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Each \$20 gift will provide a place in a new chapel for one person.

Where else could a Christmas gift of this amount accomplish so much!

Africa – The No-Longer Dark Continent

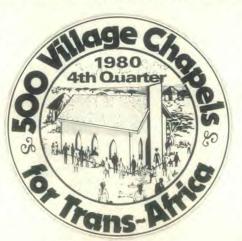
by P.F. Lemon, Secretary, S.D.A. Church in Canada

At this festive time of the year our thoughts go to friends, loved ones and gifts. We, who are increased in goods, have a pleasant place to live, plenty of food and a nice warm, representative church in which to meet, have no trouble thinking of these things.

Having spent twenty years of our lives in the Trans-Africa Division we still have trouble relating to the wealth of the homeland. You see we still have two children active in the organization in that continent so we have not only memories to rely on, but current facts.

Inflation is rampant in most places. Costs have gone up so high that those members and workers not living in the rural areas have as their number one priority – how to find enough food to eat and how to exist. Many of the industries, mines, etc. which were active in the colonial days were destroyed. Roads are no more passable and communication systems are non-existent. These are things you don't hear about in the news media, but they exist.

 The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a message that brings hope to these people, so



Remember 13th Sabbath Offering on December 20 the church is growing at a phenomenal rate. However, they do not have the means to purchase cement, roofing materials and lumber to build their churches. Many meet in the out-of-doors as they have no building. Others meet in mud-and-pole structures made by putting five or six foot stakes in the ground enclosing an area of the desired measurements. Reeds are tied to the outside and inside, and the centre core is filled with mud. A thatch roof of grass completes the picture.

All this is done providing these materials are available. Sometimes it withstands the wind and rain for a year or so, but that does not include the plans the termites may have. In most tropical areas they can eat a building down in less than a year if they so choose.

So on this 13th Sabbath, let us give just an added thought to our faithful and loyal brothers and sisters in the Trans-Africa Division who so much need 1,000 little brick churches. The hope is to at least be able to build 500 from the overflow of this special offering.

20/20 Vision in Sharing

by Norman L. Doss

The 4th quarter of this year could witness a significant milestone in Sabbath School giving: the first 2 million dollar offering! The project: an urgent need for village chapels/500 of them throughout Trans-Africa. Inflation has hit Africa; there have been conflicts and unsettled conditions in several areas. In one union alone over 100 village churches have been destroyed or seriously damaged. Thankfully, peace now exists in most lands and there are unprecedented opportunities for soul winning in town and country alike. A thousand and more chapels are needed! — but what a blessing to our family in Africa 500 chapels would be!

A simple formula has been worked out: each \$20 dollar Christmas-time gift on December 20 will place one person in a new church home! And, along with these gifts from the world Sabbath School, which Africa will also have a part in, our members there will provide for their new chapels: hand molded, kiln-burned bricks,

foundation stones, river sand and the labor needed to erect the buildings. Our cash gifts will purchase corregated iron roofing, termite proof window and door frames and cement for the floors.

This cooperative, shared effort to build 500 chapels will be the greatest single "one time" project ever undertaken by our world Sabbath School family!

Think of the joyful experiences as hundreds of village congregations – some of them now meeting under trees or in mud and thatch buildings – not many months from now meeting in their own neat, burned-brick chapels with whitewashed interior walls – think of them joining in grateful praise to God – and to their fellow believers in many lands for timely, much needed help.

Our gifts on December 20th can make this possible! Where could a \$20 dollar Christmas gift accomplish more?

See centre spread for more on Africa's village chapels.



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Teleseminar Countdown

On March 1, 1981, a TELESEMINAR
—the new and exciting adventure in satellite
soul winning—will take place. Articles have
appeared describing in detail the excellent
opportunity this venture offers every Adventist church member.

In **December**, an attractive Christmas card, provided by the IT IS WRITTEN telecast, will be available for you to send to all of the interests. Signing your name to this Season's Greetings renews the friendship.

And, of course, activity however helpful and well planned, cannot take the place of earnest prayer for these people.

Reminder:

1. Are you encouraging all non-Adventist

friends to view IT IS WRITTEN in anticipation of TELESEMINAR?

- 2. Have you participated in this friendly visitation to cultivate the interest in the names that have been sent to your church?
- Now this December cultivation via the Christmas card is an impressive and warmhearted way to deepen conviction and further encourage the interest.

In Canada

Montreal will be included in this Teleseminar. We want all of our members in Canada to be aware of this seminar and how it operates because other areas may be involved at a later date.

L.R. Krenzler

ARTS - Our Own Television Studio



Bringing Back Jesus Through It Is Written

Do you mean bringing Jesus back to earth? No. I mean bringing Jesus back into your life. Has He been away from your life for a while or should I say, have you been away from Him?

An It Is Written viewer said this, "Thank you for bring Jesus Christ back into my selfish, self-centered life." We praise the Lord for this kind of testimony. We receive many letters saying nearly the same thing.

Jesus wants to live in every heart. Many are not willing to have Him as a permanent resident for fear that His constant presence may interfere with their own selfish ways. They want to "do their own thing." Jesus came to "do the will of my father," He told us. He invites us to do His will too. Through the Holy Spirit He wants to abide in us.

Is He abiding in your heart? I hope so. If not, please invite Him in again.

We at It Is Written have appreciated your support in prayer and by your donations. The income has been low since summer. Several stations raised their prices in September for the new contracts. Your continued and increased support is necessary.

Thank you and God bless you.



Adventist Radio Television Services (ARTS) operated by Henry Feyerabend in Toronto has been transferred to the Canadian Union Conference. Both the Ontario Conference and the Canadian Union Conference agreed that ARTS could serve a wider need in Canada this way. Pastor Feyerabend will be a part of the Canadian Union Conference staff.

