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**Invite Them In
Community Guest Day
March 19**

Let the Children Come . . .

by Mrs. J. Niekerk, Sabbath School Teacher, South Africa Union Conference

Every Sabbath morning it is my happy privilege to look into the faces of nine happy, smiling boys and girls.

These boys and girls make up my kindergarten Sabbath School class. How eager they are to share in the lesson study and learn to sing the choruses that boys and girls love everywhere! Since Investment was launched this year, the class members have eagerly participated and thus far have raised R5.00 for this project.

In encouraging them to pray, they were invited to suggest actual names of persons needing prayer. To my amazement these little ones mentioned the names of family members who have not made a decision for Christ or parents who still work on Sabbath.

Jesus said in Matthew 19:14, "Let the children come to me . . ." As I watch these children come and go each Sabbath, I long to have a chapel where the children can be adequately cared for. When the weather is fine we meet in the open air. We need special seats suitable to the size and age of the children. On cold windy days the class meets on the stage of the hall adjoining the church we rent. No pictures adorn the walls and the space we have is not suited to making it attractive for our boys and girls.

The children will come if we do not stop them! We must provide the facilities so as to draw the interest of these little ones. Others will come to Jesus, as Dawn came to Him.

She was nine years of age when her Mommy died. Although her Mother had once been an Adventist, Dawn and her family were reared in another church. Apart from her own home Dawn was to live with three other families in the space of two years, returning to her own home in between because she longed for the companionship of children her own age. Then the government Welfare Department invited my husband, who is a minister, and I to provide a home for Dawn. She was eleven years old when

she came to share our home. Soon she was enjoying family worship, church school and the services of the church.

In the meanwhile, her father would remind her that she should attend the confirmation class in the church of her childhood. What would she decide? Eventually Dawn decided for truth and with her school friends was baptized into the Lord Jesus Christ. Now she welcomes young and old to Sabbath School every week.

By choosing to provide Chapels for Children as the Division-wide-project for this quarter, Trans-Africa is opening the way for more little children to come to Jesus. Please set aside a very special gift this quarter and wing it on its way with a prayer.



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for a liberal offering
on June 25.
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a chapel.**

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Community Guest Day

will give us a wonderful opportunity to reveal that our churches are full of friendly, happy people who love the Lord. Invite your friends to worship with you on March 19.

by C.S. Greene, Sabbath School Department, Canadian Union Conference



One of the greatest joys in soulwinning is to see on the faces of interested people the peace and happiness of heaven.

In the Sabbath School Manual on page five we read, "To win and hold and train for God, men and women and boys and girls from every clime and nation is the great work of the Sabbath School. All our planning and preparation, all our study and teaching should be with this objective in mind.

"The object of Sabbath School work should be the ingathering of souls. The order of working may be faultless, the facilities all that could be desired, but if the children and youth are not brought to Christ, the school is a failure.

"It is essential that forms and ceremonies and the mechanical operation of the Sabbath School be not allowed to eclipse the primary and fundamental work of the school: a soulwinning school for all non-believers, a soul-training school for the people of the Advent movement. The Sabbath School should be the place where, through a living connection with God, men and women, youth and children, may be so fitted up that they shall be a strength and blessing to the church."

On March 19, 1983 the Sabbath School will have another opportunity to demonstrate care and concern for the people of the community. Large plans should be laid so as to encourage our friends and our neighbours not only to be present on this special date but also to encourage them to return and participate in our services. "We should make plans, counting on God to direct us." Proverbs 16:9, TLB.

We have been reminded that for the Christian there is a variety of work, adapted to different minds and various capabilities, (Historical Sketches, p. 291), and that "the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of faith." 6T, 29.

In order for any program to succeed, large plans must be laid. If you want to have a successful Community Guest Day on Sabbath, March 19, your Sabbath School Council should meet now to make plans as well as to see that they are implemented.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Plan an interesting and spirit-filled program.

2. Those who are participating in the program should prepare their part well. There should be no half-hearted preparation.

3. Make plans to have your guests feel at home.

4. Have well trained ushers to greet your friends and visitors as they come in and escort them to seats in the church.

5. Ahead of time, ask your regular members to be particularly kind and friendly and observe the rules of reverencing God's sanctuary. First impressions are lasting. Remember, you will never have a second chance to make a first impression. A week ahead of the program, remind members of what you expect of them.

**"And the Lord added
to their number day by day
those who were being
saved."**

— Acts 2:47, RSV

6. Invite your friends and visitors to the Pastor's Bible Class in your church or invite your guests into your own class. Sit with your guests, sharing with them the Bible and hymnal.

7. Introduce guests to the Sabbath School teacher and class members; to the pastor and or other leading members of the church.

8. Give guests a tour of the church and show them where the various facilities are.

9. If you have transportation of your own, invite your guests to ride along with you. If not and you take public transportation, ride along with your guests on the train, the bus or the streetcar or hire a cab.

10. Invite your guests to a special meal at the church, or to your home for the Sabbath meal. Keep your conversation on God's love and the wonderful promises of the Bible.

