. Barbara Russell. The groom was attended by William (Lon) Russell, best man, and Don Cummings and Frank O'Donnell. Leanne Ernstberger was flower girl and Robert Long, Bible boy.

It was a rewarding occasion for Pastor Lyle Pollett, officiating minister. Wayne became a Seventh-day Adventist less than a year ago after attending the *It Is Written* evangelistic meetings by Pastor Pollett. Donna's ushering duties gave Wayne a nightly introduction to the young lady whose heart he eventually won.

Ruby Carrington
Communication Secretary
Toronto Maranatha Church

WHEATLEY — PHILLIPS

Friends and family members gathered at the Youth Chapel of the Vancouver Central Church, Sunday, October 9, to witness the union in marriage of Catharine Phillips and Peter Wheatley.

We wish them Heaven's choicest blessings as they journey through life together.

Cliff Drieberg, Pastor

TETER — MICHAEL

The College Park Seventh-day Adventist Church was the setting of a beautiful candle-light wedding service, uniting in marriage Carole Jeannine Michael, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darren L. Michael of Oshawa and Mark Gene Teter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Teter, of Collegedale Tennessee, on November 24, 1977.

The officiating clergymen were Thomas John Michael, of Yucaipa, California, the grandfather of the bride, her father, Darren L. Michael, and A. George Rodgers, also of Oshawa.

Jeannine was attended by her sister, Mrs. Joan Skwarchuk, as matron of honor. Her sister, Mrs. Janice Fenton, and the sister of the groom, Miss Wendy Teter, were bridesmaids. Candlelighters were Gayle Dunhill and Dixie Knecht. Flower girl was Jodi Skwarchuk, niece of the bride.

The groom was attended by Gordon Miller, best man and groomsmen W. B. Skwarchuk and Barry Fenton with Geoffrey Fessenden as Bible boy.

Following a short honeymoon, the newlyweds will make their home in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

BURNS — GILLAN

On Sunday, August 28, 1977 in the Elm Avenue United Church, Brantford, Ontario, Cathy Lee Gillan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gillan and Robert Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burns of Thornhill, Ontario, were united in marriage by Pastor Oliver Libby of Elmira, New York.

Margaret Gillan, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Lawrence Burns, brother of the groom, was best man. Attendants were Alberta Johnson and Wendy Stoneman, Gaythorne Burns and Allen Strutt. Shawn Johnson was Bible Boy.

Music was provided by Sharon Okimi, accompanied by Marvel Wells at the organ. Cathy and Robb will reside in Willowdale, Ontario.

Ruby Carrington
Communication Secretary
Toronto Maranatha Church

MOSHER — JOHNSON

The Sidney S.D.A. Church was the scene of a lovely wedding on October 30, 1977, when Edith Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Johnson of Sidney, became the bride of Jim Mosher, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Mosher of Pugwash, Nova Scotia.

Lorene Johnson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Beverly Mosher was bridesmaid. Attending the groom was his brother, Laurie, as best man, and Chris Johnson, brother of the bride.

Many friends gathered to wish the happy couple God's blessings. They will be making their home in Nova Scotia.

May God be with them as they live together for Him.

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

HUETHER — YUROS

June 26, 1977 was the big day for Kathy Yuros and Wesley Huether, in the surroundings of a beautiful little country wedding. Relatives and friends from near and far came to witness the lovely scene as they joined their lives in holy matrimony.

Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yuros of Peoria and Wesley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Huether, are from Beiseker, Alberta.

A reception was given in their honor at the Peoria Seventh-day Adventist hall near the church and another one the following Thursday evening at the Beiseker-Level Land hall.

C. A. Williams, Pastor

RODRIGUEZ — JAMES

Patricia May James and John A. Rodriguez were married on September 4, 1977 in the Willowdale Church. Pastor Larry Milliken officiated. Attendants were Mrs. Lorraine Evans, matron of honor, Marvel Wells, bridesmaid, Nelson Stubbs, best man and Michael Evans, groomsmen. Paula Benta was the junior bridesmaid.

Strains of music were piped into into the air by Robert Smith as the bridal procession left the church, a reminder of the bride's Scottish ancestry. Later at the reception in Toronto Junior Academy, the bagpipes added to the evening's musical entertainment.

The couple's new home will be Andrews University where John is enrolled in the theological seminary and Pat is in her third year of nursing studies.

Ruby Carrington
Communication Secretary
Toronto Maranatha Church



At Rest

SCHULTZ — Teofil Schultz of the Lacombe Senior Citizens Lodge, Lacombe, Alberta, passed away on November 8, 1977 at the age of 90 years. Born in Poland, he was united in marriage to Bertha Scheilburn in 1920. In 1930 they came to Canada and settled on a farm in the Kelstern district of Saskatchewan. He is survived by his wife, Bertha, of Lacombe, Alberta; two daughters: Mrs. Esther Schueler of Lacombe and Mrs. Lydia Fensky of Thorsby, Alberta; one son, Alex, of Gunn, Alberta; and 8 grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the Lacombe S.D.A. church with Elder D. Douglas Devnich officiating.

Anne Ilchuk
Church Secretary

LANE — Florence Mary Lane (nee Pickersgill) passed away October 25, 1977 in Vancouver, B.C.

She is sadly missed by her beloved husband George and son Denis; also by her two sisters, Una Shaw and Muriel Brandon and two brothers Tom and Jack, also many nieces and nephews.

She was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Winnipeg and Vancouver and her kindness and friendship will always be remembered by those who knew her.

BRADY — Fred Brady was born on March 19, 1908 in Winnipeg, Manitoba and died on November 10, 1977. He lived in Winnipeg and worked around there as a trapper till 1942 when he married Joan and moved to Thunder Bay.

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Brother Brady is survived by his wife, Joan, daughters Carole and Debra, sons Keith and Grant, all of Thunder Bay, also brothers Dan and Art and sisters Dorothy, Helen, Winnie, Hilda and Ida.

Interment was in the Riverside Cemetery.

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

WEST — Mary Elizabeth West, was born to John and Amelia Elson, January 18, 1914 and died in St. John's, Newfoundland, May 8, 1977. She was united in marriage to Marshall West on January 28, 1933, and was baptized into the Botwood Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1971, by Pastor John Rusk.

Looking forward to meeting her again on the joyous resurrection morning are her husband, two sons, Edgar and Roy (Publishing Director, S.D.A. Church in Newfoundland); two brothers, two sisters and ten grandchildren.

We long for the day when the dead in Christ shall rise, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

John W. Gilbert, *Pastor*
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