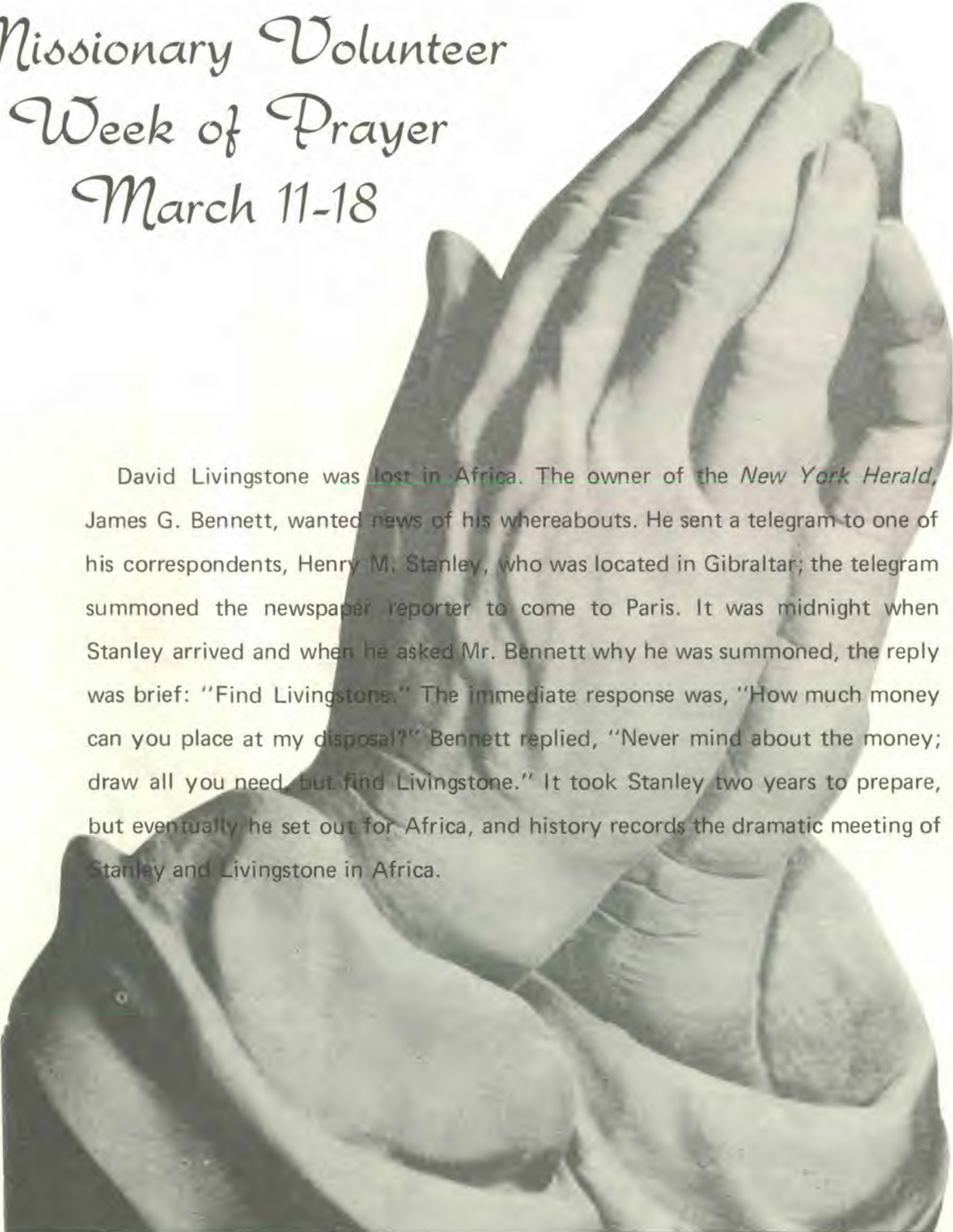


Missionary Volunteer
Week of Prayer
March 11-18



David Livingstone was lost in Africa. The owner of the *New York Herald*, James G. Bennett, wanted news of his whereabouts. He sent a telegram to one of his correspondents, Henry M. Stanley, who was located in Gibraltar; the telegram summoned the newspaper reporter to come to Paris. It was midnight when Stanley arrived and when he asked Mr. Bennett why he was summoned, the reply was brief: "Find Livingstone." The immediate response was, "How much money can you place at my disposal?" Bennett replied, "Never mind about the money; draw all you need, but find Livingstone." It took Stanley two years to prepare, but eventually he set out for Africa, and history records the dramatic meeting of Stanley and Livingstone in Africa.

God has sent a telegram to every young man and woman. The telegram can be paraphrased to read, "Find my world and win it back. Never mind about the expense, in time or in money or even in life itself, for I gave everything on Calvary's hill." Also the Lord declares, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20)

The week of prayer has become an integral part of the church program. Weeks of prayer, as conducted in churches and schools, colleges and academies, bring tremendous spiritual revival to youth around the world. During these annual weeks, many decisions are made for Christ, His service, the remnant church, and the kingdom of heaven. Most of us can vividly remember the spiritual glow that accompanies weeks of prayer and we can speak with enthusiasm about these devotional experiences.

In order to properly understand the purpose of the week of prayer it would be well to consider the reasons why it was introduced. After careful study of

the historical background of the week of prayer, Elder John F. Harris makes this conclusion:

"What later came to be called the 'week of prayer' grew out of a need, felt largely on the part of James and Ellen White, for the salvation of Adventist young people. To them, Bible lectures, prayer meetings, and church services were just not enough. They sensed the need for pressing the battle. There needed to be a time when a definite decision and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ would be sought for and consummated. They believed in preaching sermons that would hold the interest of young people. They believed in making stirring appeals that would bring young men and women down to the front for prayer and re-commitment as well as conversion. They believed in seeking such commitment that would lead to baptism and a life of service dedicated to God and His church — the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

It is evident that the single objective of the youth week of prayer should be to lead the youth into a vital personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.



Seven days without prayer makes one weak.

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Latest News Bulletin

Ontario Leads World in Literature Sales

The first and foremost objective of the Publishing Department is to win souls for the kingdom of God. The literature evangelist's work blends uniquely the winning of souls with sales. The amount in dollars worth of literature we have distributed in a particular area is the only accurate indication we have of how effective we are in spreading the gospel through the printed page in that part of God's vineyard assigned to us.

