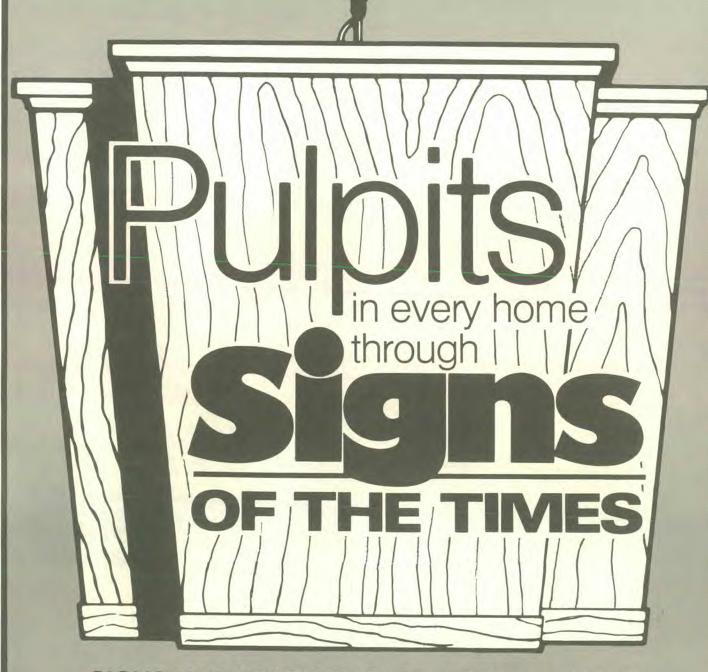
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Why Should We Erect a Pulpit in Every Home through "Signs"?

by Lewis A. Shipowick, Director, Lay Activities, Canadian Union Conference

The Lord is coming very soon.

"In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and the third angels' messages. The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work." Testimonies vol. 9, p. 19.

More than 1000 will be converted in one day most of whom will trace their first conviction to the reading of our publications.

We have a most desirable missionary journal. Many are finding a new hold on God through its inspired pages.

The price has been lowered so that we can erect many more pulpits.

The new price is \$3.30 a subscription.

The SIGNS is now being produced in Canada for Canadians.

We are grateful that our missionary journal SIGNS OF THE TIMES is being produced at the Maracle Press in Oshawa, Ontario since January, 1978.

What a tremendous opportunity to reach all the people in our mission territory!

Our beautiful missionary journal is a most desirable piece of literature to give out month by month to the people in our mission territory.

Over 100 sermons on God's love and His message for today will be preached within the year by the pulpits that you erect in the homes of the people.

Let us erect many more new pulpits that will proclaim God's love and heaven's last message of mercy. Thus we shall help prepare a great multitude for the coming King. "All can aid the cause by giving unselfishly of their means to help the various branches of the work, by furnishing means for the publication of tracts and periodicals to scatter among the people and disseminate the truth." Testimonies vol. 4, p. 118.

WHAT IS THE SIGNS

"The SIGNS OF THE TIMES" is our missionary paper." You would expect this response from those of us connected with the Maracle Press—but actually, it was written in the Review and Herald in 1878. The complete quotation is, "The

SIGNS OF THE TIMES is our missionary paper. It is doing its work everywhere. It is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented."

Back in 1878 the weekly *SIGNS* was a rather drab newspaper-type magazine. If it was doing its work "everywhere" then, think what the new, beautiful, colorful, vibrant monthly *SIGNS* is doing!

Because of the generosity of our believers, the SIGNS in 1978 is going to 108 countries around the world. Letters bearing exotic stamps tell of people who are being baptized and of churches that are being organized as a result of interests created by the SIGNS.

The last part of the quotation, "the SIGNS is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented," certainly applies to pre-evangelistic campaign seed-sowing. One retired worker has taken it as his mission to see that every home in his town receives the SIGNS. In western Canada one of our progressive ministers for several consecutive years has been using the SIGNS to give complete coverage to an area prior to the beginning of an evangelistic campaign. The report is that the results of his efforts "have been gratifying." It would be a wonderful project of your church to take a small town or part of a city and have the SIGNS make 12 consecutive visits to each home.

Plan for a greater outreach for God by:

- (1)Ordering your own personal copy of SIGNS OF THE TIMES
- (2) Sponsor a subscription of SIGNS OF THE TIMES for your friends and relatives.
- (3)Order a bulk quantity of SIGNS OF THE TIMES for systemized distribution in the homes of your mission territory.



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Health Ministry

Cancer and You and Exercise

Many have read the statement: "Sickness of the mind prevails everywhere. Nine-tenths of the diseases from which men suffer have their foundation here." Testimonies Vol. 5, p. 444 but we have tended to relegate that statement to an exaggeration or a "rough estimate for the majority".

The way we think, however, can trigger the following common and even fatal diseases: coronary heart disease, asthma, emphysema, arthritis, ulcerative colitis, migraine headaches, accident proneness, diabetes, and mental illness, hypertension, ulcers.

Is there a possibility that even cancer may be related to the way we think and the way we perceive and respond to our environment? The common term which serves as a trigger for the above diseases and can for cancer also is STRESS. Stress is the emotional response of our perception of the environment, real or imagined.

Dr. Vernon Riley and colleagues of the Northwest Research Foundation, by using mice carrying a cancer virus, showed that stress predisposes mice to cancer. Stressing the test group with noise and handling from birth to fourteen months produced a 92% incidence of cancer while the controls had only 7% incidence.

Dr. William R. Green, psychologist at the University of Rochester, studied three sets of twins, one each of which contracted leukemia, and discovered that each of the three had suffered severe emotional trauma before the onset of the disease while the other three of the twins had not.

Dr. J. J. E. Baltrusch of the International Psychosomatic and Cross-cultural Leukemia Project in West Germany studied 8,000 patients and stated that "In the majority of patients clinical manifestations of malignancy occurred during a period of severe and intensive life stress frequently involving loss, separation and other bereavements."

Dr. Caroline B. Thomas of Johns Hopkins University in studying 1,337 medical students from 1946 to 1964 revealed that a correlation exists between one's personality and the liability to fall victim of cancer.