11. Do not sound off any note of criticism. Let everyone try to be as positive as ever.

12. Send out invitations for this special day a few weeks in advance and by telephone remind your friends of this special day.

13. Make sure that the church and surroundings are clean and everything is in order. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

14. Check to see that all the articles that you will be using are in place and are operating efficiently. Leave nothing to chance.

15. Involve each member of the Sabbath School to be responsible for inviting a minimum amount of guests. Keep the name and addresses of those invited and use as a check list to compare results on Community Guest day.

16. In some churches, identification badges are provided for guests. This is a good method. Pins, flowers, rose buds, can also be used.

17. Request your pastor or guest speaker for the day to prepare a special message with an appeal for decisions. Have decision cards handy.

18. Invite guests who have children to take advantage of your children's divisions.

19. Share responsibility with various members or groups for various aspects of the day. No one person should try to do it all by himself or herself.

20. Finally, bathe your church in prayer, weeks and days before the program. The disciples in the early church had success because they prayed and this can and will be accomplished again, if we follow their example. Pray sincerely for God's blessings.

The above are but a few of the ideas that can be utilized to enhance the program for Community Guest Day, March 19, 1983.

Go out in the by-ways and hedges and compel men and women to come. Enlarge your circle of non-Adventist friends and immediately give the church more outreach potential. Approach people on the level of their felt needs. The secret of attracting people is to find a need and meet it.

As you think, plan and pray for a successful Sabbath School Community Guest Day on Sabbath, March 19, remember Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me." (MH, p. 143).



Sabbath Observance Issue Heads for the Supreme Court of Canada

by D.D. Devnich, Ed.D. Public Affairs, Canadian Union Conference

Several years ago, a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ontario refused to work on Saturdays. The employing organization demoted the Sabbath-observing employee from full to part-time status.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission associated itself with the case and on the charge that the employer had discriminated on the basis of creed, took the matter to the Divisional Court. The court held that there was no discrimination as the employer did not intend to discriminate.

Since then the case has developed into a landmark case surrounding the issue of whether or not Human Rights law protects citizens from discrimination which is the result of an act of an employer, or does it only protect from intentional discriminatory action.

On August 12, 1982, the Ontario Court of Appeal heard arguments and dismissed the appeal, holding that the Ontario Human Rights code prior to June 15, 1982, implied that an intention to discriminate on a prohibited ground was essential to a violation. The Human Rights Commission has appealed this finding and has now obtained standing in the Supreme Court of Canada to argue that Human Rights law has been written to include not only intentional discrimination, but secondary effects as well.

This matter is of extreme significance to Seventh-day Adventists today. Many Sabbath-observers have lost their jobs in recent years and have had little recourse for appeal since the employers could argue that the employee refused to keep the work schedule which is set out equally for all employees. The case in point will test the usually stated position of the Human Rights Commissions that when a schedule requires a worker to function contrary to his religious beliefs, it is discriminatory on the ground of creed or religion.

Pray for all who are in high positions

Our conversation with legal counsel in this case reveals that several provincial Human Rights Commissions will be making submissions to the Court. At the present time, there is a large number of cases in the provinces which are being held in abeyance until the Supreme Court makes its decision on the one in question.

Legal counsel has assured us that the Seventh-day Adventist concern will be given full exposure in the Court. On the basis of arguments made in the lower courts, the Church will be characterized as a significant body of Christians which is not identified with any fringe-mentality. In the first instance, the counsel for the

employer conceded that the principal party in the case held her beliefs sincerely and honestly.

What is significant today is that the new Ontario Human Rights Code makes provision to protect employees from a requirement that would result in the exclusion of a person or class of persons identifiable by a prohibited ground of discrimination such as creed. We do not know how the provision will be applied in the future, however, the Supreme Court decision in the case in question will guide the judiciary in the future. Further, the decision of the Court will doubtless have an effect on how Human Rights Law will be written in the future.

The position we hold that society should make provision for Seventh-day Adventists to have the Sabbath off, without penalty, is soon to be examined in the highest court of Canada. There has never been an issue of this magnitude, as it affects the lives of Adventists, argued in Canada's Supreme Court. Never has there been a greater reason for church members to pray for the Justices who sit at the Bench in the Supreme Court. When we have the exact date, we will reveal it—but, as it is now, we urge you to regularly pray "for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life . . ." (I Tim. 2:2).

Youth

Canadian Youth to Attend Pan American Festival of Faith

Canada will be allowed a minimum of 150 delegates to the Festival of Faith to be held in Mexico City, Mexico, December 18-22, 1984. The present thinking of NAYM (North American Youth Ministries) is that other young people are welcome to attend the Festival of Faith in addition to the 150. Young adults, ages 16-35, are encouraged to plan now their attendance at this congress. Churches will be asked to sponsor the youth as their delegates.