The personnel has not changed at ARTS. Frank McMiller directs promotion and layout and art work. Craig Johnson is the studio manager. Both of these men put in many hours a week. They probably put in twice as many hours a week as the average day laborer. We appreciate their dedication and hard work. Tracy Bravo does the office work – secretarial, accounting, cassette

duplicating, etc. She also puts in many hours every week.

ARTS is a "miracle" product. This studio now produces Adventist programs in English (Destiny), Portuguese, Yugoslavian, and Spanish. They depend very heavily on donations to operate and pay for their equipment. In September, when the mail stopped, Tracy needed \$900.00 to pay a bill. They did not have the money. That same day a letter arrived at their office at 5000 Dufferin St., Downsview with a cheque for \$900.00. There was no other mail delivery that day in Toronto that we know about. Surely God does and has provided for ARTS. Many stories just like this could be cited.

Pastor Feyerabend held a short series of meetings in Toronto recently and in November conducted a crusade in Winnipeg and then went on to make some Portuguese contacts in Edmonton.

Thank you for your continued support of ARTS in your prayers and by your gifts.

L.R. Krenzler, Director Department of Communication



Millions are reached with the gospel via the mass media.
Your dollars keep these programs on the air waves in Canada.



Health - Does Religion Help? Part II

by G.D. Strunk
Adventist Health Ministries

In Part I we stated that SDA's do enjoy a higher level of health than the general population, but we asked the question with respect to their religious faith, "Why?" How does it work? It must be more than the ritual of religiosity.

It's because SDA's use the Bible as their guide to behaviour. And a Biblically based faith in God functions in at least three ways in providing better health. Number 1, it is INFORMATIVE: a. It informs us that God prizes our health, therefore, we should too, b. it informs us that we can, by our own behaviour, affect our health, and c. it provides information of what to do in order to be healthy. Now for function #2.

Biblical religion is MOTIVATING. It's one thing to know what's right or wrong. It's another matter to do what is right, or to move others to do what is right. We will examine three means by which Bible religion motivates one to put its information into practice.

Means #1 It Is Authoritative

There are two aspects to authority. One is knowledge, i.e. being an EXPERT. The other is executive power. By declaration and by 3500 years of demonstration the Bible commands respect as an expert, a knowledgeable authority. The extent of its wisdom and accurateness still exceeds the findings of today's physiological and psychological laboratory. It is a gold mine for those willing to dig deeply for its treasures. God made man. He knows what is best and what will work for man. He is our authority on the subject.

Executive POWER is the second aspect of authority. The Bible is declared to be the WORD and will of God. By the very nature of whom God is His word has great authority and becomes frightfully motivating. "This is God speaking!" In view of God's great size, His great power, His creative and destructive ability, one peep and we should jump. If believers were to truly grasp the enormity of the God of the Bible they would be staggered by the confrontation. And so it was at Mt. Sinai! The people begged to be shielded from His presence and His voice and besought that Moses should listen for them and come back and report to the people.

But this kind of motivation can be laden with fear. There seems to be an assumption on the part of most people that one's eternal life is at risk if he fails to carry out every minute detail of God's instructions. And with the briefest reflection on the failings in his life he knows he is not able to do that.

Therefore, such a threat of failure exists as to be intolerable by those who seek to obey but fear they will fail. The fear of failure is so great as to be counterproductive, so that the individual may fail to try for fear of failing. He simply refuses to face the issue because he dreads the prospects of failing. Such a one does not understand the character of God nor the principles of His kingdom, i.e. how salvation and obedience works. He still clings to the childish formula, "If you're good you go to heaven, if you're bad you don't."

When God's authority is grasped without an understanding of His character and the principles of His movement, it's devastating to us. We are paralyzed with fear, going nowhere, stuck with our problems. This brings us to a more secure, longer lasting and a more accurate basis for motivation than God's "authority." While a simple command, "Thou shall not" may be sufficient cause to obey - and it is considering Who said it - there is a level of motivation that is more activating (and actuating) than authority. It reaches deeper, lifts higher and lasts longer. But, it doesn't happen in a moment. It takes time. It takes effort. Because it involves becoming acquainted with a Person, God. False impressions must be corrected. Rumors of what He's like and how He works must be lived down. Because His ways are so different than ours it takes a while to understand

One of our men who has conducted hundreds of 5-Day Plans tells this story about himself. When he was a little boy and had done something wrong, his grandmother would reach over, pick up the hot greasy skillet off the stove and start walking toward him threateningly. She would shake the skillet menacingly in her hand, sometimes sprinkling a little water in it so it would sizzle. As she did this she would say, "God's going to burn you one of these days. You're going to sizzle and fry." Little Jack would run out of the house frightened out of his skin. He would hide beneath a buggy in the barn and some-

times would stay there all morning or all afternoon out of sheer fright of what God might do to him.

Several years later when he became an Adventist and learned what God was really like he became a different person. He dedicated his life to introducing others to his merciful Heavenly Father. That brings us to Means #2 by which Biblical religion is motivating.

Means #2 Responsive to Character of God

Our greatest need is an understanding of the character of God, because once you get to know Him you can't help but love Him. He's that kind of person. The character of God is the highest means of motivating one to better health. When He asks us to eat or drink or think a certain way, someone with an elementary level of faith may respond because of the "authority" of God. But as that faith matures he obeys, not so much from authority, as he does from a sense of appreciation of the person who is asking. "I'll do what God asks because He is the one who is asking. I love Him for who He is and what He's like. Therefore, I would do anything He asks of me." To receive His approval is a coveted honour, highly rewarding; not because He is hard to please but because of the great significance I place on Him. And besides, inside I know that because of what He is like He requires of me only that which is for my best good anyway. God loves!

