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## " - - - All Thy Children Shall Be Taught of The Lord"

E. M. PETERSON, Secretary, Department of Education  
Canadian Union Conference

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isaiah 54:13. This verse of scripture bears careful study by any Seventh-day Adventist who is not sure of the value of a Christian education. The result, "great shall be the peace of thy children," is manifested the world over by those who have received their education in our church schools.

We are happy for the schools we have in the Canadian Union. New ones are opening in many places but there should be many more. And we could have these extra schools if all were convinced that it was the thing to do. My brethren, I feel that the problems facing us today must be met and they can be met by you so that every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl can be "taught of the Lord."

"Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a higher aim."—*Education*, p. 13. I believe that the development of up-to-date, more efficient schools and classrooms is one of the greatest challenges of our church. It is part of the unfinished business of the church. I look forward to the time when every church organization will consider the providing of adequate facilities for our schools as important as the building of a lovely church edifice. We appreciate very much the many fine schools we do have which are serving so many of our children. We will not be content, however, until we have met the needs of all our children.

Let us think of the contributions our schools are making. If we were to abolish our school system a terrible disaster would take place for out of our institutions come

the workers of this cause. It is while they are in these schools that the call comes to them to enter the service of God. What a privilege to think that your child might be called into the ministry or some phase of Christian activity while in our schools.

Christian education brings our students into contact with the Lord. It is a wonderful thing to have our children associate with and sit at the feet of Christian teach-

**This denomination employs more than 42,000 workers in various lines of work and over 90 per cent of these received their education entirely in the schools of the church.—E.M.P.**

ers. While many of these teachers are not perfect they do aid the young people in looking to higher standards in all areas. These God-fearing men and women are to be honoured for their service to the youth.

Christian education brings unity to this church. There is no other church in the world that is so unified in doctrine and standards as the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Why? Because the shepherds of the flock are all taught in Seventh-day Adventist schools where there is a distinct Christian philosophy. Let our workers be trained in other ecclesiastical schools and watch the divisions that would come into the church. Our schools demand a unity of thought and principle and this makes itself known in the experience of the students.

Christian education has paid off in tremendous dividends. The church knows that it must continue its programme and develop it in every area. In Canada, we should study carefully the needs in every church. If there is no school we should strive to have one. If there is a school we should seek to improve it.

"He who co-operates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God, and moulding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work. As he awakens a desire to reach God's ideal, he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe; . . . an education that secures to the successful student his passport from the preparatory school of earth to the higher grade, the school above."—*Education*, p. 19.

August 16 has been set aside by the General Conference as Christian Education Day. A special programme has been provided and will reach all our workers. Please plan to present this programme in each of our churches, even if there is not now a school in operation.

A special offering will be received on this date. Would it not be well to take an account of the needs in our schools and give a liberal offering on that day? Why not study the needs for Christian education in your own church and begin a planned programme of development? Your boys and girls will appreciate it. So will the Lord.

May God bless as you lay plans for this important day on the church calendar.







Teachers Crook and Roberts with pupils at Rest Haven



Examining new encyclopedia with Teacher Kozachenko—Grandview



Teacher Johnstone with pupils at Grandview



Teacher Gueffroy with primary pupils—Pr. George



Mixed quartette with Teacher Ganz at New Westminster



Teacher Nischuk with pupils at Silver Creek



Action song by Teacher Liske and pupils—Vernon



Teacher Johnson and pupils singing—Vernon



First Aid Class with Teacher Rowse—Mission

## BRITISH COLUMBIA *Believes in* Christian Education

and will be operating 21 schools with 33 teachers for 1958-59.

Hazleton  
Prince George  
Terrace  
Williams Lake  
Chilliwack  
Mission City  
Victoria  
Penticton  
Oliver  
Winfield  
Silver Creek  
Malakwa  
Creston

Jr. Academies  
Lamming Mills  
Langley  
New Westminster  
Vancouver  
Grandview  
Rest Haven  
Vernon

Day Academy  
Okanagan Academy

"The Lord would use the church school as an aid to the parents in educating and preparing the children for this time before us. Then let the church take hold of the school work in earnest, and make it what the Lord desires it to be."—*Counsels to Parents & Teachers*, p. 167. We solicit your prayers and support in this God-given task.

F. B. WELLS, *Educational Superintendent*

"Hi"  
from grades 7-12



Okanagan Academy





The Belloy Church School with an enrolment of only nine this past school year.

### The Heritage of Our Youth

Education based on the plain teachings of Jesus is one of the greatest needs among our children and young people today. As one of our educators has said: "Christian education should be the heritage of every one of our boys and girls."

With each passing year our own denominational schools become an increasing necessity for the up-building and finishing of the work of God and for the preparation of a people who will be ready for the soon coming of Jesus. No schools are perfect but ours are the best in the world and provide the kind of training for the minds of our youth which will prepare them for service in His work here below and for a place in His kingdom above.

The very life and growth of the church depends upon the spiritual strength and insight of each individual member, young and old; and the church which provides adequately for the intellectual and religious training of its youth is building well and wisely for the future.

H. D. HENRIKSEN, *President  
Alberta Conference*



In the Smallest or the Largest . . .