Here is what was voted at Annual Council in Manila:

VOTED, 1. To approve the following plan for conducting a Pan-American Festival of Faith for the Adventist youth of the Inter-North, and South American divisions:

a. Purpose/Objectives – The chief objec-

tives of the Pan-American Festival of Faith are:

1. To deepen the devotion of Adventist youth to Christ and His church.
2. To captivate the imagination of Adventist youth with a vision of the meaning and magnitude of the Advent Movement.
3. To create a conviction in the hearts of Adventist youth that they must share in the finishing of the work of God on earth, or miss the incomparable satisfaction that service in His cause affords.
4. To teach young people the importance and joy of soul winning and to train them to use the best principles and methods in their Share Your Faith ministry.

5. To inculcate Christian ideals and to clarify the principles by which Adventist youth may be guided in solving all their problems and maintaining a happy and successful Christian experience.

b. Festival Theme – The festival theme will be HUMANITAS, Reaching Humanity Through Christ, and hopefully will inspire our young people to give their lives and talents to the world mission program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

c. Date and Location – The festival will be held December 18-22, 1984, in Mexico City, Mexico.

More information and details will be forthcoming in a few months.



Soul Winning

Thirty-seven Baptized in Rimbey Crusade

Long before Vern Snow, Alberta's Conference Evangelist, began Revelation Lectures in Rimbey, Alberta, November 6, 1982, the Holy Spirit was preparing hearts to accept the truths of God's word. By the series end, December 18, thirty-two had been baptized. In subsequent baptisms, January 8 and 15, five more followed.

While twenty-nine united with the Rimbey Church, three joined Bentley Church, one College Heights Church, one Drayton Valley Company, and three Sylvan Lake Church. The whole series was an area event with support from Lacombe, Ponoka, and Rocky Mountain House churches in addition to all the churches who received new members. Students and staff of Canadian Union College provided a variety of musical features coordinated by student Blake Wile.

Lay members encouraged their family and friends to attend. Among those who rejoice in the fruit of their labours are Doyle and Edith Chenowith who assisted one of the new members back to health through effective home treatments; Gertrude Dameron and May Strachan who witnessed the baptism of six for whom they have been praying for several years; Ray and Hellen Huff, Norman and Diane Pearson, Ron and Trudy Sherren, and Vern and Millie Snow who each brought a son; Walter and Virginia Schram who saw six of their relatives baptized; Reynold and Elsie Schultz who have witnessed and prayed in the Rimbey area for more than thirty years saw their church membership doubled; Jennie and Tina Werner who brought four new members including Jennie's daughter. Members of the Bentley church rejoice over the baptism of one who has fellowshiped with them for more than a year.

God's special blessing was evident in many ways throughout the series. The opening night saw heavy snows snarl traffic on every side of Rimbey, as near as thirty miles, while the capacity audience travelled to and from the meeting in summer-like conditions.

The messages, presented with clarity and enthusiasm, found access to responsive hearts. God is working in a marvelous way through His Holy Spirit.

James M. Campbell, Pastor



Some of the thirty-seven baptized during the Rimbey, Alberta Crusade, November 1982 to January 1983. Elder Vern Snow, Evangelist, is at the right rear and James Campbell, Pastor, at the left front.

Two Join N. Vancouver Church



The air was electric with warm excitement. And why shouldn't it be? Members and visitors of the North Vancouver Church had the privilege of participating in a vibrant Sabbath School of the New Year. Then, during the worship service some present had the joy of taking part in their first Communion Service. Then to add the ultimate in spiritual feasting, the congregation met together again at 3 p.m. to witness a baptismal service when Dennis Cook, left, and David Merrill were welcomed into the church family. Pastor John Popowich officiated.

Swift Current Baptism



Sam Pawluk was baptized on Christmas Day and joined the Swift Current, Sask. church family.

Lady Rejoins Leader Church

Sabbath, December 18, 1982, was a day of great rejoicing for Mrs. Pauline Miller of Leader, Saskatchewan, and for the church members at Maple Creek. On that Sabbath Mrs. Miller renewed her commitment to her Saviour and on her Profession of Faith was welcomed into the membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church by Elder Don Johnson and the members of the Maple Creek Church.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church many years ago, but after the closing and disbanding of the Leader Church, her membership was lost. After many years of living her faith to the best of her ability, despite a total lack of contact with the church she loved, Mrs. Miller was visited by an old friend, Elder Lloyd Reile, former Canadian Union Conference President. He introduced her to the local pastor, Elder Johnson, and the Maple Creek Church and thus enabled her to rejoin the remnant church. Her overflowing joy as she renewed her membership vows on December 18 provided an inspiration and encouragement that the members of the Maple Creek Church will long remember.



Mrs. Pauline Miller

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What's Wrong with One or Two Quiet Beers?

by Ernest H.J. Steed, Executive Director
International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism & Drug Dependency

It is a common scene. The atmosphere is relaxed, all the well-dressed guests feel very much at home. Part of that social setting is the ubiquitous glass of beer or a glass of wine. In this quiet setting, with intelligent, no-nonsense people, alcohol consumed very moderately can do nothing but good – at least that is the general opinion.

Just about everyone knows that alcoholism is a terrible thing and that alcohol abuse with its follow on of crime, drinking and driving, absenteeism and disease, must be counteracted. Only foolish people get so involved that they need to be dealt with by the law or by medical means, but what's wrong with one or two quiet beers or a glass of wine?