The experience of being loved by Him and loving Him is by itself MOTIVATING. It is the most uplifting and ennobling motivation available. It inspires gratitude and love. The better one knows Him the more ennobled he becomes. With most people, as soon as they start getting acquainted with God they start cleaning up their lives.

Therefore, while there are regrets awaiting the careless and rewards promised to the faithful made certain by God's authority, the greatest motivation toward excellence proceeds, not from seeking rewards, as much as from an intelligent appreciation of what God is like as revealed in Scripture. As soon as one begins to comprehend God's untiring efforts to give to others, as soon as one begins to comprehend the grand purpose God has for man, he begins to be magnificently com-

pelled to care for himself so that he might be able to blend his efforts with God's in serving others. The better we know Him the healthier we'll want to be for others.

Means #3 Gratitude

Motivating Means #3 is not unrelated to #2 but proceeds from it. It is gratitude. Please note that it is not hate. It is not anti-sin, hate evil or "kill him!" While it is true that to hate evil is the flip-side of love righteousness, the focus must be on the love side not the hate side. Dwelling on the evil demoralizes. Beholding God in action elevates.

To be motivated by gratitude one must be grateful for something. Besides what He is like, what has God done that would inspire enough gratitude to free one from addiction to his body? While an array of evidences can be assembled to provide sufficient gratitude, probably the most dramatic favour done for man was the giving of Himself to the human race in His Son, Jesus. When the issues are understood and the dimension of that Gift realized, the recipient is overwhelmed, com-

pelled by such an overpowering sense of gratitude that his undivided loyalty is secured. When God "commands" such loyalty He is not arbitrarily demanding it as much as He is verbalizing for man what man himself feels he must of necessity give as an expression of his gratitude. He yearns to. To deny man the opportunity of saying "thank you" through the devotion of his life would be to enforce an unwanted abortion on the fruits of love.

The cost to heaven of giving Christ to the human race, forever to retain His humanity, places a great value on man. When man sees his worth in the light of the Cross he is no longer tempted to say, "Nobody cares about me," "I'm not much good to anyone." From his combined sense of gratitude and selfworth he is moved to care for himself with greater self-respect. He checks his face in the mirror to see if he looks all right. He stands a little taller because he is worth something. As he learns what is good for him to eat and what is not, he begins choosing the better. He may not at first be able to explain why he wants to

improve. He even chooses his words more carefully for he now stands for something good. He is an ambassador of a highly respected nation.

The need for a high level of self-worth cannot be overstated. When self-worth is obtained through a sense of gratitude it elevates us above our vices. However, it precludes boasting. For it is not something we did for ourselves. It was something that was done for us . . . because we're worth so much . . . to Him. To enjoy the richest resources of motivating power to liberate us from unwanted habits we must take more time and expend more effort just getting acquainted with our Heavenly Father. It's one thing to talk about it but it's something else to experience it. And unless we do it we don't have the maximum power available. And all the while the dynamics of God's love are appealing to us to improve, the Bible continues to inform us of what and how to improve.

Next article Function #3

Prayer Offensive

Recognizing the fact that not everyone is willing or able to go from door to door to cover his or her territorial assignment, the General Conference adopted the following action. The Canadian Union has voted to implement this action by promotion in each of our churches and through the medium of the Messenger.

May God bless each one as we launch out together in this great Prayer Offensive in 1981.

WHEREAS every Adventist, whatever his situation or lack of abilities, can pray, and

WHEREAS intercessory prayer becomes more imperative as we face the increasing limitations of human resources, and

WHEREAS, "Angels are now restraining the winds of strife, . . . A moment of respite has been graciously given us of God. Every power lent us of heaven is to be used in doing the work assigned us by the Lord for those who are perishing in ignorance . . .

"God's people should make mighty intercession to Him for help now." *Evangelism*, p. 704.

RECOMMENDED, 1. To issue from the 1980 Annual Council of the Seventh-day Adventist Church a call to every member in all countries of the world to join in a prayer offensive for the spiritual needs of their communities, their nations and those places, both within and outside their areas, where the Adventist message is not known.

 To begin the prayer offensive by issuing the call to every member of the church on Sabbath, April 4, 1981, our pastors and preachers being asked to present to their congregations in the sermon for that day the purposes and blessings of intercessory prayer.

- 3. To invite God's people to continue constantly in intercessory prayer for their immediate neighbours, their communities and for other specific areas and needs. Those needs are to be clearly identified during the Sabbath, April 4 meetings and at other times specified by the local field or church leadership.
- 4. To prepare for this **prayer offensive** by requesting pastors and church boards to divide their districts into sections, alloting to each Adventist family/individual a specific territory for which to pray, together with other prayer objectives such as unentered cities, towns, counties and countries.
- 5. To request local fields to provide information through the local churches regarding available services and resource materials to help families and individuals who, led by the Spirit, have developed a concern for individuals within their territory and who wish to use their spiritual gifts in reaching out to those

individuals and in attaining the witnessing objectives they themselves have set.

- 6. To request the Adventist Review, division and union papers and other journals to carry articles announcing the date of the **prayer offensive**, its purposes, its blessings and those projects which the international family of believers may include in their intercessory prayer.
- 7. To provide, during meetings of the 1981 Annual Week of Prayer and succeeding weeks of Prayer, for a period of time between the reading of the message and the season of prayer during which members can share their experiences in intercessory prayer, and encourage one another, thus creating an atmosphere in which witnessing may take place and all may feel acceptance into the family of God.
- 8. To assign responsibility for the launching, implementation and continued planning and promotion of this **prayer offensive** to General Conference, division, union and local field representatives.



