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Major Changes in Canadian Union and Local Conferences

W. A. NELSON, *President, Canadian Union*



H. D. Henriksen

Elder H. D. Henriksen, who has served for many years as president of our conferences in the Prairies, was unanimously appointed by the Ontario-Quebec Conference Committee to serve as president of this field.

Elder Henriksen is known to our members everywhere, for prior to assuming the responsibilities of administration he served as Union Conference secretary for the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments.

The work in Ontario-Quebec is largely metropolitan for over one half of the population of Canada is centered in the cities of this conference.

Brother Henriksen will serve as chairman of the Hospital Board as well as president of the conference.

We know that while the workers and members of the Alberta Conference will regret to have Brother and Sister Henriksen leave their field yet we believe that the Lord has led in this important move.

Elder F. Brock Wells needs no introduction to our churches and members in many parts of the Union. I am glad, though, to present Elder Wells at this time as the Canadian Union Conference secretary for the Missionary Volunteer, Educational and Temperance Departments.

Brother Wells comes to these responsibilities with a broad experience in local conference and foreign mission work. Elder and Mrs. Wells have laboured during the past three years carrying these departments in the British Columbia Conference. Prior to that he served for many years in the Ontario-Quebec Con-

Elder G. Eric Jones, who has served as president of the Ontario-Quebec Conference during the past nine years, has accepted a call to serve as president of the Greater New York Conference.

The work in this field has developed in a wonderful way under his leadership with every department of the conference showing marked gains each year.

The Branson Hospital came into being because of the vision and burden that Elder Jones had for the development of the medical work. With its one hundred beds the hospital already is too small.

We are sure that the Lord will richly bless Brother and Sister Jones in their new field and make their work count there as effectively as it has here through the years.

Our prayers go with these two faithful workers that the Lord will continue to bless and sustain them under the heavy responsibilities that they will carry.



G. E. Jones



F. B. Wells

ference in the same capacity.

We are glad to welcome Elder and Mrs. Wells to the work of all of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in Canada. We know that they will receive a hearty welcome from the field.

In two of his departments he will serve primarily the young people and juniors. The temperance work because of its wide interests reaches into every Seventh-day Adventist home and into every community.

Brother and Sister Wells will have the prayers of our young people and members everywhere.

Greenland's Greetings

J. M. BUCY, Publishing Secretary, Northern European Division

Greetings from the church in Greenland to the willing-hearted members in Canada.

My territory now begins at the North Pole and extends as far south and east as Ethiopia. In January and February of 1959, I will be itinerating in our great mission field of East Africa. I am kept on the move in my endeavours to keep the publishing and radio TV departments advancing. The Lord is greatly blessing the work in the Northern European Division.

I wanted expressly to convey to you the warm greetings of Pastor Andreas Nielsen, our missionary to Greenland. Pastor Nielsen left his home in Denmark to pioneer the work in Greenland. Greenland is two thirds covered with glaciers and snow, yet this great island covers a land area of 78,000 square miles. There are a number of beautiful cities in Greenland, and many warm hearts waiting for the gospel.

As you will recall, the church members of Canada responded magnificently a year ago December when the 13th Sabbath overflow appeal was made for a chapel and treatment rooms for Greenland. Andreas Nielsen wishes to thank Canada deeply for the part it played in bringing their hopes and plans to fruition. Today the beautiful chapel along with a section of treatment rooms stands in Godthaab (Good Hope), Greenland. We can now sing with new assurance that the gospel is being preached from "Greenland's icy mountains, to India's coral strand". We in the division also send a great big thank you to the warm-hearted believers in Canada.

I spoke with Pastor Nielsen just recently at the Division Winter Council held at beautiful Skodsborg Sanitarium in Denmark, and he said, "they were so happy with the new building and facilities there."

Pastor Nielsen is also an outstanding colporteur evangelist. He does colporteur work from the south shore of Greenland to as far north as Umanak. This is the farthest point north reached by Pastor Nielsen in his work. He is a real pioneer! He always wears a heart-warming smile and just bubbles over with soul-winning enthusiasm.

Often prospective customers follow him to his lodging place or home seeking to purchase our wonderful literature. Pastor Nielsen's favourite subscription book is *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan*. It is reliably stated that Pastor Nielsen is the best informed man in the denomination on the contents of this marvellous

book. He is now planning to publish *The Desire of Ages* in Greenlandic, as and when funds are available. *It cheers the hearts of all of us, I am sure, to know that the world's biggest island of the sea, approximately 800 miles in length and 690 miles in width, is hearing the call to repentance through pulpit ministry, health ministry, and the ministry of the printed page. Despite most of the opposition, warnings in magazines and newspapers, Pastor Nielsen is being used mightily of God in this place.*

One of the State priests studied God's word with Pastor Nielsen until midnight. Later, he was the one who translated *Steps to Christ* and *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan* into Greenlandic for Pastor Nielsen. He said about his translation work, "I have also thought through what I have read." Let us continue to pray for the work around the world, not forgetting the isles of the sea.

Canadian Students at CME Give Thanksgiving Baskets

LOMA LINDA—About fifty CME students helped express thanks for their blessings at the Thanksgiving season this year by preparing food baskets for those less fortunate than they.

Baskets were placed at the local market and at the church where persons could put their contributions; and, in addition, much of the food was gathered in door-to-door solicitation by students. After the food was sorted and the forty baskets assembled, students distributed them.



Sophomore medical student Beverly Cox (left) and freshman nursing student Eleanor Deer, from Canada, are shown as they helped prepare Thanksgiving food baskets.

First Things First!

Religious Liberty Week and Offering

D. L. MICHAEL, Secretary
Department of Public Affairs
Canadian Union Conference

The very first appointment in the new year for Seventh-day Adventists is essentially a very personal one. A glance at the official calendar of special days and offerings reminds us that January 11 to 17 is Religious Liberty Week. And religious freedom comes very close to each individual! It is because religious faith is primarily a personal responsibility and experience. We live in an age of mass markets, mass media of communications, mass means of distribution. But, in the language of liberty the stress is rightly placed on the individual, indeed, the non-conforming individual!

