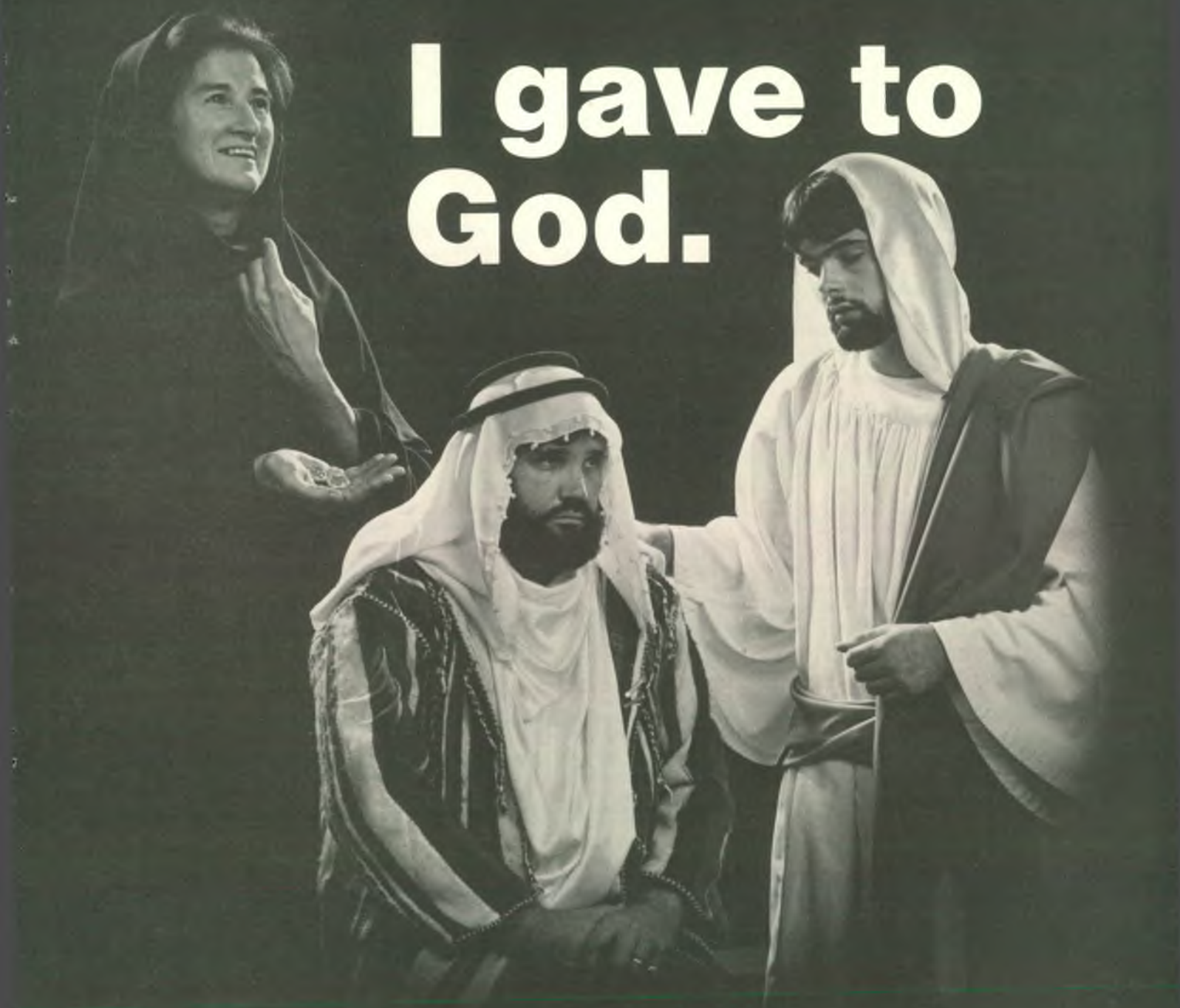


# I gave to God.



Who gave the gift? What was the gift? See two parables page 2.

# I GAVE TO GOD

## The Two Mites

by Fannie L. Houck,  
*Homemaker, Teacher, Farmer's Wife*

My singing heart overflows with joy tonight. You see, I went to the temple today and gave an offering.

I've had it all planned for such a long time, and now I'm so happy. My husband would rejoice with me if he knew. It's been so hard, managing without him after all these years.

But sometimes a kind neighbour shares with me a crust or a few tasty morsels. I toil in the fields, gleaning, and I search out edible wild plants that others never notice. So I manage to get by.

And I praise the Lord for helpful neighbours. Like the strong young man next door. When the rains began to beat in through the broken wall, he helped me move my storage jars to a drier place, and now I have less trouble with spoiled grain.

During the harvest time, I arise early and

hasten to glean the fields. I rejoice to bring home a few handfuls of grain to set by for the winter.

Oh, the Lord is so good to me. Sometimes He gives me so much grain that by even I'm exhausted from stooping and bending and carrying it. Between harvests, He helps me to be careful and not be wasteful. Thus, the gleanings from the Lord sustain me.

Sometimes I go to the homes of the rich and beg for some of the things they no longer need and are about to cast out. Maybe it's a chipped storage vessel, a faded garment, or the wilted vegetables that the servant is about to throw out to the cattle. Always it seems that when my need is the greatest, when I am faint with hunger or my robe wants for even one more place to hold a patch, the Lord sends me just what I need. I am so thankful to Him.

Today when I went to a gate to beg, the master of the house came out and tossed me two mites. What joy sprang up within me! My heart swelled with thankfulness and with tears of joy. I fell at his feet and blessed Him.

For immediately I knew what I would do with these coins, the lowliest in my country. Already I knew which offering box in the temple I would drop them into.

Both mites? Why yes, of course. You see, one of the laws of my religion requires at least two coins be given. I thank the Lord and praise Him for His goodness and mercy toward me, for He gave me two mites instead of one.

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## A Gift to Millions

by Donald E. Crane,  
*Director of Stewardship Department, Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*

My great disappointment is that I gave to Jesus no gift of love while He was still alive. It took me time to learn of the goodness of God.

I held a high position in government. I possessed extraordinary talents. I was a legalist. I prided myself in my good works. I was widely admired for my generosity in sustaining the temple service.