A lot of people asking these questions need to hear a reply without simply telling them they are supporters of all that's evil and destructive. In fact even many religious people once committed to non-drinking, fully aware of alcohol's effect on society, strangely are asking the same question.

alcohol weakens individual decision and initiative

Studies show that in the western world approximately 10% of those who do take alcoholic beverages consume the bulk of the liquor, the majority listing themselves to be in the "rarely drink," "occasionally drink" and "fairly regular drink" categories. Despite this, alcohol consumption is rising and the consequences are becoming alarmingly evident, with even "good" people getting hurt.

Does the amount consumed and the setting make any real difference as to whether it is wise to drink alcoholic beverages or not – that's the real concern. If the answer to this question depended only on clinical or scientific research, it could be impressive but as has been detected, not too convincing to a lot of people. Nevertheless, there are some primary facts most cannot ignore. The first, is that alcohol in beer or wine is a drug, and according to Dr. Ernest Noble, the dirtiest drug. He means by this that like the atom bomb it has extensive fallout not often taken into account when people talk about the drug alcohol.

We do know that alcohol is foreign to the body and the body seeks to eliminate it as quickly as possible. Even in small amounts, alcohol brings an effect upon the frontal lobes of the brain, these cells being six times more susceptible to alcohol than any cell of the body. These cells deal with judgement, conscience, imitation and self-control.

Even though we can show scientifically harmful results from small amounts of alcohol this possibly has little effect upon most people's habits, for there are many things people do that are harmful, willing to take the risk.

alcohol in beer and wine is a drug – the dirtiest drug

No, the answer must be more than a scientific evaluation, important as this is, because people want to rationalize their acceptance of "a few quiet beers or a glass of wine." The key factor is social because gregariousness is one of our strongest instincts. The majority crave the association of other people and alcohol with its drug effect even when taken in small quantities seems to fortify the desire for togetherness. It could be because alcohol weakens individual decision and initiative. Yet gregariousness actually gives one of the strongest reasons for the encouragement of non-drinking, even of a few quiet beers.

Influence upon others is vital to relationship and responsibility. What one person thinks can be done without harm may set another person toward an entirely devastating course. Especially is this true when we know that alcohol is an illusive drug, giving false readings to the individual of his or her true condition or conduct.

Many a parent chooses non-drinking of alcoholic beverages simply to set an example to their children, knowing the possibilities of alcoholism and knowing that it is impossible to determine who will become an alcoholic until he or she drinks and therefore the only guarantee toward prevention they feel, is to encourage an individual choice not to take alcohol at all.

Some researchers even think there are

hereditary factors in alcoholism. By taking even small amounts such a person could be starting down the pathway to a life of disease and heartbreak.

Does my influence responsibly make me my brother's keeper? If we would build strong families and societies, the answer must be yes, especially in this highly technical and community oriented society where each person's life must count and each contribute significantly to the welfare of all. It has been shown that each alcoholic adversely affects from ten to fifteen other people. In a caring society we cannot consider selfishly our interest or craving and desire if such an act will have the possibility of an adverse influence on even a small segment of society.

This responsibility is allied to another reason we might call "moral concern" for life, for the greatest moral principle is the preservation of life, our highest and worthiest goal.

Knowing the potential of alcohol, that it is a narcotic depressant drug, that it creates its own demand, with few people after five years still drinking the same amount they started on, alcohol clearly is recognized as a drug of progression. In fact in a number of surveys less than 1% were found to be consuming the same amount after five years, most had increased their consumption. But when first asked they thought they didn't drink much at all.

Alcoholism therefore is not the only consideration of alcohol drinking. The possibility of an accident on the road, while swimming, even walking or sitting is increased after just a few drinks. In the United States of America alone, there are over 12,000 accidents annually to people who simply fall off their bar stools!

few are still drinking the same amount after five years

The drinking class are not all rowdy even though there is evidence that even small amounts of alcohol decrease hearing and thus the volume usually increases. Some drinkers do meet in quiet situations but alcohol has the same effect upon the body and mind in any setting. As someone has said, "The drug alcohol taken

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Vancouver Youth Through Six Months of Active Witnessing



"Street Church" on Sabbath afternoon in downtown Vancouver. There is singing, preaching, testimony and prayer under the bright orange "Street Church" sign. Hoping to attract street people who are already Christians or who have a strong interest in Christianity and to provide a worship service for them, the Vancouver youth group, directed by Pastor Chris Harter, witnesses weekly.



Trudy Epp, second from left, leader of the Vancouver Youth Week of Prayer in November, chats with Elder and Mrs. Phil Dunham and Pastor Chris Harter, far right, at the conclusion of the week of spiritual emphasis. Pastor Dunham, Executive and Ministerial Secretary for the B.C. Conference, presented the concluding message entitled "You are Special."