The defense of human liberty, and freedom of conscience in particular, calls for the effort of every person who cherishes the priceless gift of freedom. How can this be accomplished? It is done by consistently and constantly practicing the basic tenets of liberty through kind and considerate Christlike conduct toward others. It is done even more effectively when in a tactful way the threats to freedom are pointed out to neighbour and compatriot alike.

But, by far, one of the easiest ways of strengthening our witness on behalf of freedom is to enlarge our educational effort for human liberty by making it possible to greatly increase our list of *Liberty* magazine readers. Subscribe to *Liberty* yourself. But, more than that, give generously on Sabbath, January 17, so that your own conference can renew its special *Liberty* subscription lists to key people in your own province and community and, through your sacrificial generosity greatly increase this list each year.

If you are the kind that makes New Year's resolutions let this be one that you will keep! There is not much time left, but, enough to prayerfully renew your commitment to freedom and come to church on Sabbath, January 17 prepared to translate faith into ACTION! And on this one day "action" is spelled with many \$ \$ \$ signs!

It is easy to be humble where humility is a condescension; easy to concede where we know ourselves wronged; easy to forgive where vengeance is in our power.—Mrs. Jameson.

Combatting Pornography

Been concerned about the increasing amount of indecent literature being sold on newsstands? Worried about the young people in your community who are constantly exposed to pornographic literature? Curious as to what can be done to stem the flood tide of salacious literature pouring through the mail system?

Offering a Christian solution to the problem of indecent literature and the warped minds which stem from it, Dr. Richard L. Hammill, associate educational secretary of the General Conference, brings one of the most important articles on the significance of home training in youthful development to appear on the pages of the January issue of *These Times*. The programme he outlines is a must of every Christian family.

You can secure a copy of *These Times* through your local book and Bible house for only twenty cents (in lots of ten, the price is only seventeen and one-half cents). Order today.

Treasure Quiz Winners

In a recent Treasure Quiz conducted by *Primary Treasure* in the pages of *Primary Lesson Exercises*, the following were declared winners from the Canadian Union: James Guild and Trudy McLaren.

James and Trudy were alert to watch the pages of *Primary Lesson Exercises*, and they responded to the quiz, answered all

the questions correctly, and were proclaimed the winners from the Canadian Union. An appropriate award has been mailed to each.

This is an opportune time to inquire whether your Sabbath School is receiving a sufficient supply of the following: *Our Little Friend* for the Cradle Roll and Kindergarten divisions; *Primary Treasure*, *Primary Lesson Exercises*, and *Primary Quarterly* for the Primary Division. If you do not have an adequate supply, now is the time to increase your order.

May we further suggest that since so many subscriptions expire at this time of the year that you **SEND YOUR ORDER FOR RENEWAL IMMEDIATELY**. This is very important. We don't want to disappoint our boys and girls, do we? If perchance, you do not have opportunity to attend Sabbath School regularly, you may wish to order a subscription to the above periodicals to be mailed to your home. Place your order either through your church missionary secretary or your Book and Bible House. These publications offer the best in character building and every boy and girl should have opportunity to enjoy a continual diet of good reading material.

Again we congratulate the winners. Encourage your children to read every page of these publications, which are designed to prepare them for eternal life.

L. R. HIXSON

Circulation Department
Pacific Press Publishing Association

Tithes and Offerings not the Property of any Man

"You who have been withholding your means from the cause of God, read the book of Malachi, and see what is spoken there in regard to tithes and offerings. Cannot you see that it is not best under any circumstances to withhold your tithes and offerings because you are not in harmony with everything your brethren do? The tithes and offerings are not the property of any man, but are to be used in doing a certain work for God. Unworthy ministers may receive some of the means thus raised, but dare any one, because of this, withhold from the treasury, and brave the curse of God? I dare not. I pay my tithes gladly and freely, saying, as did David, 'Of thine own have we given thee.' A selfish withholding from God will tend to poverty in our own souls. Act your part, my brethren and sisters. God loves you, and He stands at the helm. If the Conference business is not managed according to the order of the Lord, that is the sin of the erring ones. The Lord will not hold you responsible for it, if you do what you can to correct the evil. But do not commit sin yourselves by withholding from God his own property. 'Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently,' or deceitfully."

Special Testimonies,
Series A, No. 1, p. 27.

Maritime Conference—

Charlottetown Investment Programme

The Charlottetown church had its largest Investment offering this year. The adults and children alike rallied behind the Investment programme. Sister Lewis, the Sabbath School superintendent, led out in this programme. In her work as a beautician, she saved all the tips that she received for Investment. It totaled \$34.00.

Brother Clements had a novel idea for Investment. His hobby is trout fishing and for every fish he caught he put a nickel aside for Investment. Brother Clements enjoyed one of his best trout seasons.

The children's department did exceptionally well. The children received two

cents for each piece of literature they gave away and ten cents for each visitor they brought to Sabbath School. The money they received from these and other projects made their offering approximately one-third of the total offering for the church. Projects have already started for the next year's Investment.



Mrs. Florence Lewis, Sabbath School Superintendent, Charlottetown, P.E.I. She successfully promoted an Investment programme that everyone seemed to enjoy.



Children of the Charlottetown Sabbath School who raised one-third of the Investment offering.

Ontario- Quebec



114 King St. East, Oshawa, Ontario

G. Eric Jones *President*
B. H. Stickle *Secretary-Treasurer*
Make wills and legacies payable to the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

City Mayor Honours Carolling

G. ERIC JONES, *President*

Good public relations pay! This is evidenced by the accompanying picture that shows Elder R. J. Ritchie, pastor of the Windsor, Ontario Church receiving a carolling donation from Mayor Michael Patrick of the city. The mayor not only contributed, but also added his blessing to the campaign. This same picture with a story appeared in the Windsor Press prior to the opening of the carolling season. Sister Paul Switak, church press secretary has been active in getting good publicity before the people.