My attention was first riveted on Jesus when I watched Him drive buyers and sellers from the temple. I witnessed unbelievable power. I saw Him receive the poor and heal the sick. I watched their looks of joy. I heard their words of praise. But my heart was still cold, for religion was to me just a set of rules.

Then, one night my life was changed. I had a secret interview with Jesus of Nazareth! In His presence I felt a strange timidity. Jesus bent His eyes on me, and it seemed He was reading my mind. He said to me: "You must have a new heart." I was humiliated and

startled out of my self-possession. Nervously I asked: "How can a man be born when he is old?" Then Jesus lovingly gave to me, a Pharisee, "the very alphabet of conversion." *Testimonies, Volume 6, p. 154.*

As I struggled in embarrassment, He told me how to obtain a new heart. I knew the serpent was a symbol of the Messiah. He said I must show faith in the Gift sent from God. I must believe, and look, and live. I received the lesson that night and carried it with me. I searched the Scriptures in a new way. Not for discussion, nor for debate, but to receive life for my own soul.

For three years I hid the truth in my heart. I watched Jesus. I pondered His teachings. Secretly, with Joseph, I countered the schemes of the priests to destroy Christ.

But I was not truly converted until I saw Jesus crucified. When I saw Jesus whom the judges had declared to be entirely innocent, placed between two criminals, my proud

heart melted. I began to understand the goodness of God. I remembered the words of Jesus to me that night on the Mt. of Olives. In amazement I listened as Christ prayed for His murderers. I saw His look of forgiving love. I heard Him gasp, "It is finished!" Then came the thunder, the lightning, the earthquake.

Joseph and I determined to show honour and respect to Jesus in His death. He went to Pilate to request the body of Jesus for burial. I quickly prepared a costly mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing 100 pounds. Gently, and reverently, with our own hands we removed the body of Jesus from the cross. My tears fell fast as I anointed his cold, lacerated form. I thought: "If only I had come out boldly for Him when He was still alive! Oh, if only I could tell now how much I really love Him!"

Years have passed. My eyes grow dim.

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# Update on Swift Current Nursing Home Swift Current, Saskatchewan

by A. George Rodgers, *Consultant,  
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Swift Current Nursing Home's new wing.



Mayor John Dyer (left) and Elder MacIvor open nursing home addition.

In conformity with Union administrative direction, the annual survey of our Conference-owned healthcare institutions duly eventuated.

Throughout the field, abundant evidence of personal and collective dedication, to a God-given task, was in elaborative interpretation. This circumstance of obvious commitment and spiritual fulfillment was truly exemplified during our privileged visit with Administrator David How, the recently appointed chief executive officer of the Home. How comes from Vancouver where he had been comptroller of a firm of customs brokers for five years. A graduate of Walla Walla, with a B. Sc. degree in Business Administration and his wife Vivienne is an R.N. from our Sydney Hospital and Sanitarium in Australia. Their baby daughter, Lesley, complements this happy family.

Our inspection of the facilities revealed activities incidental to the expansion of the Home—a concept of the previous administrator—and now rapidly nearing completion under the daily direction and watchful eye of the administrative incumbent.

At this writing, newspaper clippings from the Regina Leader-Post and Swift Current's own "Sun," confirm by write-ups and photos,



David How, Administrator

the "unveiling ceremony" commemorating completion of the task.

The importance of the occasion was such as to attract the chief magistrate of the city, Mayor John Dyer, to officiate at the official opening accompanied by chairman of the Board, Elder Donald MacIvor, President, Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference.

It is a long time since the Swift Current Nursing Home has had to cope with so many celebrants and well-wishers; but David How and his staff responded with well-planned adequacy, and entertained hundreds from the community to afternoon refreshments and a tour of the expanded areas. According to the administrator, the new wing was built primarily to increase activity space for senior citizens. The added facilities incorporate two single rooms and a semi-private room together with a fully-equipped kitchen, and a recreation area which can also be used as a games room and a crafts workshop facilitating ceramics, painting, leather work and other crafts. Approximate cost of this much-needed capital improvement is \$168,000. Funding derived from a government grant and loan augmented by recourse to authorized borrowing from the bank. But in these days of inflation and other associated fiscal ills, the project, according to How, was fully justified and compensates for a prior lack of requisite areas usually present and indispensable to a well-run and properly organized nursing home.

Currently the institution provides Level Three care, to use the terminology of government in relating to the Home's clinical status, and offers two hours of nursing each day to its seventy residents who occupy either private or semi-private accommodation.

Our visit was made essentially pleasurable

by the gracious reception accorded us by the administration, but also a sense of pride in the achievement and accomplishment implicit in the team spirit and consummated by completion of this commendable act of faith translated into practical reality and lovingly dedicated to God and Humanity.

As stated heretofore, in these columns, and by this writer, the administration of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference and the associated boards, are to be congratulated in their selection of administrative personnel designated to demonstrate the philosophy and spiritual motivation inseparable from our denominational concept and uniquely our own.

CANADIAN UNION BAPTISMS		
SEPTEMBER	1979	1978
B. C.	250	169
ALBERTA	234	201
MAN. SASK.	66	67
ONTARIO	410	472
QUEBEC	116	108
MARITIME	34	39
NFLD.	36	12
UNION TOTAL	1146	1068
GAIN	78	



# Why We Stopped Dying

by G.D. Strunk  
Adventist Health Ministries

For years health and medical professionals have been led to believe that the intervention of modern medicine was responsible for wiping out the many infectious killers such as tuberculosis, cholera, typhus, scarlet fever, measles, and dysentery. Books as late as 1967 like G.T. Griffith's *Population Problems of the Age of Malthus* popularized this view.

But in more recent years scholarly opinion has changed markedly. And this is meaningful to us from three aspects described below. The trend for lower death rates (mortality) and for longer life were established and nearly complete before the appearance of sulphonamides in the 1930's or antibiotics in the 1940's, or even vaccination.

In 1693 in England, less than half of the population survived to the age of 20 (481 out of a 1000) and most of the deaths were before one year of age (418). The death rate has steadily declined so that by 1970, 968 out of 1000 survive to the age of 20 and only 24 die before 1 year of age. What happened in England was paralleled in other European countries and in North America. What is the reason for this marvellous improvement? Who or what should receive the credit and what does it mean to us today?