During the summer of 1977 the Ontario Conference hosted the largest student literature evangelist program in its history as 125 students took to the field spreading the gospel through the printed page. This host of dedicated students delivered \$262,835.26 worth of truth-filled literature. Speaking of student literature programs, this is twice the total of any other union in North America. Of the 101 top students in all of North America 34 are from Ontario. In other words, one-third of the top students in all of North America are from one conference — Ontario. The record set by the students here represents a \$100,000 gain over the year before.

The overall literature evangelist program set an unprecedented pace in the history of Ontario and for the world. The faithful team of literature evangelists here delivered \$909,789.45 during 1977. This reveals an unprecedented gain of \$245,807.13 over the year before. This also represents a 37% gain over 1976. This tremendous record established by the literature evangelists of Ontario has made Ontario the leading conference in the world for sales during 1977.

Of course souls are the only true objective of the Publishing Department. Sales come as we are seeking those earnestly searching for truth. During 1977 71 baptisms resulted because of literature evangelist contacts. The objectives for 1978 are one million dollars in sales, one hundred baptisms, and that each literature evangelist secure a closer walk with his Master.

*T. R. Knoll, Director
Publishing Department*

Health Ministry

The following article by Ella May Stoneburner was so well prepared that I thought it should be shared with the Canadian field to which it applies as much as it does to the U.S. It first appeared in the Adventist Health Ministry Vol. 1 no. 1, a publication of the Health Department of the General Conference.

G. D. Strunk Director

REPORT ON U.S. DIETARY HABITS IS ISSUED BY SENATE COMMITTEE

A carefully researched report on U.S. dietary habits, the first of its kind, and stated to be *long overdue*, was issued in February, 1977 by a select committee of luminaries from the U.S. Senate. This document, "Dietary Goals for the United States," is available to the public from the U.S. Government Printing Office for 95 cents (specifics at the close of this article*). Every Adventist health worker should obtain and carefully read this 79 page booklet.

Special interest groups, notably sugar producers, meat packers and dairymen, vigorously opposed publication of the report since the data clearly shows that their products are linked with very common and serious health problems. "Too much fat, too much sugar and salt are linked directly to heart disease, cancer, stroke, obesity, and other killer diseases."

The dietary changes that have taken place in the past 50 years in this country represent as great a threat to public health as smoking, according to Senator George McGovern, Chairman of the committee.

The senators expressed the hope that the report would stimulate action by government and industry. Senator Charles Percy stated that "without government and industry commitment to good nutrition the American people will continue to eat themselves to poor health."

Dr. Mark Hegsted, Professor of Nutrition, Harvard School of Public Health, worked closely with the committee during the preparation of the report. He commented "The question to be asked is not why should we change our diet, but rather, why not? What are the risks associated with eating less meat, less saturated fat, less cholesterol, less sugar, less salt, and more fruits, vegetables, unsaturated fats and cereal products, especially whole grain cereals? There are none that can be identified and important benefits can be expected."

The report goes on to suggest the following changes in food selection and preparation:

1. Increase consumption of fruits and vegetables and whole grains.
2. Decrease consumption of meat and

increase consumption of poultry and fish.

3. Decrease consumption of foods high in fat, and, partially substitute polyunsaturated fat for saturated fat.

4. Substitute non-fat milk for whole milk.

5. Decrease consumption of butterfat, eggs and other high cholesterol sources.

6. Decrease consumption of sugar and foods high in sugar content.

7. Decrease consumption of salt and foods high in salt content.

What a day we are living in! Who would have thought a few years ago that the day would come when the U.S. government would publish a report strongly urging a change in dietary habits toward the simple "health reform" diet recommended in the book *Counsels on Diet and Foods*! * Ask for "Dietary Goals for the U.S.". Address request to Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The stock No. is 052-070-03913-2. Enclose a cheque for 95 cents.

Ella May Stoneburner R.N. M.S.

Faith For Today Wins Souls

"I have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I have been in the Advent message about three years now. But my life wasn't in accordance to His will until I started to do the *Faith For Today* Bible Courses. I thank God for the day I started these courses. I know the reality of my Saviour close by me each day.

"I pray and read my Bible more and I understand His promises. I found answers to my prayers because my family who was in another church have now accepted this message of truth and reality and they are planning to be baptized soon. However, there are days when I become distressed, lonely and even fearful. Then I repeat the 23rd Psalm. Please remember me always in your prayers." M. G., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Faith For Today is seen in Canada on several small stations in Alberta and

Saskatchewan. However, there are large border stations in the United States which carry *Faith For Today* and are picked by cable companies in Canada. There are many cities and towns in Canada which have cable. In some of these, the list of subscribers is large and most people see the program.

In the near future I hope to be able to publish cities and towns where cable carries our programs.

There are more viewers than we realize. Let us encourage our friends to see our programs. Check your TV guides to find our programs and tell your friends about them. We could duplicate experiences like the one above by encouraging more people to see the programs. Thank you for your cooperation.

L. R. Krenzler, Director
Department of Communication



Remember
Festival of Faith
Offering
March 11, 1978



First Five-Day Plan of the Year

At the request of Mr. Joe Saxton, a quitter through a Five-Day Plan held two years ago and now a member of the Truro committee of drug dependency, a Five-Day Plan was held in this town January 8 - 12.

The group of 65 participants who registered on the opening night were expertly instructed by Brother Floyd Coolen and Pastor Bill Spangler who ministers to both the Dartmouth church and the Truro company. Others who faithfully assisted with this program were Brother and Sister Gratto, members of the Truro company, Sister Coolen, Sister Spangler and Brother Quinton Covey.

John Boardman, *Director Temperance & Publishing*



Brother & Sister Gratto, Brother & Sister Coolen, Pastor & Sister Spangler and Brother Covey worked together successfully at the Five-Day Plan.



Pastor Bill Spangler demonstrates deep breathing exercises.

Offering for New Minas Church

On March 4, members of the Maritime Conference will be giving an offering for the continued construction of the New Minas Seventh-day Adventist Church which is located in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley.

Under the direction of Elder John A. Lyons, construction is well advanced. It is hoped that with the financial help provided in March the building will be made suitable to hold Sabbath services. Begun as an Adventure in Faith project it is hoped to complete the building under \$35,000.00.