The Un-Coffee House setting in the lower auditorium of the Vancouver Central Seventh-day Adventist Church attracts the young people from the neighbouring churches as well as non-Adventist young people from the city. A Christian singing group called "Mountain Railway" was featured recently presenting the old, traditional gospel songs. This was a non-Adventist group. Becoming increasingly popular, the Un-Coffee House reflects a restaurant setting with plants and room dividers for decor and candles and flowers on the table for atmosphere.



In a beautiful, candlelit service, the Vancouver youth as well as guests from the surrounding churches, celebrated the Communion Service concluding the Week of Prayer sponsored by the young people. Preceding the Communion service, Glen Zachary and Galdys Steinke led an inspiring song service.



Darin Rowse, a Vancouver youth, serves a group of guests at the annual banquet at the Vancouver Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. The senior citizens from the congregation are the guests and the hosts are the youth from the church. Here Pastor Jerry Chang joins the guests for this very popular event.


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Surrey Church Active in Witnessing Programs



Five Surrey homes opened for cottage meetings in October. Some involved are (back row, left to right) Loreen King, Bev McKinnon, Ruby Williams, Barry Buchanan, Evelyn and Charles Kierstead, Herman Nicholson. (Front row seated left to right) Dorle Zinner, Eva Rooke, Irene Wagner, Kathy Nicholson.



Personal Ministries leader, Barry Buchanan (right) with some of the diligent Surrey Ingatherers: back row, left to right, Don Calder, Diane Hoekstra, Bill Bihune, Ed Bastin. Front row, left to right, Inez Calder, Loreen King, Lois Martin.



Dedicated to the Lord on November 20, 1982 were Gregory Thomas, left, son of Carolynn and Gregory Eppel, and Rena Joanne, right, daughter of Bob and Julie Bannister by Pastor H. King at the Surrey Church.



Investment Secretary, Eva Rooke, left, assisted by Nina Somolendo, right, and Annette Durupt, centre, realized \$288.50 from a bake and craft sale at the Surrey Church Hall, October 17, 1982, bringing their year's total to \$1,959.06.



Randy Ireland (right) was baptized at Hope camp meeting by Pastor H. King and became a member of the Port Coquitlam Church.

New Members Join Victoria and Juan de Fuca Churches

A birth is always a happy event, and the re-birth into the Christian life is cause for both men and angels to rejoice. Such was the occasion when the Ian Archambault family joined the Victoria S.D.A. Church, by baptism, December 18.

Father and husband, Ian, after struggling between Christ and the world for some time, decided to put the world completely behind him and join whole-heartedly with the Adventist church again. His wife, Arleen and two children, Diane and David, also joined in baptism.

Three other lovely young people were baptized at the same service: Shirley Holme, granddaughter of the late Mrs. Helen Wilson, and daughter of Evelyn, who was herself recently baptized and is a member of the newly formed Juan de

Fuca Church family; Donna Cauldwell (nee Ritchie), and Arlo Dutnall, both will be members of the Juan de Fuca Church.

Two church ministers officiated at the service; Pastor Lynn Baerg of Victoria and Pastor John Irvine of Juan de Fuca.

Kathleen C. Piper

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witnessing experiences, and
answered prayers. Send
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Adventists Lead Carol Festival at St. John's, Newfoundland



A community carol festival held in the Confederation Building in St. John's, Newfoundland, was under the direction of the Seventh-day Adventists. Leading the singing were the Advent Singers, accompanied by the Salvation Army Band. It was a wonderful day of opportunity to celebrate the "good news" to a large gathering from the churches in St. John's as well as members of parliament and television personnel.

Three Girls Baptized at Canora



Three young ladies were baptized into the Canora Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pictured are Pastor Lee Patterson, Connie Martiniuk, Charlene Deer, Gail Martiniuk, Elder Bob Schafer, visiting Conference leader. Connie is now attending Parkview Academy, Gail will be going to Puerto Plata with the youth mission outreach this spring, and Charlene is attending Yorkton Adventist Academy in Yorkton. We wish for these new members God's continued blessings and guidance.

Meetings at Kamsack



The Kamsack, Saskatchewan church members have completed a four-week evangelistic series entitled Spiritual Enrichment. Left to right are Linda and Chuck Everingham who assisted with the meetings, and Pastor and Mrs. Lee Patterson.

Toronto Ephesus Church Celebrates First Anniversary

The company which was formed in Scarborough, Ontario just one year ago has grown from 49 to 65 members. This group has organized into a church - The Ephesus S.D.A. Church. On January 1 a special first anniversary program was attended by 125 who joined the members in rejoicing what the Lord has done. Lay evangelist Roscoe Brown of Chicago and Elder McLeary spoke at the two services.

Whitehorse Reports

During October, the Whitehorse church held a very successful Five-Day Smoking Clinic with many participants being shown a better and more healthful way of life. Over 26 attended and we have been approached to have another one so that the local hospital staff will be able to attend.

Also, during the month of November we went Ingathering and had a wonderful time sharing our faith and inviting people to our church. In spite of extremely cold weather, we found people responsive.

In December our church showed a slide show "In the Beginning" put together by Mary Lane and Pastor Les Anderson which was greeted with overwhelming response and enjoyment.