The evidence from her studies suggested that cancer tended to develop in persons who were generally quiet, non-aggressive, and emotionally contained. However, they possessed deep feelings of alienation which usually began in early childhood. They were the silent sufferers with resentments of self-sacrifice, self-blame and self-pity with an overall sense of hopelessness and despair.

The above information is taken from the Ten Day Stress Control Clinic which is now available to the field. But is there anything we can do about our personality and/or the effects of stress?

Next to accepting Christ and learning to trust in God which will relieve the deep-seated hostilities and resentments that eat like a canker, one can begin building his total fitness which will help to maintain the immune system as well as the ability to absorb stress.

Thomas K. Cureton, PhD. in his book, "The Physiological Effects of Exercise Programs on Adults" says that "In people who become progressively unfit, there is also progressive concomitant loss of ability to withstand stress. Physical training is probably the best way to train the body and the mind to resist stress. . . .

"It is not implied that physical exercise will prevent or cure all disease, as nothing could be so erroneous as such a statement. But in the areas of buffering stress and strengthening a person to bear stress of many kinds, exercise is very important."

Considering cancer and the many diseases listed above as being triggered by a person's emotional reaction to the way he thinks, once again we see that there may be more to the following statement than we first believed, "Morning exercise in walking in the free invigorating air of heaven. . . .is the surest safeguard against colds, coughs, congestions of the brain and lungs, inflammation of the liver, the kidneys and the lungs and a hundred other diseases." Healthful Living, pp. 130–131.

Have you started your daily exercise program yet? One of the best ways to balance the mind and produce that atmosphere of peace which the Lord promises is to obey His instructions to exercise in the open air every day, summer and winter.

G. D. Strunk, Director Adventist Health Ministries

Convention Planned for Church Musicians

The Second National Convention of the S.D.A. Church Musicians' Guild is scheduled for July 6–9, 1978 on the campus of Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Special Convention plans call for an In-depth Choral Study Session involving all attendees in preparation for Weekend Services. The Worship Hour will bring together the Convention Choir and speaker Dr. F. E. Harder of the General Conference Education Department in presenting the powerful and timely passage of Scripture, Rev. 12:7-12, using the unparalled musical setting of J. S. Bach.

Sabbath afternoon's emphasis on the Organ in Divine Worship, plus a Vespers Communion and Commitment Service, together with Sunday's attractions, will provide four days of inspiration, participation and musical growth in church

music leadership.

The Church Musicians' Guild is the national S.D.A. lay organization concerned with planning, promoting and providing a Ministry of Music having spiritual qualities commensurate with the Spoken Word. Dedicated and trained musicians believe that holy sounds belong in the House of Worship and that modern Israel must lift a standard elevating all aspects of worship and godly living. They willingly join hands in contributing time and talent to help "Finish the Work".

Individuals planning to attend, wishing to become members or needing information on how to start their own state chapters, should send name and mailing address to: Publicity Officers, Dr. and Mrs. Bayard A. Benfield, Box 348, Okemos, Michigan 48864.



Bible Seminar by J. R. Hoffman

The Kelowna area was fortunate to have Pastor J. R. Hoffman of the Voice of Prophecy, conduct a Bible Prophecy Seminar here during a six-week period in September and October. Beginning with meetings in the Community Theatre and then continuing in the Adventist Academy Auditorium the attendance continued to remain high as members and visitors alike came each evening to hear the thrilling message of hope and salvation as he presented it.

Surely the Holy Spirit was directing as the prophecies were unfolded in a clear, interesting and exciting manner. The lectures were high-lighted with texts from Scripture on the screen and many points concerning our peculiar doctrines were substantiated with quotes from prominent, knowledgeable and respected writers from other faiths.

The slide Travelogue shown at the beginning of each lecture was an integral part of the lecture, illustrating cities and scenes of both the Old World and the Holy Land and many places mentioned in the Scriptures. As these scenes flashed by, a new and greater insight and appreciation of the life and times of Jesus, of Bible writers, and of events concerning the prophecies was gained. The special music further carried the theme of the lectures.

It was a co-operative effort to make this warning message real to the people of this city. Many responded in a positive manner to the gracious invitation of the Holy Spirit.

One result of this combined effort of the Kelowna district churches was the beautiful rite of baptism for six precious souls in the Kelowna church on October 15 by Pastor M. Weststrate. It was a time of thanksgiving and praise to God as Virginia Wileman, May Kendal, Bente Nielsen, Leslie Nielsen, Erik Nielsen and Erica Reimer were welcomed into church fellowship.

Mrs. O. A. Shneider Communication Secretary Kelowna S.D.A. Church

Local Paper Promotes Ingathering

The accompanying picture was printed in the local newspaper with the Ingathering promotion information in late November. It was seen amongst others by two ladies who recognized our head deaconess, Mrs. Joan Ainscough, centre and wrote two nice letters to her. From the first letter I quote: "When I opened up the paper, a couple of days ago, I came face to face with my old friend, Joan Ainscough. She is still helping others. As I am always interested in helping the sick and suffering in these underprivileged countries, I am enclosing a cheque for ten dollars to help the Seventh-day Adventists begin their 69th annual world service appeal. From letter number two: "I recognized the enclosed picture of you in The Times last nightam enclosing this small cheque which I hope will help your cause a wee bit. Wish I could make it larger. . ." These are letters we like to receive.



Mr. D. Kantymir, Mrs. Joan Ainscough, Mrs. D. Kantymir.

The Ingathering campaign in Victoria this year had a variety of setbacks, not the least was the weather. For all five weeks of the campaign we labored day and night under very wet blustery wind and freezing rain, but the Lord always adds His blessing to anything we attempt for His cause. We divided the city into various territories and assigned teams to cover the area. One team, called the "Esquimalt Band", under the capable and experienced guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Mobey, brought in approximately one-third of the total goal. They were out both day and night with members of their team.

The lay activities officers were most grateful to report to the church at the close of the church year that our goal of \$4,492.57 had been exceeded. The treasurer, Mrs. Stephenie Kwiram, counted \$5,216.02, as the books were closed for 1977.