The Greatest Gift

by Perry Parks, Director of Stewardship, Canadian Union Conference

When we love someone we enjoy the opportunity to give gifts to that person. We like to give gifts to our children, our spouses, our parents or other family members. We give gifts to close friends. We do this to show our love and express our appreciation for their love for us. It is good to give gifts to one another. At the Christmas season we seem to bestow more gifts than at any other time. However, while we are busy wrapping presents and thinking of what we can give one another, let's not forget our Creator and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus.

The spirit of giving is the spirit of heaven. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Our heavenly Father's example in giving should inspire us to praise Him for His love and for the unspeakable gift of His Son. Dear Reader, He loved you so much that He was willing to

give that which was closest to his heart - the greatest gift of all time.

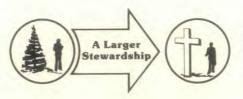
This year as we are giving our gifts to each other, let's determine to give our best gift to Jesus and the work of building up His kingdom.

"The offering from the heart that loves, God delights to honor, giving it highest efficiency in service for Him. If we have given our hearts to Jesus, we also shall bring our gifts to Him. Our gold and silver, our most precious earthly possessions, our highest mental and spiritual endowments, will be freely devoted to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. Desire of Ages, p. 65

I wonder how the work of this church would move forward if each of us would decide to give an equal amount to the Lord this Christmas in a love gift as we spend on each other. I believe that the church coffers would be overflowing.

Of course, the greatest gift we can give to our Lord is the gift of our lives in true surrender and total commitment. When we do this we will have no trouble acknowledging that God is the owner of everything, and we are His stewards.

As you exchange your gifts at this Christmas season, won't you plan now to give your biggest and greatest gift to your Saviour? That may include time, talent, material possessions or money. He gave all these, and more, for you.



Plan Now for Camp Meeting

Camp Meeting Dates

June 26 - July 4	Manitoba-Saskatchewar
June 28 - July 4	Ontario

July 5 - July 11 Ontario July 3 - July 11 Alberta

July 8 - July 12 Manitoba-Saskatchewan Newfoundland

July 22 - July 25 July 17 - July 25

July 25 - July 26 Quebec Session (beginning evening of July 25)

July 24 - Aug. 1 British Columbia July 31 - Aug. 8

Maritimes

Blackstrap Ferndale Ferndale Foothills Clear Lake Southwest Pond

Coureur de Bois

Hope Pugwash

ABC Eastern Canada Holiday Season Store Hours

Sunday Schedule

Open Dec. 14 — Oshawa store 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Dec. 14 — Toronto display Toronto Junior Academy 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Dec. 21 — Oshawa store 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Closed All Day

Dec. 25, 26

Jan. 1, 2, 5 (Inventory taking)

Insights for Parents and Teachers Held at Oshawa

God is a parent! Have you ever stopped to think of the characteristics of God as a parent? How does He treat you, His child? How do you treat your child? And so the wheels of thought were put into motion at the "Insights for Parents and Teachers" Seminar held in Oshawa, October 3-5, 1980.

Approximately 125 fathers and mothers, church school and Sabbath school teachers, and others, came from as far away as Elliot Lake to hear the Drs. Habenicht of Andrews University present helpful information on child rearing. Dr. Herald, a pediatrician, and director of the University Medical Center and associate professor of Health Education, and his wife, Dr. Donna, an assistant professor of Educational Psychology and Counselling and coordinator of Early Childhood Education Curriculum, led the seminar participants through thought-provoking instruction and lively discussions. Small groups broke off to ponder pertinent questions, then reassembled into a composite group to present their conclusions. Never straying from the clear instruction for child rearing found in the Bible and the writings of E.G. White, excellent advice and workable suggestions were presented which inspired parents and teachers to work ever more diligently for the salvation of our children and youth.

Triple Dedication Service

On November 1, in a simple but meaningful infant dedication service entitled "Babies for Christ," Lori Anne Joy, born August 8 to Norie (nee Perez) and Henry Alconcel; Marvin Arriz, born September 24 to Dolly (nee Zafra) and Julius Caesar Perez; and Patricia Estelle, born October 8 to Fee (nee Arevalo) and Fiel Poblete were offered as "gifts" to the Lord – given to Him for His blessing and guidance. Dedicatory counsel and prayers were offered by Pastor B.G. Mary, P.G. Poblete and M. Cudanin.



"Do you treat your child the way God treats you?" asks Dr. Donna Habenicht at Seminar in Oshawa.

Forty-six Attend 5-day Plan in Sudbury

Pastor LaVerne Schlehuber presented the second 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking this year in Sudbury, from October 14 to 18 at the Sudbury Public Library. Of the 46 persons enrolled the first evening, the minimum smoked was 10 cigarettes per day and the maximum 25 per day; over a time period ranging from 3 years to 50 years. Over half of the participants finished the course and almost all had gained victory over the habit.

Dr. Ed Knight, Heart Specialist in Sudbury, was guest speaker and assistants for the program were Ron Hall, Doug Tattersall, Helen Lukey, Bonnie Lauzon and Gail McLaughlin.

Along with copies of Smoke Signals, If You Smoke and other helpful literature given, Mrs. Azure Schlehuber offered caffeine-free beverages to acquaint participants with healthful substitutes for coffee and tea. This,

along with pamphlets offering Nutrition Cooking Classes which began in November.

A follow-up meeting was held on October 30 to offer support and encouragement and also to strengthen the decision of those who 'choose not to smoke.'

Concert Given to Aid Downsview Fund

A sacred concert directed by G. Gayle and a Harvest festival which featured the Pathfinders and special speaker E.C. Beck, have together brought in over \$2300. for the Downsview church building fund – a project which Pastor Robert Sparenberg and his congregation heartily endorse.