## Christian Education Pays for Alberta

Whether a child is sent to a small one-room school or one of the larger church schools with the best of facilities, Christian Education Pays. The more than 200 boys and girls sent to the church schools of Alberta are receiving a training that they cannot forget because "The early education of youth generally shapes their character for life." —FE p. 19.

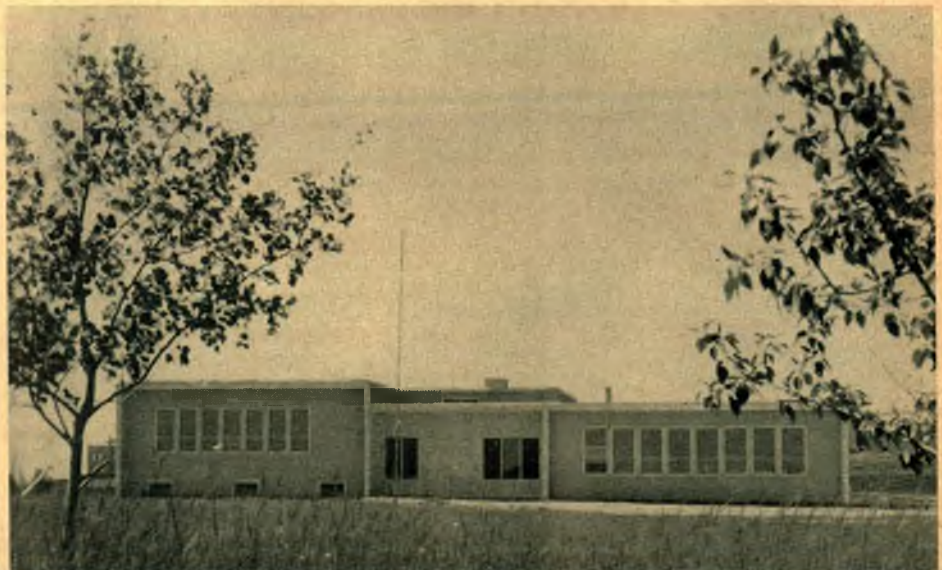
Some have the feeling that Christian education is too costly, but the proof of statistics and the clear counsel from the Spirit of Prophecy give evidence enough that Christian education pays and pays in big dividends. In our world today "No other work committed to us is so important as training of the youth, and every outlay demanded for its right accomplishment is means well spent."—CT p. 44. Let us spend our money well this fall by investing in a Christian education for the youth of our church. Every group of believers should have a Church School. "Wherever there are a few Sabbathkeepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day school where their children and youth can be instructed. . . ."—6 T p. 198.

This kind of training is a must in protecting our children from the corrupting influences of this present age. "Now the Lord would have the children gathered out from those schools where worldly influences prevail, and placed in our own schools, where the Word of God is made the foundation of education."—CT p. 166. Let all endeavour to do everything possible to gather the children and place them in these schools that have been "ordained by God." We must thank God for this wonderful plan for saving our youth and in turn give every boy and girl in our church the opportunity for such training.

F. W. BAKER  
*Superintendent of Education  
Alberta Conference*

"He (Christ) took little children in His arms, and descended to the level of the young. His large heart of love could comprehend their trials and necessities, and He enjoyed their happiness. . . . His presence never repulsed them."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 141.

"My friends, our young people today need to see Christ upheld in our schools. We need a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit to direct us and to guide us, and to keep us true to our objectives."  
—Elder J. L. McElhany.



The new four-room Elementary School recently finished at Canadian Union College is the largest Church School in the Alberta Conference. The enrolment last year was eighty-five.



# Christian Education in Manitoba-Saskatchewan



Saskatoon Church School Mrs. Ruth Bodrug, Teacher

## 1958-59 Teachers

Lakehead	— Miss E. Fredeen
Moose Jaw	— Mrs. L. Lacell
Regina	— Mrs. A. Brandt
Saskatoon	— Mrs. R. Bodrug
Winnipeg	— Mrs. I. Myers
Winnipeg	— Mr. C. Nawalkowski

“Heaven is a school; its field of study, the universe; its teacher, the Infinite One. A branch of this school was established in Eden; and, the plan of redemption accomplished, education will again be taken up in the Eden school. . . . All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's children. With unutterable delight we shall enter into the joy and the wisdom of unfallen beings.”

## “The Work of Education . . .”

It will be but a matter of a few days before the youngsters will find their way back into the classroom for another year.

Another year in which our Christian teachers will continue to build into the characters of our pupils such Christian attributes as Faith, Idealism, Godliness and Consecration.

This past school year has been one of rich reward. Twenty-one of our pupils have been baptized. Ten per cent completed the eighth grade. Most of the schools are overcrowded. We need to expand our facilities and provide room for the scores of children that should be taking advantage of Christian education.

Have you ever really thought about the importance of the following statement from the book, *Education*, page 30? “The work of education and the work of redemption are one.”

If there is a church school available in your church plan right now to enrol your children, Christian education will pay big dividends.