Gilbert E. Andersen
Communication Secretary



The New Minas church as it appeared on January 15, 1978.

Halifax Literature Evangelist Rally

A weekend of inspiration, fellowship and instruction was enjoyed by our regular, part-time and beginner literature evangelists on the third weekend of January. Our guest speakers for Sabbath were Elder Walter Ruba from the Canadian Union Publishing Department and Elder G. E. Andersen, our Conference President.



Group in attendance at Halifax Literature Evangelist Rally.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the vesper meeting held at the Tantallon church where literature evangelists shared their experiences. As Brother Harold Aikens shared one of his soul-winning

experiences, he had Brother and Sister Boehner relate how the first contact was made and the events that culminated in Bible studies being given by Pastor David Crook and finally their baptism late in 1977.

God has His own, and it is thrilling to see how the Lord is using the faithful bookmen to find these searching souls.

John Boardman, *Publishing Director Maritime Conference*



Brantford Members Promote No-Smoking Bylaw

January twenty-fourth this year marked an historic day in Brantford, when the Executive Committee of the city of Brantford voted in favor of the proposed city bylaw to regulate tobacco smoking in public areas. A similar bylaw has already been passed in Toronto and Ottawa, and approved in principle in Mississauga and Pembroke.

A dozen members from the Brantford church were present at the committee meeting including the pastor and first elder.

The City Council Executive meeting, which was televised, was a sequel to an open public meeting conducted by City Council last November, and also attended by our church members. It was because of our participation at this meeting that we were invited to attend the Executive meeting.

The public meeting, which took the form of a debate, was televised as an hour-long special. Several presentations were made at the meeting by various leaders in the community. Pastor Orpana outlined several reasons why smoking was spiritually and morally offensive. He quoted several Bible texts and used an interesting piece of apparatus to support the scientific aspects of the dangers of tobacco smoke. Brother van Dieman cited the world-wide awareness of the hazards of smoking including the official stands taken by the World Health Organization, the U.S. Surgeon-General, and the Ontario Ministry of Health. He said this was a straight-forward health issue, and the city has every right to protect the public

against unnecessary pollution of the environment by people who wish to pursue a habit or addiction. He challenged those present to be honest with themselves and accept the bylaw. He offered information concerning the latest facts and figures concerning the hazards of smoking. The speakers in favor of the bylaw were loudly applauded and the meeting ended on a high note.

The audience in the gallery responded with applause when Alderman Art Stanbridge, admitted that he was a pipe smoker, but over the weekend had changed his view entirely and decided to support the rights of the non-smokers. He acknowledged the overwhelming evidence of the dangers of smoking which he had heard recently and realized that Council had a very responsible duty to perform in passing the bylaw.

Our church members were very pleased with the outcome of the Executive Council meeting, and it now appears that the city is only a step away from a no-smoking bylaw. The Brantford church members believe that the thousands of pieces of literature given out over the last few years and the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking held recently in Brantford have made many citizens aware of the harmful effects of smoking. We believe that men in high places will accept the truths which God has asked us to place in their hands.

There are millions of people around the world who need to hear the truths concerning tobacco smoking. As Adventist laymen we have a serious responsibility to alert our fellowmen to the warning given by Mrs. White that "tobacco is a slow, insidious, but most malignant poison. . ." *Ministry of Healing*, p. 215. Not only do we need to have our say in city council meetings, but we need to visit every home in our community with the message of life.

Basil van Dieman, *Elder*
Brantford Church



WESTERN — APRIL 12 — 15, 1978
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Mr. Vickers — An Ingathering Star



Perhaps that would be the best description of him — from a \$50.00 donation a few years ago to the present gift. "And what was that?" you ask. Well, it might be better if we told you the story.

Years ago, there was a local Oshawa contractor, who occasionally did work for Kingsway College. He became friendly with a number of our men, but in particular with Mr. Alex Vickers, who talked to him about our message. Though this man never became a Seventh-day Adventist, he lived our message, and in turn influenced his own son Walter in this direction. When the father died, he left to the College Park Church a \$1,000 gift in his will. Then the son began to support the church in the Ingathering Program.

St. Thomas Church Salutes Mrs. Thorpe

The St. Thomas Church salutes Mrs. Aileen Thorpe, who again this year, expended much time and effort to raise a grand total of \$1,200.00 during the Ingathering Campaign. Mrs. Thorpe has become a familiar face to many St. Thomas merchants and householders alike. However, there was one householder who was not familiar with Mrs. Thorpe and telephoned the police. The police came to the residence that Mrs. Thorpe was canvassing and promptly took her to the police station. After checking with City Hall and finding out that she was conducting a legitimate campaign, she was released. This would have been enough to discourage many of us, however Mrs. Thorpe continued on her way without hesitancy. Without Mrs. Thorpe's perseverance the St. Thomas church would have never reached its goal let alone surpass it.

When I came to College Park, Brother Vickers was getting a large gift each year towards Ingathering. Brother Vickers introduced me to the son, and together we would visit with Walter. He was extremely interested in our work, the mission fields, and the medical and educational programs we had, and we became good friends.

When, three years ago, he presented a cheque to Alex for \$10,000 dollars, we were delighted, and thought we had hit a North American high. The next year, he increased his gift to \$12,000 dollars, and we thought this was tremendous; but this year we were truly amazed! After we had talked for half an hour about Africa and our work around the world, he quietly brought from his desk drawer a cheque and handed it to Brother Vickers who then showed it to me. It was for the outstanding sum of \$15,000. When I thanked him, and spoke of our appreciation he answered: "IT IS THE LORD'S MONEY — NOT MINE."

I would sincerely ask you to pray for this fine Christian man. He is not a member of our church yet, but I can assure you he is in thought, and loves the Lord dearly. One day, I am convinced He will stand with God's remnant. In the meantime, I am happy that he calls us both by our Christian names, and looks upon us as his friends.

D. J. Handysides, *Pastor*
College Park Church

On behalf of all members we say a hearty thank you and we will pray for her continued success next year. Judy Ross
Communication Secretary

Five-Day Plan At St. Catharines

Samuel Lee Loy, first elder of the St. Catharines church and Nestor Cabrera, teacher in the Niagara Junior Academy, led out in a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking the second week in January.

The meetings were held in the board room of the St. Catharines General Hospital. It was the third of a series held during recent months. Although the smallest group of the series, the twenty-seven who registered attended all meetings and were enthusiastic and anxious to learn.