The Windsor church reached a \$2000.00 carolling goal before Christmas.

Elder Ritchie reports a busy season for the Windsor church. A six-week series of evangelistic meetings closed on November 30. Lay preachers joined with the pastor in this effort, and the Lord blessed with six baptisms. A number of new interests attended the last service of the series when Elder Ritchie presented "The Mark of the Beast and the Seal of God." These people expressed a desire to join the pastor's Bible study class.

We thank God for these good reports!



Pastor Ritchie (right) receiving donation from mayor.

The Bank of Heaven Account

ADELE STICKLE, R.N., *Press Secretary,*
Willowdale Church

What? Refuse a \$1.00 bill? But who would do that? And who would be giving away free \$1.00 bills?

Yes, it was true, and yet here and there sat the doubtful and hesitant spurning the offer.

It happened in the Willowdale Sabbath School, with the Investment secretaries generously handing out dollar bills to those who would accept them.

The story began in April when secretaries Dorothy Kuhn and Moreen Wright started the Investment Fund with \$45.00 resulting from a bake sale and programme. This money was reinvested by giving willing Sabbath School members a one dollar bill each to invest. Remembering the parable of the talents, those who accepted the money were faced with a real challenge. Willowdale church members are all busy, working people. Would such a project be successful?

The goal device was an oversized bank book for *The Bank of Heaven*. Each month the secretaries recorded deposits according to Investment funds received.

On November 29 came the Investment programme with each division of the Sabbath School demonstrating their respective Investment device and telling how much they had raised for Investment. A junior told how he had raised \$15.00 by collecting pop bottles. A primary member brought in \$6.00 from raising cucumbers. A nurse collected quarters and received \$85.00. A senior member invested several dollars in permanent wave sets and gave home permanents. A new member investing for the first time told how God had blessed his tomato plants so that there was a remarkable difference between his and his neighbour's which were planted the same day.

The total deposits entered in the bank book after the programme came to \$848.00 with the receipts from all divisions. There are projects still to be completed.

This is the largest amount yet reached in one year by the Willowdale church and with increased enthusiasm as well as increased membership we expect much more for 1959.

Young People Leave for Japan Missionary College

L. L. BOCK, *Home Missionary Secretary*

Brother and Sister Tony Okimi of Greensville, Ontario will leave by boat from Vancouver on January 14 for Japan where they will attend our Senior Mission-



Brother and Sister Tony Okimi

ary College. Brother Okimi plans to study for the ministry, and Sister Okimi is planning to take the Bible Instructor's course.

Brother Okimi was born near Vancouver. As a seven year old boy he went with his grandparents to Japan. Seventeen years later he returned to Canada in 1949 to join his parents, brother and Sister Tomi Okimi. Our brother was a Buddhist at the time, but during the next year he embraced the faith of his parents who had accepted the "truth" in 1940.

We are sorry to see Brother and Sister Okimi leave our conference, and especially will the Toronto Japanese Church miss their loyal support. May God richly bless these young people as they prepare for wider service in His vineyard.

Hamilton Investment Plan

Little Donnie Slusarenko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Slusarenko of 50 Indian Crescent, was chosen when he was less than two months old, to be the Investment baby for the Hamilton Sabbath School. The plan was started in February of '58, when he weighed 13 pounds, 2 ounces. Several of the members decided to invest in him, and gave a nickel for each ounce he gained. Each month an Investment programme was held, and the baby was weighed as all eagerly watched. Already we have received \$86.35 from our Investment baby project (Ounce of Gold Plan)

A special surprise Investment programme was planned for November 8th under the direction of Mr. Akio Okimi, our Investment leader.

At this time Mr. Ivan Prouty, Judy Kinney, Allen Kaytor, and Debbie Slusarenko representing the various Sabbath School divisions, came in each carrying different sizes of pumpkins. The largest one, carried by Ivan Prouty, weighed 27 pounds. Ivan Prouty took the pumpkins which had been carefully cut in half and demonstrated how to plant seeds in the pumpkin halves, and

then through his use of "magic", brought forth Dollar Bills from the seeds for Investment. Our secretary informed us that the last time we had an Investment baby project in the Hamilton church was back in 1934 when Ruth and Roy Soley (the twins) were chosen.

MARION SOLEY

Manitoba-Saskatchewan

1004 Victoria Ave., Saskatoon, Sask.

W. Bothe President
J. Radcliffe Secretary-Treasurer
Make wills and legacies payable to the Saskatchewan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Now Rejoicing In The Truth

F. W. CONNORS, Secretary
Publishing Department

The Barker family are now rejoicing in the Truth, which they might never have known if Literature Evangelist J. F. Dinsdale had not called on their trailer home, first at North Bay and then within ten miles of his home near Sudbury.

On his first visit Brother Dinsdale sold them a set of *Bedtime Stories* for the children and showed them the book *The Bible Speaks*, which she purchased when he met her the second time some three months later. However, on his third visit the lady said, "Oh, I'm so glad to see you. I've been reading that *Bible Speaks* book and I'm all mixed up." To which Brother Dinsdale replied, "Oh, I thought you would be all straightened out by this time the way you started devouring that book when you received it."

After not too brief a visit in which many questions were asked and answered, arrangements were made for Pastor A. Blair to give Bible Studies. And within two short weeks she was ready for baptism and became a member of the church. This all happened in the Fall of 1957. And then at camp meeting she had the pleasure of seeing her good husband go forward in baptism, thus making a united family in the Lord. Sister Barker has since been doing part-time colporteur work spreading the truth she loves, hoping she will find others with honest hearts waiting for the truth just as she had been.



Seated are the Barker family with Brother J. F. Dinsdale, left, and Pastor A. Blair on the right.

they to hear, scattered as they are in the northern parts of the provinces and in the Northwest Territories? While in Churchill, Pastor Astleford met two young ladies from London. They were preparing to leave for Baffin Island where they will teach classes of approximately sixty children each. When we realize that worldly young people are willing to be separated from loved ones, to cross the ocean and go to the far north to teach the Eskimos, surely it presents a challenge to our young people. Qualified Seventh-day Adventist teachers could also be self-supporting missionaries doing a wonderful work for God.