The infectious killers mentioned earlier were the culprits of mortality. Therefore, it sounds reasonable that antibiotics, antiseptics and vaccinations, the products of modern medicine, were the wonder drugs that should receive the credit. These procedures and products are truly termed "wonder drugs" though they are not actually drugs. And nothing that is said in this article should be used to discourage the proper place of vaccinations, antibiotics or antiseptics.

But their contribution to the health of the community in the elimination of infectious killers and thus the improvement in survival rate was a small "mopping up" exercise that put the final coup d'etat on what was already in progress. The progress is graphically portrayed (figure 1).

Of the three possible contributions to this improvement of our world: 1. medical measures, 2. spontaneous change in the character of infectious disease, 3. changes in the environment; the last one, changes in the environment, is now being given credit.

The changes in the environment that were significant and are still relevant are improved diet and improved sanitation. This is an important point!

The modern improvement in health "began in the eighteenth century and was reflected in a decline of mortality which has continued, with interruptions, until the present time. The improvement was initiated by an increase in food supplies which resulted from the Agricultural Revolution that spread throughout Europe after 1700. From about 1870 this influence was powerfully supported by improved hygiene, particularly in respect of water supplies and sewage disposal. And in the twentieth century, further advance followed the introduction of effective preventive and therapeutic measures, mainly after 1935, the year when the sulphonamides were first used." "The contribution of the last influence to the total decline of mortality was relatively small..." *An Introduction to Social Medicine*, McKeown & Lowe, pg. 20 & 21.

Over and over again Mrs. White warns against an impoverished diet. We hardly

understand that statement today because of the wide variety of canned, frozen and fresh foods available to us all year long.

A scan of the E.G. White Index under the headings DIET, Impoverished, will show many entries of a serious nature, e.g.'s "adaption of, not in harmony with health reform, blood impoverished by, flesh food diet should not be given up for, not right, puny children victims of," and many more.

The real threat of an impoverished diet when giving up meat was impending in those days without some instruction. It was not necessary, but it did exist. Today in the developed countries one would have to have a deliberate narrow view of food selection or simply be negligent or ignorant to have an impoverished diet. The food is available even to the poor.

When the Lord's messenger was speaking in the 19th century of the need to avoid an impoverished diet she was talking about a matter so important, though not recognized till the seventies of the 20th century, as to be responsible for the great reduction in mortality

(Figure 1)





over the past two centuries.

But at the same time she was warning of the unsanitary and polluted condition of the cities. She urged that water be pure and that premises be clean, dry and exposed to sunlight for the control of disease.

Again the application seems strained in today's world. Often city water is cleaner, human waste disposal more efficient and premises tidier and cleaner in suburbia than in the rural areas. Can't say as much for the air. But it's not as dusty in the cities today as it was before paving, sidewalks and green grass.

Researchers also give credit to the improvement in hygiene, the correction of infected water, food and persons for the decreased mortality rate. The principles discovered and employed were Biblical though not learned by Bible study as much as by suffering experience.

Therefore the major credit for the reduction of the fatal infectious diseases is given to the improved nutrition (host resistance) made possible by a wider variety of food and more of it, and the cleaning up of the environment.

These "old fashioned" measures have been so successful as to allow the average life span to increase by nearly 30 years in this century. And to allow a new kind of killer to appear.

The two major causes of death today are motor vehicle accidents for those under 35 and chronic degenerative diseases such as heart disease, stroke and many cancers. Alcohol is implicated in over half of the auto accidents and diet, stress and lack of exercise are implicated in the degenerative diseases. These are life-style practices.

Some experts claim that since it was not

lifestyle nor medicine but environmental improvement that has reduced premature death in the past two centuries that the average length of life cannot now be significantly improved. We have improved the environment as much as practical so far as longevity is concerned.

Is it possible that this is the hour for Seventh-day Adventists to, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising." Isaiah 60:1-3 R.S.V. The instructions for living with promise are presented in Isaiah 58. The backsliding is described in Isaiah 59. The glory is described in Isaiah 60.

Seventh-day Adventists have already demonstrated that life span can be significantly increased by a judicious lifestyle. I have discovered quite a few people in the health field who are not yet aware of this. I have met many who are also.

For the sake of accuracy it is probably better to understand that life span is determined genetically. You inherit a potential length of life. Whether or not you live up to your potential depends upon how you live and what happens to you during your life.

Many of us are wondering just how long could the average life span be of people born and raised into an Adventist home; a home where God is trusted and love prevails, a home where all counsels on health are healthfully put into practice. It would be a home active in unselfish service to the church and community, but where God's law is honoured above all other earthly responsibilities. Their faces would glow with the blush of health.

The eyes would sparkle with intelligence in direct proportion to their spirituality. The step would be brisk and firm. The breath pure. The imagination noble.

The medical budget of Canada threatens the whole health care system. Can a change of lifestyle improve the health of Canadians? Justification for budget appropriations for health education and health promotion are not easy to come by. Reliable evidence is sketchy.

A living demonstration is needed. They need to see a group of people living the way people ought to live so that they can measure how much longer and how much better it is possible to live. Do you know what group of people are supposed to occupy that spotlight?

I hope you are a part of that living demonstration. God desires to exalt His people in this area in particular because He knew what appeal it would have to the sincere in the world. That's why He said, "If we backslide on health reform we shall lose much of our influence with the outside world."

"The Lord has presented before me that many, many will be rescued from physical, mental and moral degeneracy through the practical influence of health reform. Health talks will be given, publications will be multiplied. The principles of health reform will be received with favor; and many will be enlightened. The influences that are associated with health reform will commend it to the judgment of all who want light; and they will advance step by step to receive the special truths for this time." *Medical Ministry*, p. 271 - *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 378, 379

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# A Church Like Joe

by Marvin Reeder

I like Joe. He is a wonderful friend. I find myself looking for excuses to go and chat with him. And, when he asks me to share an activity, I'm delighted!

Thinking about my friend Joe last week I began thinking about myself as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Do people like me because I am an Adventist, or in spite of it? Do those who seem to enjoy my company think of me as typical of members of my church?

Friendship, love and personal concern make the world go around—our personal worlds at least. No wonder statistics show that a majority who attend our church and later become members first attended or became interested through a friend, relative or acquaintance.