J. W. WILSON

*Educational Superintendent  
Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference*

*Man's most enduring work  
is done on the heart of a  
child.*



Regina Church School





# *Entrance* TO YOUR FUTURE.

## COURSES IN

- Theology
- Secretarial
- Teaching
- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Music
- Agriculture
- Nursing
- Sc. Research
- Industrial Ed.
- Business
- Lab. Technique
- Home Economics
- X-Ray

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THE REGISTRAR  
COLLEGE HEIGHTS  
ALBERTA, CANADA

CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE



# Ontario-Quebec Teachers, 1957-58



Left to right: Elder E. M. Peterson, Secretary Department of Education, Canadian Union Conference; Louis Bugden, Windsor, grades 1-8; Mrs. Ruth Groom, Hamilton, grades 1-6; Elder Carl Groom, Hamilton, grades 7-10; Glenn Sandness, Willowdale, grades 7-9; Mrs. Leone Mitchell, Montreal, grades 1-7; Mrs. Carolyn Flowers, Toronto First, grades 1-8; Miss Hilda Skoretz, OMC, grades 3-4; Carl Ritchey, principal OMC elementary school, teacher of grades 7-8; Leona Alderson, Paris, grades 1-8; Marlene Cliffe, Welland, grades 1-8; J. B. Curtis, OMC, grades 5-6; Eleanor Gustavsen, Willowdale, grades 1-6; Mrs. Edna Grove, OMC, grades 1-2; and Elder R. Knauff, superintendent, Ontario-Quebec Conference.

## Balanced Education

Real Christian education is balanced education. In it the correct proportions of physical, mental, social, and spiritual ingredients are combined. The efforts of faithful and loyal teachers together with the sacrifices of earnest devoted parents and others make possible the Christian school. Approximately 250 boys and girls were enrolled in the schools of Ontario-Quebec Conference in grades 1-10 during the school year 1957-58. One-half of this number attended the elementary school at Oshawa Missionary College while the other half attended seven other schools in the conference. Not all that has been accomplished for the education and salvation of the boys and girls in attendance can be written on paper, but eternity will reveal this.

\$2,930.85 was raised by the pupils of these schools during the Ingathering appeal this past year. This is \$12.16 average per pupil.

One of the needs for maintaining these schools is a supply of Christian teachers. Young people, prepare for service by taking teacher-training; parents, urge your children to devote their talents to the Lord's service, and some of them will become teachers.

R. KNAUFF, *Educational Superintendent*  
Ontario-Quebec Conference



That school is not always tedious is shown by Elder and Mrs. Carl Groom at Hamilton enjoying a bit of nature study with some of their pupils.

## A teacher...

must know everything, for she will be asked everything. She must be adept at putting on snowsuits, finding lost glasses, sympathizing with tummy aches, making speeches, breaking up spats, writing notes, keeping order, interior decorating, amateur carpentry, and, last but not least, teaching school."—Joe Parham.



Miss Leona Alderson and her pupils during the 1957-58 school year at Paris. The Paris school received a "Model" rating last school year. Miss Alderson has been the teacher there for a number of years and will be again this coming school year.



## What Christian Education Means to Me



Our Christian schools are dedicated for a dual purpose of training youth for Christ as well as preparing them for their life work. The church school teacher radiates a Christian influence over the lives of her pupils. Miss Gustavsen, my first church school teacher, finally persuaded me to go to an evangelistic meeting which led to my conversion as well as to the conversion of my parents.

In other schools there is no time set aside for Bible study. Our church school programme includes a regular class period for Bible. The memory verses, stories and promises will help fortify our minds for the day when the time of trouble and persecution comes to us.

Every morning is started out in the right trend with worship. Our Christian schools help to shelter us from the temptations of the world. Our dress, appearance and activities are all in harmony with the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

With these objectives in mind, many of our youth become workers for Christ.

PHYLLIS FARENICK, *Grade Eight*  
*Toronto First, Church School*

### O.M.C. GRADE EIGHT GRADUATION CLASS



Front row—Bob Moores, Elaine Stickie, secretary, Lucille Lyzanchuk, president. 2nd row—Danny Hoag, Sandra Manuel, Linda West, Sandra Morgan, Mr. Carl Ritchey, principal. 3rd row—Margaret Brown, Beverly Woods, Joy Lemon, Marjorie Villeneuve, Karen Allison.

# Almost Like —

## “MONEY IN THE BANK”

OR

## “A BIRD IN THE HAND”

# Is a Christian Education



Plan now for your child  
to attend a church school  
in:

**BARNESVILLE, N.B.**

**MONCTON, N.B.**

**SAINT JOHN, N.B.**

or

**HALIFAX, N.S.**





## *Why the Only Door?*

### **Because Only Christian Education...**

Aids in accomplishing the objective that God places above all others—the salvation of our children and youth.

Aids the children and youth in the most important task in the world—the development of Christian character.

Is concerned with the whole period of existence possible to man—in this world and in the world to come.

Develops the “whole man”—the physical, mental, social, and spiritual phases of his nature.

