

You are Called!

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

Your Commission is outlined by Christ Himself in Matthew 28:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." *Matthew 28:19-20.*

Have you been under the impression that the gospel commission was for ordained ministers only? Not so! The gospel commission is for the entire church—the laity as well as the clergy. You personally have a commission. This Now is the time for all of us pastors and lay-workers—to receive a new sense of mission and come to a new realization of what the entire church can do to give the gospel. There is a Biblical commission for every layman to earnestly enter into soulwinning.

The call to share in the gospel commission should not be strange to Seventh-day Adventists, whether laymen or ministers. The Spirit of Prophecy counsel to the church is clear on this shared ministry:

"Not upon the ordained minister only rests the responsibility of going forth to fulfill this commission. Every one who has received Christ is called to work for the salvation of his fellowmen It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of soul-saving depends alone upon the ministry. The humble, consecrated believer upon whom the Master of the vinevard places a burden for souls, is to be given encouragement by the men upon whom the Lord has laid larger responsibilities. Those who stand as leaders in the church of God are to realize that the Saviour's commission is given to all who believe in His name. God will send forth into His vineyard many who have not been dedicated to the ministry by the laying on of hands. Hundreds, yea, thousands, who have heard the message of salvation, are still idlers in the marketplace, when they might be engaged in some line of active service." Acts of the Apostles, pp. 110, 111.

The word "commission" carries the concept of being entrusted, authorized or commanded to act; to place in active service or use. The time has come when capable Christian layworkers need to feel this sense of MISSION to engage actively in evangelism.

Ministry of Laymen

Courageous Adventist laymen through the years have demonstrated their ability to preach the gospel and to bring souls to Christ, under the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

All around the world brothers and sisters are engaging in lay ministry. In some places a dedicated lay evangelist, with the cooperation and presence of only two or three members, preaches the gospel to 20, 40 or 50 people and leads many of them to baptism. In other places a courageous lay evangelist is alone and assumes all the responsibility: he acts as song leader, usher, projector operator and speaker, and the Lord crowns his dedicated efforts with success. Such messengers deserve our respect and admiration and their number should be multiplied.

"There are men who will be taken from the plow, from the vineyard, from various other branches of work, and set forth by the Lord to give this message to the world." *Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 270.

The ideal is for groups of laymen in local churches to unite their talents in order to conduct public lay evangelistic efforts. What is the "Voice of Youth," if not a lay evangelistic endeavour for God? Hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ presented by committed men and women of various vocational backgrounds and different ages gives unique insights into the essentials of salvation. Laymen have a common experience and an everyday language which reaches the man on the street. Their messages and testimonies stir hearts as they preach and present their own personal witness.

Health Care Institutions, A.G. Rodgers

In view of the lateness of the hour, hundreds and thousands of "laymen speaking for God" are needed. Millions wait to hear of God's love and of the eternal life in Christ. Since laymen are effective exponents of the everyday level of communication, opportunities await in the highways and hedges. There are so many unentered cities, small towns and villages open for pioneer evangelism. The promise is that companies and churches will be organized as a result of evangelistic campaigns conducted by dedicated, successful lay evangelists.

Lay evangelism is given the status of a spiritual mandate in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy:

"We are nearing the close of this earth's history. We have before us a great work— the closing work of giving the last warning message to a sinful world. There are men who will be taken from the plow, from the vineyard, from various branches of work, and sent forth by the Lord to give this message to the world." *Evangelism, p. 48.*

"God will move upon men in humble positions to declare the message of present truth. Many such will be seen hastening hither and thither, constrained by the Spirit of God to give the light to those in darkness." *Testimonies, Vol. 7, p. 26*.

A special challenge is presented to enter dark areas in every land. Here is a mission call for dedicated workers and laymen.

"Brethren who wish to change their location, who have the glory of God in view, and feel that individual responsibility rests upon them to do others good, to benefit and save souls for whom Christ withheld not His precious life, should move into towns and villages where there is little or no light and where they can be of real service and bless others with their labour and experience. Missionaries are wanted to go into towns and villages and raise the standard of truth, that God may have his witnesses scattered all over the land." *Evangelism, p. 52.*



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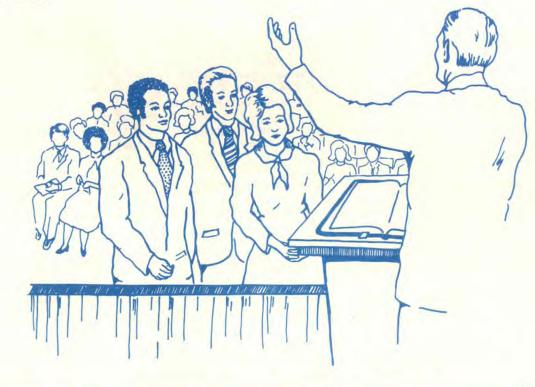
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How to Start Your Lay Effort

- 1. Counsel with the pastor and church evangelism council. Outline to them your plans. They are anxious to help you.
- Select the geographical area—unentered county, unentered city, section of a city, church area, etc.
- Choose the place where you will preach the Word of God:
 - a. Rented public or private hall
 - b. Any larger room
 - c. SDA church or other
 - d. School
 - e. Tent
 - f. Open air
 - g. Home
 - h. Garage
 - i. Office, etc.
- Count the cost. Consider the finance of your meeting series and work out a sound budget.
- Select good helpers and associates. Don't try to do it alone. In unity there is strength.
- 6. Name the series. Don't call the lectures only meetings. Have a specific name.
 - a. Crusade for Christ
 - b. Bible Forum, etc.

