

New film on Theatre, TV and the Media

It was more than a year ago that Dr. Cliff Sorenson, President of Walla Walla College, phoned the North Pacific Union Youth Department. He stated that there was a real need for some serious study to be given to the topic of leisure time activities in general, and specifically our church's position toward theatre attendance, TV, etc. With that in mind, a broad-based study commission was set up. Conference, college and academy administrators were enlisted along with students, parents, pastors and a psychiatrist.

It was soon evident that the church had not adequately addressed the issue in recent years. As the discussions progressed over the months, it was likewise obvious why. This is, in fact, a difficult issue with no easy answers. As some concensus was emerging from the committee, it was decided to proceed with the following three-part package.

#### "Movie Movie"

photo, A. Jacenty, Ad Graphics

A multi-media, 16mm film that could intelligently address the issues and be used as a discussion-starter in local churches and schools was to be developed.



"Before You Burn the Rule Book" addresses a familiar topic of, "What's wrong with . . .?" It is suggested as a companion resource book for "Movie Movie" and is available through the ABC. Also shown is a study guide which accompanies the film.

The film, which has now been produced, became known as the *Movie Movie*. It directly addresses some of the most difficult issues, i.e. what is the difference between seeing a movie in a theatre or in the school gym? Is there a difference between television and the theatre, etc.? Initial reaction from young people and adults alike is that though humorous, upbeat, and positive in manner, the film has accomplished its objectives.

#### "Before You Burn the Rule Book"

A very common question expressed by youth today is, "What's wrong with . . .?" "Why can't we . . .?" These questions can be most frustrating to a parent, pastor or dean and often solicit less than adequate answers. Closely related to this are the rules and standards set up to govern the areas which often fall into what we refer to as "the gray areas." A new paperback book entitled, Before You Burn the Rule Book, addresses these issues in a positive and

practical manner. It can now be purchased from the Adventist Book Centre and is suggested as a companion book to the film, *Movie Movie.* 

#### **Discussion Booklets**

To add to the impact of the 20-minute film in its attempt to encourage people to evaluate their viewing habits, discussion booklets have been developed. These will accompany the *Movie Movie* to assist the leader in guiding the group into a meaningful and productive discussion.

The film, book, and discussion guides have been so well received initially that the North American Youth Ministries Department has bought the rights to them, therefore, the package will be available for churches and schools Division-wide. If you would like to address these issues in a proper setting for group dynamics to take place, contact your local conference or union film library for a booking.

These Times Captures Two New ACP Awards



At the Annual Convention of the Associated Church Press meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 26-29, These Times received two of the top three awards given out this year for excellence in religious journalism. The awards presented to These Times included an Award of Merit for Photography in an Entire Issue and an Award of Merit for Graphics in an Entire Issue.

Two other Adventist journals which received ACP awards this year were Liberty (for best single illustration) and Ministry (for best black and white cover).

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# **Aim for Summer Camp**

by Lloyd E. Janzen, Director, Adventist Youth Ministries, Canadian Union Conference

You have the right to look to the church for ways of helping children and youth develop and maintain a close relationship with God. They need regular mountain top experiences — highs for Jesus. And that is what camping is all about. That's the goal of each youth director in the planning and operation of our camps.

Del Delker befriended Dawn several years ago. A desire to lead the young girl to Jesus prompted Del to arrange for Dawn to go to camp. While there, she learned more about the love of the Saviour and decided to accept Him. Before returning home Dawn was baptized. Many non-Adventist youth have made such decisions at our camps. Everyone recognizes that camp is the easier place for any youth to make a decision for

Of all the services of the church for our youth, camping provides the most ideal environment for them. It provides the activity-oriented day which contributes to answering many of life's important questions. Opportunities to exercise faith are many and proper peer relationships do much to stimulate spirituality.

Boys and girls love heroes. Mom and Dad are the most important influence in their lives, but to the camper there just isn't anyone quite so worthy of admiration as the counselor. For weeks after camp, the counselor's influence remains an important part of the camper's life. Many lasting friendships develop at camp and often these are strengthened as counselors and campers continue to correspond by mail.

Each camp in Canada offers learning in various areas of skill development. Campers can choose to work on AY honors, hobbies, or recreational pursuits. The setting of the camp dictates to some extent the specialties offered. New Frenda and Clear Lake are situated beside beautiful lakes. Pugwash is by the ocean, Chawuthen in the mountains. Our camps in Newfoundland, Quebec and the Maritimes are operated by individuals whose expertise is in the field of education. Foothills camp offers specialized assistance in the areas of remedial reading and math. Youngsters make great strides of progress due to the camp environment, specialized teachers and low student-teacher ratio. Some campers have advanced by several grade levels while in the program. But whatever the emphasis of each camp, they are all located amid the beautiful surroundings of nature - just a bit closer to the ideal.

Parents sometimes have special concerns, such as a child's physical handicap, medical needs, or difficulty in adjusting to new situations. Our camps are operated with the objective of making each week a great experience in the lives of all who attend. I can assure you that if you call the camp director and share your concerns with him, he will make every effort to alleviate any possible problem and will become a personal friend of your child. We have a fine team of camp directors in Canada - individuals whom our youth can safely look to as heroes in their experience.

Where else can you give your child so much for so little money nowadays? Some of the benefits he will come home with may be all or many of the following: new friendships with campers and staff, new songs learned, spiritual lessons comprehended, an understanding and possible mastery of swimming, horsemanship, archery, waterskiing, sailing and a variety of crafts as well as a better acquaintance with nature and God. Where else can a cabin of boys or girls go hunting for frogs to enter the frog race or be on the team that hopes to get the greased watermelon from the lake or pool?

Your constituency believes in camping. In addition to the original investment for the camp, your conference subsidises each camper's weekly stay with approximately \$100.00. For some camps this subsidy comes in the form of volunteer staff, for others it comes in actual dollars spent on improvements, maintenance and salaries. But whatever form of subsidy it takes, your constituency believes in camping. And in this time of financial depression, our camps need our support in the form of maximum attendance.

As you make your plans for the remainder of the summer vacation period, why not give camp some serious consideration. Give your child - or someone else's child - the opportunity of attending camp. Help to build memories that will strengthen the foundation of a young person's relationship with God. Enter a partnership with God. Agree that you will give Him the opportunities to work on the life of a child - a child you want to meet in heaven. In Malachi 4:6 He promises to turn the hearts of the parents to the children and the children to the parents. Sending our youth to camp is a step in that direction. So why not take that step and do your part so that God can fulfill His promise to you.



Horsemanship is popular at New Frenda.

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	C	onf. (514) 651-4240
Maritime	Pugwash Camp	(902) 243-2097
		onf. (506) 855-8622
Newfoundland	Southwest Pond Camp	(709) 579-2582
		Conf. (709) 576-4051

## It Takes the Laity and the Ministry

A small It Is Written TV log was left at the door of Mrs. Elsie Nelson in Brantford, Ontario in 1969. She began to watch It Is Written. It was just what she was looking for. She received some of the books and her name was given to Elder Brian Juriansz who studied further with her.

About this time Pastor George Vandeman came to Hamilton for a six-week crusade. Mrs. Nelson wanted to attend the meetings and was waiting for a bus which was to take people to the meetings. They were to meet the bus in front of the Loblaws store. She waited, but no bus came. She asked a lady coming out of the store about the bus. The lady said, "I am going to those meetings. Please come with me." This lady, a Seventh-day Adventist, took her every night.

Mrs. Nelson gave her heart to the Lord at these meetings. Up to that evening of surrender, she had smoked. She decided to quit, the Lord took away the craving, and she has not smoked since.

After Mrs. Nelson was baptized, her children began attending church and one by one gave their hearts to the Lord. David came first, then others followed. John and his wife send their children to church school; Sandra went to Andrews University, Graham is in the Paris church school and plays in the school band.

The It Is Written program searches for souls through the medium of television. Those who respond need to be contacted, befriended, loved and drawn to Jesus and His body, the church. It takes the laity and the ministry to do this. We need each other in the program of soul winning.