Sister Stella Jones acted as registrar and reported that those involved felt it was worthwhile.

Another plan is scheduled for the near future.

A Model Church School?

"Can there be any good come out of Nazareth?" queried Nathanael. Philip's only reply was, "Come and see." (John 1:46). I would like to pose that question regarding our Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Thunder Bay. To the many queries that may be raised I would reply, "Come and see."

Mrs. White, in her book *Fundamentals of Christian Education* says, "If they have exuberant spirits and pent-up energy, let them do vigorous manual labor, until weariness prepares them to appreciate rest in their rooms." (p. 54). Accordingly, our 23 students are daily involved in a Practical Arts Program.

Under the direction of Mr. Ernie Dunning, the boys have a part in the wood-work program. To date, the boys have built four sawhorses. An 8' x 12' woodshed is in the process of being built. All the materials needed for these projects have been donated to the school. There are a few more projects planned for the rest of the year; namely, an underground line for a sump pump, lockers for the students, and the completion of the kitchen where it is planned to prepare a hot noon meal for the students.

While the boys have been busy at their projects, the girls, under the direction of Mrs. Grace LaPierre, have been learning to crochet. They are presently learning to crochet bedspreads. They also hope to fulfill the requirements for an MV Crochet Honor.

Together, the girls and boys keep the wood for the furnace sawed, split and stored. Twice a week, they do general cleaning of the school and its premises.

We are thankful for the many donations that we have received in response to our call for help. We are also thankful for the time donated to the school by Mr. Dunning and Mrs. LaPierre in the Practical Arts Program and Mrs. Kathy Braman in the School Music Program.

I would like to see our elementary school become a model school. Thus, we solicit your prayers to attain this goal.



Thunder Bay students in sacred musical program under direction of Mrs. Kathy Braman.

Heartbeat Launched

Church members asking strangers for blood samples? That's right!

For the past two Sabbaths members of the Kendalwood church in Whitby have been going to the homes in the community doing a health survey. Interested individuals were later contacted and invited to the *Feeling Good Seminars in Total Living*, directed by Pastor David White, soon to be held in Whitby.

The first segment of this program, *Heartbeat*, was held Sunday, January 29, at the Henry Street Public High School in Whitby. This was well attended by 88 persons in all, with 65 of the 68 non-Adventists having had no previous association with our denomination. *Heartbeat* consists of taking a blood sample which will determine cholesterol and triglycerides, plus taking a heartbeat coronary health history. Height, weight and blood pressure are also considered. Obtaining this information were members from the Kendalwood church assisted by professional personnel. This program was greatly aided by a thoughtful media approach. An attractive, promotional folder, contemporary newspaper layouts, and an on-the-air interview program on radio station CKLB with Pastor David White, combined to create community interest.

The *Feeling Good Program* will be continuing through April, 1978 with special seminars on smoking, stress, diet, weight control, and physical fitness. More and more interest is being shown by persons who have never associated with the Seventh-day Adventists before. This series of seminars will culminate in a *Keys to Health and Happiness Seminar*, combining spiritual emphasis with a total approach to living, to be held at the Kendalwood church.

Joyce Gay



Nurses Mrs. Joyce Davis and Mrs. Myrtle Hensley check the blood pressure.

Voice of Prophecy Crusade In Kenora



Joe Melashenko

Evangelist Joe Melashenko is coming to Kenora, Ontario to conduct a four-week Voice of Prophecy Bible crusade beginning Saturday, May 6 at 7:15 p.m. in the Holiday Inn of Kenora, 470 First Avenue

South. He will hold meetings nightly except Thursdays through June 3.

Evangelist Melashenko includes a special Saturday night program featuring music throughout the crusade.

Those having names of persons who should receive an invitation to attend the crusade meetings should send them to the crusade coordinator, Pastor Dennis Heintz, 93 Government Road W., Kenora, Ontario, Canada 29N 3P6.

As the time for this crusade nears, please pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare the way for a great harvest of souls for Christ.

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The Windows of Heaven Opened

Jacqueline Harvey, one day late in October, sat amazed, holding the \$250.00 handed to her by the father of three of the children for whom she had cared the past six years. Never before in all his previous visits to see the children had he ever given more than \$5.00 or \$10.00 at the most. It began to dawn on her mind that God, according to His word, had opened the "windows of heaven."

Now her thoughts travelled back to early May when she first began watching the *Search* and later, the *It Is Written* telecasts. How she regretted having to miss these interesting programs when she and the children had attended church Sunday mornings. Then there was the day they were driving along and her daughter, Tammy, had stated, "The 7th day is Saturday." Quickly she corrected, "Oh, no! It's Sunday." However, when looking it up in the dictionary later they had found that Tammy was right! But how could one go to church on Saturday when the churches weren't even open on that day, she wondered.

About this time the Bible and pamphlets she had requested from the *Search* telecast arrived. Eagerly she had read "Which Day Is The True Sabbath?" and "Why Do Christians Keep Sunday?" It was plain to her now that Satan was trying to deceive everyone on this question. Now she turned to the phone book and found listed the Seventh-day Adventist Church and soon she learned when the services were held and she determined to go.

The very first Sabbath they had attended church Jacqueline had filled out the form requesting a visit from the Pastor and on his arrival a few days later she greeted Pastor Allan Robertson with four pages of questions. He answered them to her satisfaction and later when further questions arose they set up weekly Bible studies.

She would never forget the study on tithe! How could one pay tithe when on Welfare caring for six children? She was concerned. Perhaps one could just pay

what was left as the poor widow with her two mites. But Pastor Robertson assured her that if she had to choose between paying bills and returning the tithe she should honor God first, and He would see that she would have sufficient to meet the bills too. Showing her in Mal. 3:8-11 God's promise in this regard, Jacqueline decided to pay her tithe the next Sab-

bath. She had prayed so earnestly: "Lord, here is the tithe, now, I'm holding You to Your Word."

Just three days had passed and here in her hands was the evidence of His blessing. How He had blessed! She had proved Him.