- c. Laymen's crusade
- d. Bible Seminar
- 7. Prepare the territory
 - a. Have an interest file: See interest coordinator
 - Names from literature evangelists.
 Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, It Is Written, Breath of Life students and graduates.
 - (3) Ingathering contacts, etc.
 - b. Call at homes through one or more of the following:
 - (1) Literature distribution
 - (2) Religious community survey
 - (3) Personal invitations to attend the evangelistic series
 - (4) Distribution of handbills
 - (a) To relatives or friends of church members
 - (b) To Vacation Bible School acquaintances
 - (c) To Branch Sabbath School members
 - (d) To Welfare Centre contacts
 - (e) To Five-day Plan contacts

- (f) To Community Service contacts
- (g) To former Seventh-day Adventists
- Outline the series of sermons Prepare yourself and your preaching outlines
 - a. Pray and study to make the message distinctly your own *Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 67
 - b. Have a positive outlook and viewpoint in your messages
 - c. Purpose of the study -
 - (1) To present Christ as the "Blessed Hope" of all
 - (2) To instruct in the ways of God Acts 8:30
 - (3) To move the emotions Godward Gospel Workers, p. 158, 159; Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 301; Luke 34:32; Acts 24:25
 - (4) To influence the will to decision Acts 2:37; 9:6 Intellect gives basis for will to act
 - Isa. 1:9; Rom. 12:2; Acts 18:4.



Let us unite our efforts and make plans for hundreds of Public Evangelistic Meetings, Lay Evangelistic Meetings and Bible Seminars across Canada beginning November 1, 1980.



From Dawn to Dusk - Part II

by G.D. Strunk Adventist Health Ministries

We continue our pursuit in listing the ingredients necessary to live above disease. Remember that the order may vary but the ingredients must be present.

It may seem like we're crowding a lot in before leaving for work at 8:00 a.m. That's because we are, and that's why we need to get to bed early so we can get up early. Revival of the spiritual life is usually more effective in the early hours of the day than the later hours.

We have already risen early, dropped to our knees, drunk hot water, had our devotions with music in the heart, exercised, and showered hot and cold.

You may have to blow-dry your hair after breakfast. HOWEVER, do not habitually come before your spouse and family for family worship and breakfast unshaven, with sleep in your eyes or your hair and dress looking like an image to scare the crows. We should preserve and groom ourselves with as much attention after 20 years of marriage as we did during our courtship days. It is not right to preen ourselves for company and strangers, but be slobbish around those we're supposed to love most.

Now that we're all cleaned up it's time for breakfast. I've noticed that most Adventist families have family devotions at this time. It need not be long; a reading from the yearly devotional book or from an inspired source. My wife and I went through *Messages to Young People* about a page at a time this way.

Regarding breakfast the Counsels say, "Make breakfast correspond more nearly to to the heartiest meal of the day." Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 173. Rather than a light breakfast of orange juice and toast followed by a big evening meal, breakfast should be the big meal and supper the little one, if any at all.

I have seen some strange recommendations in order to fulfill this instruction. By "heartiest meal" some have thought that this means beans, potatatoes and broccoli for breakfast, and fruit and granola for lunch. If you enjoy it, fine, but it isn't necessary. If you prefer a breakfast breakfast then simply eat a substantial breakfast like granola with raisins, bananas, toast and peanut butter and other fresh or canned fruit. You don't have to eat garbanzos or soybeans for breakfast to get your protein. In fact, you can live a healthy Adventist life and never touch a soybean. There is much variety in God's lovely world to satisfy our needs.

One thing is very important not only for digestion but for general health. Try to let no unkind words or feelings be expressed at and around mealtime. Mealtime is family togetherness time every bit as much as it is eating time. So much so, that if you adopt the twomeal a day plan, you ought to save some of those times previously used for supper for just being together as a family.

The priority of atmosphere over just food is well described by Proverbs 15:17, "Better is a dish of vegetables where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it."

This next recommendation is going to take many by surprise. It is thought and even taught by many that we should take a rest after eating, especially if elderly or suffering certain ailments. There may be a few rare individuals who might be benefited by such a practice. But many more have set themselves up for heart disease and digestive problems by going contrary to the Lord's light on this matter.

"Exercise will aid the work of digestion. To walk out after a meal, hold the head erect, put back the shoulders, and exercise moderately, will be a great benefit. The mind will be diverted from self to the beauties of nature." Counsels on Health, p. 53.

Notice that moderate not vigorous exercise is recommended after eating. This is not the time for a really strenuous cardiovascular workout. Could it be that this is one reason women outlive the men? After dinner the men settle into an easy chair while the women do the dishes and clean the kitchen! These little habits repeated hundreds of times a year provide quite a contrast of lifestyle between men and women. I have no scientific evidence that washing dishes after dinner protects from heart disease therefore my observation is not quotable. Nor should it be used as leverage to force men to wash the dishes, but it should help to keep him from napping after dinner.

If these recommendations can be integrated into a natural part of the days' necessary routine rather than making special room for them, the easier it is to assure that they remain a part of our life. But where it is not convenient then room simply needs to be made for them and our lifestyle needs to be changed after the Lord's order. That's what "keep my commandments" is all about. Inspired counsel is given for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Revolving Fund Interest

by R.W. Wilmot, Treasurer, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

We have recently been informed by the General Conference that the Canadian Union Revolving Fund has been granted permission to raise our interest rate to $8\frac{1}{2}$ % for those who have monies on deposit in this fund.

