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## When The Evils of Oppression Come

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



We take for granted the air we breathe. Purity of the air contributes every day to our health and well-being. It is only when the air becomes contaminated with smog that cities become concerned and give serious thought to the danger and to what can be done, regardless of cost, to have pure air once again for the tens of thousands who dwell in these cities. We take, too, for granted the liberty that we enjoy, the liberty that means so much to our safety and peace of mind. When the evils of oppression and persecution come in upon us as a smog of miasma, we become concerned and distressed.

We see developing in many parts of North America a persistent demand by an influential minority for Sunday laws and other restrictions to both civil and religious liberty. We, of course, recognize that what is agitated and accepted in one part of a continent soon affects all sections. We need here in Canada to be constantly vigilant and to keep the principles of civil and religious liberty before all officials in the various levels of government and before the people.

The cause of personal freedom gained a great victory here in Canada in the adoption of the Bill of Rights. This was brought about as a result of education through the years. Our Bill of Rights needs to be further extended and that can be done through education.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of extending further and further the influence of our periodical *Liberty*. This magazine is the leading exponent of religious and civil liberty in North America.

The members of our churches everywhere have taken the responsibility of providing officials of government, lawyers, doctors, teachers, business and industrial labour leaders with annual subscriptions. We need today the largest Religious Liberty offering that we have ever had. We believe that the workers and members of our churches in Canada will respond with a large offering on January 21.

### Special Public Affairs Report . . .

#### EUROPE Today

By DARREN L. MICHAEL, *Secretary  
Department of Public Affairs  
Canadian Union Conference*

Many months ago a request from the Southern European Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was received at the headquarters of the Adventist Church in Canada. The letter asked that the public affairs secretary of the Canadian Union be authorized to visit Europe in connection with a special conference on religious liberty



Darren L. Michael

and community relations problems which was to be held late in 1960.

Pastor Walter A. Nelson, president of the Canadian Union Conference and Pastor Eldon L. Green, secretary-treasurer gave very earnest consideration to this rather extraordinary request. The matter was laid before a meeting of the Executive Committee which voted unanimously that the request be granted. For over eight years Dr. Jean Nussbaum, religious liberty secretary of the Southern European Division, has been responding to a request of the Canadian Union to spend a week each year making high-level contacts with leading French-speaking personalities in Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City. This has been done without any expense to the Canadian Union. For this reason it was felt that if for no other reason than the demands of simple Christian courtesy such a request should be honoured if at all possible.

However, the officers and members of the Union Committee felt that there were even more compelling reasons for such an unusual itinerary. The opportunity to make contact with leading personalities in the various capitals of western Europe would provide a rich and fruitful background for continuing representation at Ottawa, the United Nations and various provincial capitals across Canada. It was also felt that some insight into the current status of religious liberty in other parts of the free world would prove useful and helpful in the future.



A short intensive tour was planned to include London, Brussels, Paris and Geneva. Thanks to the convenience of speedy jet travel in this day of the space age the entire trip was completed in just under three weeks, about par for a similar itinerary through western Canada!

Six and a half hours after the powerful thrust of the Rolls-Royce jet engines lifted the giant Trans Canada Airlines Douglas DC-8 plane far above the clouds over Montreal's Dorval airport we touched down at London Airport. Cruising at over 580 miles per hour, at an altitude of 35,000 feet, with an outside-the-plane temperature of 75 degrees below zero, the over 3,000 miles slipped by swiftly and smoothly.

After twenty-two years it was thrilling to see England, the cradle of democratic parliamentary institutions and responsible government in a freedom-loving society, again. Shortly after our arrival England had marked nineteen days of continuous rain and inclement weather. For one winter-short day, the sun did shine and we were reminded of the England we had seen years ago in all its summer glory!

The first full day in London was a Sabbath. With relatives and friends we worshipped at the Wimbledon Seventh-day Adventist Church so recently served by Pastor and Mrs. Mustard now of Montreal. This little church was rebuilt shortly after the close of World War II having suffered an almost direct bomb hit during the Nazi blitz. We visited the wonderful New Gallery evangelistic centre just off Piccadilly Circus and the headquarters of the Northern European Division of the General Conference at Edgware.