Ingathering

In recent months Elder L. Astleford made two special Ingathering trips outside of his Saskatoon district. During the month of June he flew to Uranium City, which is on the fringe of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan territory, and to Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories. The Lord blessed in the solicitation as a total of \$762.00 was realized.

In August Elder Astleford volunteered to make an exploratory trip into the northern regions of Manitoba. Previously no Seventh-day Adventist had worked in this area. In a two-week period the port of Churchill as well as a number of mines in this area were visited. This itinerary netted another \$500.00 in Ingathering funds.

In addition to the financial aspects of these trips, there is the fact that for the first time a number of individuals not only heard about Seventh-day Adventists and their work but had a direct contact with one of our ministers. Many precious seeds of truth were sown. For example, a Dutch family who were contacted on the train and who are planning to return to the Netherlands, requested one of our Bible courses. Literature is also being sent to a Japanese family who formerly lived near the North York Branson Hospital in Toronto.

In a small town northeast of the Pas a young family invited our minister to dine and lodge with them. The Lord came graciously near to them during the study of the Holy Scriptures and prayer. They willingly gave \$20.00 towards the spreading of the gospel. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Seventh-day Adventists Answer Questions on Doctrine, Signs of the Times*, and other literature are being mailed to them.

At the present time H. Siemons, a war veteran, is labouring in the Yellowknife hospital as an orderly. He is not content however, to spend all his time in routine duties—he is alive with true missionary zeal. Using his tape-recorder and film strips he studies the Bible with interested people. Already he has won the confidence of a very fine doctor from England and two German families from Europe. One of these gave \$50.00 toward the Ingathering appeal and the other gave \$20.00.

There are many more who have never heard the message of salvation. How are



Pastor Elmer Koronko, his wife and family, who are now located at Brandon. Brother Koronko is a recent graduate of Canadian Union College.

Weddings

McKay-Malinko

The Edmonton English Church was the scene of a beautiful wedding on August 31 as Joyce Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Malinko of Edmonton, Alberta, was united in marriage to Lorne McKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKay of Winnipeg, Manitoba. A reception was held in their honour at the Corona Banquet Hall. Lorne and Joyce McKay are returning to Walla Walla College where Lorne is completing his senior year in Business Administration. We wish them much happiness as they journey through life together.

W. G. SOLONIUK

Liske-Trupp

On August 3 at the Winnipeg English Church, Gloria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Trupp of Stone Wall, Manitoba, was united in marriage to Robert Liske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Liske of Inglis, Manitoba. At the reception held in their honour, many friends and relatives attended the happy occasion.

May God bless Brother and Sister Liske as they establish their new home at Inglis, Manitoba, and continue to witness for the Lord.

W. G. SOLONIUK



Historic meeting of leaders of Ukrainian work in Canada.



Finnish baptismal candidates at Lakehead.



Voice of Prophecy converts at camp meeting.



Clear Lake camp site—the place for Christian recreation.



Tugaske Leadership Group.



Typical Student Colporteurs.

SOUL EVANGELISM

During

MANITOBA-SASKATCHEWAN

CONFERENCE

Public Evangelism

- 131 souls baptized by the end of November
- Regular conference districts all manned with E. Koronko coming to Brandon
- Faith for Today TV programme appears at Swift Current and Prince Albert
- Voice of Prophecy back at Winnipeg on CKY
- Shipowick-Koronko begin seven nights weekly evangelistic series in Moose Jaw—very successful



The Conference

The Success of All

Is Found in the Success of All

Literature Evangelism

- Persons enrolled in Bible Correspondence School—856
- Bible Studies given by colporteur to interested people—462
- Prayer offered in homes—1462
- 35 students engaged in colporteur evangelism in 1958
- Student sales totalled \$103,291
- Colporteur sales at the end of October totalled \$185,000

ANGELISM

1958

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Worship



Colporteurs at work in Winnipeg learning to make their work more effective.



One of Ross's last soul-winning endeavours—the McGrath family of Regina.

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Closet of Prayer

Youth Evangelism

57 young people invested in nine institutes

Leathercraft courses held by Elder Wilson in seven churches. 169 youth received certificates

Nine young people baptized at summer camps at Clear Lake and Cloud Lake

108 juniors enrolled at camps

23 MV honours awarded

Five Voice of Youth meetings with ten souls baptized



Active Roumanian lay workers, Brother and Sister Choban of Truax.



Elder W. J. Harris of Washington begins a new type of Sabbath School evangelism—Vacation Bible School.



Sabbath School evangelism in action—a Vacation Bible School in Saskatoon.



A Typical Voice of Youth Group—Winnipeg German Church.



Alberta

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In Appreciation

God has blessed His people and His work in the Alberta Conference. Many are the evidences of His tender care over His cause, and loving regard for His faithful followers in this part of His vineyard. Progress is in evidence in practically every department of the Conference. More than two hundred new members were added to our ranks by baptism and by letter during the first nine months of the present year. The tithe received from our people for the same period of time shows a gain of more than \$30,000 over last year for the same length of time. Also, the Sabbath School offerings, ingathering, and other donations, show a very encouraging increase. We are sincerely grateful for this evidence of faithfulness in stewardship on the part of our church members and friends.

Soon, we will be standing at the crossroads of time, between the years, as it were, looking into the New Year before us. Would it not be well, fellow-believers, at this time to take stock of our financial obligations to God and man. Let us make certain that we have given to God all that is His in tithes and offerings. This is the time to redeem our unpaid camp meeting pledges and other commitments made for the furtherance of God's work here at home and in mission lands.

May we also remind our church members that all receipts for funds remitted, to be used for income tax deductions, should be dated in the Conference office not later than December 31, 1958. Receipts dated after the first of 1959 may not be accepted by the income tax authorities.