Many of our people have placed their money in this fund and it is doing a tremendous amount of good by providing funds at a lower rate of interest to churches and institutions within Canada who are in need of dollars for building projects. We have many more requests than we are able to fulfill at this time, so if you have cash that you would like to see go to work for the Church, please contact us at the address below and we will be happy to send you information. This applies only to those members living within Canada. Canadian Union Revolving Fund, 1148 King Street E., Oshawa, Ontario L1H 1H8.

It Is Written Reads the Mail

by L.R. Krenzler, Director, Department of Communication, Canadian Union Conference

This article is in answer to a letter from a church member who asked, "Will we have crowns in heaven as a result of our offerings to God's causes?"

The answer is "Yes."

Reading the mail here at *It Is Written* is quite an experience. We wish each of you could look over our shoulder as we read. Here are sample excerpts of our mail over the last few weeks.

"I had heard about your programme from friends, but never happened to be available to tune in until yesterday. I don't know when I've spent a more enjoyable half hour, or found one more informative. If only church sermons could be so direct and really 'tell you something.' "

"I and several of the inmates of _______ regularly watch your television show, *It Is Written*, every Sunday. We observed that on your last telecast you announced that any person wishing a copy of your pamphlet would only have to write and ask. Well we request that you send us approximately 30 copies of your pamphlet."

"Thank you for your program. All the years we have attended church and listened to programmes we had questions no one ever answered. Today we listened intently and I put notes down. After all these years you explained a truth to us so simply that we never heard before."

"I have been taking my Bible Courses now for four weeks and I go to church every Saturday. If God's willing I am going to be baptized August 1980. Please pray for me. God has given me joy and peace. I never felt like this before. I know that Jesus is preparing me for the glorious day."

Then we have questions that show the Holy Spirit is at work:

"I have been a Christian all my life. My problem is, I don't really feel like one. How should I feel? What is a Christian other than believing that Christ died for us and is trying to live an honest life? I would like to feel fulfilled in Christ. I feel like I should be doing something more in my life and I don't know what. It is like something is missing."

"What is it going to be like when Christ returns? I also would like to know your opinion on whether my Christian friends are right in saying that the world is coming to an end."

"Does the Bible say that we should partake of Holy Communion? If so, how often? Why do some churches celebrate Holy Communion while others do not?"

These questions deserve our very best answers. These problems deserve our faithful prayers. These people deserve our very best television presentations.

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The answer is "Yes!"

Be Strong and of Good Courage

Many years ago as a colporteur selling books to earn my College tuition, a number of scriptures became very precious to me. Today I still draw much courage from these passages. "Be strong and of good courage: for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them."

"Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law ... turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go."

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage: be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:6, 7, 9 (RSV).

It will take men of great courage to finish the work God has assigned to the Church. Everyday we are soldiers of God on the battlefield contending with a mighty foe who hates God's remnant Church and is determined to abort God's plan to save the youth. "It is Satan's studied effort to secure the youth to sin; for then he is more sure of the man. The enemy of souls is filled with intense hatred against every endeavour to influence the youth in the right direction. He hates everything which will give correct views of God and our Saviour." *Testimonies, Volume* 4, p. 421. Our youth are worth saving for the Kingdom.

God has entrusted His people with the responsibility to provide the facilities and

means to save our youth for the finishing of His work on earth. "He could send means from heaven to carry on His work . . . (but) He has ordained that men should be His instruments, that as a great sacrifice was made to redeem them, they should act a part in this work of salvation, by making a sacrifice for one another, and by thus doing show how highly they prize the sacrifice that has been made for them." Testimonies, Volume 1, p. 174. Since human power did not establish God's work on earth, it cannot destroy it. Also, angels of God assist in this work as they did in the lifetime of Hezekiah (see II Chronicles 32:21). However, God expects us to do our part to keep His work moving.

The question I ask is this. Who will be the leaders of tomorrow? Where will they be, trained? The answer is overwhelmingly clear. Our youth, the leaders of tomorrow must receive their training in a Christian school where God is honoured as the Creator and Saviour of the world. As parents, God will hold us responsible if we gamble on the eternal future of our children and if they are deprived of the opportunity to become the future leaders of the Church. They cannot preach the gospel unless they know the gospel. They cannot preach Christ unless they know Christ. It is not likely they will learn these important things in the schools and universities of the world. How essential that they attend the "schools of the prophets"

which have come into our Church as one of the greatest blessings from our loving God who desires to see our youth saved for His Kingdom.

Our youth live in a topsy-turvey world and amidst all the violence and confusion they ask, Where is God? What is He doing? The Word of God has the answers to their problems. Our schools point to a God Who is alive and real. They teach holiness and purity of heart amidst the miasma of corruption in the world. They teach that obeying God's commandments is not legalism but the fruit of love in our hearts for our Maker and Creator. They help to develop a deep experience in the things of God through personal and public worship.

God is with us and He is for us, and if God is on our side, who can be against us? Let us demonstrate our love to our heavenly Father by giving a love offering each month for the much-needed facilities so desperately needed in our schools in Canada.

Canadian Union and Kingsway College are opening their doors to our youth in September beckoning them to enter. Urge them to come!