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Conference News

The Innisfree and Vegreville churches have thirteen of their young people enrolled at Canadian Union College and two at Walla Walla College. These youth are preparing for service to God. "We are responsible for our youth," says Pastor Dorchuck.

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During September, the first Five-Day Plan was held in the Ryley area. A total of 12 people enrolled for the course, given by Dr. George Price and Pastor Ken Wiebe. Special guest for last evening was Mr. Joe Noonan, who has learned how to speak after laryngectome (removal of the larynx) surgery caused by a lifetime of smoking.

Several baptisms are reported with the new members joining the congregations of the Smoky Lake or Bonnyville churches. Lazarus Packianiagam, Mrs. Kostrub, Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer, Wayne Blize and his two children, Jennifer and Mitzi Blize, are rejoicing as new members of the church family.

The new church building at Smoky Lake is under construction and a nearby crusade began November 14 at Grand Centre-Cold Lake with Dr. Wadie Farag. Members are active and the church is growing.

French Broadcast - A First for Alberta

On October 5, the radio waves of station CIOK in St. Paul, Alberta, carried the Advent message in the French language.

Every Sunday night from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. a *Voice of Hope* radio program, produced locally by Pastor D. Rebsomen with the help of French speaking students from C.U.C., is reaching out to the Franco-Albertans of this northeastern region of the province.

French speaking settlements are found here and there. Nearly forty percent of the population of centres such as: St. Paul, Bonnyville, Grand Centre and Lac La Biche, are of French speaking origin.

New economical and industrial outbursts in this region of Alberta have attracted many easterners from Quebec and New Brunswick. This new radio program has been made possible through the use of the studio and equipment of the Ukrainian Voice of Hope, under the guidance of Pastor Peter Uniat, long time veteran of radio work in this area. The Alberta Conference has also guaranteed the funds needed for the launching of this new evangelistic outreach.

It is the hope of the church in Alberta that many will respond to the preaching of the Word in the French language and thus hasten the day of Christ's coming.

Pray for this new endeavour in Alberta so that many will find Jesus, the joy of our Salvation.

> June Phillips, P.R. Director Pobida S.D.A Church Beauvallon, Alberta

Group Home Needed for Native Children

Christ has commissioned us to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth and a new mission field has opened up to us in Canada. The Alberta Government Department of Social Services & Community Health is seeking for interested groups or individuals willing to establish a group home for up to 6 native children between the ages of 12-18. The home is to be located in the Rocky Mountain House area of Alberta. The cost of operation of these homes will be provided by the Alberta Government. If you are interested, please contact Elder John Howard, Box 5007, Red Deer. Phone 403-342-5044.

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Excellent Camping Program - Attendance Up at 5 Camps

Five different camps at four separate sites held this past summer represent a new direction in the Maritime conference. The number of campers was up by nearly 50 percent. The spirit of the young people was commendable. Several campers attended more than one camp and rendered volunteer service. The Encounter series were studied and we fervently pray that the camping experience will enrich the youth who attended and ultimately the church in growth and depth of experience.

Over 100 A.Y. honours were awarded and Mrs. Geraldine Seidel was invested as a Master Guide. Camping in the Maritime Conference, besides the regular Junior Camp included a Stillwater Canoe Camp, a Backpacking Trip, a Whitewater Canoe Trip and a Friendship Camp at Camp Meva.

Pastors Bourdeau, Atkins, Johnston and Seidel assisted Youth Director Doug Hosking in camp activities as well as in the nature and Bible studies.

Atkins Accepts Pastorate at Fox Point-Bridgewater

In September, 1980, Pastor and Mrs. Bruce Atkins, sons Michael and Jeffery, started their ministry in the Fox Point/-Bridgewater, N.S. area. This fine family comes to us from the Moncton, N.B. area where they served for the past three and a half years. They have endeared themselves to us and we appreciate the depth of study evident from the presentations by Pastor Atkins.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Pastor Atkins serves as the Temperance Director for the Maritime Conference.



Pastor and Mrs. Bruce Atkins and family.

Family Dedication at Digby



John and Darlene Kennedy presented their three children, Hilda, Melanie and John, in dedication to the Lord at the Digby, N.S. church.

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Eight Added to Lac La Hache Church

During the months of May and August, the Lac La Hache Church family rejoiced as eight precious souls took their stand in baptism to unite with God's family of believers. On May 24, Blaine Seterengen, and Andrew Robison, were buried in the waters of baptism and found a more abundant life in following their Master. In the month of August another six precious souls took their stand to unite with God's remnant people: Mary, Tracy and Jamie Radford, Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, and Mrs. Helga Kovalcic. Several of these baptisms were largely the result of the unselfish labours of a dedicated layman, Mr. Clarence Robison who studies the Bible with his friends and neighbours almost every night of the week.

Mrs. Helga Kovalcic was a contact of the It Is Written television program,

May the Lord bless each one of these precious souls as they continue to grow in the Truth.

Jacob Hiebert Pastor



Lac La Hache Church members witnessed the baptism of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams. They are accompanied by Clarence Robison, left and Pastor Jacob Hiebert, right.



Three members of the Radford family were baptized by Pastor Clarence Long. Pictured are Tracy and Jamie.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson



Lois and Arthur Thompson's 50th wedding anniversary.

After the morning worship service at Chilliwack, British Columbia, a fellowship dinner was served in honour of Brother and Sister Arthur Thompson's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Brother and Sister Thompson were married in Dawson, Manitoba, on October 13, 1930. They moved to Trail, B.C. in 1942, then to Chilliwack in 1959. Last summer they settled in Rosedale (a few miles west of Chilliwack).

Arthur is an experienced piano tuner and has travelled much of British Columbia for the past twelve years.

Lois has been active in the Dorcas and also in leading in the Kindergarten Division for seventeen years.