May the blessings of God continue to be ours as we enter upon the New Year and may we ever be faithful and true in our service for the Master until He comes.

H. D. HENRIKSEN, President
L. H. DAVIES, Secretary-Treasurer

I sought the Lord, and he heard me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:4.

"In Solitude, on wings of prayer
My soul ascends before the throne;
My only hope of help is where
My heart the Father meets alone."

Good News from the Leduc District

DIETER HAIN, District Pastor

November 2 marked the addition of the fourth Alberta *Voice of Prophecy* outlet. Each Sunday afternoon since then, radio CFCW, Camrose, beams forth the good news to thousands living in east central Alberta. Broadcast time is 3 p.m. Responsible for this new outlet are members of the Sedgewick, Camrose, Wetaskiwin, Leduc and Stettler churches who make monthly contributions direct to the station. If you have relatives and friends living in the area covered by CFCW, please invite them to listen to the *Voice of Prophecy* every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Also on November 1 members of the New Norway company united with the newly formed Wetaskiwin Company which now numbers thirteen adults and three children.

In response to appeals by Dr. W. Tetz, of Lacombe, and Civil Defence authorities, the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist church is planning to sponsor ten classes of Home Nursing instruction during a 5-week period commencing early in January 1959. Mrs. D. Hain, R.N., has been named instructor.

A Voice of Youth crusade has been successfully launched on November 16 by the young people of the Leduc church. Services are conducted each Sunday night at the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist Church. The crusade closed on December 28 when Elder H. J. Campbell, head of the Department of Theology, Canadian Union College, presented a first-hand illustrated tour through the Holy Land. The attendance by non-Adventists has been very encouraging.



Roy Littman, Sabbath School superintendent of the Leduc Church reports a record \$255.00 received on November 29 for Sabbath School investment. Twelve children under ten years of age brought their gifts amounting to \$66.00 in forms of dollar bills pinned to a flannelgraph board. According to Brother Littman, Mrs. Ivan Olson and Mrs. Richard Kutzner, leaders in the Kindergarten Division are largely responsible for the good response by the little ones. Brother Littman recalls this to be the largest investment offering ever received in the Leduc Church.

Old Bibles



H. K. Philips, Pastor, Lacombe Church and Gordon Kennedy

The Lacombe Church contacted the people of the town on November 22 in a "Used Bible Drive". An advertisement in the *Lacombe Globe* announced the drive and appealed to the people to contribute old Bibles that Christians in other countries might benefit by these Bibles which had been laid aside because of being too worn or soiled for their owners' use.

Tracts promoting Bible study were given at the door by the canvassers and enrollment for the 20th Century Bible Course was secured where interest in Bible study was indicated.

This canvass has opened the way for Bible Studies, Dorcas work and further literature distribution. It has also been a successful way of contacting our neighbours with our message. This project appealed to many who wished to contribute to the progress of the gospel in foreign fields.

GORDON KENNEDY
Home Missionary Leader
Lacombe church

Wedding

Kennedy-Donesky

Canadian Union College chapel at Lacombe, Alberta echoed with wedding music Sunday evening, August 24, when William Kennedy and Jean Donesky pledged their troth one to another.

Mrs. Clarence Long, sister of the groom, sang "Together With Jesus" to begin the ceremony. Elder Malcolm Fisher of Lacombe and Elder Clarence Long of Michigan officiated.

After a banquet and programme in the Lacombe Memorial Hall, the couple left for a week's wedding trip. They will live on the hill-top where Brother Kennedy continues to prepare for an active place in the Lord's vineyard. May the Lord bless this new home and make it a light to many.

CLARENCE LONG

Alberta Conference New Workers

H. D. HENRIKSEN, President



Brother Frank Skoretz and family

Because of the faithful support of our church members and the Lord's blessing upon His cause in this conference, we have been able to enlarge our Conference staff considerably of late. This will mean, under God, increased activity in our soul-winning efforts and in the various branches of our Conference programme, resulting in a greater number of new believers added to our ranks.

Brother and Sister Frank Skoretz, both graduates of Canadian Union College, now live in the town of Stettler. After graduating from Canadian Union College, Brother Skoretz accepted a call to the Alberta Conference. He attended the Potomac University, Washington, D. C., for one year and has now returned to Alberta to be in charge of the Stettler, Sedgewick, and Loyalist Districts.

Brother and Sister Rudolph Skoretz are also former students of Canadian



Brother and Sister Ted Andrews

Union College. Having graduated in the spring of 1958, an invitation to join our staff as Ukrainian-speaking workers was accepted.

A refresher course in the Ukrainian language was taken at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, prior to their locating in the Vegreville-Innisfree District. Brother and Sister Skoretz have been connected with the public evangelistic effort held by Elders C. Samograd and G. Soloniuk in the town of Vegreville, Alberta.

Brother and Sister Ted Andrews of Kelowna, British Columbia, more recent-



Brother and Sister Rudolph Skoretz

ly of Canadian Union College, have been asked to enter ministerial work in the Red Deer, Burnt Lake, Olds District. They are now living in the city of Red Deer. Brother Andrews has for many years carried important responsibilities as a church officer, and taken an active part in soul-winning activities. He has, during the past three years, been a student at Canadian Union College.

A very cordial welcome is extended to these fine workers. We are happy to have them in our midst and believe that God will bless them in abundance as they have dedicated their lives for service in His vineyard. Fellow-believers, your prayers on behalf of these new workers and the entire staff of the conference, are earnestly solicited. May the Spirit of God be poured out in great measure for the finishing of the work in the Alberta Conference and in all the world.

STETTLER DISTRICT NEWS

Pastor Frank Skoretz is district leader of the Stettler, Sedgewick, and Loyalist district. There has been much activity there lately and Pastor Skoretz reports some of the outstanding events in the following news notes.

★ Twenty-eight members of the Stettler church received certificates following their completion of the Leadercraft Course conducted November 13 to 15 by Elder Baker, Secretary of the MV Department.