Jesus said, "In all the world you will have trouble, but courage! The victory is Mine; I have conquered the world." John 16:33 N.E.B. Let us face the future of our Canadian educational system with strength, faith and courage. C.C. Weis Director of Development

It Was at Astor House

by Don E. Crane, Director, Stewardship Department, Canadian Union Conference



in New York City that Daniel Webster, famous senator and orator of early America, was asked a question by a group of prominent men: "Mr. Webster," they said, "what to you is the most important thought you have ever had?" After reflecting for some time, Mr. Webster finally replied: "The most serious thought that ever occupied my mind was that of my individual responsibility to God."

Think of that for a moment dear reader! Could there be any more sobering thought than the recognition of my individual responsibility and accountability to God?

Imagine yourself standing before the judgment seat of God, with millions of angels in attendance ... (Rev, 20:11, 12) No chance now to blame my failures on others! No time now for alibies! Just honest answers to a God who reads my thoughts and who knows the motives of my every action.

Presidents of Conferences, Unions, Divisions, – the World Field, – you are indeed accountable and responsible to church constituencies, and this is good; – but your ultimate accountability and responsibility is to God for the exercise of your leadership.

Pastors, local elders and church officers, - you too must render an account before God for the talents either used or buried.

Church members, mothers and fathers, teenagers, and children – can you imagine what it will be like standing alone before the judgment bar of God?

"... For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God." *Romans* 14:10-12

Does this picture terrify you? It need not. It all depends on whether you accept your role in life as a steward of God.

When God created you, He made you His steward. As a steward of God you are an ambassador for Christ. You represent the Kingdom of God in a foreign and alien world. You manage for God.

"A steward identifies himself with his master. His master's interests become his. He has accepted the responsibilities of a steward and he must act in his master's stead doing as the master would do if he was presiding over his own goods. The position is one of dignity, in that the master trusts him. If a steward in any wise acts selfishly and turns the advantages gained in trading with his lord's goods to his own advantage, he has perverted the trust reposed in him." E.G. White, *That I May Know Him, p. 220*

Because you are a steward, you are under God's directions. You are under God's authority in every intimate detail of your personal life. You are under God's authority in your social relationships. You are under God's authority in your life of service. You are not free to choose the place or the manner in which you wish to serve God. Jonah tried that, – but then, – he had to go to God for his directions.

To prepare for His service, your Heavenly Director has given you a variety of gifts and talents (Eph. 4:16, 1 Cor. 12). You may be a farmer, a student, an engineer, a housewife, a nurse, a secretary, etc. God says to you, "Fan into a flame the gift of God, which is in you ..." II Tim. 1:16 NIV What is that gift or gifts? Have you discovered them? Have you placed them under God's authority to be used in His service? As a steward you are responsible to God as long as life lasts. A shining example of the meaning of responsibility comes from the days of World War II, – and Lieutenant Hiroo Onoda, of Tokyo, Japan. Thirty years after the armistice had been signed he finally surrendered to his old unit commander in the Philippine jungles. His unit commander came from Japan to the Philippines to tell him that the battle was over.

All this time Lieutenant Onoda had been living in the jungles of Lubang Island. For thirty years he had lived on berries and plants that grew there in abundance. His diet was occasionally supplemented with chicken or eggs from villagers in the vicinity.

Upon his return to civilization early in 1974, Hiroo was asked what compelled him to continue to live under such primitive conditions, – and for so long a time. He replied: "Nothing but accomplishing my duty... I was obedient to the orders I had received not to surrender until my superior officer commanded me to do so."

We may not all agree that Lieutenant Onoda followed the wisest course in the use of thirty years of his life, but we cannot help but admire his sense of responsibility and duty to what he felt was the right course of action.

We need this sense of responsibility today! What a revolution would take place in the world and in the church if God's children everywhere were to recognize to the fullest extent their responsibility to God as His stewards. Ellen White says, "The voice of duty is the voice of God." E.G. White, *Testimonies to Ministers, p. 402* Are we hearing and acting on that Voice?



1980 — World Stewardship Year •



Fox Point Opened and Dedicated



On dedication day every available parking space was taken and the church was filled from rostrum to front door. The "old church" is dwarfed by the new edifice.

Platform speakers G.E. Andersen, Robert Conrad, Floyd L. Coolen, A.N. How and D.S. Crook.

A new, debt-free church building was opened and dedicated on May 31st in the presence of national, regional, and local officials of the church, members of the congregation, and a host of friends.

This event was made possible through sacrificial contributions, hundreds of hours of volunteer labour, a grant from the J.D. Shatford Memorial Trust, and assistance from the Maritime Conference.

Robert Blakeney, who built the first church in 1955, added an extension in 1968 which was adequate until 1974. At that time Elder John Blake held a crusade and as a result fourteen persons were baptized. Shortly thereafter a building fund was begun and on August 22, 1977 the sod was turned for the new church building.

Once again Brother Blakeney undertook the task, ably assisted by the pastor, D.S.

Crook. Neighbouring church members joined with the local folk to give of time and talents to the cause.

Taking part in the dedication program were Lloyd L. Reile, A.N. How, Gilbert E. Andersen, Reid L. Coolen, from the Union and local conference offices and M. Allen Gibson, a Baptist clergyman and provincial Church historian, Hon. Ron Barkhouse, Minister of Mines and Energy, Floyd L. Coolen, Pastor D.S. Crook, Robert Conrad, local head elder, Dorine Pierce, soloist, Marie Soper of Dartmouth, accompanist, and Ella Blakeney, church organist.