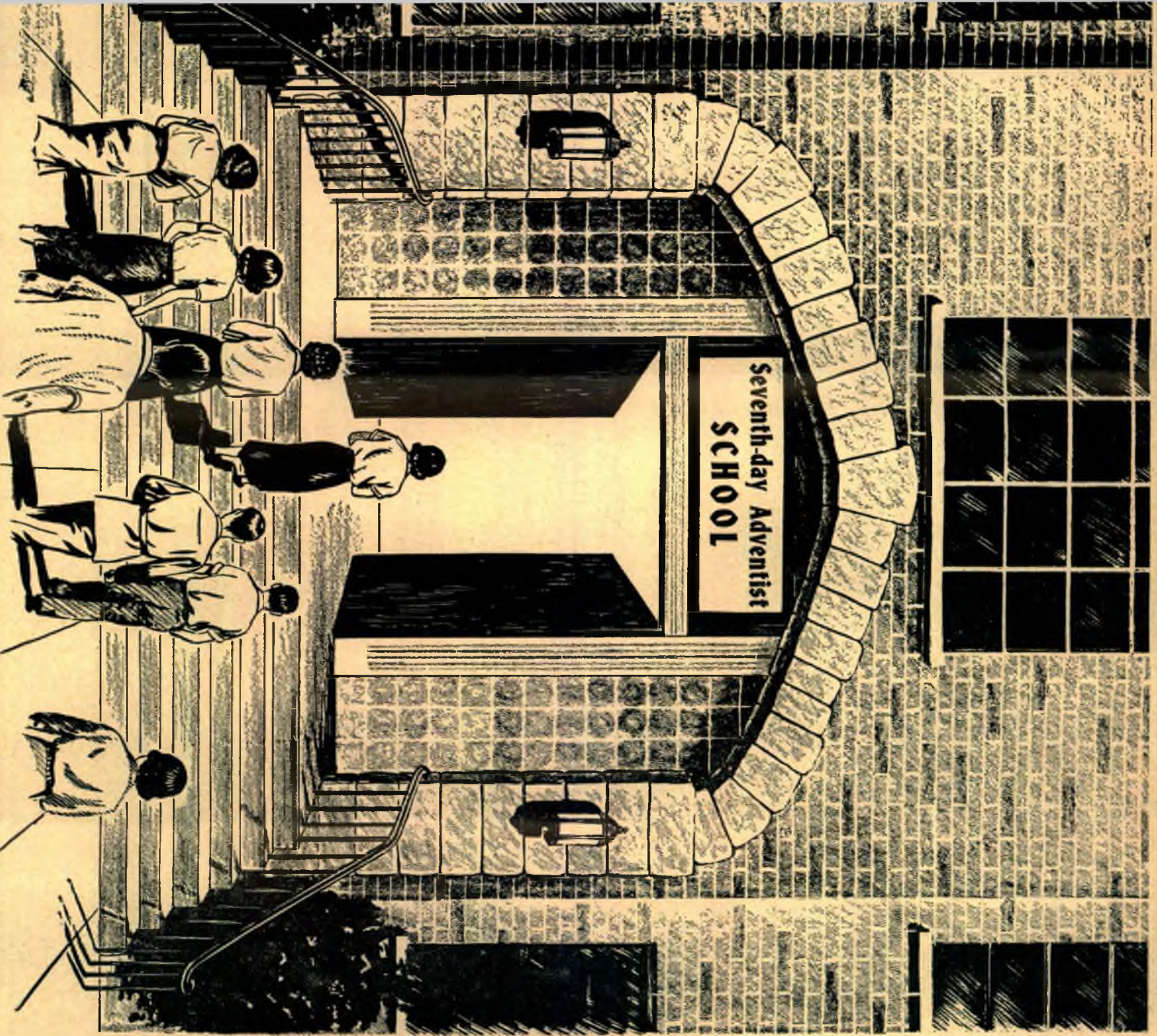
Imparts a “sense of mission”—leading the youth to dedicate their lives to Christian service.

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DAY**

## **August 16, 1958**

Department of Education, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists





# The *ONLY* DOOR To Christian Life and Service



# WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR YOU?

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, ONLY  
WILL SUFFICE TO PREPARE OUR YOUTH  
FOR THE PRESENT AND THE HEREAFTER**

"In planning for the education of their children outside the home, parents should realize that it is no longer safe to send them to the public school, and should endeavour to send them to schools where they will obtain an education based on Scriptural foundation."



*Let us help you open these doors of OPPORTUNITIES*

## — to Draw Closer to God

Student participation in prayer bands, Bible classes, weeks of prayer, Sabbath school and church service, branch Sabbath schools, missionary volunteer work, ingathering, to mention only a few of the opportunities that have been ours.

## — to Develop Physically

Careful medical check ups, a carefully planned programme of study, work and play. Regular hours for meals and for rest. These with many others help to keep our bodies fit for the indwelling of God.

## — to Earn Part of Our Expenses

Last year Oshawa Missionary College gave work to students that averaged over \$300.00 for every student enrolled in school.

## — to Develop Culturally

Outstanding lyceum programmes, participation in choirs, glee clubs, banquets, receptions, are a few of the cultural stimulants that are ours.