In view of the mixed responses received at the doors of homes a follow-up release to the local papers was written to explain to residents the purpose of our "Annual Appeal". The comments we received from the donors was not always pleasant. One that made me think was: "I have no time for the Adventist organization". I couldn't get this out of my mind. Why? What kind of Adventists had he met? Was it in business dealings or a neighbor, or just what his friends had told him? I wish I knew. I feel someday I must go back and ask him, and with God's help, try to paint a picture of what true Adventism is like. He did, however, give a dollar, but not because of our cause. He made it quite clear that it was because of the carollers singing, "They were so cute", he said.

Oh that we might, as we believe and expound, present our faith in a way that will speak well of our Heavenly Father, that as people see us and associate with us they may see a picture of our gracious Lord.

Mrs. Kathleen Piper Communication Secretary Victoria S.D.A. Church

Glenda Kiselbach To Mission Field

On January 4, 1978, one of Vancouver's dedicated youth, Glenda Kiselbach, departed by plane from Vancouver for Nairobi, Kenya, to serve as secretary in the East African Union Office.



Glenda Kiselbach ready to depart for Nairobi, Kenya, to take up duties as secretary in the East African Union Division office.

Coming to the Fraser Valley area with her parents at the age of three, Glenda was educated in Vancouver, Auburn, and Walla Walla College. In 1971 she began working for the Education, Youth and Temperance Departments in the B.C. Conference Office, then attended college two years before returning to become

secretary in the Stewardship and Trust Services Department. In her five years of service at the B.C. Conference office, her other duties included membership records and secretary to the Director of Public Relations.

Responding to a call from the General Conference last spring Glenda later attended a mission orientation program at Andrews University followed by vacation time to visit with friends and loved ones before her departure.

We will be remembering Glenda in prayer that God's blessings of health, strength and grace be with her as she continues to serve her Creator in another part of His great vineyard.

Mrs. L. King Communication Secretary Vancouver S.D.A. Church

Whitehorse Receives Steps to Christ

As a gesture of their love for the Bethlehem Babe and their neighbors, the members of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, distributed 3,000 Steps To Christ during the holiday season. A Bible study request form was put inside each booklet, and the booklet sealed in a candle-decorated envelope.

"We want to find those in this community who are searching for the peace offered through Jesus," Pastor Les Anderson said. "So, though the weather was nippy, and the houses widespread, we finished before Christmas."

Out of the total delivered, only about



Loy and Glen Anderson marvel at the stack of books to be distributed.

twenty families refused the gift, and the general response was one of warmth and gratitude. Several wanted to know the location of our church, and we were happy to tell them about the proposed building plans for this summer.

Already Bible Study guide requests are being returned in the mail. We pray the Holy Spirit will touch receptive hearts and bless our efforts with souls for God's kingdom.

Mary Lane Anderson Whitehorse, Yukon Territories



Western Federation Meets in Chatham

On November 6, 1977 in the Chatham Seventh-day Adventist Church the Western Federation of Community Services met with representation from Sarnia, London, St. Thomas, Kingsville, Windsor and Chatham. Elder G. D. Strunk, our guest speaker, spoke of the future plans of the Health Ministries and mentioned that a cooking school manual will be printed soon.

Sister Blanche Kantor, our Federation President, led out in the program and Elder E. J. Parchment and Sister Barbara Trupp encouraged us to really get involved in the community.

A first for a Federation Meeting was the noon meal with a simple dessert.

Everyone present not only enjoyed the delicious meal which was prepared by the ladies of the Chatham church, but we were all inspired by the encouraging reports of the Societies and the program as a whole. We are looking forward to the Spring Federation which will be held at the Sarnia church.

Mrs. Ruth Gertz



Western Federation Community Services Meeting, November 6, 1977.

Sudbury Baptism

The Third Angel's Message, which is still being preached to the world, has reached the hearts of our two newest members. Mrs. Bonnie Lauzon and Mrs. Rachel Prieur were baptized by Pastor Stephen D. Villeneuve on January 7, 1978.

Rachel's sister had been in contact with an Adventist church in Toronto and upon Rachel's request as to the whereabouts of such a church in Sudbury, she was led to contact Pastor Villeneuve. Soon a series of Bible lessons was conducted by the pastor's wife; an answer to her prayer. Then followed the series of meetings "Northern Lights of Prophecy".

We welcome our sisters into the remnant church.

Mrs. C. Genereux Communication Secretary Sudbury S.D.A. Church



Left to right: Rachel Prieur, Pastor Villeneuve, Bonnie Lauzon.

Maranatha Shares

The fragrance of generosity lingered long in the homes of at least thirteen families who were visited by Maranatha Adventist Youth (MAY) last Christmas Eve.

On that cold night the young people were engaged in the King's business of distributing food baskets to the needy families.

Some of the food for the baskets was purchased from an offering taken at the "Over 50's Christmas Dinner" on December 11. This special dinner was another of the youth-sponsored projects for the church. The balance of the food, mostly canned goods was donated by church members.

All of the recipients were extremely appreciative, and thankful for the tangible expression of love. Most of these were non-adventists. Lawrence Burns,

MAY leader, noted that the Lord gave them "some rich experiences in meeting very grateful, lovely people," and pointed out that "God's name is uplifted as we meet the practical needs of His children."

One day, "the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matthew 25:40.

Ruby Carrington Communication Secretary Toronto Maranatha Church

Kendalwood Church Conducts Five-Day Plan

The Kendalwood Seventh-day Adventist Church conducted a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking February 7–11 at the Henry Street High School in Whitby. This was the second in a series of health education classes for the community called "Feeling Good Seminars". Some of the twenty-four individuals who attended came as a result of a community health survey taken by the church members. Others came because of recommendations from those who had attended a previous plan conducted January 2–6.

The members of the church were deeply involved as counsellors; calling the participants daily, visiting in their homes and praying for them.

The twenty-four ex-smokers have been invited to a vegetarian supper at the Kendalwood church and some will also be joining other health education classes such as the "Food and Nutrition" seminar or the "Stress Management Seminar". Nineteen from the Five-Day Plan asked for a repeat of the "Heartbeat" cardiovascular screening program which will be done on February 19.