Thank you for helping keep the program on the air. Without you, this work could not be done. Every member of our church and every viewer is a vital link in finishing the Lord's work on earth. Thank you and God bless all of you.

L.R. Krenzler Canadian Director It Is Written



Mrs. Nelson and her son, Graham.

#### **Good News for Retired Workers**

The North American Division officers on June 1 approved a North American Convention of Retired Workers to be held at Southern Missionary College, College-dale, Tennessee, from Friday evening, August 6 to Monday evening, August 9.

#### Features

- Bus trip to the World's Fair at nearby Knoxville on Monday, August 9.
- Prayer breakfast at the College cafeteria Sunday, August 8.
- Big meetings in the College church over the Sabbath with church leaders preaching.
- Question and Answer Period on Retirement Clubs, Social Security, Medicare, Medical payments answered by Eugene Stiles, Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, and D.A. Delafield, Coordinator of Retiree Affairs.
- Thrilling reports from representatives of retirement clubs.
- Discussions about retirement, health, and survival.
- And how retirees can serve the churches and the conferences.
- 8. The best of music.

Lodging will be in the air-conditioned college dormitories. There are only 400 beds, so get your reservations in early. Vegetarian meals will be served in the college cafeteria.

Travel by plane, bus, car, motor home, trailer, bicycle, motorcycle, foot.

Expenses are \$10 per night per person in double occupancy. A package plan that includes the round trip by bus to Knoxville and the ticket to the World's Fair is \$22.

Registration fee is \$5 per person (includes cost of prayer breakfast).

Cheque must be mailed with application for registration at the convention. All expenses of travel, etc., are to be paid by each individual retiree.

Mail the filled-out registration form with \$5 registration fee per person at once to: D.A. Delafield, Coordinator of Retiree Affairs, 6840 Eastern Avenue, Washington, C.C. 20012.

The first 400 retirees to register will be assigned lodging. You may call Elder Delafield at the office, (202)722-6523, or at home, (301)439-8887.

First registered – first served. Don't be disappointed. See you at SMC, August 6-9.

Special Offering on August 14 is for Canadian Union College

# "Very Special" Books at a Special Price



Out for the camp meeting season 1982 are a series of four books authored by a mother, pathfinder counselor, and Sabbath School leader for many years.

After camp meeting your Adventist Book Centre will continue to carry these colourfully illustrated 32-page books with a drawing on each page. This set is in the new Sunshine series. The book titles, You Are a Very Special Person, You Live on a Very Special Planet, A Very Special Day, and A Very Special Promise, reveal the theme of the books, the story of salvation from the time of Creation to the special promise given to Adam and Eve after the Fall.

If you haven't seen these "Very Special" books published by Pacific Press, do so at your earliest convenience. No Adventist home with young children should be without them. You can buy the books individually at \$2.10.

# **Kingsway Alumni Homecoming 1982**



Paul Newman, class of '72, was Master of Ceremonies for the Sunday morning brunch, May 9, wich climaxed a weekend of renewing acquaintances for returning alumni. The homecoming began Friday evening with a program of praise and testimony by K.C.'s grade 13 class. 1. Three alumni from the diamond anniversary class of 1922 returned to their alma mater—Ralph and Eva (Johnson) Tatro of Silver Spring, Maryland and Murdena (McConnell) Lemon of Mountain View, Arkansas. She is accompanied by her husband, Elder Ernest Lemon, also a K.C. graduate.

2. Several of the 25-year graduates, class of 1957, are pictured here with Professor and Mrs. W.A. Sowers, president of the school in '57. Left to right—Wayne Vallieres, Ruth (Longard) King, Emily (Boutcher) Moores and Gerald Moores, Elsie McLellan, Clifford Bell, Rudolph Pelley, and Dr. Wendell Willis. 3. Dinner music at the brunchbanquet was provided by the K.C. Symphonic Choir, directed by Carl Anderson, and by several instrumentalists. Here, Paul Devnich, grade 9 student, plays a violin solo. 4. Dr. Kuhn, president of K.C., spells out the plans for the school. The alumni project is to finance a Quick-Freeze freezer which would flash freeze campus-grown food for cafeteria use or for sale in the community. A plea for funds was made by

John Thorne and over \$1,000 was donated at the brunch. The cost is approximately \$10,000 and interested friends and alumni may mail donations to Kingsway College. Please include name and address for receipt for income tax use. Also add a note about yourself for our fall Alumni Newsletter. 5. The Sabbath worship service sparkled with Dr. Rudy Klimes' personal testimony of his faith in Jesus, illustrated with incidents from his years of mission service and enlivened with his memories of his days at K.C. 6. Some of the 1972 class (from bottom left): David Shipowick, Mary (Oickle) Mays, Sisko Makela, Patricia (Frood) Morgan, Richard Greene, Brian Fenton and Pat (Haughland) Fenton, Donna (Robinson) Sanders, Joan (Lawson) Hudkins, Lloyd Robinson, Kathy Wood, Sharon (McPherson) Walls, Paul Newman, Sandra (King) Thomas, Janice (Polishuk) Newman. 7. June (Russell) Polishuk was honoured as alumna of the year. June has been an active member of the Alumni Association, serving on the Committee from 1979-1981. Elder Philip Lemon presented the plaque. 8. Sing it out! "I'm from O.M.C..." 9. Pastor Harry Sackett leads out in school song.

Plan Now to Celebrate Kingsway's 80th Anniversary Next Alumni Weekend - May 6, 7 & 8, 1983

# **One Thousand Days of Reaping!**

by C. S. Greene, Personal Ministries and Sabbath School, Canadian Union Conference

Sabbath, September 18, 1982 will mark the beginning of the One Thousand Days of Reaping. Broad plans must be laid now if one is to participate in this exciting venture of the church.

Just think of it. If all of us would do our part, we would see one thousand souls added to the church for each day of the thousand days or one million members added to God's church before the General Conference Session in 1985.

In a recent issue of the Ministry magazine (April, 1982, page 12), the following suggestions from the Inter-American Division were listed:

 Evangelistic Campaigns held by pastors. In Inter-America, about 96% of the pastors conduct at least one evangelistic campaign per year.

Laymen winning souls. Thousands of laymen preach, give Bible Studies and prepare baptismal candidates. The ministers spend much of their time training the laymen.

 Bible Studies. Ministers as well as laymen extensively use the method of giving Bible studies in the homes.

4. Baptismal Classes. All of our churches and congregations have at least one baptismal class. The larger churches have three different classes – one for adults, one for youth and one for the juniors. The baptismal class instructors are mostly laymen.

Large Evangelistic Campaigns.
 Each local field tries to hold at least one large evangelistic crusade each year.

6. Evangelistic Units. These are the Sabbath School classes that work as evangelistic groups. (Note: for best results, a Sabbath School class should not be larger than 12 to 15 members. Eight to twelve is even better.)

 Missionary Mailmen. The laymen give Bible studies using the Voice of Prophecy correspondence school lessons.

 Cottage Meetings. Hundreds of laymen lead out in meetings where the Bible is studied in the homes of interested persons or members.

Voice of Youth. Our youth are very active in preaching and soul winning.

10. Branch Sabbath Schools. The division has also voted that beginning in 1983 a plan called Evangelism Conquest will be put into action. This plan has three dimensions. The first is entering. New areas where there are no Adventists will be entered with the message. The second is multiplication. During the next three years the goal is

for every church member to win at least one soul for Christ. And the third is division. The church will be encouraged to divide and form new churches and groups.

If we want to be a part of the One Thousand Days of Reaping, we must begin now, if we have not done so already to lay large plans to carry the story of salvation "to every man's door."

If we are to be on fire for God, if we are to be fired by the zeal of gospel evangelism, we must put our plans into action. The purpose of any education, any information is action. Every church, every church member, must be motivated to do something for God. The time is now. Today is the day for action.

"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 plough, 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 delcare the message of present truth. Many such men 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 Family Budget

by P.A. Parks, Director of Stewardship Canadian Union Conference

Just how important is it to operate your home on a budget? Some have said, "We never operate on a budget, and we have always gotten along all right." Perhaps some have the ability to manage home financial matters without a budget, but the vast majority do not. Many don't know how much better things could operate at home if they would work out a good budget and stay within it. We need to know, or, at least, to have a good estimate of what our family income is going to be. We can set out a budget based on this knowledge. A budget will give us direction and prevent spending beyond our means, and the burden of debt.