Danny Brand

General

Conscientious Objectors to Have Reunion

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee of MCC (Sask.) have been working on having an All-Saskatchewan Conscientious Objectors of World War II Reunion. Included are their wives and interested family members. To date two meetings have been held.

Committees have been organized to have Saskatchewan's first C.O. reunion on the weekend of August 19 and 20 at the Rosthern Junior College, Rosthern, Sask., jointly with the Saskatchewan Youth Organization and other interested young people.

For further information regarding registration contact: The Advertising Committee, c/o A.J. Funk, Box 166, Laird, Sask., S0K 2H0.

Student Personnel Conference to be Held in Keene, Texas

Adventist Student Personnel Association (ASPA) sixth annual conference will be held March 16-20, 1983 at Southwestern Adventist College in Keene, Texas. The theme is titled "Retention for Now and Eternity." The keynote speaker will be Dr. Helen Evans Thompson, Director of Alumni of Walla Walla College. She has held several positions in the student affairs and academic levels, some being former Academic Dean at Southwestern Adventist College, former Chairman of the English Dept. and former Dean of Women at Walla Walla College. Other featured speakers include Dr. Tom Erney, a well-known specialist in the area of counselor education from the University of Florida and Dr. David Drum from the University of Texas, Austin. Residence hall deans, counselors, student affairs officers, campus chaplain, health centre and other student personnel workers and students who are interested in these fields are invited to attend the conference, including those who are employed in institutions other than Adventist schools. For more information, contact Don Murray, A.S.P.A. President, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49109 or Dick Scott, A.S.P.A. Treasurer, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

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Other interesting features will recall the martyrdom of John Hus and Jerome of Prague at Constance, the preaching of Zwingli in Zurich, the unique evangelistic

ministry of Farel at Neuchatel, and Calvin's struggles and triumphs in Geneva.

For those interested there will be an additional six days visiting the Waldensian valleys and Torre Pellice, Turin, Milan, Florence, and concluding with two full days in Rome where Luther accepted the message of justification by faith.

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P.U.C. Sponsors Tour of Africa

"They have tables with diamonds piled in large mounds waiting to be sorted and worked," said Dr. John Staples, Pacific Union College professor of religion.

He was speaking of the diamond mines of South Africa, the country in which he was born and raised, to which he is going to lead a tour next summer. It is the only Seventh-day Adventist tour of South Africa in 1983.

"South African citizens are not allowed to own rough, uncut diamonds," he said. "It is against the law. Security is quite strict, and workers do not try to take any of the gems out of their work areas."

Some of the diamonds Dr. Staples spoke of were discovered in Kimberley on the property of the Pieter Wessels family, making them millionaires. The farming family subsequently joined the Adventist church and donated a great deal of money to it, financing the building of a number of churches, including the first Adventist church in Kimberley, now a national monument. The Kimberley church will be one of the many Adventist churches visited each Sabbath throughout the tour.

"Diamonds are expensive not because they are rare. They are very plentiful and there is no danger of their running out. DeBeers of South Africa has nearly a world monopoly on the diamond business, and determines the cost of the beautiful crystals," said Dr. Staples.

The tour Staples will lead in the first three weeks of September, 1983, will visit

the diamond mines, the deepest gold mine in the world, many national parks, and animal and native parks.

A lion farm, an ostrich ranch, hippo pools, and many natural wildlife areas will give tourists an education in South African fauna. Visits to places such as beautiful Victoria Falls, Tzitzikama Forest and Kruger National Park will show the area's great natural beauty.

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"Since I grew up in South Africa, I know the Afrikaans language spoken there. I am very familiar with the wildlife and various fascinating spots there. We will also discuss the history of the country, which is unique among nations of its continent," said Staples.

College credit can be obtained from the tour, according to Staples. From three to five hours of lower-division credit can be earned from Pacific Union College with prior arrangement.

For a tentative itinerary, a cost estimate, and other information, contact Dr. John Staples, Religion Department, Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA 94508, or call (707)965-6206 or (707)965-2677.

Mr. and Mrs. Pittman Mark 60th Wedding



Pictured here, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pittman of the Warburg SDA church. The celebration was held in the Golden Age Hall in Breton, near their home on December 24, 1982.

Leaving Whitefish, Montana they homesteaded in the Rimbe, Alberta district. After spending time in British Columbia, where Bob built the Vernon church, they came to their present home where they have resided for the last 17 years. Celebrating the occasion with their parents are Arland, Robert, Virginia Schram, Elaine Proffenroth, Eleanor Hirsch-korn and Verna Monts.

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from a dirty shoe in a back lane or consumed from a golden slipper in a mansion is still drug alcohol."

Life is precious and alcohol is not a friend to life. Well known as a preservative of the dead it is a subtle enemy of the living cell, as it dehydrates and impairs, it agglutinates the blood and slows down the intake of oxygen needed to vivify the cell, it thickens the heart with fat, hardens the liver and knocks out brain cells, giving rise to mental illness second to none. Of course this doesn't happen immediately after one or two drinks but it is the continuation of these one or two that pave the way for the three or four and the increasing desire to be satisfied until "one drink is too many and thousand is not enough."