Is it true then, if we want more members we must be more friendly? I definitely believe it is!

Many of you have had part in some special activity for a club, the church or your community. It is wonderful to be thanked publicly by your group and accept congratulations or an award. However, when this happens we suspect that lurking in the background our fellow club or church members are hoping we will help them again this year.

There is nothing wrong with that. But think how much more it would mean if some group or person outside your organization, someone whom you did not know, not only noticed your accomplishments, but publicly awarded you for what you had achieved. That award would really mean something!

A Community Service Award is like that. Who would ever suspect Seventh-day Adventists to be aware of what is going on in the community? Judging by appearances in most areas, folk outside the church have reason to believe we are not much interested in community affairs. Consequently, when we present a Community Service Award, many recipients are almost swept off their feet. Newspapers, radio and TV stations also want a part of the action when an award is presented. I have yet to participate in a presentation where one or more of the media were not present.

Of course, we do not give the award just to get free publicity. We present the award because someone or some group has earned it. The publicity is a bonus.

Nearly every community has someone who should be honoured. It is up to us to find these selfless persons and say "thank you" in a tangible, friendly and positive way.

But this is only the beginning. Yes, we will invite the mayor or some other leading personalities to share in the ceremony, but what about all those other people out there? What do they know about the church? What

have they heard about it? In this age of instant information it's hard to believe that many have never heard of Seventh-day Adventists. And, those who do know something about us often have distorted information.

One community leader I know, after several months of rather close contact with the Adventist Church and its leaders, still announced in a public meeting that we do not allow the women in our church to handle food! Now where could he possibly get such an idea? Thank the Lord that isn't true, but if community leaders have such weird ideas about us, what about the average man on the street?

We need to be there in the community, serving the needs of friends and neighbours—helping them when and where they need it. And this should not be a burden. It is a privilege. We have Community Services centres in many areas. Better Living centres, hospitals, schools and health-food stores are also easily found in North America. Yet, essential as these are, they reach only a fraction of the masses around us.

The church (that's you!) must also be out there meeting and helping people. The vast majority will never come to us. We must go to them. Personal, friendly contact is urgently needed. We must go, not with Bible studies at first, but with open hearts to help their felt needs.

I wish the public enjoyed the presence of our church as I enjoy being with my friend Joe. On those rare occasions when Joe and I find time to sit and chat, we feel free to discuss matters of deep concern. And we are a very real help to each other. As we share our thoughts our understanding of life's vital issues is sharpened. We are better men for talking things out. If the church and its members could be that kind of friend to those around us, we wouldn't have to wait for our Lord's return!

I urge you to use Community Relations Day anytime of year and the Community Service Award as tools to build community awareness in your church. The day chosen for this event is also Sabbath School Visitors Day, so the entire Sabbath can be planned for the public. If your facilities permit, a potluck dinner can follow the 11:00 service. Then all your church members will have a chance to visit with folk from the community.

Your pastor's sermon, beamed to non-Adventist minds, should provide a basis for conversation. So put your guests at ease. Don't discuss religion unless they ask questions that turn the conversation in that direction. Each member should try to lay a foundation for a continuing friendship. Prior to the special day, members should be encouraged to follow up personally on contacts

made.

What an impact Adventists will make if every church in North America presents an award and observes Community Relations Day. Think how many thousands we could reach in a friendly, positive way if we would all share in this event.

Talk the idea over with your pastor and your church board, right now! Then order your award plaque immediately from your local conference communication department. You can make this year the beginning of a real breakthrough in your town. Good community relations is the foundation for all other evangelistic activities of your church!

## More On Community Relations Day

**QUESTION:** *Can we give more than one award?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, I have been to services where four awards have been presented at one time. The number of persons to whom awards are given at one service is only limited by the amount of money you want to spend and the imagination of the sponsoring committee.

**QUESTION:** *How many visitors can we expect on that date?*

**ANSWER:** This will vary according to your promotion. Some churches have more than 100 visitors. It can also vary according to the fame of the person that you are honouring. If it is a very influential person in the community, the person himself might be a drawing card. You should set up a reasonable goal based on your membership.

Visitors equal to 15 percent of your membership is not an unreasonable goal. If the program is well-planned your members will want to invite their friends. Give a gift to the member who brings the most visitors and give each visitor a copy of *Steps to Christ* or some other small booklet they can take with them as a memento of their visit. Have plenty of Quick Look brochures; and the Friendship issue of *Adventist Review* on hand. Some prefer to have guests fill out a special visitor's card rather than sign the guest book. More information can be secured on a card and they are easier to file.

**QUESTION:** *Will visitors stay for our fellowship dinner if it is all vegetarian?*

**ANSWER:** Many people know Seventh-day Adventists are health-conscious. Many have never had an opportunity to eat a vegetarian meal. A well-prepared well-thought-out vegetarian meal will be received with great favour by many non-Adventists, and can actually be a drawing card to people coming from the community.

Dewitt S. Williams



# How Does the Telecast Rate?

by L.R. Krenzler  
Director of Communications  
Canadian Union Conference

Have you ever wondered how *It Is Written* stands up in the ratings game with other blockbuster religious telecasts?

Very well, thank you.

Take Detroit for instance. *It Is Written* was recently rescheduled from 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings to 9:30 a.m. on WJBK, Channel 2. A worse time, you might say, with fewer people awake. And to make matters worse, head-to-head competition with Dr. Robert Schuller's *Hour of Power* on another station!

But what were the results, as measured by the Nielsen ratings? A whopping 31 percent increase in audience for *It Is Written* over its previous 10 o'clock release. And the audience *It Is Written* enjoyed at 10 o'clock was

substantial. The ratings are good across Canada. The responses are good. In September we processed 2,881 requests in Canada.

It just goes to prove that the Holy Spirit can motivate receptive hearts to tune into our programmes and respond to God's invitation. Some may say that this or that time slot is a disadvantage to the programme, but God can and does move in mysterious ways. *It Is Written* once appeared in New York City at midnight, and the phones rang off the hook until 3:30 a.m. with requests for Pastor Vandeman's books.

So please remember *It Is Written* in your prayers, and invite a friend to watch this week. Programme topics for three months in



advance are available from your conference office. Why not arrange to list them in your church bulletin?