Mrs. L. King,
Communication Secretary
Vancouver Central Church

Radiant Living Seminars Begin in Vancouver

Vancouver, British Columbia, is western Canada's largest city. With over 1½ million people living within the metropolitan borders, Seventh-day Adventists have a special responsibility to warn this mighty city of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Warning the inhabitants of great cities is the most complex and formidable challenge of Seventh-day Adventist evangelism. The competition of secularism almost shuts out the influence of the gospel, yet we have been promised that before Jesus comes again every person will be warned. As a movement of destiny, we have been given divine instruction in how to carry out this responsibility. In Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy, we are given key principles that if followed will result in victory for God's people. Ellen White wrote in 1901, "Our manner of working must be after God's order. The work that is done for God in our large cities must not be according to man's devising." *Evangelism*, p. 385. What are these principles and how would God have us meet the challenge of the cities?

The first principle of city evangelism is a revival and reformation among God's people. A revival that rekindles a life of unreserved commitment to the Holy Spirit's instruction through Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy. When our loyalty is given entirely to God, then He can truly use and guide us to save others.

The second key principle of city evangelism is a unity of the ministry and laity of the church to finish God's work. Each individual is to recognize his own personal responsibility to warn his neighborhood. There needs to be training and instruction so that each person can labor effectively at his post of duty.

The third principle of city evangelism is a union of the medical and gospel ministries. Our medical work is the opening right arm that allows the body of the gospel to enter into the experience of individuals. Each person is to be a medical missionary, bringing the message of

total better living to their friends. Through personal experience in the principles of health, we are to go forth to meet the needs of a world expiring from the disease of sin.

Companies of workers are to unite and work together to meet the needs of the city — principle number four. "There should be companies organized and educated most thoroughly to work as nurses, as evangelists, as ministers, as canvassers, as gospel students, to perfect a character after the divine similitude." Uniting their individual talents, a company of workers can blend their talents for a stronger work. Many of these workers are to be volunteers and self-supporting. But just as Jesus had His company of twelve disciples working with Him, so companies are to unite to work the large cities.

Principle number five "is God's design that our people should locate outside the cities, and from these outposts warn the cities, and raise in them memorials for God." Just as Jesus led the multitude out of the villages and cities of Israel to the seaside and mountain to instruct and heal them, so we are to lead people from the wickedness of the city into the natural setting of God's creation.

To meet the challenge of evangelizing the Vancouver metropolitan area, the British Columbia Conference has called a team of workers to carry out these key principles of city evangelism. The *Radiant Living Seminars* team started their work in the Vancouver area this last September by beginning an evangelistic thrust in Surrey in co-operation with the Surrey and New Westminister churches. Under the direction of Brad Thorp, British Columbia Conference evangelist, team members Ted and Sharon Wasyluk, Herb Poholka, Philip Khng and Hillair Thorp are currently preparing for an evangelistic series in Richmond. With the blessing of God, a church company will be formed and this community will have a strong light as a witness to God's truth.

Brad Thorp, Director
Radiant Living Seminars



Church School Founded on Faith

During the latter part of July, a church business meeting was called at Ryley for the purpose of discussing the possibility of starting a school. It was decided that a school be started, but when? — In September? More than one shook their head, feeling that this was an impossibility but the determination of a faithful few won out and the membership decided to start planning.

The biggest obstacle was finding a teacher. Prospective students believed that a teacher would be found; even to the point of announcing to their friends that they would be attending "church school" next year. The faith of the students was rewarded. Just one week before school opening, Miss Alma Riter arrived in Ryley and school opened with eight students in grades 2 through 8; some secondhand desks, a very meager library and great expectations. Unfortunately, Miss Riter, for health reasons, found it impossible to continue teaching and another general church meeting was called. A surprised congregation was informed that the school was to be closed because another teacher could not be found. People refused to give up their dream of a school; one summed it up thus, "The Lord has not led us this far only to close down". A solution had to be found and it was. Mrs. Mavis Oslund, one of the church members, consented to finish out the school year while her husband cared for their two preschool children.



Ping-pong gives some needed physical exercise.



Mrs. Mavis Oslund gives help with a tough math problem.

The school is operating well and has good support from the church. Members have volunteered to teach some subjects — Mrs. Ruth Smith teaches junior high Home Economics, Mrs. Margaret Booth teaches Art and Mr. Wayne Tetz handles Music. The local Lutheran minister's wife comes once a week to give piano lessons. To finance the operation of the school, the church adopted a 10 plus 10 system — 10% tithe and 10% church family budget to care for the school and other church activities.

On December 15, the school held its first Christmas program. The students presented plays, recitations and music while everyone joined in singing Christmas carols.

Mrs. Gail Booth
Communication Secretary
Ryley S.D.A. Church



Robin Lyons taking piano lessons.

"I'm the Pathfinder Leader"

"Help! I am the Pathfinder leader," was heard echoing through the lodge at Foothills Adventist Camp in Alberta. Over 40 men and women from British Columbia to Manitoba came for a long weekend to hear Merrill Fleming, Pathfinder Director for the State of Michigan, give instruction.

Pastor Fleming's instruction was inspirational, informative and practical. On Sunday morning, each person made a rock display that meets the requirement for a rock and mineral honor. A beautiful display of crafts was shown to give ideas.

One leader flew in from Vancouver while Pastor Wilfred Michaels drove 700 miles with his Pathfinder leader from Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan. The closest group represented by Dennis Carlson and his wife was from Olds, Alberta.

The interest in children and their salvation was observed in the questions asked and the intense interest that was shown in the discussions and seasons of prayer.

Youth Directors Jim Eiseman from Manitoba-Saskatchewan and Les Neal from Alberta, directed the activities.

Plans were finalized for the Western Canada Camporee to be held at Foothills Camp this May 19 — 22. All clubs were urged to be there.



Elder M. Y. Fleming presenting one of the topics covered in the Western Canada Pathfinder Training Course.

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Lacombe Hosts Youth Ministry Workshop

Concerned youth leaders from Alberta met in the Lacombe church to participate in a Youth Ministries Training Course. Twenty-nine individuals completed the 10-hour course.

The course was a directed learning experience. The entire group was divided into working groups of 6 to 8 people. Then they were given specific problems to solve and share their solution with the entire group.

Many surprised themselves as the Spirit led in the solution process. Many Bibles were in use to search for truths and principles to apply to the problem-solving process.

Elder Charles Martin and Bill Edsell from the General and Union Conferences guided a staff that included most of the youth leaders from Canada, as well as two from the Lacombe church and the College.