Knowing all this and determining to stop at only the occasional quiet beer or glass of wine, is no guarantee of safety, for the most intelligent often are the victims of so called "social drinking" believing their superior knowledge was all that they needed to protect themselves. Indeed, the social pleasure of friends coupled with alcohol are to some so rewarding it becomes an earthly substitute for heaven, a promise they feel so rewarding yet the record shows the majority receive instead heartache, re-

morse and suffering, some ultimately calling it hell.

Spiritual life begins to fade even with the few quiet beers, for surveys have shown that youth with strong religious convictions rarely take alcohol and such choose not to become involved in the drug way of life. But mere religious conformity or church attendance is no security. It depends upon individual conviction, dependence upon God, and choice for something better with the developing of associations in a non-drinking environment.

There are possibly many who have continued to take a quiet beer or two or any other alcoholic beverage who have felt that they are little worse for wear, even feeling alcohol is a relief from the tensions of life. But such ones unable to face reality without the drug way of life are missing the genuine rewards in discovering real life. It's not enough to avoid taking alcohol, for if life is to be lived to the full, it must be qualitative as well as quantitative.

Value clarification therefore is becoming an important part of education, as is the consideration of positive alternatives. Consequently a "few quiet beers" in comparison are but counterfeits for genuine social and personal relationships. Why then settle for anything less than the best?

Births

AMMUNDSEN — LeRae and Gerald Ammundsen thank the Lord for the safe arrival of their daughter, Corrie Ellen, on December 5, 1982 in Bella Coola, B.C.

CARLEY — Keith and Barbara and their two children, Selina and Chadrick, welcomed the birth of a boy, Myles Adam, on November 22, 1982 at North Battleford, Sask.

CURTIS — Clifford and Flora (nee Kahraman) proudly announce the birth of their son, Andrew Nathaniel, on January 28, 1983 in Oshawa, Ont.

JEWKES — Born December 12, 1982 to Norman and Betty Jewkes of the Abbotsford SDA Church, a baby boy, John Alexander Norman.

NILSEN — Viktor and Phoebe and their two children, Nadra and Renard, welcomed the birth of a girl, Evy Rehanne, on December 4, 1982 at Saskatoon, Sask.

ODIYAR — Hector and Beth (nee Versteegh) are thankful for two healthy boys, Ronald Kisten and Royce Armogan, born July 27, 1982 at Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, B.C.

POLLOCK — Carl Douglas, born December 9, 1982 to Roger and Siegrid (nee Janot), Oshawa, Ontario. Carl is a brother to Gordon Henry.

PRICE — Bob and Janice (nee Stevens) are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Barbara Luanne, born December 5 in Calgary.

SAMOGRA — Born November 17, 1982 at 6:30 p.m. to Tim and Sharon Samograd of Abbotsford, a baby girl, Candice Corinne.

SAYLER — Bevin and Sharon (nee Stevens) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Daphne Michelle, born December 24 in Red Deer.

WILL — Gayle and Linda (nee Patzer) of Red Deer, Alberta, are happy to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Shandra Richelle, on December 6, 1982.

Obituaries

BRENNER — Henry Brenner was born on July 23, 1905 in Tuschin, Poland and passed to his rest on Dec. 14, 1982 in Yorkton, Sask. His early life was filled with turmoil, anxiety and grief during the war years in Europe. Through those difficult times he could see God's leading and protection. He and his family came to Canada in 1948. In 1951 Pastor D.D. Neufeld opened the Scriptures to his understanding and he became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Henry is survived by his wife, Amalie, a son Arno, and a daughter, Hannelore. The funeral service was conducted by Pastors Moore and Dubyna.

Roy Dubyna, Pastor
Beiseker, Alberta

HODGSON — Wesley Allen Hodgson was born May 7, 1962 at Saint John, New Brunswick to Allen and Doreen Hodgson and passed to his rest Nov. 11, 1982 at the Saint John Regional Hospital as the result of a traffic accident.

Wesley graduated from high school in 1980 and continued his education at Canadian Union College. He loved his Lord and endeavoured to do His will. The day of the accident his Sabbath School quarterly was found on his desk open to that day's lesson. He was a faithful member of the Barnesville S.D.A. Church.

Wesley will be sadly missed by his parents, Allen and Doreen Hodgson; his brothers, Carl, Norman, and Willie; his sisters, Laurie and Carolann; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Hodgson and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Totten; plus a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor David Crook assisted by Pastors Maxwell Mercer and Glendon Corkum at the Barnesville S.D.A. Church with interment in the church cemetery at Barnesville, N.B.

HONKE — Gustav Honke was born in Vollenion, Poland on March 1, 1896. When he was six months old the family moved to Canada settling at Whitemouth, Manitoba. He married Olga Herzog and they lived in the midwest until 1968 when they moved to Kelowna, B.C. He died on November 30, 1982.