As Brother Floyd Coolen finished reading the church history, he made these remarks: "Today we meet to consecrate this lovely edifice; and in our fellowship we help forge yet another link between the past and the future. Time will not permit of aught save brief mention of those who helped fashion other links; of Manuella, now 97 years of age and still a true mother in Israel; of the late Rita, a driving force in the achievement of the first building; of still others who have worked and sacrificed that the work of the gospel might advance.

"Perhaps it is fitting, while noting the significance of the past, to focus our gaze even more intently on the future. For according to God's promise, soon over every bay and inlet shall be seen the sign of the coming of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

"For Christ's advent on that glorious day let us all as Christians watch and be ready. For the events of this day, we may praise God, and give thanks."

> Verna O. Shatford, Chairperson Finance Committee



Dartmouth Rejoices — Eight Baptized

June 21 was a day of rejoicing as Pastor Olger Aaserude conducted a baptismal service in the Dartmouth church. John and Ruby Chaplin and their son, Stephen, and his wife, Elva, all from Upper Musquodoboit, Allen and Laura Crause, and Reg Higgins from Truro, joined the Truro group. Ray Brooks, who had been studying with Pastor Corkum, joined the Dartmouth church. Back row from the left: Pastor Aaserude, Reg Higgins, Allen Crause, Laura Crause, Ray Brooks. Front row: Elva and Stephen Chaplin and Ruby and John Chaplin.

> Trudi Aaserude, Correspondent Dartmouth Church

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The Messenger Salutes the 173 Graduates of

Close to half of the 92 Canadian Union College high school graduates are taking Alberta diplomas home with them to other provinces as they leave campus following the 73rd high school graduation exercises June 20-22.

The graduates, robed in their class colours of burgundy and white chose "Today we follow, Tomorrow we lead" and "For God and humanity" as their aim and motto.

Caroline Wiebe, director of guidance and counselling, estimates that about 75 per cent of this year's graduating class will continue their education. "Their interests are varied," noted Miss Wiebe. "Their plans include architecture, dental assisting, education, farming, mechanics, medicine, music, nursing, theology, and other careers."

Class night Friday featured an introduction of each graduate accompanied by narration and a slide presentation showing the graduates both as babies and seniors. The class presented the school with a set of basketball backstops and funds to purchase food transporters for the cafeteria.

Sabbath school was presented by the junior class. Guest speaker for the baccalaureate service was Pastor Harley Schander of the Rutland, B.C. church. He spoke on "Into all the World." "Please Lord, Me Too" was Pastor Robert Schafer's theme for consecration. He is director of the youth department for the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. Pastor Allen Keiser, campus chaplain at Kingsway College, spoke on "To Be Is To?" for commencement. Special recognition during the weekend was given to Samuel Wollmann, senior class president from Winnipeg, Man., who estimated he put 800 hours into carrying out the duties of his office. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith from Armstrong, B.C., parents of graduate Vera Smith, were honoured for their faithful support of Christian education. Vera is the youngest of six children in the Smith family, all of whom have graduated from Canadian Union College.

The class of 1930 also received special recognition and members from as far away as California attended the weekend services. Mrs. Carl Lindgren, a 73-year-old marathon runner, who graduated from Battleford Academy in 1924 was also honoured. She participated in an early morning 10-kilometer run with more than 30 others Sunday morning, June 22.

The executive of the senior class included Samuel Wollmann, president, Winnipeg, Man.; Loren Agrey, vice-president, Vernon, B.C.; Ellen Gieck, treasurer, Beiseker, Alta., who was also chosen valedictorian; Cheryl Anderson, secretary, Sedgwick, Alta.; Brenda Lukinuk, pastor, McBride, B.C.; Wally Lyder, parliamentarian, Winnipeg, Man.; and Candyce Schafer, village representative, College Heights, Alta.

Fifty-one of the high school graduates came to Canadian Union College from Alberta, 15 from British Columbia, 10 from Manitoba, 9 from Saskatchewan, 4 from Ontario, and 1 each from Quebec, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

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Sunday morning, June 15, 1980 saw 81 graduates marching up the aisle of the College Park Church. 61 grade twelve students and 20 grade thirteen students received their diplomas from Dr. Leroy Kuhn, President of Kingsway College.

Speakers for the weekend included Elder Darren Michael, Q.C., of Oshawa at the Friday evening Consecration service and Dr. George Akers from Andrews University at Sabbath morning Baccalaureate. Pastor Gordon Pifher, Ontario Conference Youth Director, presented the Sunday morning Commencement address.

This year was a first in that the new organ, recently installed in the College Park Church, was used for graduation services.

The grade 12 class president was Steven Atkins and they chose for their motto "Earth our challenge, Heaven our goal." James Anderson, president of grade 13, together with the class officers chose as their motto "Christ first and last."

A highlight of the weekend was the annual choral concert of the Kingsway College Symphonic Choir. This beautiful music was the last concert directed by James Bingham who is taking a study leave at Andrews University.

Valedictorians for the two classes were Cathy Pak, grade twelve, and Leyanne Juriansz, grade thirteen. Cathy ended her speech by challenging each graduate of the 1980 class to meet her in the school of heaven where they will learn from the Master Teacher – Jesus.



Canadian Union College High School Graduates who received diplomas in the June 22, 1980 commencement.

ngsway College and Canadian Union College



Kingsway College grade thirteen class pose on graduation day with sponsors Joanne Easterbrook and Carl Anderson.