Don Melashenko and Jim Eiseman, Youth Directors from British Columbia and Manitoba-Saskatchewan, were invested as Master Guides during the Sabbath morning worship-service.



Elder Bill Edsell, Canadian Union Youth Director observing a group at work.



Elder Charles Martin of the General Conference Youth Department giving instruction.

Victories at Vermilion

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 15:57.

The fulfillment of this promise for victory was quite evident as the Vermilion Crusade came to a close on December 3 of 1977. In spite of the many obstacles that had to be overcome, ten precious souls were brought to Christ.

The highlight of the crusade occurred on Friday evening, December 2. Not only were four souls baptized, but two families reaffirmed their responsibilities as parents, dedicating their children to the Lord and His service.

In the fall of 1976 a Neighborhood Bible Club, under the direction of Mrs. Dave Trenchuk, was started in the Vermilion church. Ten to twelve children attended regularly. Of those families represented, one mother was baptized and now attends church regularly with her children.

Mrs. Philip Samograd had the privilege of seeing Mrs. Golonowski baptized, as a result of a cultivated friendship over many years.

Helen Northcott (Bible instructor) rejoiced in seeing her neighbor, Mrs. Don Clayson, whom she befriended just shortly before the crusade, follow Jesus all the way.

How we pray for more dedication like this that Jesus may soon come!

Many thanks go to the crusade speaker, Elder Verne Snow; the special music groups that travelled from as far as Lacombe; and to those that assisted to make the program a success.

Even though we praise God for the success we had, we must say we are not satisfied and aim to press forward and onward, looking for the day when even in Vermilion hundreds will take their stand for Jesus.

Les Sayler, *Pastor*



Mrs. Samograd (to the right) with Mrs. Golonowski.



Regina Baptism

Sabbath, December 17, was a very special day for members of the Regina church. After an interesting lesson study, the choir, under the direction of Tali Coloma, presented a 20-minute concert which was partially televised by CKTV.

Former pastor, J. Rusk, who has accepted an invitation to become Trust and Stewardship Director of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, then introduced the new pastor, A. Oetman, for the past four years pastor of the Swift Current district in Saskatchewan.

Church members and friends then met in the fellowship room where they enjoyed a delicious noon meal.

The day was climaxed with a baptismal service conducted by Pastor Rusk, when four precious candidates were added to the Regina church. We wish God's special blessing on these dear ones as they experience the challenges, the joys, and the responsibilities of members of God's last day church.

John T. Rusk, *Pastor*



Left to right: Pastor J. Rusk, Mr. Joseph Lapeyre, Mr. Robert Lapeyre, Mrs. Robert Lapeyre, Mrs. Karl MacDonald, (baptized Dec. 17), and Mr. Karl MacDonald who was baptized July 31. On the extreme right is Pastor A. Oetman.



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“We Will Go With Our Young . . .”

by P. J. Salhany

In times of great crisis, when human lives are in jeopardy due to eventful calamities, foremost in the minds of people is the salvation of the children and youth. We have seen, we have read, we have heard, of experiences when individuals, families, or groups have risked their lives and possessions to save their youth from harm, starvation, and even death. These courageous acts of bravery performed to save the body, should be highly commended, but more important is the action whereby one is willing to give possessions, or a life, for the eternal spiritual salvation of their own young people or those of someone else.

We are aware of the multitudinous crises of our generation: pollution, energy dishonesty, permissiveness, population explosion, jealousy, hatred, war, plus the spiritual dilemma. We are aware of the tactics of Satan to confuse, overwhelm, deceive, and destroy the youth of the world through atheism, narcotics, pornography, mind-warping cinemas, and trashy literature. These are serious challenges and they must be met head-on by dramatic responses if the youth are to be saved from the diabolic assaults of the adversary of honesty and purity.

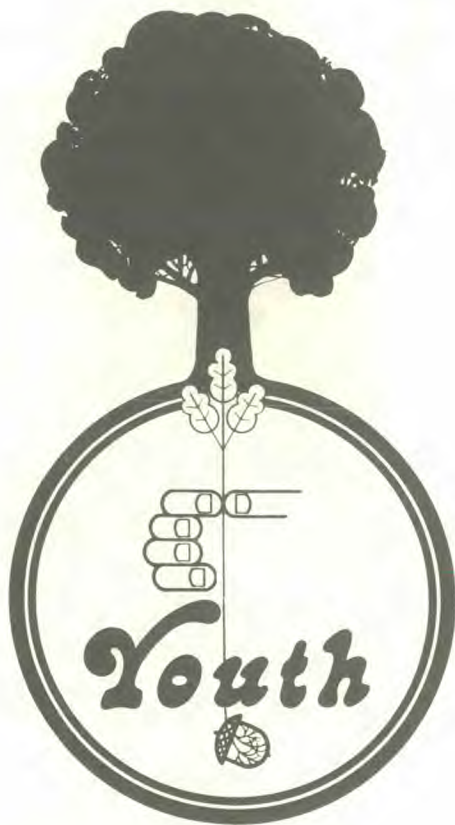
Biblical history records a period when the onslaught of Satan was directed toward the spiritual annihilation of the people of God; but Satan's strategy was thwarted by God-fearing, dedicated leaders supported by an overwhelming majority of men and women. Moses and Aaron, summoned before Pharaoh, were informed that the men could go to a

desert retreat and worship their God. The king's apparent act of benevolence was shrouded with a scheme to hold the youth as surety should the worshippers decide to escape the bondage of slavery. Pharaoh did not know the mind or understand the love of devoted parents or of dedicated leaders, for without hesitation and in full awareness of the overwhelming military might and the superstitious influence of ancient Egypt, Moses boldly answered: "We will go with our young and our old, with our sons and with our daughters . . . will we go . . ." (Ex. 10:9).

To our generation, Satan makes a similar offer. Parents and adults may worship as they desire, when and where, but the youth he seeks to hold as hostages, hoping that the church leaders and parents will consider it too big a price to pay or too big a risk to take for their salvation.

It must never be said by any Christian that the price of Christian education, Pathfinder clubs, youth rallies, camping activities, or youth organizations is too costly, too time-consuming, or too involved. If we are to save our youth, it will take sacrifice and a full dedication to the proposition that "we will go with our young, . . . with our sons and with our daughters . . ." through a world marred with the scars of sin to a new world of everlasting peace and happiness. By the grace of God, we will all be there.