## — To Study Under Christian Teachers

A high school course fully accredited by the Ontario Provincial Department of Education, enriched with Bible courses and applied art courses is available. Junior College courses are offered in the following fields:

<b>Theology</b>	<b>Physical Therapy</b>	<b>Predental</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>PreX-ray</b>
<b>Applied Arts</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Premedical</b>
<b>Secretarial Science</b>	<b>Prenursing</b>	<b>Liberal Arts</b>

We wish to invite you, our friends, who as yet have not enjoyed these opportunities, to join us when school opens

**September 8**

*For information write to*

**Registrar, Oshawa Missionary College  
Box 308, Oshawa, Ontario**



# School Drives in Newfoundland



Temperance Essay Winners  
Dorothy Quintin and Ethel Quintin

## Student Participation

The Newfoundland Academy Chapter of the Temperance Association was organized February 11 with the election of the officers for 1958. Those chosen were President, Joyce Lucas; Vice-President, Edward Hodder; Secretary, Ruth Morgan, and Treasurer, Betty Murrin. Besides these four, representatives of the student body were chosen, Bryant Adams from grade eight, and Lester Pelley from grade ten.

The next day the six met to discuss plans for the Temperance Contest to be held March 11th. All students were required to enter and could enter one of four contests: The Speaking Contest, Essay Contest, Jingle Contest or Poster Contest. Prizes were discussed and the following judges chosen for the Speech Contest—Mrs. Hillock, Mrs. Burton, Pastor Adams, Dr. Hildebrand, Mrs. Janes for grades 9-11, and Mrs. Adams for grades 7 and 8. Mr. Burton and Mr. Garland served as judges of the essays and jingles.

RUTH MORGAN, *Association Secretary*

## Winners

The honours in the Academy Speech Contest went to members of the executive. Ruth Morgan and Joyce Lucas tied for first place and Edward Hodder merited second place. In the grades seven and eight competition the winners in order were: Jerry Morgan, Robert King, Karen Murrin, and Douglas Harris.

Dorothy Quinton's essay on "The Effects of Alcohol on One's Life" was judged best in the academy section, closely followed by her sister Ethel's article on "The Two Cigarettes."

Lorraine Nicholson's winning jingle in the Academy section read:

The bottle was full,  
He had a clear head—  
The bottle was empty  
The driver was dead.



Temperance Jingle Contest Winners  
Lorraine Nicholson and Dianne Hodder

The grade seven and eight winning entry was by Dianne Hodder who wrote: My advice I give to the young and the bold

Don't drink on the highway or you'll never grow old.

The death toll on holidays caused through a drinkin',

Is enough to set even a nitwit a thinkin'.

Cecilia Webber's excellent poster was easily judged the best.

E. HILLOCK, *Principal  
Newfoundland Academy*



Officers of Temperance Association  
Seated: Joyce Lucas, President

Standing: Bryant Adams, Ruth Morgan, Betty Murrin, Edward Hodder, Lesley Pelley



Temperance Speech Contest Winners

Jerry Morgan, Ruth Morgan, Robert King, Edward Hodder, Karen Murrin, Joyce Lucas, Douglas Harris



# Items of Interest Across Canada

## Happy Birthday Branson Hospital!

There's something about a birthday that catches the imagination of nearly everyone, but when it's a 100-bed hospital that has a birthday then that is news!

On July 7 the Branson Hospital had its first birthday and to celebrate the occasion over 200 guests and staff members attended a party held in the gaily decorated cafeteria and adjacent lounge. An almost indescribable atmosphere prevailed everywhere. While enjoying the delicious eats—it was there! When party games were creating amusement—it was still there! And during speech-time it was noticeably there! And what was it? An abiding sense of gratitude to God for His Divine help through our first year of operations, for His preserving power amidst difficult circumstances and His providing grace in every challenging emergency.

During the year, 701 babies were born; 1792 surgeries performed; 3200 road and home accidents were treated in the emergency department; 5600 persons were x-raved and 3,400 patients admitted for hospitalization. All this besides the thou-

sands of units of work done in physical therapy, laboratory, records, etc.

All visitors to the Branson Hospital are impressed with what they see, but we who serve daily within its walls are aware of things not revealed in a hospital tour. Every department is expanding. New, modern equipment is appearing constantly. Personnel reinforcements are arriving from the Western provinces of Canada, the U.S.A., Jamaica and from as far away as Germany and other European countries, while here in the office of the Administrator, Elder A. W. Kaytor, earnest planning is in progress for the physical expansion of the Branson Hospital to at least 150 active treatment beds. The recent Branson Hospital church offering of over \$8,000.00 was a further splendid evidence of the goodwill of our Canadian membership toward the institution, and our thanks is due to all who contributed. In the coming issues of this paper there shall be traced the "Forward Look" of our hospital planning but at this time we desire to record the gratitude of our hearts for all of heaven's blessings and having begun our second year of service for the sick, rededicate ourselves to our noble task.

T. J. BRADLEY  
Public Relations Director



Friendly public relations between the Branson Hospital and the community are shown as (left to right) Mr. R. R. Corson, President of Chartered Trust Company and Honorary Expansion Campaign Chairman; Mr. V. Singer, North York Reeve and Mr. K. A. Gardener, Vice President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, prepare to cut the four-layer cake. During his speech at the birthday party, Mr. Singer announced that the North York Township Council had voted \$75,000.00 toward the Branson Hospital Expansion Fund.