Thank you for your support of the *It Is Written* programme in Canada. Your support is necessary for the success of the program. God bless you all.

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Calgary	CFAC-TV 2	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Thunder Bay</b>	CKPR-TV 2	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Edmonton	CITV 13	Sunday	12:30 p.m.	<b>Timmins</b>	CFCL-TV 6	Sunday	12:00 noon
Grand Prairie	Cable			<b>Wingham</b>	CKNX-TV 8	Sunday	11:30 a.m.
Lloydminster	CKSA-TV	Sunday	12:30 p.m.	<b>New Brunswick***</b>			
Medicine Hat	CHAT-TV 6	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Saint John-Fredericton	CKLT-TV	Sunday	1:00 p.m.
Red Deer	CKRD-TV 6	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Moncton	CKCW-TV 2	Sunday	1:00 p.m.
Lethbridge	CJOC-TV 7	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Nova Scotia***</b>			
<b>British Columbia</b>				Halifax	CJCH-TV 5	Sunday	1:00 p.m.
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Vancouver	CHAN-TV 8**	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Saskatchewan</b>			
Victoria	CHEK-TV 6**	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Saskatoon	CFQC-TV 8	Sunday	11:30 a.m.
<b>Manitoba</b>				Swift Current	CJFB-TV 5	Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Winnipeg	CKND-TV 9	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Yorkton	CKOS-TV 3	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
<b>Ontario</b>							
Cornwall	CJOH-TV 8	Sunday	10:00 a.m.				
Deseronto	CJOH-TV 6	Sunday	10:00 a.m.				
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But, praise God, the cross overcame my fear! My courage, my wealth, my faith, helped sustain the infant church. In days of peril and persecution I furnished the means to spread the gospel. But that is nothing. Nothing. Nothing.

I am poor in this world's goods. But, no matter, my heart is full of joy. For my interview on a night long ago, has been a gift to millions. My heart overflows with thanks-giving to God for His goodness to me!

### NOTICE

A meeting of the Canadian Union College Corporation will be held at the Lodge, Camp Hope, British Columbia, on Monday, November 12, at 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports of the operation of the College, to discuss plans for future developments, and to elect board members for the ensuing biennium.

N.O. Matthews, *Secretary*  
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# The Great Advent Are You Dreaming?

by Victor Cooper, Associate Director,

Your country's flag will fly at Dallas, Texas (U.S.A.), April 17-26, 1980. It will be among 190 that will form a colourful background on the wedgewood-blue-carpeted platform of the Dallas Convention Center for the 53rd world session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The theme will be "By His Spirit." The theme song has been composed by Kathleen Newman of the Netherlands Antilles.

Some 1,800 delegates will meet to elect church leaders for the next five years and care for business items. The largest delegation will be 246 persons from the Inter-American Division. The smallest - 33 from the Australasian Division. But we have also heard of 340 Adventists planning to come on one plane from Sydney, Australia - all wearing badges and ties with a map of Australia and kangaroos. Groups large and small representing most countries of the world are expected. Indeed, the world conference will attract representatives from more countries than any other meeting held in the U.S.A. during 1980. 45 Canadian delegates have been named. No doubt others will also attend.

By next April, the Adventist church will have a membership of 3,280,000 - ¾ million more members than at the last world conference in Vienna, Austria. The growth rate of 5.2% per annum over the past five years is higher than for most Christian churches.

The conferences will be unique from many angles. It will open at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 17, and adjourn again the following day at noon, after which a Council on Faith and Unity begins Friday after lunch. H.M.S. Richards of the Voice of Prophecy will speak Friday evening, April 18, and will be honoured for 50 years of broadcasting. Saturday evening there will be a pageant entitled, "Is My Name Written There?" The session will reconvene Sunday at 2 p.m. and continue until Sabbath, April 19, at 9 p.m.

During the first weekend and the following week, meetings will be held in the Arena which seats about 10,000 people. Then for the last Friday evening and Sabbath, programs will be transferred to the Grand Hall - as large as two football fields - holding approximately 28,000 people. Worried you won't see the speakers? There will be image magnification on two fast-fold front projection screens, 24 ft. by 32 ft., one on each side of the platform. You'll see their every gesture!

A portion of the Arena and the Grand Hall will be reserved for delegates and their spouses. The remainder of seats in both the halls will be unreserved and open to any non-delegates.

## Exhibits

At the entrance to the hall will be the Central Exhibit. It is composed of twelve double-sided panels in four groups. These surround the famous eight-foot globe on which coloured lights twinkle, indicating the centres in which Adventists are working. The panels will be twelve translucent Harry Anderson paintings illustrating Biblical highlights from the Garden of Eden to the return of our Lord. On the reverse side the panels will tell the story of the world-wide work of the church - the script written by Marjorie Lewis Lloyd.

In addition, each division will have an exhibition booth along one of the corridors. So will the Ellen G. White Estate, which expects to have a new compilation available, *Selected Messages, Book III*. Andrews University and Loma Linda University will share a booth, as also will the North American publishing houses. A daily *Adventist Review* will be on sale, together with periodicals, books, records and literature in various languages. The exhibit will be on the balcony in front of the main entrance.

## Program

The daily program starts at 7:45 a.m. with song service, devotional, and prayer band. This is followed at 9:30 by a 2½ hour business session. At 1:30 p.m. there will be World Work in Pictures, and the afternoon sessions will be from 3:15 to 5:30. Women's meetings will be held daily at 3:30, April 24, coordinated by Kay Dower.

Each evening at 7:00, a program of music begins, then two divisions will report to the conference, and in between their programs two General Conference departments will each present a five-minute audio-visual report featuring some of the activities. Evening programs will be open to non-Adventists.

On Sabbath there will be separate Sabbath Schools for three-year-olds, kindergarten and primary. Juniors and earliteens will meet together. Youth will meet with adults. The president of the General Conference will speak on the second Sabbath and there will be a missions pageant in the afternoon. Photographs of the missions pageant participation may be taken on Thursday, April 24, from 3 to 3 p.m.



1. The Convention Center in downtown Dallas, Texas, site of the 1980 General Conference session. business meetings will be held in the Arena, the round building in the center. The Grand Hall, football fields in length, will be used for services the last weekend.