David White, Pastor Kendalwood S.D.A. Church



Dr. Roy Jones, local dentist in Oshawa area, as he lectures to Five-Day Plan participants.

Five-Day Plan in Bracebridge

The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, held January 23–28, 1978 in Brace-bridge, Ontario proved worthwhile for some nineteen people. Many of them, long-time smokers, had been able to abstain for all five days and others had smoked very little during this same period. The local hospital's offer of their boardroom for the series and a staff doctor for an evening was appreciated by the director, Dan Hogan, and the participating members of the plan.

Pastor Hogan, recently from the United States, commenced his ministry in the Muskokas with the successful completion of a Five-Day Plan.

The issuing of a certificate of completion and the director's congratulations for their efforts brought the meetings to a close. This Five-Day Plan, under the auspices of the Ontario Conference, is one endeavor being offered by the people of Muskoka, as an outreach of the Gravenhurst Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is hoped, with the Lord's guidance, that these contacts will bear fruition in a very successful series of evangelistic meetings to be held in April of 1978.

W. F. Woodward Communication Secretary Gravenhurst S.D.A. Church



Tantallon Invests for God

Under the leadership of Brother Laurie Hubley 1977 resulted in a very successful year for Investment at the Tantallon Seventh-day Adventist Church. The goal, set at \$2,000 was the highest ever. A good effort was put forth and through the blessings of the Lord this goal was attained. The total amount was \$2,042.

There were several outstanding projects among the contributors to the Investment fund. Brother Hubley collected bottles, saved change and cut hair.

Brother Hall planted a garden. God blessed abundantly and he was able to sell \$300 worth of vegetables. Any money he received for errands he used for the Investment Fund. At night, he would set

aside any change in his pockets. Altogether he collected approximately \$600 for the cause of the Lord.

Sister Rosalee Morash raised the sum of \$250 for the Lord by cutting hair for her friends and relatives.

Brother George Russell made his contribution by giving a certain percentage of one of his pensions every month. He also chose to use any money he received unexpectedly for the Investment Fund. Through these projects, Brother Russell collected about \$400.

It was a rewarding year at Tantallon for Investment, and with the Lord's help it can be even more successful in future.

> Anne Hurshman Communication Secretary Tantallon S.D.A. Church



Top - Laurie Hubley, Investment leader, George Russell, who contributes from his pension. Bottom - Martin Hall, gardener for Investment and Rosalee Morash, Investment hairdresser.

Tantallon Goal Exceeded

On January 15, 1978, the members and friends of the Tantallon Seventh-day Adventist Church gathered together for their annual Ingathering victory supper.

To begin the evening, a delicious buffet-style meal was served.

Following supper, recognition was given to all those who participated in the Ingathering campaign, and each one was awarded a ribbon signifying their achievements. The Ingathering goal for 1977 was \$2,075. The total amount received was \$2,640.

Some members of the Dartmouth and Halifax churches had assisted in raising the goal.

Evening entertainment was provided

by Mr. Floyd Coolen on the violin and accordian, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Marie Soper.

Mrs. Gloria Smith baked an "Ingathering 1977" cake to give the Victory Supper a special touch. The cake was auctioned and the \$20.00 received went into the Sabbath School Investment Fund. The church was challenged to greater service in the new year.

Anne Hurshman Communication Secretary Tantallon S.D.A. Church

St. John-Barnesville Crusade

The week of January 2–7 climaxed a series of meetings in Saint John, N.B. Evangelist Henry Feyerabend of the Ontario Conference was assisted by Elder Gerry Karst of the Maritime Conference, along with local pastors and laymen.

The meetings, which began in a sports arena, were transferred after several weeks to the Saint John Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School. Through the combined prayers and efforts of both members and team, the Lord blessed the two area churches with sixteen new members. Two were added by profession of faith.

Gerry Karst Conference Evangelist



Group baptized during Saint John Crusade.

Golden Wedding Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Patriquin of 21 Rocket Avenue, Moncton, New Brunswick were honored on January 29 on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They joined the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1933 when it was meeting in the old Free Meeting House on Stedman Street. They used to walk from the farm out on the Hillsboro Road six miles to church and six miles home every Sabbath carrying Marion, their daughter. Later they moved to Nova Scotia where Brother Patriquin worked for the City of

New Glasgow for 17 years, Sister Patriquin nursed in the local hospital. They farmed for some years near Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia and three years ago moved back to Moncton.

Friends and relatives called at their home during the day to congratulate them and wish them God's richest blessings. Serving refreshments and the anniversary cake were their daughter Marion Reid, granddaughter Debbie Reid, nieces Phyllis Denier, and Betty Branscombe.

Gilbert E. Andersen Communication Director



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Patriquin,

Honors for Little Lambs

The Saint John Seventh-day Adventist T.V. program, "Little Lambs" was honored for twenty-five hours of Religious Community Service. The citation was presented by Funday Cable of Saint John. The program features the children of the Saint John and Barnesville churches, plus available non S.D.A. children. Mrs. Ellen Bailey of Saint John is the director assisted by Claudette O'Dell of Barnesville. Doris Martin is the pianist. Director Ellen Bailey said the appeal of the program seems to be the children's uninhibited response to the gospel of Jesus as it is presented.

Gilbert E. Andersen Communication Director



Front row: Karen Bailey, Bonnie Cyr (with Citation) and Jason Smith. Back row: Mark Worden and Mrs. Ellen Bailey.

Halifax-Dartmouth Smoking Alert

"That is a good project. I can support that." These were the words of the Federal Member of Parliament as he spoke to Melvin Boutilier and Kenneth Hill regarding the application to obtain a Young Canada Works grant to fund the Youth Smoking Alert Program for the Halifax—Dartmouth area of Nova Scotia.

Employment of students during the summer to enable them to return to school has been a perennial problem which Mr. Boutilier decided must be overcome. The idea for the project which was chosen came from Mr. Hill who is coordinator of the Five-Day Plan for the Halifax—Dartmouth area. A program was developed and an application submitted. Approval finally arrived for seven students to be hired: Wendy Reece, Manager; Karen Hill, Secretary-Treasurer; Pam Graham, Linda Aikens, Charmaine Shatford, Dale MacMillan, and Bonnie Hubley.