The expenses of a family need to be matched with the income. By setting aside specific amounts for specific anticipated needs, the family can operate on a secure base without going into debt. Every family should have financial goals and work as a unit to accomplish those goals.

The Word of God is very clear when it says that we should lay solid plans before we buy or build.

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Luke 14:28-30, NIV

In our Family Finance Seminar we give seven good reasons for a family budget. I will list them here for your consideration:

- Gives direction to family goals.
   Places controls on spending.
- 3. Provides needed discipline.
- 4. Puts system into giving to God.5. Provides for the unexpected.
- 6. Unites the family in planning and decision-making.
- 7. Assists you in managing what God gives you.

Money is either a useful servant or a terrible master. The key to financial success is to tell your money where to go, not to try to figure out where it went. A realistic budget will help you to do just that.

A budget properly planned and used won't enslave you. In fact, it will set you free. It doesn't take money away from you. It gives you more money to use for what you want. It helps you to know where you stand and what progress you are making toward your goals. As someone has said, "A budget helps you get a handle on the urge to splurge!"

If you are not operating on a family budget now, why not give it a try? Start to keep records of your income and expenditures. If you need help, contact your local conference stewardship director, or some other Christian friend who has experience in this area.

The church is only as strong as the families that make up the church. Families who are well-organized and operate on a budget make for a well-organized and strong church budget as well. Our God wants to prosper His people and His church. May God bless you as you plan and operate your family budget.

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#### **News Briefs**

On April 3, Calgary church school students with their teacher, Mrs. Nita Yuros, participated in the Vegreville Sabbath School by giving the mission report and special music.

After a Ukrainian Fellowship dinner, they conducted a musical program that was enjoyed by members from the Innisfree, Vegreville and Beauvallon churches.

Joseph Elkow and Cameron Koronko were ordained as local elders and Metro Eluik and Kenneth Elkow as deacons.

Participating in the ordination were Pastor William Wigley, Pastor Peter Samograd, and Dr. Lee Farrow.

# Vegreville Baptism

On March 24 another precious soul took her stand for the Lord. Mrs. Paul Werezuk was baptized by Pastor P. Samograd. There wasn't a dry eye in the congregation as Anne gave her testimony. She said that when her husband's twin brother, Peter, passed away almost 2½ years ago the family life style began to change. Her son, Daniel, studied with Pastor Ron Dorchuk and was baptized within a year. She studied Dan's literature and material that Pastor Dorchuk brought for the family till he moved away and Pastor Samograd continued the studies.

Anne told of her fight against tobacco, alcohol, habit-forming drugs, illness, desion, etc., and how she gained the victory through prayer. She praises God for the marvelous way He has led her.



Pastor Peter Samograd baptizing Anne Werezuk.

# Five Baptized at Sylvan Lake

Invitation

The 75th anniversary of the

Edmonton Central Seventh-day

Adventist Church will be celebrated

October 8, 9 and 10, 1982.

The members extend a formal

invitation to you to be present and

recall with us God's leading

through the years.

If you plan to attend, please

contact us at the following address:

Edmonton Central S.D.A. Church

10131 - 111th Avenue

Edmonton, Alberta T5G 0B5

It was a high day for the Sylvan Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church on April 10, when 5 people made their total commitment before the Lord and in the presence of the church members by joining the church family through baptism.

Local church members devoted their time for Bible studies.

At the time this article is being prepared for release, six church families are having Bible studies with six new interested families. Three Dukane projectors with the Encounter series Bible study guides are in constant use.

The 5 newly baptized members accepted Christ as their personal Saviour because they were "loved" into the church. Norm and Donna Atkins have both said that if you want to be loved, visit the Sylvan Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Stan Gallant, Pastor Sylvan Lake



Left to right: Andrew Halvorson, Shelley Halvorson, Verna Lee, and Donna and Norman Atkins.



Left to right: Pastor William Wigley, M. Eluik, P. Samograd, Dr. Lee Farrow, J. Elkow, C. Koronko.

## **Dedication at Korean Church**



Pastor S.W. Park, left, officiated at a special service at Edmonton's Korean church when five babies were dedicated to the Lord.



# Unclean! — Conclusion

by G.D. Strunk, Director, Adventist Health Ministries

The position of these four articles has been that the distinction between clean and unclean which has existed from before the flood and probably since the fall of Adam was not removed by Christ or the apostles. The classification of unclean meats is not Jewish. It both antedates and postdates the period of Jewish privilege. But I must explain why we do not take the apparent face value of certain New Testament texts.

This article considers briefly Romans 14 in conjunction with I Corinthians 8 and 10. I do not pretend that these passages do not pose a problem, but I would suggest that their proper understanding cannot be fully grasped from a one-time reading. The two lines in Romans 14 that cause the problem are verse 14, "I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean." And verse 20 "All things indeed are clean, but they are evil to the man who eats and gives offense." Those two texts along with I Corinthians 10:25, "Eat anything that is sold in a meat market, without asking questions for conscience sake;" could easily by themselves lead one to abandon the distinction of unclean and eat anything. So why shouldn't

The most important statement I can make at this point is, "Every statement in Scripture has its context." It has the context of the verses around it. It has the context of the whole chapter, then of the whole book and lastly the context of the whole Bible itself. The New Testament context includes Peter's great surprise in Acts 10 at the command to kill and eat anything in the great sheet let down, his refusal to believe it literally, and then his subsequent interpretation. This shows that in three-and-a-half years of association with Peter, Jesus never led them to believe in the removal of unclean meat. Nor did the Holy Spirit give such instruction through this vision. What then could Paul be talking about in Romans 14?

Let's make two observations. **Number One** – There is a parallel between Romans 14 and I Corinthians 8 and 10. And **Number Two** – The real issue at stake is the relationship of food to salvation, and judging each other's acceptance with God in relation to such food behaviour.

Number One-Food Offered to Idols

The parallel between Romans 14 and I Corinthians 8 can be seen in such descrip-

tions as "weak in faith," Romans 14:1 and a "weak conscience," I Corinthians 8:7. These individuals were fearful of eating meat and therefore ate vegetables only. But why were they fearful of eating meat? This we see in a moment! In both passages the practical instruction was to walk charitably so as to not cause a brother to stumble by their freedom, Romans 14:15, I Corinthians 8:11-13 and 10:32, 33.

One assumption must be made. The word "unclean" is not used in I Corinthians 8 and 10; nor are "idols" mentioned in Romans 14. But after careful study it is obvious that the issue in both books is the same so that those who are weak in faith are fearful of eating meat sold in Gentile markets for fear it might have been offered to idols and thus render it unclean both by the idol and the Gentile world. Ever remember that the Judaizers (Jewish Christians) followed Paul wherever he developed a new church. While they may have done much good they also did harm in attempting to infuse some of the Jewish exclusivism through circumcision, Gentile uncleanness, observance of legalistic Jewish ritual and holy days.

The capsule lesson of I Corinthians 8 and 10 is that the offering of an animal in sacrifice to an idol does not affect the meat or the flesh, so eat it. An idol is simply a carved stick (big stick) or rock. Of course that's easy for a Christian, especially a Hebrew Christian to understand but not for

an ex-idol worshipper.

We must remember to exercise great sympathy for persons coming out of idol worship. These may be the most sincere, loyal, conscientious persons faithfully believing all that wise men have taught them about the idols teachings. But offering an animal to an idol doesn't make the meat unclean, Romans 14. The idol has no effect upon the meat. The person who doesn't understand this is the one who is "weak in faith," someone who still thinks there is a spirit behind this big piece of wood. He hasn't yet grasped the knowledge that the idol is powerless even though it exerts a power over him; as a result of his training he is therefore "weak in faith." You see faith is not just the capacity to believe. Biblical faith provides and requires a correct knowledge of the nature of things. This frees a person to rise above the worship of natural forces or nature's forces.