## ALBERTA—

### First Baptism in New Edmonton Church



Pictured above is the first baptism to be held in the new Edmonton English church. In addition to being the first, it is believed to be the largest ever conducted in the history of the English church in Edmonton. Approximately three hundred members witnessed this happy occasion. The baptism was primarily the result of the faithfulness of our church members in giving Bible studies to those who were longing to be helped in getting ready for the soon coming of Jesus. We welcome this fine group of new believers and pray that each one, with his loved ones, will be faithful to the end of time.

D. SKORETZ, Pastor  
Edmonton English Church

### Election of Conference Officers

At the Alberta Conference Session which was held in connection with the annual camp meeting at Lacombe, Elder H. D. Henriksen was re-elected conference president. Brother L. H. Davies, the secretary-treasurer, was also re-elected.

The secretaries of the departments were asked to continue to serve in this important part of the Dominion. They are as follows: Walter E. Bergey, Publishing Department; Wilford Tetz, M.D., Medical Department; Frank W. Baker, Educational, Missionary Volunteer and Temperance Departments; William E. Kuester, Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Public Relations Departments.

Brother A. Norman How was re-elected manager of the Book and Bible House.

The members of the Conference Executive Committee are: H. D. Henriksen, L. H. Davies, John Anderson, Judson P. Habenicht, William E. Kuester, John McKibbin, M.D., Harold Reiswig, Conrad Samograd, and Daniel Skoretz.

May the Lord richly bless as these men direct in the finishing of the work of the Lord in the Alberta Conference.



## News Notes

★ Members of the Rosebud church have practically completed a new parsonage for their pastor Elder R. R. Patzer. He and his family have already moved into this commodious and modern home which is located on the property immediately south of the church building.

★ On July third Elder E. S. Humann, a former treasurer for the Alberta Conference, visited the office. He is now serving as auditor for the North Pacific Union Conference. Also paying a visit on the same day were Elder and Mrs. D. N. Reiner of San Jose, California. Elder Reiner, who has served as departmental secretary in our conference, now acts as secretary to the Home Missionary and Self-Supporting Institutions Departments for the Central California Conference.

★ Miss Irene Johnstone, former secretary to Elder L. H. Davies of the conference treasury department, has moved to Walla Walla, Washington where she will be working for an insurance firm.

★ On Friday, July 11th, Elder H. D. Henriksen and L. H. Davies were invited to make an inspection trip to Rosebud to see the progress being made on the new Rosebud church auditorium and youth centre. It is expected that the large building will be closed in, in about one more week. The seating capacity will be about eight hundred and the building will be used for the first time at the 50th anniversary celebration ceremonies to be held there August 8-10 this summer.

★ Dr. Jack Jennings, a dentist from Texas, is now setting up his office in the new Simpsons-Sears Shopping Centre in Calgary. His office is next to that of Dr. H. W. Gimbel, M.D. We welcome Dr. Jennings and his family to the Alberta Conference and to the Calgary church.



Sixty-five from non-Adventist homes attended Hamilton Vacation Bible School.

leadership of Mrs. Wood and with the assistance of her teachers were told many stories of God's Word, the Bible. All the activities were closely related to the overall theme and we feel that a lasting impression was made upon the minds of these little ones. The work was presented in such an interesting manner and appealed to the children so much that the attendance was excellent. On one very rainy day all but two of these eager kindergarten children were present in spite of the fact that most of them had to walk to and from the vacation school.

Mrs. Evans, leader of the Primary division, also had an eager group of children who were especially interested in working in their Bible workbooks. This thrilled our hearts to see these primary children take such an interest in the things of God, and imagine our joy when two of these children were in Sabbath School the following Sabbath as a direct result of the Vacation Bible School.

Under the supervision of their teachers the children daily enjoyed an invigorating period of outdoor play. One little boy in this division summed up the feeling of the group when he said, "I wish we could have this school all summer."

The enrolment in the Junior Division almost equalled that of the other two divisions. We feel that under the guidance of God a great work was done with these older children. One boy of 15 attended because his friend invited him. At first

he was a bit distrustful of the teachers but after a few days he admitted that he hadn't told us his correct age at first because he was afraid he would not be admitted. This boy had never attended any church in his life. He stated that his mother had a Bible at home but apparently it was never read. By the end of the Vacation Bible School session he took a prominent part in the closing programme. Several children of this Division have already enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course.

The closing programme was held at 7:30 on Friday evening, July 11. The processional was accompanied by the stirring music of "Onward Christian Soldiers." After the salutes, pledges and prayer the children presented an enjoyable programme of finger plays, songs, poems and memory texts. Elder Bock gave a short talk on the purpose of Vacation Bible Schools. The presentation of diplomas by the director and the benediction by the pastor brought the first Vacation Bible School of the Hamilton church to an end.

The parents of these children were most appreciative of our work and many of them expressed the desire that this school be continued next summer.