# World Conference

## About Dallas?

Conference Department of Communication

### Translations

The spoken word from the podium will be translated into six languages, each of which will be transmitted on a different frequency. Delegates who do not speak English are invited to bring with them a transistor radio with an ear piece to enable them to hear the proceedings in the language of their choice. The available languages will be French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Norwegian and Swahili. Three teams of three translators will be at work on each language, under vice-chairman of the Translation Committee, Leo Lanzolin. Associate Secretary David Baasch says that a large, colourful Spanish group can be expected in Dallas from south of the U.S. border.

### Music

Musical selections will be heard from over twenty groups, such as Advent Sound from Poland, the Caribbean Steel Band, the Arimba Ensemble from Montemorelos, a 100-voice mass choir co-directed by James Ingham of Oshawa, Canada, and Alma Ackman of Oakwood College, and a 100-

piece symphony orchestra directed by Dr. Virginia Gene Rittenhouse of Atlantic Union College and Dr. William Bromme of Southwestern Adventist College. Musical instruments will include a three-manual Rodgers electronic organ played by Van Knauss of the Sligo Church, and Morris Taylor at the Steinway grand piano. Many other musicians will provide a musical feast.

Youth department director, John Hancock, is arranging the musical program from beginning to end – the end, Saturday evening, being a premier presentation by the massed choir of the final movements of an oratorio on the three apocalyptic angels' messages.

### Nominating Committee

Basic to the meeting will be the Nominating Committee's huge task of nominating perhaps some 300 church leaders for the next five years. The committee will be composed of approximately 170 members. A computerized push-button balloting system is being created by the manager of the General Conference plant services, Marion M. Pettibone.

General conference under-secretary A.

Edwin Gibb says that in the past many of the church's key leaders who have been members of the nominating committee have not been present for the business sessions. At Dallas, the nominating committee will be invited to adjourn by 3 p.m. each day to enable the hard core of the business to be executed at the afternoon business sessions.

Our recommendation coming to the body is the result of discussions on the Church Manual, and would change the basic thrust of the church board, making it the evangelistic coordinating committee of the church.

Another is concerned with the alteration in the statement of the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventists, in an attempt to more clearly define what the church is and also our belief in the Trinity.

### Communications

Busy as a hive of bees will be an army of people involved in communication organized by James Chase. Marvin Reeder will be in charge of the city desk, Herb Ford will be feature reporter, Morten Juberg will care for back home news, and many associates will assist them. Radio stations across North America will be able to call on a WATS line for taped actualities they can use in newscasts or features. Mike Wiist of Adventist Radio Network will be working with Bob Mendenhall of Southwestern Adventist College on radio and TV news. Communications personnel will care for radio and TV interviews, spots, speakers' bureau, and Adventist World Radio interests. The Adventist Radio Network, under the leadership of Loren Dickinsen, will be providing a daily program of 30 minutes for the college-based stations of North America.

Vegetarian meals will be available at a cafeteria. Snack bars will also be open. Pleasant warm springtime weather is usual in Dallas during April. Most delegates will be housed within six blocks of the centre and private buses will transport delegates between hotel and convention centre.

Outside the convention centre, the church plans to have several health screening vans available both to church members and the general public. The Temperance Department plans to conduct a Five-Day Plan.

Advertisements will be placed in the newspapers, and it is hoped that as Adventists from around the world talk with the people of Dallas and invite them to the evening meetings, that their hearts will be warmed "by His Spirit" towards Adventists who know the Lord Jesus and live in expectation of His return.



Interior of the Grand Hall of the Dallas Convention Center, which will be the location of the last weekend of the General Conference session in April, 1980. The picture was taken during a recent convention in the 25,000-seat building.



## alberta

### Update — recent happenings in the conference

The Edmonton Central Church welcomes an associate pastor. Pastor Randy and wife Kathy (Bothe) Sauder come to Edmonton Central from Andrews University. Pastor Sauder was born in DuBois, Pennsylvania while his wife Kathy is a Canadian born in Oshawa, Ontario. He received his education in several different schools across North America, as well as in Rhodesia, Africa. Kathy received her education at Kingsway College. We at the Central Church wish them God's richest blessings as they help finish the work here in Edmonton.



Pastor and Mrs. R. Sauder.

The Edmonton Central Church was host to the sister churches for the evening of August 8, for the performance of the Heritage Singers.

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When Coralwood Academy opened its doors this year, there were 107 students who registered. Larry Gascoyne is principal for the second term.

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## british columbia

On September 8, at Williams Lake, Elders Maxson, Larsen and Rogers joined the local members in a visitation program. Enthusiastic members are planning a six-week evangelistic series in the spring under the direction of Elder Gordon Pifher, Ontario Conference Youth Director.

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Eleanor Veale and daughters Kim and Sharla were baptized recently in Williams Lake subsequent to Bible studies which began two years ago at an evangelistic series by Dale Brussett in Creston, B.C.



Eleanor Veale and Kim and Sharla with Pastor Hiebert at the time of their baptism.

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First to be baptized in the new Cranbrook church were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burton. Elder G. Maxson and Pastor Al Reimche performed the rite.



Frank and Audrey Burton.



On Oct. 16 in Nanaimo, Edith Long was baptized. She had been studying with the Popowichs and is seen here, centre, with Anne Tutyko left and Mrs. Popowich.



Shown is new Cranbrook church sign with former pastor Terry Sparks and wife.

## ontario

### Nutrition Class at Sarnia

On Sabbath, September 8, George W. Cummings, Food Service Director at Andrews University, was guest speaker for a Nutrition and Cooking Class at the Sarnia church.

In the afternoon there was a round-table discussion on diet and foods, followed in the evening by a demonstration of how to cook vegetarian style and the advantages of such a diet — physically and spiritually.



George W. Cummings, Andrews University Food Service Director, displays his vegetarian "turkey" at Sarnia cooking class.



## Yorkton News

Members in the Yorkton district welcome Mrs. Sharon Jukes and family from Creston, B.C. Sharon teaches grades 4-6 as well as a pre-band class at our church school.

Forty-seven students are enrolled presently with several more to be added shortly. Principal Meredith Pond has everything organized including a singing group and wind ensemble.

Pastors from the Canora and Yorkton churches are teaching Bible and several other part-time teachers aid with the upper grades.