Incidentally, there are people today in

modern "scientific" cultures who don't worship a spirit behind a carved stick but they obey a carved concept. Out of a trust in "knowledgeable" men behind a body of theory sculptured by men their lives are ordered. And even though the theory is erroneous it holds a captivating significance to its believers. These are weak in faith. They find it hard to shake loose from the respect of those they have revered from infancy. They are fearful to venture forth onto the platform of Biblical faith and behold Him who is the origin and sustainer of nature's forces. These people often entertain weird ideas about religion. It is our job to gently extricate them from their superstitions and try to get them to critically examine the logical reality of our world.

Let's come back more directly to our topic. If eating meat offered to idols is the concern of Romans 14 then flesh is rendered "unclean" only if one thinks it is, because he still holds a lingering respect for

the power of the idol.

An interesting irony is that we are really only talking about clean meats, but from clean animals that have been offered to idols and thus thought to become unclean. Because certain statements are made in a Biblical context some things are not even under consideration. The Jew and the early Christian don't even consider unclean flesh as food. When He says you can eat anything He is thinking of beef, sheep, goats, camel whether or not it's been offered to idols. If someone were to ask "Can we eat mouse or horse or pig," they would respond with, "Oh not!, Of course not! Those aren't even up for discussion."

#### **Food and Salvation**

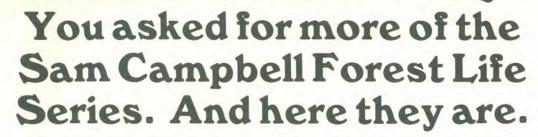
It is important for us to remember that through the centuries men and women have been saved for the Kingdom of Heaven while eating snails, squid, dogs as well as buffalo and grasshoppers. "The Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking" Romans 14:17. From a salvation standpoint it might even be said that all meat is clean; pigs, frogs and walrus just like beef, sheep and salmon.

Here is the crux of understanding this passage. We must look through their superstitious eyes. They felt that eating either clean meat offered to an idol OR eating what was Biblically unclean could somehow affect one so that he was all evil inside even if he didn't know he had eaten it. He was now defiled; held in disfavour

with God.

Attributing such power to the elements of earth misrepresents the nature of salvation and God's redemptive power. Food does not have that power. In that sense nothing is unclean. It is all clean. Food can't sever one's connection with God. But making such a statement to clarify the relationship of food and salvation does not remove the long standing distinction

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# **Up-Date Ecumenism**

### **The Canadian Perspective**

by D. Douglas Devnich, Ed.D., Director, Department of Public Affairs

The first Canadian Christian Festival convened in Ottawa, Canada, May 20-24. Its objective was to unite the various Christian denominations in Canada in exploring fresh ways of proclaiming Christ to the world. Intrigued by the topic, and with a concern for knowing what relationship the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada shall hold with reference to other Christian bodies, my family was in attendance in an observer capacity. We joined the nearly 10,000 Canadian Christians of various persuasions who were in attendance.

In a key seminar, the Reverend Hugh Rose, a minister of the United Church of Canada and a member of the Faith & Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, gave a report on the advance of ecumenism and its implications for Christians in Canada.

Rose compared the progress of ecumenism to his own recent experience in the Peruvian Mountains, while attending the recent Faith & Order Commission meetings in Lima, Peru. On one occasion, he and several companions engaged in a walk upward on a mountain path. It was hard-going and yet, the summit appeared to be attainable. Then they rounded a corner and faced the last stretch reaching to the top of the mountain. It was at that time, knowing the last climb would be difficult in the rarefied upper-altitude air, they had to decide whether or not to proceed. They decided to move on. It was a painful climb; with oxygen diminished, it required the optimum of physical exertion. Finally, however, they made the summit.

In this context, Rose views the ecumenical movement today at that point. The last stretch is before us; it will be tough going, yet the top is achievable. It is now, opined Rose, that we will discover either that the churches can make it to unity, or that God is satisfied that we remain where we are.

Rose views that arising from the session in Peru, ecumenists see that the mainline Protestant and Roman Catholic churches do find consensus on doctrinal questions, but that there still remains "dissensus" (sic) on questions of how Christians should live in practical dimensions – lifestyle. It is at this point that Christian churches face the last stretch of painful and serious effort. However, when consensus is achieved on Christian lifestyle and practice the result will be spiritual renewal for the participating churches.

The Faith & Order Commission agreed that as ecumenists view the future, they must see that in the world today there are only two "churches." Those two entities are not as would be expected, Catholic and Protestant, but rather (1) the Church of the status quo, and (2) the church of the dispossessed. Rose interprets the identification of these newly characterized groups as (a) the essentially affluent christians of the European and western cultures, and (b) the indigenous christian peoples of thirdworld countries who are beleaguered by poverty, racism, political upheaval, and other social disadvantages. Thus the prevailing question in the ecumenical movement is: Shall God be permitted to work through humanity to bridge the gap between the two "churches?"

Closer to home and in the broad sense. Rose asks, "Do Christians today have the capacity to formulate new concepts of community?" The meaning of it all is that the pure test of one's Christianity and his or her eligibility to share in the ecumenical spirit may well revolve around his or her willingness to get away from denominationalism so that all the Christian peoples of the world in their maturity may celebrate the eucharist together without reference to peculiar differences or denominational and social codes. In summary, Rose pastorally gueries, "Can we in Jesus Christ become one body? We will feel pain in pursuing that goal, but I believe we can

The official document coming from the Faith & Order Commission is entitled Baptism, Eucharist, Ministry. This piece of consensus on the part of member churches of the World Council of Churches, calls for Christians to recognize the authenticity of the varieties of ministries which exist in the various churches. Further, it is advised that ministerial ordination in the churches must be recognized as equally valid in all.

In another group session at the Canadian Christian Festival in Ottawa, Archbishop Ted Scott, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, offered his assessment of ecumenism. In the context of Canada, he justified the ecumenical movement on the basis that it is an open pilgrimage of people with different backgrounds moving toward unity. It is a forum where we can challenge each other with a deep respect for each other.

In response to a question relating to the

place of evangelical churches in the ecumenical process, Scott reported that the Canadian Council of Churches is currently laying plans for the inclusion of the evangelical arm of Christianity in the ecumenical discussions. This is anticipation that the movement will grow into something larger than the present Canadian Council of Churches.

Current developments and existing attitudes within the ecumenical movement must continue to be of interest to Seventh-day Adventists. It is not a matter either, of opting out of the "interest pool" by reasoning that the relevant discussions will be taking place in the United States and in other countries of the world. Be assured, that Canadian churches are keenly involved in ecumenism. In fact, the Assembly Meeting of the World Council of Churches is scheduled for Vancouver, B.C. in 1983.

Since Pope John Paul II and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, kissed each other on predominantly Anglican soil, on May 29, 1982, Canadians, along with other world peoples have been propelled forward into the last stretch toward global church unity. Soon, in my interpretation of views exchanged at the Christian Festival in Ottawa, the criterion of acceptable Christian faith will be whether or not a church is willing to align itself with ecumism in order to demonstrate brotherhood and compassion for the dispossessed. Those who would exclude themselves from unity with other faiths, may well be judged to be unconcerned for those who suffer in the world.

#### Fund available for Public Health Students

Word comes from Dr. Andrew Haynal, Dean of the School of Health, Loma Linda University, that a student loan fund has been established to help meet the financial needs of students who wish to pursue the study of public health.

If there are individuals in the union who have considered studying public health at Loma Linda but did not pursue the possibility because of financial problems, now is the time to communicate with the School of Health. Write: Admissions Office, School of Health, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California 92350, or use the toll-free number 800-854-5661, ext. 4577.

# **Ordereio**MacVarish Heads Publishing

The literature workers in Ontario and the conference office staff have recently welcomed Ewen MacVarish to the publishing department leadership in Ontario. He comes with an excellent record of leadership in the British Columbia Conference where he served for 5½ years prior to this move.

Having begun his ministry in eastern Ontario as a literature evangelist and then serving as assistant publishing director assigned to the Eastern District, Brother MacVarish is well known to many of our people, particularly in eastern Ontario. As he moves about in our churches, I know that many others will be blessed by this dedicated leader in our publishing work.