It's a happy day for 61 seniors seen here in burgundy and white cap and gown with Ibi Igracki and Peter Cheeseman, class sponsors.

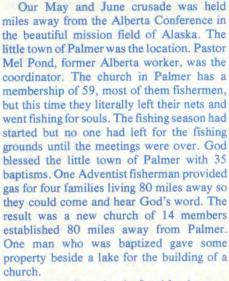


Crusades Result in 120 Baptisms

God has blessed in a marvelous way the public proclamation of His Word with over 120 baptisms.

The first crusade held at the beginning of the year in the city of Calgary resulted in 77 baptisms, with 20 more requesting to be members of God's remnant church, at the close of the meetings. The dedication of the laymen in their personal witness, was the reason for the tremendous success of the crusade. So much love and kindness was showered upon people coming to the meetings, that God added to the church daily for three weeks. The pastors involved with the crusade were: Pastor Wayne Culmore, Pastor Tom Lighthall, Pastor Jim Burgess and Pastor Elmer Koronko.

Our second crusade was held in March in the town of Castor with Pastor Bob Lehmann. This resulted in 10 baptisms and one profession of faith. I really appreciated the strong support given by the faithful members in the surrounding churches, some travelling 80 miles every night to lend a helping hand at the meetings.



We can only praise the Lord for the great and marvelous things He hath done.

> Verne Snow, Alberta Conference Evangelist

Edmonton Youth Win Five

The young people at the Edmonton Ukrainian Church are on fire for God. They are watching, working and praying for souls. They are loving and hospitable. They are making new friends and helping them to know the Lord and in turn are preparing their own hearts. Their reward? —another five young people baptized on May 31. And these new converts are inviting others. From Sabbath to Sabbath we see new faces and the Bible study continues.

> S.H. Gallant, Pastor Edmonton Ukrainian Church



Left to right: Bob Synowec, Nancy Marinic, Nadley Kotlor, LeAnn Fedechko and Barry Koperski.

EMI Program Successful in Downsview

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done!"

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Those are the words spoken by members of the Downsview Church as they look over the past year. Downsview's theme has been evangelism – public and personal. The EMI Program (Every Member Involved) has proven very successful. Prayer meetings in three different homes on Wednesday evenings are evangelistically oriented. Friends and neighbours are invited for prayer and fellowship. The church elders report favourable attendance with as high as 80% of the membership attending. Bible studies and a Branch Sabbath School keep Downsview members active for the Lord.

Two crusades were conducted by Pastor Sparenberg in less than a year resulting in the addition of 20 new members. The crusades were conducted with the support of *Destiny*, Canada's newest Seventh-day Adventist religious telecast,



Pastor Robert Sparenberg (fourth from left in back) with some of the recently baptized members of the , Downsview Church.

A Beginners' Training School for Prospective Literature Evangelists will be conducted September 22 – 26

All applicants will receive full details regarding time and location of the seminar. Elder B.M. Isaac, Associate Publishing Director for the Ontario Conference will be in charge of this specialized intensive training program. If the Lord has been speaking to your heart to enter this phase of the ministry, why not plan now to attend this training school. To register, contact the Publishing Department not later than September 1, 1980.

Contact: T.R. Knoll, Publishing Director of Ontario Conference. Phone (416)571-1022.

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Conference News

Norman Crooks, 84, of Port Carling and Nelville Courtemanche of Kilworthy, were baptized into the Muskoka South S.D.A. Church by Pastor Toop.



David Toop baptizes Norman Crooks, assisted by son-in-law Ted Carr.

Pastor Whalley reports six baptisms into the newly organized Brockville church. The members there have been active for the Lord and now see results of their working together with the Holy Spirit.



Pastor R. Whalley at right with new members of the Brockville church. Left to right: George Cove who was encouraged by his wife, Pat. Standing in front of them is their daughter. Mr. Jackson, Allen and Diane and Dean Bailey were also baptized. Not pictured is Gordon Harper. Interest is growing in the Cooking School which is being conducted on a once monthly basis by Mrs. Gloria Lawson and the Health Ministries staff from the Hamilton Mountain Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Two remaining classes will be held on July 21 and August 18 and it is anticipated that the attendance on both dates will be greatly increased.



Gloria Lawson demonstrates the preparation of vegetarian dishes.

Hamilton Mountain reports an outstanding weekend of spiritual activities recently with music by the Toronto East church choir, a message by Pastor Rupert Young and a sacred concert by the staff of A.R.T.S. This concert was performed in aid of the building fund of the Hamilton East church.

Crusade Notice

If you have friends or relatives living in the Hamilton area and would like to have them attend our Fall Crusade October 11 through November 1, 1980 – Speaker – Elder G.D. O'Brien, please send full information to: M.D. Coleman, 47 Buckingham Drive, Hamilton, Ont. L9C 2G6 or phone (416)388-1629. June 14 was a joyous day, a Sabbath on which the members of the Hawkesbury Company witnessed the baptism of Claude and Joselyne Blanchet. The service took place at the Ottawa Seventh-day Adventist Church and was officiated by Pastor Wm. Frazer,



Mr. and Mrs. Claude Blanchet

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150 Attend Eastern Township Meetings

The Eastern Township Regional meeting held June 21 in Waterloo was attended by one hundred and fifty Quebec Seventh-day Adventists.