We have found this work to be a most satisfying one that will bring results for the kingdom of God. Does Vacation Bible School pay? We believe it does!

MRS. IVAN PROUTY, *Director*

## ONTARIO-QUEBEC—

### Vacation Bible School Hamilton

Excitement and apprehension prevailed at the Hamilton Church on Wednesday morning, July 2. The moment we had prayed about and worked toward during the past weeks was here, and now the leaders and teachers were awaiting the arrival of the students. This was our first attempt at a missionary project such as this and we all felt a little incompetent, but we knew that God was guiding. Despite our fears the results were beyond our expectations. Of the 80 children attending all but 15 were from non-Adventist homes, representing a variety of religious faiths.

The kindergarten children, under the

### Camp Meeting Invites You to Oshawa August 7-17



### Minister Goes to Mission Field

Pastor Rudolf R. Aussner of the Winnipeg German church left on June 24 for the Middle East to enter mission service for the next five years. Accompanying him is his wife. He was recently appointed to the Southern European Division by the Seventh-day Adventist Foreign Mission Board in Washington, D.C. His residence will be in Amman, Jordan, where he will assume his duties. Before leaving for his new post he attended the General Conference session in Cleveland, Ohio. He sailed for Europe and then on to Jordan.

Since 1955, when pastor Aussner came from Canadian Union College, he has been leader of several districts in Manitoba—River Hills, Morden, and Winnipeg. At first he was a literature evangelist but later became a minister. Under his leadership the Adventist church has added many members.

A farewell party was held in the Winnipeg Junior Academy. As a "going away gift" the church presented the pastor with a set of books called *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, as well as a leather case.

The mission programme to which pastor Aussner will be giving his service extends to 184 of the 205 countries of the world.

ROMANA MUELLER

### Another Beacon of Light

Fellow believers across Canada it is with great pleasure that we, the members of the "North Battleford Seventh-day Adventist Church", are able to report the work on our church building has begun in a big way.

In place of the usual sod breaking ceremonies by hand, the roar of caterpillar and truck were heard and in a very short time the basement was dug. At this time the cement pouring is also finished.

We rejoice in "The Lord" that what has been a dream for many years is now becoming a reality and another beacon of light will shine forth to souls in darkness.

MRS. ESTHER GALLANT



Construction begins on North Battleford Seventh-day Adventist church.



Elder J. O. Iverson pauses in Winnipeg to talk with those in whose lives the Voice of Prophecy played an important part in bringing them to Christ. Elder Iverson of the Voice of Prophecy held rallies in the cities of Winnipeg and Dauphin.

### Rally in Samburg, Saskatchewan



District Rally held in Samburg, Saskatchewan by district leader, James Campbell. Eight candidates were baptized, and Elders G. E. Soloniuk and W. G. Soloniuk were visiting speakers.

### MARITIMES—

### First Vacation Bible School

The first Vacation Bible School ever held in the Halifax church has just ended. What a busy week this has been; but what a rewarding one!

Vacation Bible School had been discussed in Halifax for some time but little interest had been expressed by parents and children alike; so it can be understood that not too great an attendance was expected. But the sight that greeted the teachers at 9 o'clock Monday, July 7, had them a little worried, wondering if the programme laid out and the facilities

available were sufficient to cope with the 44 boys and girls who were present. Quickly the natural high spirits were channelled into constructive work and a week of bustle and excitement had begun. Tuesday brought an extra 8 to the school and the attendance stayed around the 50 mark for the rest of the week. At one end of the classroom in the church basement, Elder Matthews was teaching soap carving. He had chosen lambs and fish to be carved, but strange and weird shapes emerged, as hot little fingers scraped away and many a squeal of delight was heard as imagination filled in the inadequacies of the knife. At the other end of the classroom, another group of children tried their





Halifax vacation Bible school group.

skill at glitter craft or painting place mats under the leadership of Sister Dooks and her helpers. Four other classes were being held in the church, some colouring, others learning verses; everyone thoroughly enjoying the Vacation Bible School. Fortunately for the Halifax church, there is a park just across the road, and here the children enjoyed games and races under the supervision of their teachers.

Young People's meeting on Sabbath, July 12, had been allotted to the leaders of the Vacation Bible School, and they used this time to show the parents just what their children had done in the last week. At the close of the meeting, everyone was invited to the school room to examine the work done by the children.

It was here that little chests swelled with pride as parents were taken from display to display, and saw the things their children had made. Many a pleasant contact was made as parents and teachers met and talked.

We in Halifax like to believe that our Vacation Bible School has created some small measure of goodwill in Halifax. Although not all our non-Adventist friends came from homes close to the church, some came as far as 15 or 20 miles away, sufficient boys and girls came from these homes to spread the word, and next year a bigger and better Vacation Bible School is anticipated.

IVOR REECE, *Press Secretary*  
Halifax church



Games in the park helped make Halifax vacation Bible school interesting.

## OBITUARIES—

**LENNOX**—Dorothy Isobel Lennox was born March 12, 1925 near North Battleford, Saskatchewan and passed to her rest April 28 at Calgary. She married Stanley Lennox in 1945.