There are four children in the MacVarish family. Deirdre, 21, is a student at Walla Walla College. Duncan, 20, and Alasdair, 18 are located at Gem State Academy in Idaho, Cheryl, age 18 is employed in Toronto. Brother and Sister MacVarish hope to move their home to the Oshawa area early this summer thus completing their transfer.

Understanding, as we do, the spiritual issues facing earth's inhabitants, the scattering of our literature across the land into the homes of the people becomes an urgent matter. Believing that the Lord has led Brother MacVarish to Ontario "for such a time as this" we solicit your prayers and support for the new director of our publishing work in Ontario.



Mr. and Mrs. Ewen MacVarish

#### **Suiters Leave Ontario**

Elder Suiter has given dedicated service to the Ontario Conference as treasurer for the past 6 years. He has recently accepted a similar post in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. Elder and Mrs. Suiter leave a host of friends in Ontario who wish them all of God's choicest blessings at their new post of duty.

G.W. Morgan, President

#### Sabbath School Community Guest Day at Hamilton East

Sabbath, April 20 will long be remembered. The Church witnessed the presence of a large number of guests from the community on Guest Day including the Mayor of Hamilton and his wife and other dignitaries.

Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, a devoted worker from the community was chosen to receive the special award. In her response, Mrs. Thomas said, "This day enriches my life and inspires me toward continuous community involvement." Mayor Powell said he was pleased with the work and high standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was honoured to be a part of the day's activities.

Pastor E.R. Bacchus' inspiring message was entitled, "The Touch of the Master's Hand." Pastors Coleman and P.F. Lemon told of the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church locally and worldwide.

Mrs. D. Coleman



Mrs. Janice Jamison, Sabbath School Secretary presents the plaque to Mrs. Dorothy Thomas.

## **Evangelistic Crusade** and Baptism in Sarnia

The Samia Church praises the Lord for His blessings on the series of meetings held from February 27 to March 29 by Pastor Robert Collar. Pastor Collar's inspiring messages were enjoyed by all, as well as the musical talents of the Collar family displayed on the family's fine collection of unusual instruments. Mrs. Collar's chalk drawings were a highlight each evening for young and old alike.

Following the crusade, Pastor George Ivkov held two baptisms. In the first baptism, six souls gave their lives entirely to their Saviour – Joanne Chipman, Becky Laviolette, Laurie Lucas, Carol Ogilvie, Betty Willock and John Yarkovsky. A second baptism was held the following Sabbath with Dale Buchner and Patti Quinn making their public commitment to their Lord. We thank God for these new members and the revival that came as a result of this crusade.

Faye Horricks, Correspondent Sarnia SDA Church

#### Branch Sabbath School Started in Midland

A branch Sabbath School has been started by the Barrie, Ontario Seventh-day Adventist Church in Midland, following a short and successful evangelistic campaign conducted by Charles Buursma, Ontario Conference Evangelist. Seven persons were baptized at the conclusion of the meetings, and an additional seven are studying each Sabbath morning together with the members living in the area. Dr. E.R. Camunias and Pastor H.G. Fischbacher are leading out in this outreach, which has about 20 people meeting weekly.

This Sabbath School starts at 10:00 a.m. and is being held at the Athenian Hall, Second and Dominion Streets in Midland, on the shores of the beautiful Georgian Bay. An invitation to attend is extended to anyone visiting in the area this summer.



Pastor H.G. Fischbacher welcomes the newly baptized members: Karen Pond, Sarah Camunias, Janet Graham, Hilda Edwards, Marvin Graham, Linda and Darryl Bean.

# Two Baptized at Yugoslavian Church

A special Sabbath at the Toronto Yugoslavian Church was the day Darinka Ivanovic and Marta Cristea, both of Montreal, decided to follow their Lord to the baptismal waters. They speak neither English or French. They had studied the Voice of Prophecy lessons in their native tongue, Romanian. They had been attending the SDA Westmount Church, but not understanding much at all. The members did their best to communicate with them.

One Sabbath Pastor Miroslav Kis went to the Westmount Church to visit, later he was introduced to these two ladies. He could communicate with them in the Yugoslavian language. Every other Sabbath Pastor Kis would go to the Westmount Church and teach Sister Ivanovic and Sister Cristea the different points of doctrine in Yugoslavian during the sermon.

When their decision for baptism was made it was decided that Sisters Ivanovic and Cristea be baptized in the Toronto Yugoslavian Church by Pastor Kis, where they could understand the whole service on their special day. May the Lord bless them in their new life with Christ.

Kim Marsanic

## Sudbury Seminar Baptizes Seventeen

The most important thing a person should know before the end comes is, "That Christ IS coming," and "What price the love of God for those that choose to follow him." These were the comments from those who recently demonstrated the act of public commitment when they were baptized during the New Life Crusade in Sudbury.

The crusade was set to begin on March 19 with guest speaker Lester Camey. Starting things off on March 13, a ceremony of dedication was held – presenting five precious souls to the Lord – Philip and Camille Courshene, David and Daniel

Rosseau, and Lori Belanger.

Two weeks into a well-attended crusade, a combined dedication and baptism service included four more children presented to the Lord, while four adults made their commitment in baptism on April 10. Geoffrey Lusanga and Roger Courshene were baptized with the husband and wife team of Louis and Line Berthiaume. Preceding this service was the dedication of the Berthiaume children, Ghislain and Christianne, and their cousins, Chantal and Tina.

Evidence of the conviction by the Holy Spirit was seen at the meetings as twenty-five candidates took their stand for Christ and requested baptism. Eleven were baptize on April 17.

Steven McEwen, Joseph Groulx, Joelle Duchesne, Helen Luscombe, Mary Ann and Morris Gawalko, Wayne McLaughlin, Rhonda Lovelace, Robert and Joanne Badgerow and the daughter of our pastor, Sherilyn Schlehuber, were warmly welcomed into the church family.

As Joyce Mathis and Desiree McGann stepped into the baptistry May 1, they too claimed the promise, "To all who receive Him, who believe in His name, He gave power to become children of God." John 1:12.

Laurie Lovelace

### From Thunder Bay

On Sabbath, May 29, 1982, Pastor D.J. Donesky baptized Judy Roffey and Carol Roffey in the Thunder Bay South Church. Their sister, Mrs. Jean May, church clerk, was very happy to sign the baptism certificates as she welcomed her two sisters into God's family.

If you're in the Thunder Bay vicinity on July 30, 31 and August 1 – then you're welcome to attend our annual camp meeting at Camp Cloud Lake. Lodging is free with reasonably priced nourishing vegetarian meals.

Don't miss our annual Youth Camp. Ages 8-14 years from July 23 to 30, 1982.

#### V.O.P. Library Needs Books

Books of many types are needed by the library at the Voice of Prophecy. Among the reference works sought are: commentaries, both sets and individual volumes on specific books of the Bible; theological books of all kinds; anthologies of classic poetry; and books on every era and type of history – ancient, modern, church, Jewish, history of theology, history of philosophy, etc.

Also needed are Greek and Hebrew editions of the Old and New Testaments, as well as Greek and Hebrew grammars and lexicons (except Brown, Driver, and Briggs).

The want list of Bibles includes the New International Version, the New American Standard Version, the Jerusalem Bible, the American Bible, the New World Translation, and the Parallel Bible (Old and New Testament in four versions).

Donated books that are not needed by the VOP will be sold to raise funds for additional reference works.

All gifts of books should be sent by parcel post "special fourth class – book rate" to: Library, Voice of Prophecy, Box 2525, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

### Fourteen Speakers at C.A.A. Week of Prayer

During the spring Week of Prayer at Crawford Adventist Academy fourteen pastors from all over metropolitan Toronto spoke to the students. Each grade from kindgergarten to eight enjoyed having a special speaker to talk to them for the entire week. Students in the high school had a different pastor speak to each grade every day except Friday, which was reserved for response and discussion.

Students were much involved during the week planning and executing the song service, special music, and prayer. Enthusiastic discussion was generated by the topics with the youth fully participating.

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between clean and unclean based on health.