The students were eager to go to work but transportation presented a major problem. After it seemed that every possible avenue had been explored without success, Mr. Boutilier remembered his next door neighbor, Mr. Leslie Kay, who is Sales Manager for Scotia Chevrolet Ltd. Mr. Kay was impressed with the project and loaned the students a new Cutlass station wagon with the only cost being insurance and gasoline.

Training got under way, part of which was helping in a Five-Day Plan. The first phase of the program was to educate elementary school children of the dangers of smoking. Materials (10,000 pieces of literature) were willingly supplied by the Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases Association, Cancer Society, Heart Fund, Nova Scotia Commission on Drug Dependency, Health & Welfare Canada, Narcotics Education, and the National Film Board, Dalhousie University loaned the team audio-visual equipment, a spirometer to measure lung volume and a rate machine to show the effects of smoking on the heart.

Two programs were developed, one appropriate to children from primary to Grade 3, and another for Grade 4 to 6. Smoking Sam with his tar filled "lungs" was particularly interesting to the children. Ten elementary schools were visited and the program presented to 54 classes consisting of approximately 1200 children.

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Scene of the campus in 1923.



First graduating class, 1914. Standing, Reginald Noble, William Pincombe, Howard Capman. Seated, Alma Hill, Amy Gosnay Pincombe.

Diamond Ju 75 Years of Servi

Has it REALLY been 75 years? Well, not for but this establishment is, in fact, the continuat

On a 50-acre fruit farm near Lorne Park Adventist boarding school was opened called Leland, and offering grades 7—11 and a subsenrolment of...eight students. Total school from month for boarders. (Students, however, coursents an hour!)

When Professor Curtis, editor of the *Messe*. Mr. Leland and his wife running the school lifted farmwork, with the teachers working alongside says:

"The farm's produce was shipped by expre a box. . .and the last year I was principal, we supply dormitory needs."

Despite this apparent success, the schonon-profit-making nature of all Adventist institute out. When, in the second season of operamembers who could gave \$4,500 in pledges, we personally helping to construct the needed build member who had noticed the bare rooms, we students to live in these bare rooms? Is there furnish a room?" A furniture dealer in the coit." The first called back, "I'll give twenty-first infectious enthusiasm furnished the dormitory

Lornedale continued to prosper and grow for "one-crop ecomony" in farming and the desir reestablishment of the academy in Oshawa, On

The new site was a 130-acre farm, located Oshawa, and Lake Ontario. Because of this b "Buena Vista".

For two years, the classes, offices, and pr students had to live in tents! The enthusiastic change in location. That year a new administra \$4,000 in donations.

Latest graduating class-1977



e Celebration Kingsway College

gsway College we know today, founded in 1912, dream realized in 1903.

o, 15 miles from Toronto, the first Canadian le Academy", Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene ariety of subjects, Lornedale boasted a starting \$3 per month for the day students and \$10 per off these exorbitant prices at the rate of 5–12

future principal, arrived at Lornedale, he found y; the girls did the housework, and the boys, the ents. Of the farm's productivity, Professor Curtis

onto and Montreal. Strawberries were eight cents teen tons of grapes. The dairy was sufficient to

Perating on a continual deficit, true to the Yet the church members did not let this dream ew 45-student accomodation was proposed, the rs with little money to give donated their time in ring the dedicatory service of the new building, are front and announced, "Brethren, how are the ere who can tell me how much it would cost to replied, "About twenty-five dollars should do to furnish a room then. Who'll join me?" His that afternoon.

ars. Then, in 1911, the disadvantages of having a ore promising location for expansion led to the

overlooking the countryside, the distant town of view, the new academy was descriptively named

ess were all housed in one building, and many of the church members did not falter with the ding and dormitory combination was begun with

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Ad building as it was in 1927.



First co-ed dormitory built in 1914.



A proud
day for
sixty-five
seniors

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After the schools closed in June, phase two of Youth Smoking Alert went into action in the shopping malls and one county fair. The team had a portable booth built by Mike Cottreau. It was of lightweight, sturdy plastic on wooden frames. It covered a maximum area of 10' x 10' with 7' high walls. It was attractively decorated with posters and fact sheets. Smoking Sam was of course the star of the show with Humpty Dummy playing a credible supporting role.

Bumper stickers, buttons and a variety

of literature were available to everyone. A slide show dealt with cancer, emphysema and heart condition.

The public response was fantastic with as many as 260 people stopping over a lunch hour period. Cards containing the phone number for further information regarding the Five-Day Plan were distributed to those showing an interest in kicking the habit.

The team held a Five-Day Plan at Dalhousie University where 30 people attended. The team ran the program with Mr. Hill available for the question and

answer period.

The students felt that they provided a worthwhile public service and had benefited themselves greatly. Not only had they been able to earn the money they needed to continue their education but the exposure to the public had aided them in their social development.

Should anyone feel that this project could be used in their area and would like further information, contact Mr. M. J. Boutilier, 34 Inverness Avenue, Halifax, N.S. B3P 1X7.

Wendy Reece



It Is Written Revelation Seminars in Alberta

The It Is Written Revelation Seminars, conducted by the It Is Written staff in Alberta in January were a real success. A total of 574 persons, including staff and pastors, attended the four seminars. Edmonton had 311, Calgary 123, Lethbridge 71, and Red Deer 69. The pastors worked very hard before the meetings inviting people to the seminars and will continue to work hard to hold the interests.

Pastor George Vandeman was sick with the flu and could not come. His associate, Lonnie Melashenko, took over and was assisted by George Knowles, former It Is Written associate, who cancelled his weekend appointments and came to Edmonton and Calgary. Leslie Neal, Director of the Department of Communication for the Alberta Conference, helped Lonnie in Lethbridge and Red Deer. The excellent cooperation and performance of these three brethren was much appreciated. The pastors indicated a deep interest in the people.

From Red Deer and Lethbridge many came as far as 70 miles in a snowstorm to study God's word at these Revelation Seminars. Everyone, except one person, manifested a very fine interest in the studies. One man walked out because he

thought we were not presenting truth. Many others expressed their gratitude for the studies.