Sandi Beckwith teaches grades 1-3 and Marlene Kapiniak is busy with pre-schoolers.

At the first Home and School meeting the parents had the opportunity to become "students" and participated in classroom activities, thus gaining insight regarding school routine.

We here at Yorkton look forward to a good school year.

Janet Astolfi, *correspondent*  
Yorkton S.D.A. Church



Sharon Jukes' class at study - Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

## maritimes

### Halifax Church Challenged

To succeed you must have a goal! This was the challenge of the newly appointed pastor of the Halifax Church, Lyndon McDowell. An over-all goal of making the Adventist Church the best-known church in Halifax was studied and seven short and long term objectives were voted by the church board.

The seven objectives which the members were challenged to reach are:

1. Be prepared for a greater measure of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit by fostering a spirit of unity such as existed amongst the apostles at Pentecost.



On the last Sabbath of camp meeting, July 7, five candidates followed their Lord in baptism in Blackstrap Lake. Left to right are: Pastor R. James, Pastor Dubyna, Virgil Scarlett, Stephen Doyle, Fred Manchur, Sandra Froehlich, Debbie Doyle and Pastor Litke.

2. Establish a firm financial basis for the Sandy Lake Academy.
3. Reach inactive and former members.
4. Every member an active member.
5. Continue a witnessing program with a baptism once a month.
6. Double the active membership in 5 years.
7. Build a new church in the Halifax area.

As one means of reaching some of these objectives, a Layman's Training Course is being conducted by Pastor Glendon Corkum, Conference Lay Activities Secretary.

Members are now working with Pastors Corkum, McDowell and Richards, giving Bible studies to more than 25 people, some of whom are interests from the *It Is Written* program. Several are already attending church.

Halifax members were encouraged by the interest shown at the recent Seminar by George Vandeman and the following series presented by Lawton Lowe.

Melvin J. Boutilier, *Correspondent*  
Halifax, Nova Scotia



Pastor G. Corkum instructs laymen in the art of presenting Bible studies.

### Cyclist Visits International Church School



Church school students with Principal Mays engrossed in details of Mr. Dubé's ninth world bicycle tour.

On September 12 Mr. Conrad Dubé of Québec City, P.Q. visited the church school shared by the congregations of Perth-Andover, New Brunswick and Presque Isle, Maine. Mr. Dubé is famous for travelling around the world by bicycle eight times, and is currently on his ninth world tour.

Mr. Dubé is a polio victim who learned to walk when he was fourteen years old and learned to ride a bike two years later. Since 1953 he has been touring the world by bicycle.

He fascinated the children by telling stories from all over the globe, detailing his visits with President Kennedy and Queen Elizabeth, as well as a host of royalty.

Mr. Dubé's courage despite his handicap inspired all of us here at our international school.

James Mays, *Principal*  
Perth-Andover S.D.A. School



# INSTITUTIONS

## C.U.C. Initiates Drive To Clear Loan On Physical Fitness Centre

"We've got to quit wasting money on interest!" and, "Let's get on with another urgent project!" These are the challenges accepted by the Canadian Union College Committee of 100, who, along with the C.U.C. Century Club, have seen their vision of a Physical Fitness Centre for the College become a wonderfully successful reality over the past six years.

They started in 1973 with a plan calling for \$750,000. Now the Complex is in full operation, and even though inflation pushed the cost up to nearly one million dollars, there is less than \$250,000 owing.

Dr. Wilford Tetz, a Lacombe Adventist physician, says, "This project has created more community awareness than anything else Canadian Union College has done." Physical Education professor, Dr. Cyril F. Dean, reports that C.U.C. was unable to get recognition for our college physical education courses, but when the University of Alberta Physical Education faculty saw our new Physical Fitness Centre, its facilities and staff, the doors opened wide, and we now have 18 courses offering 70 semester hours that are listed in the Alberta Universities and Colleges Transfer Guide as fully accredited anywhere. We praise the Lord for the vision and dedication of graduates and friends of Canadian Union College who have made this facility possible.

With today's high interest rates, we must pay the amount owing as soon as possible. On October 12, 1979, two thousand eight hundred letters were mailed from Canadian Union College, containing a special appeal to staff, alumni, and friends of C.U.C. to give generously to completely clear the \$240,000 owing on the Physical Fitness Centre in the next 52 weeks. Already gifts are coming in.

Some are sending \$1,000, or more, but if all who receive this appeal, and those who read this report, would give at least \$10 per month for the next year, we could not only clear the balance owing, but have a good start on another urgently needed facility.

## Graduate of 1921 To Be Honoured At C.U.C. Homecoming

Marie Stickle Owens, who graduated from Canadian Union College in 1921, is to be honoured as Alumna of the Year at the annual Alumni Homecoming, November 23-25, 1979. Mrs. Owens, whose husband died after a tragic boat fire on the British Columbia coast, returned to college with her two young children, received a degree in Home Science, and then devoted 35 years to training youth in India and Africa.

Participants in the weekend event will include Victor Fitch, '55, Walter Comm, '51, Ron Hychuk, '70, and Dr. Don Schaffer, '55.

To be honoured at this year's Alumni Homecoming are the graduates of 1955 and of 1970. These classes are planning special functions to share fond memories and lay plans for closer ties in the future.

Alumni Association offices to be filled during the gathering will be president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and communications secretary. Albert Townsend, retiring president, will be followed by Dwayne Straub who has gained experience in alumni activities while serving as president-elect for the past 18 months. Mr. Straub operates an auto body repair business in Lacombe.

Other members of the Alumni executive are Belinda Bader, '62, Edith Fitch, '50, Dawna Johnson, '71, Glenda Johnson, '67, and Jackie Meharry, '73.

## Latest on K.C.'s Social Science Department

The Social Science Department of Kingsway College this year, 1979-1980, is made up of three full or part-time teachers: Ian H. Cheeseman, Hulda Jo Koehn, and Jane Cheeseman. They are teaching eleven classes or sections of classes.

Ian H. Cheeseman, a K.C. alumnus, 1958 & 1960, has been here since returning in 1972 from almost eight years' mission service in Rhodesia and Zambia in central Africa. He has been Dean of Students for two years 1972 to 1974, and Dean of Men from 1973 until the summer of 1978, all the time, however, keeping in contact with the Social

Science classrooms. He is now the Chairman of the Department and teaches six classes in grades 10 through 13. He is the holder of secondary certification to teach from the Province of Ontario, the State of Michigan, and the Education Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. His educational work was completed with B.A. and M.A. degrees from Andrews University.