Once an individual has given their life to Christ they have only begun a long, long educational process that begins extricating them from the grossest of sins. First they are liberated from cannibalism, exploitation of women, gutteral brutishness. We show them God's Holy Law that calls them to a higher standard of no stealing, adultery or idol worship. Eventually we show them the sacredness of their body and mind so they desire to abuse them no longer with tobacco, alcohol, drugs, unclean meat, spices and excesses.

In these last days God has unveiled a fuller understanding of what is required of His people; not just the command of a proof text (which is often missing) but an implied command through revealing the TREND of God's restorative process. Once we capture the direction towards which His instruction tends we see unfolding before us God's compelling ideal for man, and we aspire to reach it. Thus we use the whole Bible as our textbook in all its historic richness rather than an isolated text here and there which are but a statement to clarify local time-limited issues.

# Fourteen Added to Church in Agincourt



Fourteen members were added to the Agincourt congregation through baptism on Sabbath, March 27, at the Scarborough SDA Church on Poplar Road.

These baptisms are the results of joint efforts by both the Agincourt members and the pastors.

Prior to the baptismal ceremony at which Pastor Eustace Henry and Pastor Clyde Cassimy officiated, Pastor Cassimy challenged the candidates to go with Christ as they take up His cross, and as they go invite others to join with them.

Among the newly baptized were a father and his four children, and the Heavens family of three sisters.

Gracy Baptiste, Correspondent Agincourt SDA Church

Seated in front of the newly baptized candidates are from left to right, Pastor Eustace Henry, First Elder, Bertram Swaby, and Pastor Clyde Cassimy.



# When Are Most People Responsive to the Gospel? Part III

by W.R. Bornstein, Ministerial Dept. Canadian Union Conference

We have already seen in the first two articles of this series that changes in a person's life situation resulting from moving, changing jobs, changing marital status, etc., tend to break down previously established patterns of lifestyle and relationships with their family and friends. To that individual the new relationships and lifetyles which still lie ahead in this period of transition are often unknown and likely to be quite weak. It is at this time that the Holy Spirit is often able to bring people into a new relationship with God and with others. The heart is more susceptible to evangelistic persuasion. As that individual moves into the church, he also finds a new "selfdefining group affiliation" to take the place of the old relationships which have been broken by changes in his life situation.

The greater the degree of change, the greater is the psychological stress. The intensity of these experiences have been assigned specific numerical values so as to qualify in some way their effect in the Receptivity-Rating Scale developed by Thomas H. Holmes.

In the work of the survey the experience of 720 people was studied. They were categorized as (1) converts – those now active church members, (2) dropouts – those who joined a church but had since become inactive, and (3) non-converts – those who never responded to the Christian message or became church members.

The results of the survey revealed some interesting patterns.

Converts - These came from the ranks of those who had experienced the greatest change. In fact only three of the 240 converts came from the five groups which experienced the least change. Over 80 percent of the converts came from the five groups which had experienced the greatest change.

**Dropouts** – These came from the five groups which experienced more change, but the percentage was lower. Sixty-four percent of the dropouts came from the five groups which had experienced more change, while only 36 percent of the dropouts came from the five groups which had experienced less change.

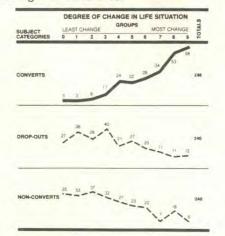
**Non-converts** – The people of this group were as might be expected. Sixty-eight percent came from the five groups which had experienced less change, while only 32 percent of the non-converts came from the five groups which experienced more change. Dr. Flavil Yeakley, who reported the research, put it this way: "The

data makes it clear that the more change a person has recently experienced in his life situation, the more likely he is to be receptive to evangelistic persuasion. People with little change in their life situation are less likely to convert and more likely to drop out if they do convert." Please note the graph accompanying this article.

What are the implications of this study? Let us consider four areas where it might be

First, the younger person – The greatest degree of change in the typical Canadian's life comes by the time the individual reaches 30, and it is especially focused between high school graduation and 30. These years are particularly important if we are to target our evangelistic thrust to reach the non-churched person.

The years from 30 to 45 are usually quite stable in terms of life situation. This may be a major reason why many people who are converted do so below the age of 30, and few people are converted between the ages of 30 and 45.



**Second, the older person** – At around 45 to 50 years of age comes another important time of change. At that period of a person's life the children have now grown up and usually leave home. A major transition also takes place at 60 to 65 when people retire. Later in life, there is a period of change when the individual experiences the death of a spouse. Close to half of the stress points on the Holmes scale are events which are typically experienced after the age of 50.

Our churches have youth programs, but perhaps there should also be more effort to have programs specializing in working with older people experiencing such periods of transition. Older people today are often left without the close relationships of family and friends who previously made up their "reference groups." Their "patterns of dissatisfaction" are the kind that can also make them likely subjects for evangelism.

Third, the changing community—In certain communities the degree of change taking place in the life situations of those who live there is much greater on the average than in others. For example, older and more stable communities are less likely to be witnessing as much change in the lives of the people who live there than in new, growing communities. People who have just moved into a community have not yet had time to put down their roots. They are for this very reason more likely to be receptive to evangelistic persuasion than those who have lived in one place for many years.

Fourth, the method of outreach—
It is in this area that perhaps we find the most significant implications from the findings of the research. It is interesting also in the light of the fact that part of the Faith Action Advance program presently being stressed by our North American Division urges that we work with people through their "felt needs."

Look at the Holmes stress scale again. Notice how many of those items – particularly the major ones – are related to the family. Seventy-five percent of the points in the Holmes scale are directly related to the family itself. There is a great deal of emphasis in the writings of Ellen G. White about the family's needs, and we are told: "The circle of family and neighbourhood duties is the very first field of effort for those who would work for the uplifting of their fellow men." Ministry of Healing, p. 351.

People who are not yet interested in learning how to save their souls are often interested in learning how to save their marriages and their homes. They will more likely attend a weekend workshop on family life when they would never attend an evangelistic meeting, because their family problems are their "felt need." If a genuine interest is shown in them at this point of their lives, later on they may become very real candidates for evangelism.

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#### Saskatoon Central Centennial Celebrations

This year marks one hundred years since pioneers first trekked westward to establish a temperance colony on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River in what was then the Northwest Territory. Since that first settlement in 1882 when settlers wintered in tents set up beside the river, Saskatoon's population has grown to over 150,000.

The Saskatoon Central Church has chosen to participate in several ways to mark its interest in the city's centennial celebrations. Earlier this year Saskatoon churches of all denominations were invited to create and submit banners to an all-faith convocation held in the Centennial Auditorium, Saskatoon's largest convocation centre. Each banner submitted was to depict some distinguishing aspect or belief of the church it represented.

The Central Church chose to portray Christ's second coming along with a local landmark, the Bessborough Hotel, a castle-like structure located on the west bank of the South Saskatchewan River. Dawn Gray, a student at Saskatoon Junior Academy, designed the banner. Ruth Bodrug, Helen Koleada and Barbara Raney constructed it.

A special centennial "history" Sabbath was held April 24. In addition to marking Saskatoon's 100 years, 1982 also is the 75th anniversary of the organization of the SDA church in Saskatchewan, the 50th anniversary of the organization of the city's first SDA congregation, and the 30th anniversary of the groundbreaking of the Central Church's building.

Special Century Saskatoon certificates in recognition of good citizenship and outstanding service to the community were awarded to seven who have been members of the Central Church for many years.

#### Sabbath School Workshops Held Across Conference

Mrs. Hazel Todd, a producer of Sabbath School teaching aids, provided excellent materials and ideas to some 120 Sabbath School teachers and leaders across Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. In six centrally located communities she gave teachers personal instruction on how to reach the hearts and minds of children. She demonstrated the step-by-step process on how to use songs, stories, pictures and personal take-home items to create interest and commitment.

The teachers and leaders received careful instruction on how to prepare economical teaching materials.