He is survived by his wife, Olga; three sons, Walter, Arnold and Wilfred; two brothers and three sisters; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Harley Schander
Rutland SDA Church

McFARLANE — Elizabeth Campbell McFarlane of White Rock, B.C. passed away on April 29, 1982 at the home of her friends, Ken and Sheila Kavanagh in Langley, B.C. She was in her eighty-eighth year.

Sister McFarlane was an active worker in the little White Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years.

Elizabeth was born Elizabeth Campbell Brown in Glasgow, Scotland on August 15, 1894. She came to Canada in the twenties and married John Milton Searl. John passed away in May, 1962. Elizabeth married Aloney McFarlane of White Rock in 1974.

Elizabeth McFarlane is survived by her husband, Aloney, of White Rock, two sisters, a brother and two nieces.

Interment was in the Memorial Gardens at Valley View in Surrey, B.C.

Robert Bradley, Pastor

STICKLE — Berthold Herbert Stickle was born on January 11, 1913 at Armstrong, B.C. He attended Grandview School, B.C.; Hughson Adventist School, California; and graduated from Pacific Union College in 1938. That same year he married Alice Hoen. They joined the staff of Canadian Junior College where he served as treasurer and teacher. He served both the Manitoba-Sask. and Ontario-Quebec Conferences as secretary-treasurer and later was treasurer of the Southern Asia Division. He retired on Vancouver Island, B.C., where he remained active in church and community work until his death on Dec. 14, 1982. A family reunion this past August brought home for the one-time event: son Herb, his wife Rose, and five children from New York; daughter Doris, her husband Al Burdick, and two children from Seoul, Korea; daughter Elaine, and husband Lowell Hagele, and three sons from Otaki-machi, Japan; and daughter Anita and husband Jim Beenie and three sons from California. His wife, Alice, his children, his brother Stanley, as well as many other close relatives and friends, look forward to a reunion soon, at the coming of the Lifegiver. A memorial service was conducted at Parksville by Pastor Terrence Davin, and interment was at Qualicum Beach.

Terrence Davin, Pastor
Port Alberni Church

SYNOWEC — Annie Synowec was born in the Ukraine on Feb. 26, 1897 and passed to her rest on Oct. 7, 1982 in Bonnyville, Alberta. She is survived by her husband, John.

Annie emigrated to Canada at the age of 29 years, in October 1926. In December of the following year, she married John Synowec, a farmer in the Beauvallon district of Alberta. Thirty-seven years later, in 1964, she was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church by Pastor Peter Uniat.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, and burial took place in the St. John's cemetery, Bonnyville, where Sister Synowec awaits the call of the Life-giver.

William Kozachenko

Weddings

BECHTHOLD — OLSEN

On December 28, 1982 Brian Bechthold and Denise Olsen made their marriage vows to each other before God, friends and family at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. The bride was attended by Judy Ketarakis as matron of honour. The groom was attended by Cal May. The wedding was conducted by Pastor Lee Patterson of Canora, Saskatchewan. They will be making their home in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

CROMBIE — PARDY

Calvin Crombie and Louise Pardy were united in marriage at the Bowmanville, Ontario Seventh-day Adventist Church on April 17, 1982. The candlelight ceremony was conducted by Pastor Gary Strunk.

Attending the bride were Heidi Mueller and Gloria Salls. The groom was attended by Tally Coloma and Peter Mueller.

The church family provided a lovely supper for the guests and relatives.

Calvin and Louise are making their home in Ridgedale, Sask.

SHEPPARD — MORENO

On December 11, 1982 Lucia Maria Moreno and Philip Charles Sheppard were united in marriage in the Augsburg Community Church in Hagensborg, B.C. by Pastor Dan Harris. Attending the bride and groom were Marissa Moreno and Neil McKinnon.

Lucia and Philip are making their home in Bella Coola, B.C. We wish them God's richest blessings.

THORP — BRUNDULA

On June 27, at the SDA church in Westbank, B.C., Julie Brundula, daughter of Herman Brundula of Kelowna, was united in marriage with Greg Thorp, son of Jack and Esther Thorp of Kelowna. Attended by Yolanda Vlug as maid of honour and Lynden Hawes as best man, and a host of loved ones and friends, Julie and Greg pledged their lives together in establishing a new Christian home. In a beautiful reception that followed at the Mt. Boucherie Recreation Centre, everyone joined in wishing Julie and Greg God's richest blessing. Julie and Greg will be residing in Osoyoos, B.C. where Greg is involved in private business.

Brad Thorp, Officiating Minister

WILE — JANES

Sandie Janes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Janes of College Heights, Alberta, and Mark Wile, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wile of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, united their lives in marriage on July 11, 1982.

The bride was attended by Sharon Foreman, Kris Knutson, Julene Spurrell, Joan Thompson, Rhonda Corkum and Kim Gillam.

Groomsmen were Blake Wile, Mark Laws, Charlie Odaiyar, Erik Nielsen and Stephen Wile. Organist for the ceremony was Greg Foreman. Ralph Janes, father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Don Corkum.

Sandie and Mark are making their home at College Heights, Alberta where both are continuing their studies at Canadian Union College.

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