Hulda Jo Koehn came to K.C. in 1969 after a number of years of teaching in the public school systems of Ontario. Her experience includes grade school, rural school, senior public and junior high school teaching. Her college academic preparation in history and English was at Andrews University from where she holds B.A. and M.A. degrees. Her professional certification is a permanent one from the Province of Ontario. Her service at Kingsway College has included work as Social Science Department chairman, and the teaching of history, geography, English and religion classes.

The third member of the department is Jane Cheeseman whom you met in the article from the English Department in a previous issue. She is certainly a jack-of-all-trades and a master of the art of teaching the younger student. She is currently teaching Canadian geography to the grade 9 students as well as classes in English and Bible to grade 9 and 10 students.

The Social Science Department is committed to teaching the student as much as possible of the facts of history, government and geography. More important, however, is to teach (a) the issues of today's society, (b) how history, government and geography relate to these issues, and (c) what individuals can do about solving these issues.

Many of the courses offered are basically Canadian. The Ministry of Education for Ontario require certain Canadian courses in grades 9 and 10, and it is found that in the higher grades Canadian courses are wanted also. The Adventist church philosophy, as it is defined, is taught also in all the areas of study.

Over the past few years, under the leadership of Mrs. Koehn, the Department has built up a modest library of books, maps and audio-visual supplies. The Department now has as its objectives for the next year or two (a) to continue with the accumulation and use of this type of material, (b) to organize the classroom space available into a more useful arrangement, and (c) to develop a programme of off-campus tours and visits for students to experience the country and its people.



Physical Fitness Centre at Canadian Union College.



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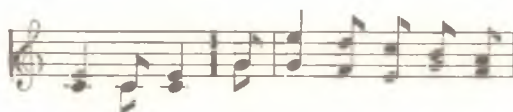
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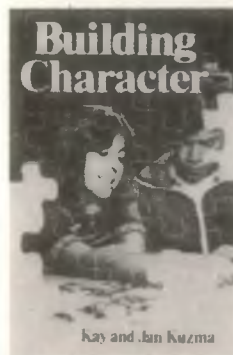
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## WEDDINGS

### CLARK - KNABLE

Hiram Clark and Bertha Knable  
were married in the East Salem Seventh-  
day Adventist Church in Salem, Oregon,  
September 2, 1979.

Lenord Knable, eldest son of the  
bride, gave her away. Susan Knable,  
daughter of the bride, was bride's maid  
and Ralph Clark, eldest son of the  
groom, was best man.

The Clarks are residing at 6925  
Glendara Way, Turner, Oregon 97392.

### KIGHT - WEREZUK

The Edmonton Central Seventh-  
day Adventist Church was the scene of  
a beautiful wedding, July 29, 1979,  
when Nina Ray Werezuk, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Werezuk of Vegre-  
ville, Alberta, was united in marriage to  
James Walter Kight, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Walter Kight of Gresham, Oregon.  
Dr. Neville Matthews, President of  
Canadian Union College, officiated.

The bride was attended by her sister,  
Nita, as maid of honour and Misses  
Linda Proud, Cindy Johnson and  
Karen Peterson as bridesmaids. Sasha  
Buk, flower girl and Sean Buk, Bible  
boy, completed the bridal party. Tony  
Finch served as best man for the groom  
and Roger Weidner, Dave Whitchurch  
and Joe Bianco as groomsmen.

Nina and Jim will make their home  
in Portland, Oregon.

Sheila Matthews,  
Canadian Union College

### FERGUSON - GAZAN

On October 7 at the Henderson  
Highway S.D.A. Church in Winnipeg,  
Nellarene Gazan and Gerald Dwain  
Ferguson were married in a lovely cere-  
mony with Pastor Wayne Culmore  
officiating. The bride's parents are Mr.  
and Mrs. Matias G. Gazan of Transcona,  
Manitoba and the groom is son of Mr.  
and Mrs. Calvin Ferguson of Armstrong,  
British Columbia.

Attending the bride and groom were  
Linda Proud, maid of honour and Ingrid  
Ostrem and Debi Marsh-Pressley;  
Terry Spenst, best man and Ron Unruh  
and Robert Ferguson.

Nellarene and Dwain will establish  
their home in Armstrong, B.C.

## BIRTHS

**GLADDEN**—To David and Gale,  
(nee Leatherdale), on June 12, 1979 at  
Rockville, Connecticut, a daughter,  
Rebecca Marie.

**KOSITSIN**—Larry and Cathy (nee  
Toop) welcome their firstborn, Michael  
Adam, born in Grande Prairie, Alberta  
September 12, 1979.



# AT REST

**LETHBRIDGE**—Miss Mary Lethbridge passed away on Sunday, August 19, 1979, in Lethbridge, Newfoundland. Baptized and welcomed into the fellowship of the Lethbridge S.D.A. Church in 1965 by Elder A.N. White, Miss Lethbridge remained a faithful member although not always able to attend church due to ill health. In recent years she had been a member of the St. John's S.D.A. church.

The funeral service was conducted in the Lethbridge S.D.A. Church on August 22, by the church pastor, Elder M.L. Pedlar. She was buried in the United Church Cemetery in Catalina where the committal and graveside service was conducted by Rev. Reynolds of the Catalina United Church.

D.C. Uffindell, *Pastor*  
St. John's, Newfoundland

**IRWIN**—Jessie Irwin, born in 1898, passed to her rest on August 5, 1979, at Samia, Ontario.

Mrs. Irwin was baptized into the Samia Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1935. She and her family moved to Port Colborne, Ontario in 1940, where she worked for several years as a Literature Evangelist. She moved back to Samia in 1969. She was predeceased by her husband, George, in 1963.

Left to mourn her death are four daughters, Margeurite, Whilma, Helen and Bonnie; two sons, Donald and John; twenty-four grandchildren, thirty-seven great grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service was held in Port Colborne, Ontario. Words of comfort were spoken by Pastor Wm. Easterbrook of Toronto.

G.T. Ivkov, *Pastor*

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