Robert Schafer, Director Sabbath School Department

# Volunteers Beautify Kamsack Church

What can be done with \$2,000? This was the question asked by the members of the Kamsack Church. Four or five years ago a small church was set on a basement and enough work done on it to make it usable. How happy everyone was to have a place of worship! However, there was much work that still needed to be done. The members felt it was time to finish their church and make it representative. Now a beautiful little church witnesses to the glory of God with less than \$2,000 spent. Nick Mandzuk, John Dagmar, Mike Mandzuk and others worked hard and their support was greatly appreciated.

L. Lee Patterson, Pastor Kamsack Church

### **Baby Dedication**



Sabbath, May 8, was the happy scene of the dedication of Amanda Colleen to the glory of God at the Transcona Seventh-day Adventist Church in Winnipeg. Robert and Patricia Ivany presented their most precious gift to Jesus with the determination to guide this young life to walk on the path of eternal life.



Nick Mandzuk, top, assisted by John Dagmar work on church roof.

# First Annual Music Festival A Big Success!

One hundred and thirty students from church schools throughout the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference met in Regina recently to share their musical talents with church members and the public.

Weekend services featured school bands from Regina, Rosthern and Winnipeg and choirs from Yorkton, Winnipeg and Saskatoon. A mass band and choir, directed by Reo Ganson of Canadian Union College, capped the day's program and brought the Sabbath to a conclusion for over 250 members and friends.

A secular musical program Sabbath evening with a full array of musical numbers and choir selections was attended by about 400 people in a Regina high school auditorium.

Dennis Wilson



Band and choral groups presented "For the Beauty of the Earth" directed by R. Ganson of C.U.C.

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**Baptisms at Westmount** 

During the past six months several have found Christ as their personal Saviour and have been baptized and become members of God's Remnant Church. In almost every case the one baptized was first contacted by a layman.

Let us look at the experience of Sister Marie Rathier. Marie, in her early fifties, was brought by her social worker to a nursing home owned by Sister Violet Allen. Marie was very sick and had difficulty in walking. With proper food, care and prayers Maria's health quickly improved. Marie took an interest in the Bible and Andre Beyde studied with Marie to prepare her for baptism. Marie was eager to learn about God's plan of salvation. For years she had looked for a church which taught the Bible and now she was sure she had found the true church. When Pastor Wavne Martin questioned Marie regarding her beliefs, she delivered a sermonette on every topic.

In a short time Marie made many friends in the Westmount Church and all could see she was a born again Christian.

About ten days after her baptism, Marie was found dead in her apartment. This was a very sad experience for the church.

Marie now sleeps in Jesus, awaiting the call of her Saviour on the resurrection morning.

J.H. Whalley





Pictured are some of those baptized at Westmount with J.H. Whalley.

# british columbia

## **Chilliwack Cooking School**

Never before in Chilliwack have we experienced such an interest while conducting the Nature's Best Nutrition Seminar as about 70 people attended.

Mrs. Veda Maxson BA, Home Economist, who conducted the Seminar with outstanding skill and enthusiasm, accepted invitations to present this Seminar in 10 countries. Lectures, films, discussion, graphs, and of course tasting the samples of the international dishes were some of the highlights of every session. This Seminar specialized in presenting international vegetarian dishes, and we were tasting delicious samples we had never seen or tasted before.

## We Need You in B.C.

Are you a missionary? Do you have a pioneer spirit? Are you ready to accept the call of Jesus? Being a missionary does not necessarily mean going to a foreign country like Africa or South America or to some south sea island. It means spreading God's Word right in the country where you live — in your town or neighbourhood. Sometimes it may mean moving to a different community. It may mean a sacrifice or two to help spread God's Word. It might mean giving up the smog for the clean, pure air of the country. It might mean giving up a stressful situation to one where the living is slow and easy and being able to get out into

nature to see things as God intended. Some might call this a sacrifice; I call it intelligent thinking.

We need men and women to make this choice. Men and women whose commitment to God is supreme and whose lives reflect His image, who by their lives say Jesus is living in me and I want to spread His Word by Bible studies, evangelism and a living example.

The pioneers of this church would move to a town, buy a farm or business, then have tent meetings, give Bible studies, and soon have a small company of believers meeting every Sabbath. Then the cycle would be repeated and God's Word was spread in this manner.

this manner.

If you have a vision like this, the small churches and companies of British Columbia need you. Those of you who are retired and want to live in the country and have a vision of helping finish God's work, we need you. Retired ministers, teachers, Bible workers, farmers, doctors, dentists, mechanics, anyone who wants to be a missionary — the small churches and companies need you!

James L. Sutton



The group of participants in Nature's Best Nutrition Seminar, held at Chilliwack, B.C.

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# maritime

### Five Added to Halifax Church

The churches in metropolitan Halifax and Dartmouth in particular were pleased to have Elder Lawton G. Lowe, president of the Maritime Conference, conduct a series of evangelistic meetings. He was supported by pastors Ken Corkum, Luke Fessenden, and E.V. Richards.

During those meetings, March 20 to April 17, the Lord blessed us with fine weather and good attendance.

About half-way through the series, Elder Lowe was interviewed on The Steve Murphy Show on CJCH for two hours. The Sabbath topic was among those discussed and in the most courteous and loving christian manner, Elder Lowe answered every question with a "Thus saith the Lord." Many callers expressed their appreciation for the enlightenment. It is our hope that the gospel has reached many who otherwise never would have heard it.

As a culmination of the meetings, the Halifax church baptized five precious souls on May 8. Many relatives and friends of those baptized visited the Adventist church for the first time. The service was followed by a fellowship dinner. Someone summed it up nicely by saying that, "Truly, it was a day of delight." Further baptisms are planned for June 12 and July 10.

E.V. Richards, Pastor



Halifax Baptism - left to right Pastor Richards, Robert Wright, Danny Slaunwhite, Margeline Holding, Sylvia Slaunwhite, Patty Longard.

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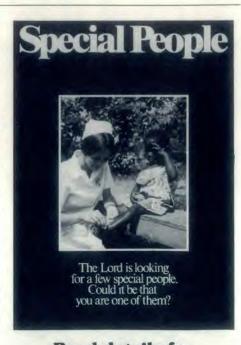
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# WEDDING

#### DOBROSKAY - SLY

Desmond Bruce Dobroskay and Cynthia Pearl Sly were united in marriage on May 9, 1982 at the Saskatoon Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. Cindy was attended by Candace Yakimenko, Susan Jones, Kerri Rosen, Sherry Dobroskay and Sharilynn McPhail. Flower girl was Wendy Sly.

Des was attended by Arnold Dobroskay, Darren Dobroskay, George Summach and Danny Servetnyk. Bible boy was Devon Vaughn. Ken Schander, pastor of the Central Church, officiated at the ceremony.

Des and Cindy will make their home in Saskatoon. May God be present each day as they establish their Christian home together.

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#### MACRAE - FALCONBRIDGE

On May 9, 1982 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hamilton Mountain SDA Church, Mrs. Beatrice Falconbridge and Mr. Ralph MacRae exchanged wedding vows in the presence of God, family and friends. The bride was attended by her daughter, Marion Jones, as matron of honour. Ushers for the occasion were David and Paul Falconbridge, sons of the bride. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her

son, John Falconbridge.

The groom was attended by his son, Malcolm MacRae, as best man. Pastor Eric Juriansz officiated at the afternoon ceremony. Following the service, family and friends gathered in the church parlour for a lovely reception. May God richly bless Ralph and Beatrice as they make their home in Burlington, Ontario.

Yolanda M. Polzer Hamilton Mtn. SDA Church

#### **CRAWFORD - JONES**

The wedding of Dorothy Jones and Elvin Crawford, both of Red Deer, Alberta, was held in the Victoria SDA Church, B.C. on April 18, 1982. Pastor Lynn Baerg officiated.

The bride was a past member of the Victoria Church, and members and friends attended the service, to give the couple their best wishes, as they take up residence in Alberta.

K.C. Piper

#### THOMSON - POIRIER

On April 25, 1982, Ida Louise Poirier and Frank Thomson joined hands and hearts in marriage before a large number of friends and family in the Victoria SDA Church, Pastor Lynn Baerg officiating. This was a unique wedding, for both Ida and Frank are quite recent converts to the Adventist faith, and both came to be members through the ministry of Radio-Evangelism as first contact. Both were baptized by Pastor Baerg within the last two years.