God proved to be true to His promise again. When we go out and sow the seed, He will bring in the increase. We saw many evidences of the Holy Spirit at work in the attentive seminar students.

One person wrote to *It Is Written* saying that their family had studied the Bible carefully for one and one half years. They discovered God's rest-day among other precious truths. When they began to watch *It Is Written* recently, they discovered that Pastor Vandeman was teaching the same truths. They came 60 miles to the Calgary seminar.

God is good. The gospel must go to the world. Your financial support is greatly appreciated and needed to keep /t Is Written on the air and to produce new programs. Thank you for your support. We hope we can afford to go on stations in several areas where we have no mass media TV coverage.

God bless all of you.

L. R. Krenzler, Director Department of Communication



Pastor Neal is giving a study at the Lethbridge seminar.



Ladies in Calgary came to the conference office for several hours to assemble notebooks and study guides, count and package follow-up study guides, etc. Their work was very much appreciated. This work was directed by Brother James Todd (left) who directs all seminar organization and weekend operations.



Kayville Story Hour

One of the highlights of the Kayville Story Hour, under the leadership of Mrs. Elsie Brandt, was a Christmas program on December 15 in the little church that the Brandts had purchased last spring in the town of Kayville. The church was filled as parents, grandparents, and friends came to see their little ones perform. The children, ranging in age from two to ten years, recited poems and very beautifully sang some of the songs that they had been taught at Story Hour. Part of the time was spent in singing by the congregation. The children were delighted to receive little gifts as a token of the Story Hour.

During the latter part of last winter Mrs. Brandt was impressed to conduct a Story Hour for the children in the Kayville district. Attendance grew from six children to as many as twenty and thirty at a time. Mrs. Brandt faithfully conducted Story Hour once a week until Christmas with time out only for camp meeting and harvest. Although most mothers are regular attendants at Story Hour, special programs were put on for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Linda Armson

Communication Secretary Moose Jaw Church



The children of the Yorkton Junior Academy distributed food hampers to several needy families in the city, just prior to Christmas. Canned foods which were collected by them on Hallowe'en made up a portion of the "box of cheer". A Bible was also included in each box. The recipients were, needless to say, most grateful for this fine gesture.

Mr. and Mrs. Coates Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Sunday afternoon, December 11, friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coates gathered in the home of Archie and Mary Coates to share in the happy occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

All the family members were present with the exception of one granddaughter. Those present with their families were Orlando and Luella; Archie and Mary of



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coates celebrate golden anniversary.

Macrorie and Marlene and Walter Sopczak of Broderick. Also present was Kathryn Goertzen, sister of Mrs. Coates.

Mable Bertz and Almeda Eckhart told of the honeymoon fifty years ago when Bill and Helen stayed at their childhood home in Manitoba.

Mrs. Coates was baptized in 1923 by Elder H. Beig; Mr. Coates was baptized four years later by Elder Harten. They have been active members of the Macrorie S.D.A. Church for these 50 years.

S. H. Gallant

Revival Meetings in Moose Jaw

A series of Revival Meetings was conducted in Moose Jaw by Pastor Rudy James. The meetings were brought to a meaningful conclusion by the celebration of a communion service with the Tugaske and Moose Jaw churches on January 7, 1978.

Linda Armson Communications Secretary Moose Jaw Church

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.

Linkletter to Chair Crusade Against Drugs

Art Linkletter is the new honorary chairman of the national Community Crusade Against Drugs. CCAD is a health education program sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Its education function is continued in the Adventist journal, *Listen*. For many years an educator against drug abuse, Linkletter cited the forthrightness of *Listen* magazine and his love for young people as reasons for accepting the post.

The school came under the management of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference in 1914. In 1915, the school became the training centre for all North American church workers of the French language. Because of its new training emphasis, the young school was renamed "Eastern Canadian Missionary Seminary". Professors from other academies and from France strengthened the program to such a promising level that it seemed as though nothing could stop it—well, almost nothing. A decrease in student enrolment during the depression brought the end of a 14-year project of training French workers.

In 1918, a new and larger Ad building was erected. During the "roaring twenties" a publishing plant, "The Canadian Watchman Press" was completed, also, the school woodworking industry was opened that year. In 1920, the school's name was again changed, this time to "Oshawa Missionary College". A clothing industry and food factory were established in 1922. In 1928, the enrolment reached a peak with 148 students.

The depression was not a depressing time. Although the tuition rates were cut in half, O.M.C. came out ahead (for once) as its woodworking industry, under C. W. Degering, made a profit of several thousand dollars.

The post-war years brought on the spirit of expansion once more, in 1949, the college auditorium was built. A new dormitory was constructed in 1946 and the 1958 enrolment reached 200. At this time the College began offering a three-year nursing program to be completed at Toronto's Branson Hospital. This excellent course was terminated, however, in 1974 because of government requirements. A final name-change was made when the institution became known as "Kingsway College" in 1966.

A new girl's dormitory-cafeteria-chapel complex was constructed in 1972. The program in the 60's and 70's continued to attract students from all over Canada, the United States, Mexico, Asia, Europe and Jamaica. During the early 70's well over 300 students attended annually.

From the beginning of the 1976–77 school year, on the basis of favorable Ministry of Education inspection, Kingsway issues the Provincial Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Grade 12) and the Secondary School Honor Graduation Diploma (Grade 13).

And now this, friends and alumni, is our 75th season in operation. It doesn't seem like that long...but how much have we forgotten over the years? The site of "Lornedale" Academy is now a place of the past, buried under a block of apartments. The past is only useful to us as we see how it has affected the present; as we too catch the spirit of sacrifice and share the dream Kingsway's leaders have possessed all down through its history.

Kingsway needs your support more than ever before. One way to support us is for all alumni to celebrate together our 75th anniversary at the homecoming weekend, April 28–30. Plan for that now and let us hope and pray that Kingsway's future will be as proud as her past.