★ The Loyalist Company has moved their present church building to a new location. Much work is yet to be done in dividing up the full basement into various Sabbath School division rooms, building a porch, and completing the rostrum by adding a side room. The church members are eager to complete the church building as soon as possible so that the church may be dedicated.

★ An effort is being conducted in the town of Byemoor, about forty-five miles from

Stettler. The Stettler church and the Byemoor and Endiang isolated members are giving their full support. Meetings are held each Sunday night at the Byemoor Community Hall. The first meeting started on November 2. The attendance has been good each time with one quarter of those attending being non-Adventists. There are a number of good interests.

★ A large school building and two-acre site including a good well have been purchased by the Stettler church members. Plans are being made to organize a church school. The members sense a real need for a church school and a recreational centre. It seems that the Lord has providentially led out in securing the building and site. On November 1, which was Sabbath, this and other school buildings and sites were up for auction. All the school buildings were sold except the one we were interested in. No one bid for the one we purchased. On Monday, November

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17th, the building was again up for sale at the auction market, making it possible for certain members to be there and bid for it. The school was purchased at a very reasonable price.

★ From December 1 to 5 a half-hour morning radio meditation was conducted by the Stettler Seventh-day Adventist church. This has been made possible as a result of the pastor belonging to the town Ministerial Association and because the Camrose Radio Station CFCW has set up a radio studio in Stettler. Each church in Stettler has its turn. Not only that, but the ministers of Stettler take turns with the ministers in Camrose.

The church services of each church are also broadcast from 11:00 to 12:00 a.m. The Stettler Seventh-day Adventist church service will be broadcast on Sunday, March 1. The pastor plans on using local as well as Canadian Union College musical talent.



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New Year's Message

R. ALLEN SMITHWICK, *President*

The records of our lives for 1958 have been completed. As individuals this is true, and also as a conference. The last few final tabulations have been made and the page of record closed.

We are glad for what has been done. The conference growth has progressed upward in all lines of missionary work. For this we are glad but we still can see places for improvement. We have about reached our 4000 membership mark. We are glad for this. The membership now stands at 3,848.

There are many facets of the conference—the Church, Sabbath School, Missionary Volunteer, Radio, Temperance, Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, Dorcas, Welfare, Ingathering, etc. All of these outlets are important. They are closely linked with the conference and its future.

No one person or group of people can take the credit for what has been done. It is not a work of a genius, spoken of by Christ in the parable as the one with five talents; nor is it the idler who hid his one talent in the earth, but in the parable the one with two talents. It represents the progress of every branch of church activity. It is not the head of the conference, the conference committee, nor the ministerial working force that gets the credit for what has been accomplished, nor is it the Sabbath School or Church officers. It is the combined efforts of every member of the church; the many unsung heroes whose faithful service may not be known or appreciated, the common people who make up the rank and file of the church.

We have now stepped over the threshold of a new year into 1959. Let us as individuals consecrate ourselves for the finishing of the work. We should provide ourselves with every instrument God has given the church for this crucial hour in which we now live. By courage and faith in God let us press into the army of the Lord and move forward. May God bless the conference, its membership and service for the year 1959.



The new welfare building recently opened in Penticton on the church property, corner of Fairview Road and Douglas Avenue. Built and financed by the Penticton church members, this attractive building more adequately meets the needs of the expanding welfare programme carried on by our Dorcas Society in this city.



At the official opening ceremony for the new Penticton welfare building, Mrs. A. Shipton, right, vice-president of the Penticton city welfare department, hands the scissors to Elder Hnatyshyn who cut the ribbon. Also in the picture are Elder and Mrs. R. A. Hubley.

Highlighting the Okanagan Valley Dorcas Federation meeting held on November 23, was the opening of the new welfare building in Penticton. This building was built by the local church members under the direction of their district leader, Elder Rogers and Pastor Hubley. It is well located on the church property, and is a credit to the denomination. Cutting the ribbon in the official opening ceremony, Elder Hnatyshyn stated "It gives me pleasure to proclaim the official opening of your new welfare building which has been established to better care for the needy and suffering in this community." Also taking part in the ceremony was Mrs. A. Shipton, vice-president of the Penticton city welfare department.

Mrs. Walter Streifling, Federation president, led out in the day's activities, with Mrs. J. B. Wagner, secretary.

The Fraser Valley Federation meeting was held in the Langley United Church hall with Mrs. F. O. Blake, president. Guest speaker was Brigadier M. Taylor of the Salvation Army who gave a resume of the extensive welfare programme carried on by the organization.

At the Vancouver Island Federation

meeting at the Rest Haven church on November 30, new officers elected for the biennial term were: President, Mrs. G. Hochstetter; Vice-president, Mrs. A. Hall; Secretary, Mrs. B. Kwiram; Assistant secretary, Mrs. W. Gildersleeve; Additional committee member, Mrs. M. Purdy.

Guest speaker for the meeting was The Honourable John Tisdale, MLA for Sidney, who emphasized "the responsibility of Christians in preparing for impending emergency, both physical and spiritual." "Throughout our residential areas," declared Mr. Tisdale, "there should be a place of security in each block of homes where emergency supplies and rations can be stockpiled."

Progress reports were given by the Dorcas secretaries at each of the three Federation meetings, and plans laid for the strengthening of the welfare programme, stressing the need for disaster preparedness and participation in local community civil defence activities.

We were happy to have Elder Hnatyshyn with us for these Federation meetings. His devotional studies and apt counsel and instruction were a blessing and inspiration to all present.

Weddings

Drover-Adolphe

John Adolphe of South Burnaby gave his daughter, Ruth, in marriage to Cecil Drover, Saturday night, November 8, in an informal ceremony attended by a few friends and members of the family. They were attended by Ernest and Isabel Billings of Vancouver. They are making their home in South Burnaby. We wish these young people much happiness in their new home.