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" . . . that they may be called TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, the planting of the Lord that He may be glorified." Isaiah 61:3.

The youth organization of the church can be likened to a tree.

- The *roots* are always grounded in The Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy.
- The *stem* of the tree is the youth organization itself.
- The *trunk* of the tree reaches upward to God for power.
- The *branches* of the tree reach out in service to others.
- The color of the *leaves* and the *fruit* may vary from generation to generation.

The youth organization, no matter what its form, should always be leading young people nearer to the Lord Jesus. They will be reaching others with the faith of Jesus and presenting the truth for these times.

Experiences of an Adventist Collegiate Taskforce Worker During the Summer of 1977

This story happened in Conklin, Alberta which is a small Indian community of 300 people approximately twenty miles north of Fort McMurray. Ed Dejarlie wanted to hold a Vacation Bible School in Conklin and with the help of Darrell Kriesler and his plane, Linda Burt, Holly Brown, Elizabeth Parent and myself, the task was arranged. Due to an unfortunate illness Brother Dejarlie was unable to accompany us as we left on July 31, 1977.

Prior to our arrival we had made arrangements to stay in a part of the school house; however, due to a breakdown in communications somewhere along the line, the lady who had the keys to the school was at a local festival in Fort McMurray and we had no place to stay.

A kindhearted man who was in charge of the Catholic church in the village opened his house to us. He gave up his own home leaving it totally to us.

Our next duty to ensure a successful Vacation Bible School was to advertise it in the town. We engaged in meeting the people face to face, personally inviting them to bring their children to the program.

Around 3:00 p.m. boys and girls started slowly wandering into the yard. They ranged in age from three to seventeen years. Even though they all enjoyed the stories of creation that we told and the games that we played, the prejudice seemed to be very strong. Brother Kriesler helped break that down by becoming friendly with some of the boys. Holly, Linda and Elizabeth also made new friends when craft time came around. The ice was broken for me personally when I was peacefully walking to the town's only store and was jumped by four of the boys who proceeded to successfully wrestle me to the ground. Although this was an unusual way to make friends, a friendship developed that shall last through eternity.

Some of the children had been smoking and drinking since they were three years of age. Their regular diet consisted mainly of potatoe chips and soft drinks. My close association with some of the boys enabled me to tell them of the disadvantages of smoking, and as a result of their respect for me, they quit these filthy habits.

While we were in Conklin we met two young men who were serving as youth ministers for about three weeks. One was a Baptist and the other was a newborn Evangelical. The Evangelical was very interested in our faith. We explained the basis for our belief as best we could. We gave both ministers our addresses and a *Steps to Christ* before they left.

In a few days we received the keys to the school. The many friends we had made helped us to move in. After moving some of the older men asked us to play baseball with them, but as we were busy at the moment cleaning up we told them we would be out soon. They patiently stood waiting for us and did not start the game until we were ready. Later that night I took out a basketball and started making a couple of shots when one of the boys asked me if I would like a game. I didn't want to refuse because he was bigger than I was. After I had lost the game, he asked me if I wanted to go for a walk with him. Rocky was a big fellow and about six feet tall. As we walked along in the bush, he told me how he had quit grade eleven because everyone else did. He smoked only because everyone else did but he didn't drink because he didn't like the taste of alcohol. Rocky and I became good friends. I left him with the message of "the Blessed Hope" which he absorbed like a dry sponge.

We left Conklin on August 4, 1977, but I will always remember the friends I made there and hope we will meet again because we shared the "Blessed Hope" with them.

In closing a small quote from our favorite author, "not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighborhoods." *Testimonies*, Vol. 9 p. 30. Canada is our home! Let's make it our mission field by spreading God's love!
Shah Pemberton

Physical Fitness Seminar

A Physical Fitness Seminar sponsored by the General Conference Department of Health will be held April 30 and May 1, 1978, at Glacier View, Colorado. Emphasis on physical fitness programs for churches, community outreach and individuals. Write the Editor for information.



F.F.T. Historical Film Shown at Rallies

Faith For Today's new motion picture on the life and trial of Reformer John Huss was recently completed and is being currently shown at selected locations in North America. The gripping historical film is a moving drama of one man's undaunted faith in adversity.

After many unavoidable delays in its production, the long-looked-for motion picture was premiered during the church's Annual Council in Takoma Park last fall.

The film presents Huss' early life and priesthood in brief flashbacks, his conflict of belief in his church, his trial and martyrdom. The *Faith For Today* production was filmed in Germany, Czechoslovakia and in Pasadena and FFT studios in Thousand Oaks (CA), and was produced by Roy Naden.

After June (1978) the motion picture will be made available on a rental basis through *Faith For Today*.

For advance rental information write to: Station Relations Department, Box 320, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

Richard Barnett, *Director Public Relations*



Faithful friends visited John Huss while he was confined to a dungeon awaiting trial for his faith. In a scene from the new *Faith For Today* film "John Huss," the reformer gives his blessing, in shackled hands, to two supporters.

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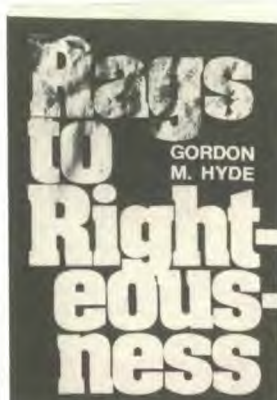
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TWO HANDS - NO WINGS

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Now reprinted in paperback, this book is an amazingly candid revelation of the life, viewpoint and personal problems of a couple whose entire married life has been spent in denominational work. You will enjoy this intimate peek into a preacher's life.



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Author: Edward Heppenstall

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How could Jesus, as God, be tempted? Was there any difference between His temptations and ours? Dr. Heppenstall discusses these problems and other questions such as the wonder of the incarnation and the mystery of the laying aside of many attributes of deity in order to become man, even a servant to suffer our death on the cross.

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Andrews University Doctoral Student Seeks Historical Periodical

A research project to determine the educational and sociological significance of Ellen White's counsel to the editor of *The Christian Educator* is underway at Andrews University. The journal was the first magazine published for the teachers of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Clarence Dunbebin, doctoral student at the university, is conducting the project under the direction of Bill Garber, chairman of the Communication Department of the university.