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- What are the conditions of receiving God's forgiveness?
- What does it really mean to be "born again?"
- · Have I received the Holy Spirit?
- Is there a relationship between consecration & obedience?
- What does it mean to abide in Christ and He in us?
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- How do we relate righteousness by faith, law, and salvation?
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Andrews University Emphasizes Temperance Education

Andrews University intends to meet the issues of our modern society and provide young people equipped with effective solutions, said Dr. Joseph G. Smoot, president, in announcing Andrews University's current plan to make the university a centre for temperance education.

Elder Ernest H. J. Steed, General Conference temperance director who worked out the arrangements with the university, pointed out that the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, temperance films and other educational aids have attracted a great deal of public attention. "This is because they are meeting the community's needs," he said.

"Temperance is much broader than health," said Steed. "Temperance means self-control, possible only through Jesus Christ, and is therefore a fundamental spiritual ministry, bringing the rewards of life, health and character development."

Dr. Smoot outlined the academic programs now available as an MA in religion with a concentration in temperance leadership and an MA in education concentrating in temperance education. The seminary also offers a course, Temperance Evangelism for Pastors and Laymen.

For information concerning the seminary course, Temperance Evangelism for Pastors and Laymen, to be conducted June 12 to July 8, 1978, and the graduate programs in temperance, write to the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49104.

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ALBERTA	325	289
MAN, SASK.	185	171
ONTARIO	694	914
QUEBEC	156	152
MARITIME	51	72
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UNION TOTAL	1780	2047

A summary of statistics sent in by the church clerks indicate an increase in the number of baptisms that was reported in the February 2 Messenger. Shown above is the revised summary.

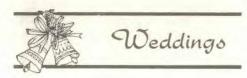
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KANTYMIR - BIRD

Evelyn Bird and Kenneth Kantymir exchanged marriage vows on December 16 at the Anglican Church in Lumby, B.C. As an indication that they first of all wished to be united with Christ before being united together in marriage, the bride and groom together with the assembled guests participated in the Commuion Service. The Kantymirs will be establishing their home at the Silver Hills Institute where they are associated in the work of the school. We wish them God's blessing and direction in all of their plans for the future.

Charles S. Cooper, Pastor

IRLAND - KISELBACH

Gregg Irland of Olympia, Washington, and Debbie Kiselbach, of Langley, British Columbia, united their lives in marriage in the sanctuary of the Vancouver S.D.A. Church on Sunday, September 4, 1977.

Debbie was attended by bridesmaids Susan Holding, Mona Chang, Gayle Gale, and Debbie Fischer, with Glenda Kiselbach serving as maid of honor. Gregg's groomsmen were: Dale Young, Arne Helmersen, Brad Brown and Wayneard Kiselbach, with Gary Irland as best man.

The brides's father, Walter Kiselbach, escorted her to the altar where Pastor W. E. Bergey conducted the ceremony. Following their vows, Debbie and Gregg invited God's blessings on their new life as they sang together: Dunlap's "Wedding Prayer".

The Irland's will establish their first home in College Place, Washington, with the very best wishes of their friends and relatives. Glenda Kiselbach



THOMSON – Mrs, Mary Thomson was born in Cumberland, B.C. on September 4, 1892, and passed to her rest in the Rest Haven Hospital, December 1, 1977. Mrs. Thomson was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Chruch in her early teens and loved her Saviour and looked for His return.

She leaves to mourn one son, Robert Thomson, Coquitlam, B.C.; three daughters Mrs. Margaret Giles, Victoria, B.C.; Mrs. Kathleen Montgomery, Campbell River, B.C.; Mrs. Joan Hogue, Powell River, B.C.; eleven grand-children, four great-grandchildren, a brother and a sister.

Interment was at the Hatley Cemetery, Victoria, B.C.

H. E. Dawes, Pastor Rest Haven S.D.A. Church

JOHNSON – Minnie Johnson passed to her rest at the age ninety years on December 13, 1977, at the Bethany Care Centre, Calgary, Alberta. Her husband George Johnson, predeceased her in 1967. Left to mourn are three daughters, Ethel, Mrs. Peter Schmierer, Edmonton; Hazel, Mrs. Earl Chandler, Anchorage, Alaska and Ruth, Mrs. Herb Auck, Calgary; nine grand-children and thirteen great-grandchildren and also one sister.

The funeral service was held at the Beiseker-Level Land Seventh-day Adventist Church, December 19, 1977 with Pastor Lou Bugden officiating.

> Lou Bugden Acme, Beiseker, Drumheller Churches

REISWIG — Peter Reiswig was born on April 20, 1884 at Milltown, South Dakota and passed away peacefully on January 16, 1978, at Winfield, British Columbia.

Brother Reiswig helped to pioneer the work in various places, such as Shuswap Valley and Grandview Flats, British Columbia and also in Peoria, Alberta.

Left to mourn his passing are: his wife, Elsie, two sons, Harold and Ezra, both of Peoria, Alberta, two daughters, Rosa Jacobson of Lumby, B.C., and Esther Ritchey of Prince George, B.C., two step-daughters, Lora Smith of Ventura, California and Verna Moser of Winfield, B.C., also ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, one brother and one sister.

Funeral services were conducted in the Winfield S.D.A. Church, January 20, 1978, by Elder W. Streifling. He was laid to rest in the Lakeview Cemetery.

U. Unruh, Pastor Winfield S.D.A. Church

LANG - Fredrick Lang was born in Emery, South Dakota June 15, 1884 and passed to his rest January 20, 1978.

In 1903 he married Rosa Suelzle who predeceased him.

He leaves to mourn his loss, two sons of Beiseker, David and Leonard, nine daughters, Hilda, Mrs. Emil Berreth of Beiseker; Bertha, Mrs. Wm. Thomas of Creston, B.C.; Marcella, Mrs. Bill Tkachuk of Creston, B.C.; Ruby, Mrs. Buddy Flower of California; Mabel, Mrs. Emil Suelzle of Salmon Arm, B.C.; Pearl, Mrs. Ted Wettstein of Aldergrove, B.C.; Delora, Mrs. Frank Fordyce of California; Dina, Mrs. Adine Tetz of Vernon, B.C.; LaVern, Mrs. Walkden of California; 43 grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren.

Pastor Elmer Koronko officiated.