Included in the full day's programme was lesson study by J. Whalley and R. Pierce, address by M. Kis, special music by Victor Simms, Agnes Pierce, W. Waterbourg and a welcome by the president, Claude Sabot.

At an afternoon baptism at Eben Eden, Colleen Morin and Melida Gomez sealed their covenant with God. The final meeting was a service by Don Leatherman, former pastor. Plans are for another such opportunity for fellowship and inspiration in September. E. McElroy

Service Opportunities in Southern Asia

The Southern Asia Division is experiencing a situation where it is very difficult to obtain work permits for missionaries from the United States for appointments to serve in Pakistan and India. Just recently visas were denied for an x-ray technician, a medical technologist and a hospital maintenance supervisor, appointed to serve in Pakistan.

We believe that there may be in North America good Seventh-day Adventist *Canadian* citizens who may or may not be working for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, who have a burden to see the work of God finished, and who might be willing to accept a regular call to mission service.

There are current needs for an x-ray technician, medical technologist, maintenance supervisor, nurse, dentist and dietitian. Persons interested in such service opportunities please contact: General Conference Secretariat, Roy F. Williams, Associate Secretary, 6840 Eastern Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20012.

Soviet Preacher Not S.D.A.

A knowledgeable official at the world office of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C., in response to a UPI release from Moscow said today, "Rosislav N. Galetsky, 31, who is reported to be an Adventist preacher in the Soviet Union, is not connected with this denomination in any way."

Alf Lohne, vice-president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists added, "Galetsky's predecessor, Vladimir Shelkov, the 84-year-old patriarch of the sect who is believed to have died last January in a Siberian labor camp, had separated from the Seventh-day Adventist denomination 56 years ago (1924). Church leaders here in the US have had no direct contact with either Shelkov or Galetsky."

From a humanitarian and compassionate point of view, Seventh-day Adventists believe in human rights for all peoples and the free expression of religious belief and practice for all. At the same time the church tries, as far as possible, to maintain a neutral attitude toward political matters.

Invitible columbia Rutland Church Dedicated

The Sabbath afternoon dedication service in which Elder L.L. Reile delivered the dedication address climaxed a weekend of special services for the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The services, held May 16 & 17, featured pastors past and present, members both old and young, and honoured guests including Bill Bennet, Premier of British Columbia and Dale Hammill, Mayor of the City of Kelowna.

Elder Harley Schander, present pastor of the Rutland church, led out in the act of dedicating the church to the glory of God. Former pastors involved in the weekend included: Elder Don McIvor, president of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, who delivered the Friday evening sermon; Elder Walter Rogers, British Columbia Lay Activities Secretary, who led out in the Sabbath morning lesson-study; and Elder Ed Teranski, pastor of the Red Deer, Alberta church, who presented the history of the Rutland church



Mrs. Belle Ritchey, former Okanagan Adventist Academy student, passes the symbolic torch of Christian learning to her great-grandson Jason Nahorney, who is a representative of the fourth generation of her family to attend OKAA.

during the Sabbath afternoon dedication service.

The Sabbath morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Perry Tkachuk, assistant pastor of the Rutland church.

In a special feature on Friday evening, Mrs. Belle Ritchey passed a lighted torch to her great-grandson, Jason Nahorney, symbolizing the Christian education received by four generations of their family at nearby Okanagan Adventist Academy. Jason was a grade one student at the academy this year.

Tai Nguyen and Randy Diminyatz played their guitars for special music during Sabbath School. Randy is well-known in the district for his music and Tai is the oldest son of the Vietnamese family sponsored by the Rutland church. He, his younger brother Thon, and their father have only been in Canada since April. Tai is enrolled at Okanagan Academy in grade six.

Corrinne Vanderwerff, Correspondent Rutland S.D.A. Church

Largest Graduation at Okanagan Academy

Eighteen grade twelve students received their diplomas during commencement ceremonies at Okanagan Adventist Academy, Kelowna, British Columbia, on June 15. Guest speaker for the weekend services was Dr. E. Stanley Chace, principal of O.K.A.A. from 1976-1979, who is now at Mt. Arrowsmith Junior Academy.

This year's graduating class is the largest since the school moved to its present location in 1968.

Those graduating were: Kauri Cliffe, Shelley Hine, Johanne Leeper, Joann Vanderwerff, Ronda Dovich, Tamara Goertzen, Jody Tataryn, Sandra Lakusta, Ken Koch, Russel Malin, Ron Neilly, Jeff Walton, Arlan Weststrate, David Demitor, Mark MacLeod, Bill Andersen, Gerald Serhan, and Darwin Fritz (not in picture).



New Post in Africa for Teacher at Okanagan Academy

Did someone say that the days of the pioneers are over? Would a young couple, going halfway around the world, crossing the equator to a post without electricity, five hours by four-wheel drive to the nearest trading centre, taking supplies for six years, then being the only overseas teachers in an African school, qualify for this distinction? If so, Don and Nellie Straub are true pioneers.

They, with their four children, ages six months to five years, will be on their way soon to Parane Secondary School in Tanzania. Don will teach science and also develop a science laboratory.

This school of approximately 200 students is situated on 70 acres of agricultural land and is largely self-supporting. The students, with the help of their teachers, supply the labour, even making bricks and constructing their own facilities.

Don has been science teacher for the past two years at Okanagan Adventist Academy and is being released reluctantly to give preference to overseas needs. Nellie is a registered nurse.