W. R. ARCHBOLD

Appleby-Lindholm

Muriel Lindholm and Charles Appleby of Vancouver were united in marriage in the Vancouver Seventh-day Adventist church on Sunday afternoon, November 16. Brother and Sister Henry Parker stood up with them in the presence of their families and several friends who gathered to wish them happiness. A brief reception was held at the home of the groom following the ceremony. We believe the readers of the MESSENGER family wish them God's blessing.

W. R. ARCHBOLD

OBITUARIES

HETHERINGTON—Mrs. Margaret Hannah Hetherington was born in Lanark, Scotland August 10, 1892 and passed away quietly in hospital November 18, 1958 at St. Catharines, Ontario. In 1923 she came to Canada settling in St. Catharines. She was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas Hetherington.

An ardent member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for many years she was a much respected Sabbath School teacher and also Temperance Secretary for the church. She loved her Bible, her church and the Third Angel's Message.

Left to mourn her passing are her dear husband, one daughter Margaret (Mrs. Fred Malton) of St. Thomas; and two sons, Ian E. Holmes of Fort Erie and Eric E. Holmes of St. Catharines; five sisters, Mrs. William Jackson of St. Catharines, Mrs. John Renton, Mrs. William Lamb, Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mrs. William Hastie, all of Scotland, and four brothers, Alexander Hannah, Thomas Hannah, Hector Hannah, Robert Hannah, all of Scotland; eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Mrs. Hetherington was laid to rest just before the Sabbath on Friday, November 21, in the Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines, where she awaits the call of the Lifegiver.

AINSLEY BLAIR

GILLIS—Manville John Gillis was born at Willowlake, South Dakota, December 18, 1903, and passed to his rest in Lacombe, Alberta, November 28, 1958. While only a child his parents moved to Bassano, Alberta, where he grew to manhood. In 1926 he moved to Lacombe and attended Canadian Junior College for two years. Since then he has remained a resident of Lacombe. In his early youth he gave his heart to Christ and has remained a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church ever since. He rests in the hope of a soon returning Saviour. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Kroll of Long Beach, California; two brothers, Merrill and Marvel of Edmonton, Alberta; several nieces and nephews besides a host of friends.

WIWKA—Mrs. Martha Wiwka, nee Taransky, was born in Poland on June 20, 1893 and passed to her rest in Vernon, B.C. on October 16, 1958.

In 1921 Miss Taransky was married to Jacob Wiwka in Austria. This union was blessed with five daughters and one son. In 1928 the family migrated to Saskatchewan where they accepted the Third Angel's Message in 1940. More recently the family moved to British Columbia and made their home in the beautiful Okanagan Valley.

Mourning the loss of a loved one are her husband, Jacob Wiwka, four daughters, one son, 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

Sister Wiwka suffered for many years so death came as a sweet release from pain. She is resting awaiting the call of her Saviour in the resurrection of the righteous. Interment was made in the Vernon cemetery.

W. B. STREIFLING

POWELL—Miss Jennie Iva Powell was born at Marne, Iowa, December 24, 1880 and passed to her final rest on November 7, 1958 at St. Mary's Priory, Langford, B.C. at 77 years of age.

Soon after the death of her father in Bowden, Alberta in 1933 the family moved to British Columbia living in this locality for the last 18 years.

Miss Powell accepted her Saviour while

still in Alberta. In the passing years she endured much suffering as an invalid, which only strengthened her faith in Christ. Beyond this life of affliction she cherished the Hope of Christ's coming.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Sarah Powell, three sisters, Laura, Lulu and Vernie.

Left to mourn are her brothers, Guy C. Powell of Sidney, B.C. Claude A. Powell of Seattle, Washington; her sister Mrs. Alice Buchan, Victoria, as well as nieces and nephews and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer from the Sand's Chapel of Roses, Sidney, with interment in Royal Oak Cemetery.

G. E. HOCHSTETTER

MILLER—Lillian Miller, born near Collingwood Ontario on the seventh of August, 1881, died November 3, 1958 in Willowdale, Ont. In 1916 Miss Miller and her mother came to Toronto where she has resided since. Here in Toronto she read *Daniel and the Revelation*, then attended some evangelistic meetings. In 1917 Miss Miller and her mother joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She has been a faithful, influential witness in her quiet, loving way. Her sweet Christian influence will be missed by all who knew her.

Although she leaves no relatives to mourn her passing, her many friends will miss her greatly.

Elder A. Gordon Zytoskee conducted the funeral service, assisted by Elder Victor Collins of Oshawa and the writer.

I. HARVEY HELM

WILSON—Mrs. Anna Wilson was born at Blue Earth, Minnesota on July 24, 1879 and passed peacefully to her rest November 4, 1958 at the University Hospital in Edmonton.

In 1902 she was united in marriage to Frank Henry Wilson in Fairbault County, Minnesota. To this union were born eight daughters and one son.

In 1911 the family moved to Gadsby, Alberta from Tappen, North Dakota. Brother and Sister Wilson were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1915. To her baptismal vows Sister Wilson has been true throughout the years. Not only was she faithful in conducting a branch Sabbath School with her family but the Wilson home was often a home for colporteurs who sold the truth-filled literature in the neighbourhood of the home. The family moved to Rochfort Bridge district in 1928.

Besides her loving husband, Sister Wilson leaves to mourn her loss one son, and eight daughters.

Interment was made in the Rochfort Bridge cemetery where our sister awaits the call of the Lifegiver on that glad resurrection morning.

HUGH J. CAMPBELL

SCOGGINS—Oliver Scoggins was born in Camden County, Missouri, February 7, 1899 and passed to his rest October 20, 1958 in Lacombe, Alberta. While only a boy he moved with his parents to Beauvallon, Alberta, where he lived until 1912 when the family moved to Lacombe, where he has lived for the past forty-six years. He has served his community for many years as a well driller, being known and appreciated by a host of farmer friends. He was united in marriage in 1943 to Miss Emma Sumlak. In the closing days of his suffering he often spoke of his belief in his Saviour and expressed the strong confidence that God for Christ's sake had forgiven his sins. He is survived by his faithful companion, Mrs. Emma Scoggins; one daughter, Agnes Marie; two sisters, besides a host of friends and loved ones.