"Dunbebin is searching for copies of the journal," says Garber, "so he can determine circumstances that prompted Ellen White to caution the editor concerning his editorial practices." In carrying out his study, Dunbebin hopes to determine if the practices of the 1890's have any relationship to the editorial practices of the present day, says Garber.

"I have been able to locate several of the magazines that were issued between 1897 and 1899, but some of the important ones are missing," says Dunbebin. If you have copies or know where they may be obtained, please contact Dunbebin at the following address: Clarence Dunbebin, Sligo School, 8300 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20012. Be sure any packages you may send are insured.

Don Yost, archivist for the General Conference of Adventists has expressed an interest in adding this journal to the church's collection of important historical materials. At present they do not have any copies of *The Christian Educator*.

School of Dentistry Alumni-Student Convention

The annual Loma Linda University School of Dentistry Alumni-Student Convention will be held March 1-5, according to Judson Klooster, DDS, dean of the school.

Keynote speaker for the convention will be John H. Mosteller, DDS, first vice-president of the American Dental Association.

A number of mini-clinics will highlight the convention and a number of one-day and two-day continuing education courses will be offered.

Further information on the convention may be obtained by writing to the School of Dentistry Alumni Association, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California 92350 or telephoning (714) 796-7311, extension 2928.

Union Springs Academy Homecoming April 14, 15, 16

Featured speaker will be Elder Orville D. Wright, class of '27. Other speakers will be Paul T. Nosworthy, class of '28 and Richard Tibbits, class of '68. Sabbath School will be conducted by the class of '53 under the leadership of Janice Wright-Bauman. Come and enjoy the fellowship of former classmates and friends. Honor Classes are 1928, 1938, 1953 and 1968.

S.D.A Authors Featured At International Book Fair

The United States Information Agency has selected books by three Seventh-day Adventist authors to be included in a special display of American technical publications at the International Book Fair to be held in Cairo, Egypt January 26 - February 6, 1978.

The authors and their works are:

Raymond Bridwell, Perris, California - *Hydroponic Gardening*

Jacob R. Mittleider, Salt Lake City, Utah - *More Food From Your Garden*

Edyth Young Cottrell, Sedro Wooley, Washington - *The Oats, Peas, Beans & Barley Cookbook*.

All three books emphasize maximum utilization of natural food resources and high-yield home food production methods.

All three works are available in book stores, libraries, or through the Adventist Book Centre.

Home Study Student Sets Record

Thirty-one college courses successfully completed through Home Study Institute since November 17, 1975, is the record set by Mrs. Audrey Willheim of Bristol, Connecticut. This amounts to 654 lesson submissions and more than 70 supervised examinations. Moreover, Mrs. Willheim received either "A" or "B" in every course.

Though Mrs. Willheim modestly declares that "Anyone can do it," Dr. D. W. Holbrook, President of Home Study Institute, states that "One seldom sees that kind of self-discipline and determination which has been displayed by this student."

Miriam Wood, Senior Editor

Signs to Retain Lower Price

Pacific Press has announced the continuation of the special \$3.30 (\$2.95 plus exchange) *Signs* subscription price through June 15, according to A. R. Mazat, periodical manager.

The lower price has been maintained in an effort to increase circulation of the church's missionary journal. *Signs*, published since 1874, was introduced with a 2,000 first issue press run. Current projections call for circulation to reach one million copies monthly within two years.

In the July 23, 1874 issue, James White, editor, wrote: "Through *The Signs of the Times* we wish to erect thousands of pulpits more especially in the Pacific Coast States and territories, where we can appeal to the people . . . upon the exhaustless themes . . . necessary to a fitness to receive the dear Saviour at His second advent."

Current efforts to "reach out, build up, and gather in" in the Canadian Union are a continuation of that challenge.

"Forty thousand new readers will receive the *Signs* next month due to the \$3.30 price of our prophetic journal," notes Mazat.

Subscription information should be handled through the local church lay activities secretary.

NOTICE - SIGNS IS NOW BEING PRINTED IN CANADA.



RICHARDSON - Charles Gordon Richardson was born in St. John's, Quebec, before the turn of the century and passed to his rest January 3, 1978, in New Westminster, B.C. In Calgary he met and married Elizabeth Repp. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1971.

The memorial service was held at the Mount Pleasant Chapel in Vancouver.

A. W. Robertson, Pastor
Vancouver Central Church

ROGERS - Sarah Agnes Rogers was born July 13, 1893 at Killarney, Manitoba and passed to her rest January 12, 1978 at Abbotsford, B.C.

In 1917 Agnes married George Rogers and into this home was born one son, Walter, who is presently the Sabbath School/Lay Activities Director for the B.C. Conference.

Sister Rogers was predeceased by her husband in 1966.

She leaves to mourn her son, Walter, his wife, Norma, and their children, Rob, Dawn, Leslie and Heather, as well as two great grandchildren. Funeral services were held in North Battleford, January 16 and interment was in the Memorial Garden Cemetery.

Jim Burgess, Pastor
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FIFIELD — Elfreda (James) Fifield was born January 7, 1890, at Pouch Cove, Newfoundland; and passed away Wednesday, December 28, 1977, in St. John's, Newfoundland.

She was married to James F. Fifield on January 7, 1911, who predeceased her in 1972.

She leaves to mourn, two sons, Francis and Clifford; and three daughters, Catherine (Mrs. Cyril Haye), Lillian (Mrs. Joseph Starling), and Alice; also three sisters, two brothers and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Barrett Funeral Chapel, St. John's, conducted by the writer and assisted by Pastor Larry Murrin of St. John's. She was laid to rest in the General Protestant Cemetery.

W. Max Mercer, *Conference Evangelist Newfoundland*

FRY — William James (Bill) of McBride, B.C. fell asleep in Jesus on December 29, 1977. His health had been failing over the past few months.

Bill was born in England, October 31, 1898, and came to Canada in 1920. In 1932 he married Madge Locke. They were blessed with two children, George and Betty Lou.

In 1945 the Fry family settled in Aldergrove, B.C., and it was here that Bill and Madge dedicated their lives to God. In 1950 the Frys moved to McBride, where they have been faithful members of the Lamming Mills church.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Norman Manweiler. Bill is now sleeping in the McBride cemetery until Jesus calls him. He is missed by his wife, Madge, his son, George, of Castlegar, B.C., his daughter, Betty Lou Johnstone, of Edmonton, Alberta, and many friends.

Evelyn Christison
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