In the fall of 1946 the family moved to Winnipeg. Here they attended evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder J. J. Williamson and Mrs. Lennox was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Since that time she has been active in the work of the Lord until her untimely death.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her beloved husband and three children; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Key, Saskatoon; four sisters, Bessie, wife of the Rev. John Mitchell, Glenavon, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Roland Hogan, Harrogate, British Columbia;

Mrs. Edward Ballentine, Langford, British Columbia; Mrs. Robert Butcher, Saskatoon; four brothers, James Key, Waseca, Saskatchewan; William, John, and Donald of Saskatoon; and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Calgary Central Seventh-day Adventist church by the pastor, Elder Habenicht, assisted by Elders W. E. Kuester and F. W. Baker. Interment was in Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Calgary.

JUDSON P. HABENICHT

**FLETCHER**—Clifford Elwyn Fletcher was born July 22, 1930 in Cumberland, B.C. and passed to his final rest on May 25, 1958 in St. Joseph's Hospital at Comox, B.C. On June 16, 1956 he was united in marriage with June Elizabeth Graves of Brantford, Ontario.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife and little daughter, Ivy Mary, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fletcher of Courtenay, B.C.; three sisters, Mrs. J. L. (Evelyn) Shaw of Dundas, Ontario; Mrs. C. C. (Marjorie) Teale of Tisdale, Saskatchewan, and Mrs. J. R. (Reta) Walsh of Cold Lake, Alberta. Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by H. M. Keehnell, in the Piercy Funeral Home at Courtenay.

He sleeps in the joyful hope of the resurrection.

G. E. HOCHSTEITER

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# The Teacher

They called Him "Teacher," too,  
That lowly Nazarene  
Who was the Way, the Truth, the Life itself,  
By Galilean lakes so blue, serene.  
He in His gentle way  
And simple form did share  
His wisdom with the seekers of His day;  
The master of all teachers.

Nor did he care for creed or biased opinions,  
Or pompousness—but love—  
A simple thing all men most need,  
And truth and kindness,  
To offset hate and lies and greed  
These were His texts and tools  
By which He molded men.

The silly rules we fuss and fret about  
Were all so vain,  
To One who had compassion for all men,  
And little ones. His words, like rain,  
Fell gently, and like the rain did send  
New life and hope and love arrayed  
In robes of tolerance and faith;  
For so He taught and prayed.

I, too, shall dare to teach  
Not only texts and ever-changing rules,  
To these entrusted to my skill;  
To mold their fresh and unresisting minds  
To shape their thoughts for good—and still  
Be mindful that these things abide  
Above all else—truth, tolerance, and love,  
Whate'er betide.

—K. Stevenson Shaffer.

## It's Dangerous to Pray!!

It's dangerous to pray—that's what he said. He really did! He opened the back door, walked through the kitchen and said, "Ruthie, it's dangerous to pray."

Here's what happened: Every day he was driving an old beat-up Ford to work and when he'd get there the men would hoot and holler and yell, "When are you going to put that old museum piece in the mausoleum?" It WAS quite a wreck, but with one girl in academy and another at college our finances were always "nip and tuck."

He often prays while driving along and one morning on the way to work he asked, "Oh, God, how long am I going to have to drive this old crate?" and a day or so later it happened. The "old crate" was reduced to scrap iron and he came home and with a little awe in his voice said, "Ruthie, it's dangerous to pray. Just be sure you want what you are praying for, because you just might GET it."

And what's more, IT'S DANGEROUS TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO CHURCH SCHOOL, TO ACADEMY OR TO COLLEGE, and then to top it off by praying that God will make a worker out of him. He just might DO it. I know one couple that actually had that happen to them. They sent their precious Millie to church school, then to academy and then to college and one day they woke up and it seemed just like any other day but it wasn't. Not at all. The sun came up, and the world went on spinning, but before dark everything seemed

to stop stock still. The Mission Board had asked Millie—their special Millie—to go to India. And she went. And she's still there!

Now, if you want your child to make a good living and to have stylish clothes, and automatic heat, and a choice of every kind of food, and a picture window, and



a TV set, comfortable transportation, and the grandchildren home for Christmas, then DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO CHURCH SCHOOL, ACADEMY OR COLLEGE and then pray that God will make a worker out of Him, because he just MIGHT DO IT.

(Northern Union Outlook)

## Church School Attainments

Our Canadian church school children did a magnificent job with ingathering. Our hats go off to them and their teachers for the good work done.

British Columbia	\$5517.64
Ontario-Quebec	2613.85
Alberta	2565.16
Manitoba-Saskatchewan	1901.28
Maritimes	751.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,349.92</b>

The per capita for the students in these conferences amounts to \$11.56. The largest amount raised by any school was Calgary with a total of \$1231.79. The schools in Victoria, British Columbia, and Moncton, New Brunswick, deserve special mention for passing the \$40.00 per capita mark.

"True education does not ignore the value of scientific knowledge or literary acquirements; but above information it values power; above power, goodness; above intellectual acquirements, character. The world does not so much need men of great intellect as of noble character. It needs men in whom ability is controlled by steadfast principle."—"Education," p. 225.