After cutting the three-tier cake all joined hands around the couple and prayer was offered for the Lord's continued guidance and blessings on them and the church. Prayer was offered by Brother W. Snowden.

Eric Moore, Correspondent Chilliwack

Three Join Chilliwack Church Family

The family of God in Chilliwack is rejoicing again. On Sabbath, August 2, 1980, Nelly Antosko and Frank Galley were baptized into the message of the Advent Hope. On Sabbath, November 1, 1980, John Sprout dedicated his life to Jesus and was baptized by immersion as the result of the unceasing effort, visits and Bible studies of Richard Matzele, a dedicated layman of the Chilliwack S.D.A. Church.

Steve Petr, Pastor Chilliwack S.D.A. Church

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Dauphin's Fair Booth Rated Best

The Dauphin Church was awarded first prize for having the best all-round booth at the Dauphin Town's Agricultural Fair. The judges looked for arrangements, decoration and the PR of the attendants. Pastor Clarence Baptiste, who also helped with the booth, said it was a pleasant surprise when he was approached and told their booth won the first prize and was presented with a ribbon and a \$25.00 cheque.

The Church rented the booth to display vegetarian products. The booth's caption read, "SUPER MEATLESS PRODUCTS."

The idea for the booth came to Mrs. Beryl Baptiste after her son, David, wrote a school science project on soy beans. Mrs. Baptiste and Mabel DeWarle developed this project for the fair.

Free literature was given away on vegetariansim, How to Stop Smoking brochures, Listen, and the Friendship Review.

Tugaske Pathfinders Organize

The Tugaske Toilers Pathfinder Club has been organized with 12 members. The year began with an impressive Candlelight Induction Ceremony. A campout at Douglas Park and a trip to a Regina Cat Show were some of the initial activities of the Club. The Toilers are under the direction of Luella Coates.

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News from Botwood



Shawn Hancock was ordained has an elder and James Butler as a deacon at a special candlelight service at Botwood. Pastor Wilfred Michaels presided.

Mrs. Julia Pope dedicated her life to Christ and joined the Botwood church on October 11, one day before her 73rd birthday.

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INSTITUTIONS

Hnatyshyn Chosen Alumnus of the Year

Elder John M. Hnatvshyn, missionary, chaplain, motivator, storyteller, and vibrant Christian has been selected as Canadian Union College Alumnus of the year for 1981. His life, enriched by years of service in India and Africa, has become a model for thousands who never tired of another story by "Uncle John.

Presentation of the award was made at the Annual Alumni Homecoming banquet, on Sunday, November 30 at Canadian Union College. Elder Hnatyshyn graduated from Canadian Junior College in 1925, and his wife of more than 55 years, Eunice M. Keller Hnatyshyn is a CJC graduate of 1924.

After leading literature evangelists in the Saskatchewan Conference for three years, Elder and Mrs. Hnatyshyn directed the publishing work in Northern India and later all the Southern Asia Division from 1929 until war forced them to leave in 1942. Remembering the young men he led into soul-winning service, Elder Hnatyshyn says, "We rejoice to see many of my colporteurs in India now leaders in the division and various sections.'

Reviewing their twelve years in Africa, 1942-1954, Elder and Mrs. Hnatyshyn remember not only the lions and hardships, but their hearts beat a little faster as they recall the results of their work, he in youth leadership, and she in teaching. "We enjoyed our work. We saw many souls saved in Africa."

Back in Canada, from 1954-1964, Elder Hnatyshyn crossed Canada literally dozens of times motivating home missionary and Sabbath school activities. It is little wonder that Canada continues to share scores of young families for mission service when, as children, this new generation of overseas workers, reveled in the thrilling mission experiences told and retold by "Uncle John" in almost every Adventist church in Canada.

Elder and Mrs. Hnatyshyn teamed up with the It Is Written outreach for a few years before retiring in Loma Linda where they have enjoyed some of their most productive years. Mrs. Hnatyshyn worked as a dietician in the Loma Linda Medical Center while Elder Hnatyshyn has witnessed the baptism of nearly fifty souls in the nursing home where he serves as chaplain.

The lives of John and Eunice Hnatyshyn are a tribute to the dedication born in our Seventh-day Adventist Christian colleges.



Elder and Mrs. Hnatyshyn and daughter Ramona.

29 French Students Enrolled at C.U.C.

Two years aso there were only five or six of them on campus. This year twenty-nine Quebecers mingle with over six hundred other students at Canadian Union College. Families included, a total of thirty-nine people ventured into the English-speaking world of CUC this year, twelve of them for the first time. This was no small risk. Many arrived on campus with a minimal English vocabulary, some with none at all! Mrs. Carol Hoyt, former missionary to French-speaking Africa, and presently teaching Beginning English and Fundamentals of English, will soon eliminate that problem. Ten Quebecers attend her classes each day in an intense effort to keep up with small class loads, or simply to build onto their basic vocabulary. Because most of them are new Adventists (within the last five years), and many are the only Adventists in their families, they come without monetary support from home and must bear a major potion of the financial burden alone.

Culture shock is somewhat softened by the common Christian ties between students and teachers. Nevertheless, after the initial excitement of new faces, new classes, and new schedules settles into a routine, the desire to express oneself freely and without hesitation remains. To ease this transaction from the French to the English world, several French-speaking programs have been established

Tuesday night prayer meetings held in the home of Elder and Mrs. Miroslav M. Kis, as well as regular Sabbath School classes, provide weekly spiritual refreshments. A once-a-month church service for francophone students will feature Theology student preachers. Because preaching in French involves different approaches and skills than preaching in English, a second semester Homiletics class offered in French by Elder Kis will provide the basis for this monthly training. Dogmatiques (Bible Doctrines), also taught by Elder Kis, is specifically aimed at first-year college

Mr. Boris Pache, who teaches French on both the High School and College levels, provides a vital link for French-speaking students. Although Mr. Pache was born and raised in Bulgaria, he has studied and taught in France, and received a Master's degree from McGill University in Quebec.