Brother Lang rests in the Level Land S.D.A. Cemetery in Beiseker.

Mrs. Gertrude Machan

BROCK — Morris Irwin Brock was born February 8, 1909, in Hiawatha, Michigan and passed to his rest in Blind River, Ontario, January 11, 1978. Morris was a member of the Iron Bridge S.D.A. church. He leaves to mourn their loss three brothers, Leslie of Oshawa, Ontario; Charles of Takoma Park, Maryland; Earl of Iron Bridge, Ontario; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Dunn and Pearl Brock, both of Iron Bridge, Ontario, Mrs. Ella Bell of Willowdale, Ontario and Mrs. Ruth Schaber of Oshawa, Ontario, besides many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the Iron Bridge S.D.A. church by Pastor Duane Anderson assisted by Dennis Pumford. Interment was in the Bellingham Cemetery.

Duane Andersen, Pastor Iron Bridge S.D.A. Church

SPENCER - Hilda Marie (Coskey) was born November 10, 1905 in Weyburn, Saskatchewan and passed to her rest January 12, 1978 at Westbank, B.C.

January 2, 1927 she was united in marriage to Edward Coskey. Three children blessed this union - Keith, Shirley and Kenneth.

Left to mourn her loss are two sons, Keith of Mississauga, Ontario and Kenneth of Calgary. Pastor Elmer Koronko conducted the funeral service.

Mrs. Gertrude Machan

DOBROSKAY — Nicholas Dobroskay was born in Rawleigh, North Dakota on December 18, 1913 and passed to his rest on Sunday, January 29, 1978.

In 1943 he married Elizabeth Tokarek and into this union 5 children were born. In 1951, he moved to Saskatoon where he was employed by the city. Due to illness, he retired in 1962 and settled at Blaine Lake.

Left to mourn are 2 sons, Emmerson of Saskatoon and Gary of Winnipeg; two daughters, Priscilla, Mrs. Sader of Cumberland House, Saskatchewan and Darlene, Mrs. Lawson of Picture Butte, Alberta and four grandsons; one of whom was born the day before Nick's passing, three brothers and seven sisters.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer and assisted by Elder William Nepjuk.

S. H. Gallant, Pastor

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ROSS - Amos Ross was born October 29, 1895 and passed away February 2, 1978 at Indian Head, Saskatchewan following a lengthy illness.

He was the remaining member of the family of five boys and one girl born to Mr. and Mrs. George Frederick Ross, Sr., who came west in pioneer days and were known as the first Seventh-day Adventists in Saskatchewan.

He was a living witness to his neighbors and friends of his faith in Jesus Christ.

Although he never married, he was a father figure to many a youth, befriending and guiding them, until all over Canada and the United States there are men and women who affectionately call him "Uncle Amos".

He leaves to mourn his passing, three sistersin-law, Phoebie (Mrs. Oliver) Ross, Indian Head, Saskatchewan; Emma (Mrs. Andrew) Ross, Oshawa, Ontario; Nellie (Mrs. George) Ross, Victoria, British Columbia; five nieces, and a nephew.

Funeral services were conducted in Regina by Pastor L. R. Ellison of the Illinois Conference, assisted by Pastor A. Oetman and Wesley Choban, of the Regina church.

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Surviving and Stronger than Ever

by W. McClintock, Deputy Principal, Sonoma Adventist College, Papua New Guinea

"Your Adventist Education system will never survive on its own. Soon you'll have to join the National Education System like all the other churches have." These predictions made in 1970 by a non-Adventist educator in Papua New Guinea have not come true. Adventist Education system in Papua New Guinea is growing stronger every year and now the country's Government leaders are having another closer look at the way the Adventists do things.

Sonoma College is an important key in the Adventist system. Students who come to Sonoma pay school fees. They are also expected to work for 15 hours each week. Students at other colleges have their fees paid by the Government and they also receive a weekly allowance.

In spite of the extra sacrifice required for those enrolling at our own denominational college, Sonoma has more applications from prospective students than they can accommodate. A deeper sense of commitment is seen in Sonoma students than in state college students.

A large wing has been added to the College mainly through self-help projects by staff and students. Facilities have been steadily improved from the first "tinshed" used in 1969.

Without any restriction on curriculum and programing, Sonoma is able to follow the Spirit of Prophecy "blue-print". Work and study are combined with social, spiritual and evangelistic activities.

Sonoma's Primary Teacher Training Department meets regularly with leaders from three non-Adventist colleges to discuss curriculum and programing. The differences in aims and objectives of the Sonoma Courses have raised much com-

The principal of one college said, "We take a great deal of notice of what Sonoma is doing, for in about three years we find ourselves doing what they are doing."

We can praise the Lord for the clear guidelines He has given us. His way is always best. Sonoma lecturers have pioneered new methods of teaching maths. The Government Education Department has regularly invited the Maths Lecturers to run in-service training courses for 500 elementary school teachers.

The Papua New Guinea Government has an 8-point plan for the development of the country. One point of the plan is self-reliance. Sonoma is self-sufficient in food production, and sometimes has a surplus.

Recently, Sonoma donated 2,500 cabbages and other garden produce to Government hospitals, boarding schools and colleges, and even to the police barracks. These gifts proved to be an excellent community relations project.

In the eight years it has been operating, Sonoma College, Papua New Guinea's senior college, has sent out hundreds of ministers, teachers and clerks into the Adventist work force. They are working in every corner of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission and in many parts of the neighboring Western Pacific Union Mission.

Sonoma needs an administration block, an expanded library and more classrooms. We are so happy that the 13th Sabbath offering of March 25, 1978 will provide funds for development at Sonoma Adventist College.

Join us in developing properly trained workers for God's church in Papua New Guinea and other South Pacific countries.

Other projects to benefit from this offering will be youth evangelistic centres to be established in the fast-growing urban centres of population growth, and the replacement of mission aircraft which are so essential to the efficient operation of our total mission program in Papua New Guinea.



Anticipating an overflowing Sabbath School Offering March 25, Sonoma students prepare materials for the new, much needed class rooms and administration building.



A Sonoma College student smiles at the prospect of a new library facility to be provided from part of the March 25 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.