A fellowship dinner in their honour was held by the Westbank S.D.A. Church, where they hold membership, and a cash gift presented. Godspeed is the wish of their many friends in the Kelowna area as they set out on their new mission.



Don and Millie Straub with Carey, Jodi, Le Anne and Chris.

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Conference News

Following months of personal Bible studies a baptism on June 7 added three new members to the Trail church. A number of friends and relatives joined local members in a special baptismal service and a reception which followed at the pastor's residence.



Mrs. Dorothy Scott, Mrs. Terry Dean and Mrs. Bev Andersen were baptized at Trail.



On July 5 three precious souls were baptized at Chilliwack. Pictured here left to right are Elder Herb Larsen, Darlene McEachren, Mark Frank, professional hockey player, Cindy Durie and Pastor Steve Petr.



Members of the Grand Forks Company were pleased to witness the baptism of Vera Hewson on May 31. Mrs. Hewson has known of Adventists for a number of years; and while studying systematically with Pastor Zinner, she

expressed her desire to be baptized and join the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Members of the Grand Forks Company look forward to additional baptisms and new members moving into the beautiful Sunshine Valley to help strengthen the witness of the church, especially as they anticipate the Conference-wide offering on September 20, 1980, to assist them in the erection of a school facility to use as a basis for greater evangelism in the Sunshine Valley and Grand Forks.

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Pastor Cliff Drieberg, Mildred Greggs and Literature Evangelist Dan Wakeman.

Sister Mildred Greggs became a member of the Sechelt Church through the dedicated ministry of Literature Evangelist Dan Wakeman, visits and studies by Pastor Drieberg, and the love and interest of the church members. Literature Ministry Director. Ewen MacVarish and his team of ministers. attended the morning Sabbath School and Divine Worship exercises, and later a fellowship dinner as guests of the Sechelt Church.

Help Requested for Osovoos

For the past several years Sabbath services have been held weekly by a small company of believers in the beautiful resort town of Osoyoos, B.C. Various evangelistic endeavours, including seminars, Vacation Bible Schools and Five-Day Plans, nutrition schools, literature distribution covering the whole town, and radio programs have been conducted. For the past three years all the motels (and there are many!) have been supplied with Desire of Ages and Steps to Christ, with excellent response from as far away as Michigan and England.

The present need is for a representative sanctuary to be built so that a greater witness for the truth may be established. Land has been purchased on which the initial construction is planned for early July. The blessing of the Lord has been indicated in many ways as plans have progressed, and the members are of good courage.

The immediate need is for help in the construction. With several building projects going on in the B.C. Conference, we appeal to those not so involved to lend a hand, especially during August and September, and with finish work thereafter.

Those interested are urged to contact Elder Harold Reimche, Box 805, Oliver, B.C. VOH 1T0 (phone 498-4687) at your earliest convenience.

ATTENTION - AARN

The next complete list of Adventist Amateur Radio operators will appear in the October 23 issue of the Adventist Review. May we encourage you to look over the lists that appeared in the September 28, 1978 issue and the November 15, 1979 issue. Make sure your call is listed correctly. Let us know if there is a change. If you know of calls that should be added or deleted please let us hear from you.

Send all pertinent information to Mel Northrup, KA0CBZ, 5421 Covey Court, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516. The absolute deadline for all changes is September 1.

Ed Peterson, K3LJP

Physicians, Nurses Urgently Needed

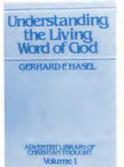
You have no doubt heard of the medical teams which have been going to Thailand to care for refugees near the Cambodian border. Over the past 6 months more than 125 doctors and nurses have responded and have donated one month or more of their time to this exciting, humanitarian effort.

We now face a shortage of volunteers, primarily physicians for the period from August through to January 1981. Would you consider this urgent plea for assistance in this relief effort? Medical teams consist of one to three doctors and one to seven nurses and SAWS has been requested to staff volunteers departing on the following dates for approximately one month: August 27, September 24, October 22, November 19 and December 17. For more details contact the Editor, Canadian Adventist Messenger, 1148 King St. E., Oshawa, Ont. Phone (416)723-3401 or write to Elder D.W. Hunter, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Ca. 92354.

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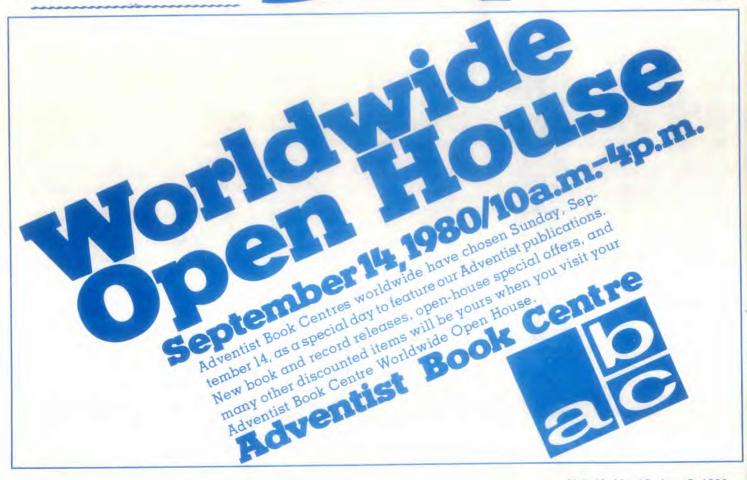
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