We are sure that this new Christian home will be a home where angels love to visit

K.C. Piper

# BIRTHS

**BIELAS** – Jeff and Marlene (nee Deweltz) are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Toni, on May 1, 1982 at Traverse City, Michigan.

HILL – Don and Arleigh (nee English) thank God for their daughter, Shanda Danyue, born April 21 at Chilliwack, British Columbia.

MAGSALIN – Corissa was born to Molly and Honnie on May 7, 1982, Victoria, B.C.

MATIKO – Matthew James was born to James and Beckie on May 18, 1982 at Victoria, B.C.

**OKIMI** – Gerry and Rosemary are pleased to announce the arrival of their third son, Gregory Leighton James Fitzgerald. He was born Monday, April 5, 1982.

RASMUSSEN – Keith and Kathy are pleased to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Joanne Marie and Janelle Aileen, on May 18, 1982 at Toronto, Ontario.

# **OBITUARIES**

COMM - Harvey Comm was born in Blackfalds, Alberta on March 10, 1919 and died in Kelowna, B.C. on May 3, 1982. In 1938 he was baptized by Elder Long. He remained a faithful church member all of his life, serving as an elder in several churches.

In 1943 he married Helen Rambo. Three children were born to them. He is survived by his loving wife, Helen; his sons, Garth and Grant of Kelowna, B.C.; his daughter, Laval, of Loma Linda, California; six grandchildren; three brothers.

Interment was in the Lakeview Cemetery at Kelowna, B.C. GABRYS – Verna Pasay Gabrys was born on January 10, 1932 at Lamont, Alberta and passed to her rest on April 19, 1982 at the age of 50 years.

She is survived by her loving husband Leo, daughter Elaine and son Gareth of Edmonton, Alberta; her loving parents Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pasay of Egremont, five brothers and three sisters, relatives and a host of friends.

Words of comfort and assurance were shared with her family, relatives and friends by Pastor M. Djkowich, assisted by Pastor R. Sauder in the Park Memorial Chapel in Edmonton, Alberta.

Interment was in the Eastgate Community Cemetery in Redwater, Alberta, where our dear sister awaits the resurrection morning.

**HEINRICHS** – Mrs. Mary Heinrichs was born in Russia 91 years ago and passed to her rest in Toronto on May 9, 1982.

In 1926 she came to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Since 1971 she has resided in Toronto.

Surviving are: one daughter, Mrs. Anne Ewanko, and three sons, Cornelius, Peter and Frank; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Saskatoon, Sask., by Pastor Ken Schander. Interment took place at the family plot at Woodlawn Cemetery where Mrs. Heinrichs awaits Jesus' call on the resurrection morning.

Ken Schander, Pastor Saskatoon Central Church

HERBEL – A funeral service was held by Pastor Brian Bechthold in the Swift Current S.D.A. Church on Wednesday, May 19, 1982 in memory of Alexander Herbel who passed away May 15, 1982 at the Swift Current Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. Alexander was born in Russia on June 18, 1900. He immigrated to Kansas with his parents in 1902, and in 1912 the family came to Canada. He married Mollie Anne Meir in 1919. Brother Herbel is survived by two daughters and eight sons.

Brian Bechthold, Pastor Swift Current District

IRIS - Garcia Jenny was born June 23, 1923 in Tobago. She went to England at an early age where she studied for her nursing career and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

She later came to Canada and became a member of the Hamilton East SDA Church. She passed to her rest on February 8, 1982 at the Henderson General Hospital. She is survived by 2 sisters, 3 brothers, nieces and nephews. Burial was in Tobago where she awaits the call of the Lord.

Mrs. Daphne Coleman Hamilton East SDA Church

MOYST – William John Moyst passed away suddenly on May 17, 1982 in Burnaby, B.C. He was born December 15, 1908 in Placentia, Nfld. Left to mourn are his wife, Gertrude (nee Duffett), formerly of St. John's, Nfld., and two daughters: Donna Noseworthy and Karen Savenye, both living in Abbotsford, B.C. Also 8 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Forest Lawn Cemetery Chapel in Burnaby, with Pastor George MacLean officiating.

Karen Savenue

**ORR** – As we look at Robert Orr's life we are reminded of the passage in Psalm 90: "Seventy years is the span of our life, eighty if our strength holds."

Bob was born in Scotland on March 2, 1908 and passed away on April 28, 1982. In 1934 he married Helen Huggard; they had six children of which five are surviving.

During World War II Bob served in the Army and the Air Force, but the highlight of his life came to pass in 1975 when he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and became a soldier in His army. He was actively involved in the affairs of the Orillia Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ontario.

He was laid to rest at the St. Andrews Cemetery in Orillia where he is awaiting the call of the Master on the resurrection morning.

H. Fischbacher, Pastor

SIMPSON – Zipporah (nee Shaw) fondly known as Sephlyn, was born in Jamaica, West Indies, March 26, 1933 and fell asleep in Jesus in the Branson Hospital in Willowdale on April 16, 1982. Mrs. Simpson was a beloved member of the Kingsview SDA Church.

She leaves her mother, a daughter, Carol, a son, Windell, three grandchildren, three sisters, two brothers, several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Interment was in the family plot in Jamaica.

E. McKenzie Kingsview Village SDA Church

STEPHENS – Mildred Ritchie Stephens fell quietly asleep in Jesus on Monday, May 3, 1982 at the age of 75

In December 1928 she married Fred Stephens. They had two children: Ronnie, for whom she cared with much love and affection until his death in 1954, and a daughter, Barbara.

Mildred accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and was baptized in 1973. She was actively involved in the missionary outreach of the Barrie S.D.A. Church. Mildred was laid to rest at the Cemetery in Newmarket where she awaits the call of the Master.

She is survived by her husband, Fred, daughter, Barbara and four grandchildren.

H. Fischbacher, Pastor

**STEVENS** – Irene Christine was born August 11, 1910 in Princeport, Nova Scotia and died April 20, 1982 in St. Catharines, Ont. On November 29, 1953 as a result of her study of a Voice of Prophecy Bible Course and a genuine conversion experience with her Saviour, she was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church by Elder W. Hurden in Welland, Ontario.

November 25, 1956 was a joyous day as Elmer and Irene were united in marriage in the St. Catharines SDA Church. From that day forward their lives together were spent in service for their Lord and His Church.

Resting until the glorious resurrection morning she leaves her husband Elmer, four sisters, one brother along with many other relatives and friends.

She will await the resurrection in Pleasantview Memorial Gardens, Fonthill, Ontario. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor S. Villen-

S. Villeneuve, Pastor

SULLIVAN – Henry Charles born May 24, 1889 in London, England, passed to his rest December 8, 1981. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth, and by daughter Lola (Mrs. J.J. Skula) of Thunder Bay.

He is survived by his sons Douglas of New York, Harry of Ottawa, Ronald of Oshawa, Ont., and Roger of Toronto. Also there are 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Pastor E.L. Anderson of Ottawa at Pinecrest Cemetery. A former member of Mr. Sullivan's bag pipe band participated at the interment.

WESTSTRATE – Macheltje Weststrate was born in Rotterdam in the Netherlands on November 11, 1905 and passed away after a lengthy illness on December 12, 1981 in Chilliwack, B.C.

In 1925 she married Pieter Weststrate who predeceased her in April 1981. In 1958 they left Holland and came to Canada. They moved to Calgary, Alberta. After his retirement in 1973 they moved to Chilliwack, B.C. where they resided until her death.

She is survived by two daughters, Janna Bouwer of Holland, Rita Olsson of Airdrie, Alberta; and three sons, Joe of Oshawa, Ontario; Matt of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; and Pieter of Red Deer, Alberta; eighteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two sisters and one brother in Holland.

Funeral services were held in Chilliwack at Henderson's Funeral Home, conducted by Pastor Matt Weststrate and assisted by Pastor Steve Petr and Joe Weststrate.

Burial was at the Airdrie Cemetery where mother awaits the return of her Saviour.

Matt Weststrate, Pastor

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