Student Chosen Junior Citizen of the Year



Kathy Stewart, age 16, a grade 11 student at Canadian Union College is one of ten Alberta youth honoured by the Lieutenant Governor as a Junior Citizen of the year. The award was presented October 3 at the Alberta Weekly Newspaper Convention in Edmonton

Kathy is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Stewart of Fairview, Alberta. The recognition is based on her citizenship and involvement in community work.

Dr. Shipowick, Alumni President



Dr. and Mrs. Larry Shipowick and daughter Tammi.

Dr. Larry Shipowick, Canadian Union College 1981 Alumni President assumes leadership following the November Alumni Homecoming. During the past year, as president-elect, he has worked very closely with 1980 president Dwayne Straub in Alumni activities.

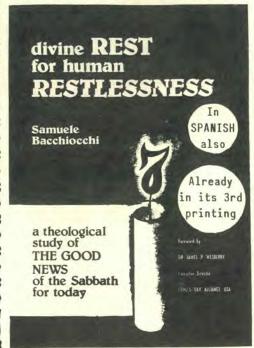
'During 1981, we must build on the enthusiasm of our new senior college status," challenges Dr. Shipowick. "The task of supporting our Canadian college site now requires the very uttmost from each former student. Your 1981 Alumni Executive plans for a series of events to strengthen the spirit of solidarity each alumnus has for Canadian Union College," Larry emphasizes.

Dr. Shipowick has a busy dental practice in Red Deer, is active in the Red Deer church and lives on a farm south of Lacombe.



Some of those who meet with the French language Sabbath school at Canadian Union College.

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WEDDINGS

BONNEY - FROST

Family and friends gathered on Sunday, August 10, 1980, at the Barnesville S.D.A. Church, to witness Winifred Frost and Leigh Daniels Bonney unite their lives in holy wedlock.

Pastor Wallace Frost, son of the bride, officiated, while Harriet Ayer, friend of the bride and Royden Bonney, brother of the groom, were attendants. Candy Smith, the bride's granddaughter, was flower girl.

We all wish Winnie and and Leigh God's richest blessings as they begin their new life together.

CHIPEUR - FOWLER

The new church sanctuary in Sherwood Park, Alberta, was the scene of a lovely wedding where on August 24, 1980, Gerry Chipeur and Barbara Fowler were married by Pastor Don Corkum of Lacombe. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Fowler of Sherwood Park, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chipeur of Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Attending the bride and groom were Vivian Fowler, maid of honor; Carol Cretney and Stephanie Tarangle; Mark Chipeur, best man; Ted Matthews and Arlen Kapiniak.

Gerry and Barb will establish their home in Edmonton, Alberta.

FARAGHER - AST

Barbara Karen Ast and Alan Frank Faragher were joined in holy wedlock at the Ukrainian Seventh-day Adventist church in Edmonton on Sunday, October 19, 1980.

The bride was attended by Judy Johanson while the groom's attendant was William Krocker.

Friends and relatives wished Barbara and Alan God's richest blessings as they establish their new home in Edmonton.

S.H. Gallant, Pastor

FORTNEY - WOLLMANN

The Lacombe S.D.A. church was the scene of a beautiful wedding when Dennis Fortney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fortney of Winnipegosis, Manitoba, was married to Marilyn Wollmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wollmann of Lacombe, Alberta. Pastor D. Corkum of Lacombe officiated.

The bride was attended by her sister, Helen Wollmann, as maid of honor; and bridesmaids Louise Fortney and Rosaline Wollmann. Rodney Martin, Philip Wollmann and Doug Williamson attended the groom.

Dennis and Marilyn are making their home in College Heights, Alta.

KLYM - GRAHAM

Cheryl Lynn Graham, daugher of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham of Richmond, British Columbia, and Arthur Dean Klym, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klym of Cornelius, Oregon, were united in marriage on September 7, in the Minoru Park Chapel in Richmond.

The bride was attended by Bonita Robson, as maid of honor, and Donna Swenson, as bridesmaid. Cora Dickens was the flower girl and Ryan Stickle served as the Bible boy. Attending the groom as best man was his brother, Karl Klym and Garry Dassenko was the groomsman.

Mr. and Mrs. Klym are establishing their home in Pasco, Washington, where Arthur is practicing law.

Nick Trynchuk, Pastor Richmond S.D.A. Church

HALL-TSCHRITTER

Margaret Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tschritter of Peoria, Alberta, and Donald Raye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hall of Langley, B.C., were united in marriage by Pastor Alex R. Hall, uncle of the groom, on March 15, 1980 in the Peoria-Smokey Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Sandra Radmore as matron of honor and bridesmaids Diane Tschritter, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Bernadine Caron and Miss Sandra Reichenbach, friends of the bride.

The best man was Mr. Ron Sanders, cousin of the groom. Other attendants were Frank Jongema, Roger Murphy and Bradley Hall.

Flower girl was Melanie Tschritter, sister of the bride; Bible boy was Todd Teed.

This couple will be making their home in Grande Prairie, Alberta. We wish them God's blessing.

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LANG-LANG

On Sabbath evening, October 11, 1980, Betty Kiyoe Lang and Douglas Kenneth Lang were remarried in the Vancouver Seventh-day Adventist Church. The story of their remarriage is a thrilling testimony to the power of the gospel. In December, 1978, Doug, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, decided to be baptized as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. At that time he and Betty were divorced. Having been blessed by the gospel message, Doug decided to speak to Betty. They had not seen each other for five years. Betty attended meetings conducted by the Radiant Living Seminars team under the direction of Evangelist Brad Thorp. After careful study she decided to follow Jesus in baptism. These developments made this marriage especially meaningful as relatives and friends joined in wishing Betty and Doug Heaven's richest blessing in their future together.