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—Ed.

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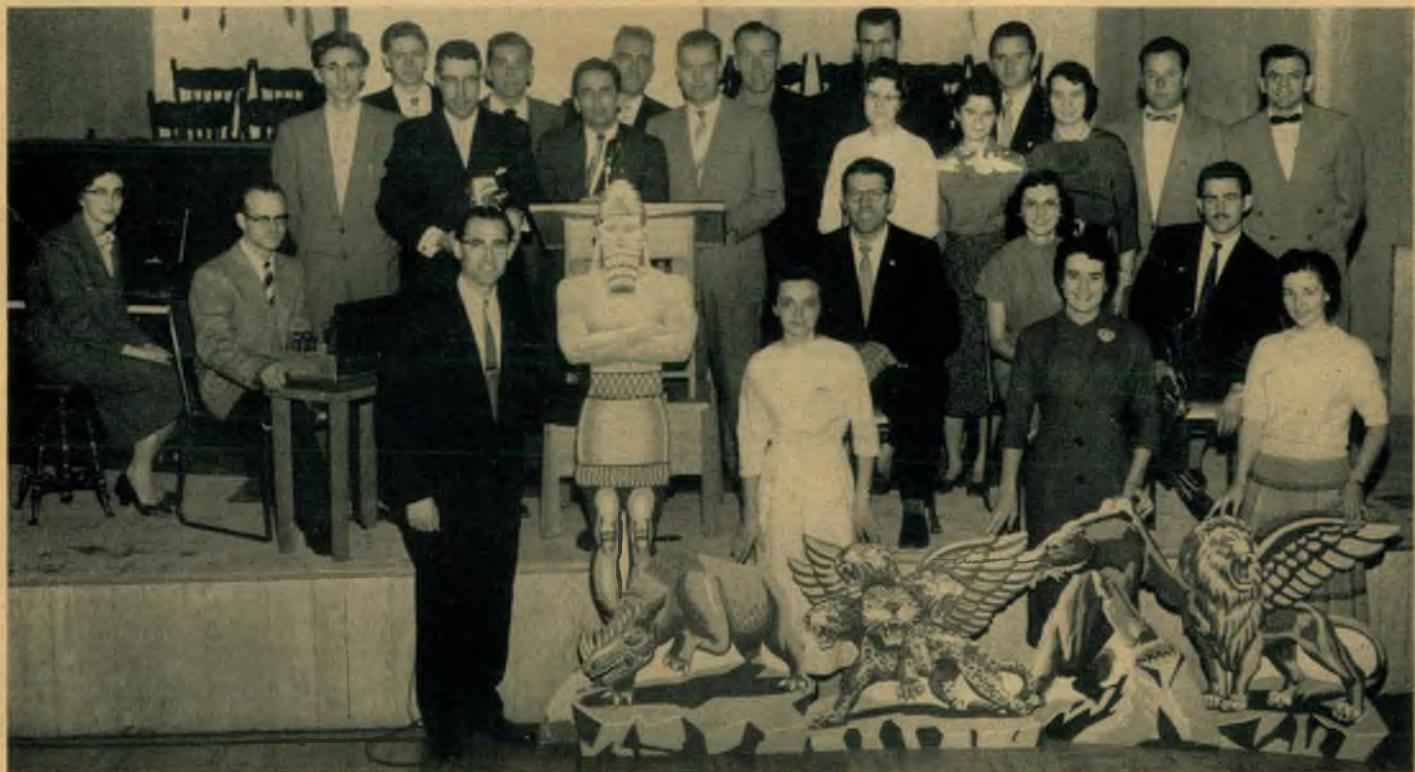
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Edmonton Youth

Take Up Challenge of The Hour!

J. BRUCE



Edmonton Youth Speakers and Organizers—Pastor D. Skoretz, front left

"Edmonton youth are matching the hour of this earth's history" said our Pastor, Elder D. Skoretz. The past weeks have been busy weeks for the Edmonton young people. Looking back over Edmonton's first "Voice of Youth" campaign which started November 2 with nearly 200 in attendance the first night, it can truly be said that enthusiasm and consecration and success mounted with each meeting.

Great things can be done when the youth of any church are fired with a passion for the lost and are dedicated to serve unitedly under the direct command and counsel of God. This has been proven in Edmonton where the young people have been so encouraged and thrilled by the results of the first few public meetings that plans are in progress for another.

The guiding hand of God was felt from the very beginning when a hall, the exact type the youth desired to obtain, was rented for a very small charge.

Meetings were held every Sunday evening, commencing at 7:30 p.m. The regular special feature throughout the series was the "Mr. Fixit" colour film series. These are colour moving pictures portraying the lives of some of the great Bible characters. These films were instrumental in bringing out many of the children from the community.

Soon after the campaign began in Edmonton, a hall was obtained in Wildwood, seventy miles West of Edmonton and another campaign was soon in progress with one hundred and twenty-five in attendance the first night. These meetings were also held on Sunday evenings. God's message was now being proclaimed in two areas simultaneously. While one speaking team was preaching in Edmonton, another was doing the same work in Wildwood. Definite interest was rising and results began to materialize because God was leading the Edmonton Young People.

Unity and co-operation were wonderful under the leadership of Elder D. Skoretz who continually encouraged and guided everyone in the church. Other leaders were as follows: Lois Sharpe, director; Art Cooper, Master of Ceremonies; Alice Samograd and Pat Lotosky, speaking team leaders; Jim Bruce, location and publicity leader; Victor Lotosky, in charge of ushers; Albert Nahorney in charge of properties; John Hoffman, in charge of visual aids; Walter Horne, Narrator; Robert Bruce, technician; Iris Dorosh and Angy Hanson at the pianos. All the rest of the young people helped with their prayers and in any capacity in which they were needed.

God has greatly blessed the efforts of the Edmonton Youth. From the two efforts, THIRTY-FIVE TOOK THEIR STAND for Christ, signifying that they will keep the Sabbath and join the True Church.