The marriage ceremony was conducted by Pastor Bob Tetz and the writer

> Allan Robertson Canadian Union College

WILSON - DAVIS

Mary Jo Davis and John Wilson were married in the Sedgewick, Alberta S.D.A. church on September 7, 1980, with Pastor Don Corkum officiating.

The bride's parents are Warren and Phyllis Davis of Berrien Springs, Michigan, and the groom's parents are Alva and Florence Wilson of Williams Lake, B.C.

Attending the bride and groom were Candy Davis, maid of honor; and Marilyn Sheets and Linda Davis, bridesmaids; Larry Wilson, best man; and Lee Richards and Barry Hubley as groomsmen.

John and Mary Jo are residing at Lacombe, Alberta, where they are attending C.U.C.

OBITUARIES

CARLEY—Edith May (Covey) Carley was born August 3, 1898 at Forman, North Dakota and passed to her rest on September 30, 1980.

In 1920 she married Milton Roy Carley and they lived on a farm in the Kindersley area until his death in 1955.

Since 1956 Mrs. Carley resided in Forestburg, Alberta, with her son, Glen, who survives her. Also surviving is her son, Kenneth, of Saskatoon; five grand-children; nine great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Sister Carley has been a loyal member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1921.

Funeral service was held in the Sedgewick Seventh-day Adventist Church by Pastor Allan Robertson with interment in the Smithville Cemetery at Saskatoon by Pastor Ken Schander and her son Glen. The certainty of the resurrection at the last day cheers the hearts of those who mourn the loss of Sister Carley.

Allan Robertson Canadian Union College JOSAJ—George Josaj was born in Zahar, Czechoslavakia, July 4, 1892, and died in Kelowna, British Columbia, on October 16, 1980. He became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Winnipeg, being baptized by Pastor George Soloniuk.

He is survived by his wife Lena, of Kelowna, B.C.; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Carter, of Vancouver, B.C.; one son John, in Czechoslovakia, and six grandchildren.

Harley Schander, Pastor Rutland S.D.A. Church

JONES—Mrs. Sarah Jane Jones, of College Heights, Alberta, passed away on September 10, 1980 at the age of 71 years.

Born January 26, 1909 in Cranbrook, B.C. she spent the first seven years in B.C. and then moved to Alberta with her mother and sisters. She graduated from Battleford Academy in 1929 and from Canadian Junior College in 1931. Sarah was united in marriage on April 19, 1934 to Francis Jones and

they made their home in the College Heights area for most of their lives.

Mrs. Jones is survived by: her loving husband, Frank of College Heights; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Parker of Apple Valley, California; two sons, Leland of Anchorage, Alaska, and Ormand of Oshawa, Ontario; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Campbell of Denver, Colorado, and Mrs. Ida Davis of Deer Park, California; five grandchildren; three nieces and a nephew.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 15, 1980 at 2:00 p.m. from the Lacombe Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Don Corkum officiating. Interment followed at the Lacombe Fairview Cemetery where she awaits the call of the Lifegiver.

LEMKY—Mrs. Agnes Lemky was born in Rosenfeld, Manitoba, October 2, 1887, and died in Kelowna, British Columbia, October 24, 1980. In 1906 she married Bernard Neufeld. After his death, she married Gerhardt Lemky. She is survived by four sons: Jacob, Bernard, John and Henry; four daughters: Mary Robinson, Helen Nickerson, Agatha Lemky and Gladys Allen. Three stepsons: Abe, George and Cornelius; six step-daughters: Mary, Beth, Margaret, Lydia, Anna and Hilda; sixty-five grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lemky was baptized in 1923. She remained steadfast in the faith until her death.

PATZER—Mrs. Emily Patzer fell asleep in Jesus after a lingering illness on Friday, September 19, 1980 at the age of 83 years. She was the beloved wife of Emmanuel Patzer of Calgary.

She was survived by her three sons Albert, Edgar and William Boschee; and by her two daughters Mrs. Annie Brost and Mrs. Violet Cooper. She was pre-deceased by her first husband Frederick Boschee in 1963.

Interment took place at the Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

BIRTHS

CORDETT-Garth and Lenna are happy to announce the arrival on Sept. 30 of their daughter Trina Kay, a sister for Tammy and Timothy.

GEATES-Bill and Lorraine (nee Carley) are pleased to announce the birth of a third son, Edward Alan, on September 19 at North Battleford.

HILL-Don and Arleigh (nee English) Hill would like to announce their firstborn son, Matthew, born October 25, at Chilliwack, British Columbia.

LIPSCOMBE-Born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lipscombe (nee Whitehead) of Portland, Oregon, a son, Joel Stephen, August 20, 1980.

MAY-Cal and Janice thank the Lord for the gift of their daughter, Rebecca Dawn, born on July 2, 1980 at Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

McCARTY-Gary Richard McCarty, son of Arvin and Rosemarie (nee Bell) of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, was born on October 20, 1980.

PATRIE-Vincent and Noreen (nee Taylor) would like to announce the birth of Wade Vincent, a brother for Rhonda Joy, February 4, 1980 in Vegreville, Alberta.

RAMSDELL-John and Wanda (nee Reece) thank God for the gift of their first child, a daughter, Alison-rae Louean born on October 21, 1980 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

REISWIG-Rolly & Judy (nee Marshall) of Peoria, Alberta announce the arrival of their son D'lane Brent on February 27, 1980.

WERNER-Dena Renee was born to Doug and Patty on October 7, 1980 at Peoria, Alberta.

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