Early in the new week we were entertained by the chief of the London bureau of the Canadian Thomson Newspapers, Mr. McIntyre Hood, formerly managing editor of the *Oshawa Times*. Mr. Hood very graciously arranged for me to attend a luncheon meeting of the Commonwealth Correspondents Association where amongst others I was introduced to the Right Honourable Duncan Sandys, Minister of Commonwealth Relations (and a son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill) and to Madame Pandit, Indian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (and a sister of Prime Minister Nehru of India). Later we visited the House of Commons, the House of Lords, 10 Downing Street and many other very interesting places in Whitehall and near Westminster Abbey. One of my most cherished souvenirs of London is a facsimile copy of the famous Magna Carta of infamous King John! The document was one of the great landmarks of liberty.

A short time later we were winging our way across the English Channel and

part of the North Sea to Antwerp in Belgium and ultimately to Brussels the capital city of this country that has suffered so much recently in the crisis-ridden Congo. Here I was met by Dr. Nussbaum who had arranged a heavy schedule of appointments with various cabinet ministers ranging from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Finance and others, including a very popular Senator and former Premier.

Belgium is a Catholic country according to our North American terms of reference. But, it is a country which enjoys an enviable reputation for full religious freedom. Some panicky souls close to or below the 49th parallel might take courage from this historic fact which can be observed right now in the twentieth century! Our conversations with a fair sampling of a typical cross section of Belgian citizens and officials revealed a passionate devotion to freedom of conscience. Once again we learned that it is dangerous to indulge in sweeping generalizations about ethnic or religious groups and alleged traits of character that develop automatically by reason of genes or dogma!

Like England and France, Belgium is not suffering from any serious economic recession, though it is just now beginning to feel the pinch of the loss of its Congo territories. The country was in a festive mood when we were there in anticipation of the royal wedding. But, in government circles this gaiety was tempered and overshadowed by concern over the Congo. Belgians are in a state of shock over the treatment the world has accorded this nation which thought it was dealing wisely and generously with one of its colonial territories.

The last few hours in this country after visiting historic Waterloo, the scene of Napoleon's defeat at the hands of the Duke of Wellington, were spent with our church members on the Sabbath. Two large churches serve the capital area. One a French-speaking congregation, and the other a Flemish or Dutch-speaking congregation. I spoke, in English through an interpreter, to the French-speaking believers. Despite the barriers of language and nationality there is a wonderful bond that unites Seventh-day Adventists.

A train ride of less than three hours, by a swift electric train brought us to Paris after sunset on Sabbath night. Paris in the winter conceals some of its much vaunted charms! But, it was quite an experience to walk down the Champs Elysee, the Quai D'Orsay, to visit the Senate, the National Assembly, the Louvre and, of course, historic and famed Versailles just outside the great city. My little hotel on the Avenue de la Grande Arnee, (a few doors from Dr. Nussbaum's apartment) was within two min-

utes walking distance of the Arc de Triomphe and the eternal flame.

Paris, indeed the whole of France is obsessed by the Algerian crisis. I looked down more machine gun and Tommy-gun barrels pointed at me, at the ready too, with fingers on the trigger, than I care to see the rest of my life, while trying to seek admission to the visitors' galleries at the Senate and National Assembly. Once inside the two legislative chambers were typical enough of any national legislature to remind one of Westminster, Ottawa, Washington, Winnipeg or Victoria! Here again, thanks to Dr. Nussbaum's thoughtfulness and hospitality we were able to meet a veritable galaxy of leading personalities in all walks of public life in France.

Soon we were aboard another one of the fast trains so typical of Europe, destined for Geneva, Switzerland. Here in the cradle of the Reformation we relived some of those more interesting pages from our church history courses in college and at the Seminary. At a public meeting, in a large hall in the city, with the celebrated French Protestant churchman, Pastor Marc Boegner, as the main speaker, we saw a capacity audience made up of some of the best class of citizens hear this well known church leader and others extoll the role Seventh-day Adventists have filled in the continuing defense of freedom.

Then out to Gland, on the beautiful shores of Lake Geneva with the snow-capped Alps peeking through the overcast, to the site of a very fine Adventist sanitarium. Here is a medical institution much closer to the original prototype of denominational medical institutions than the hurly-burly of our North American species of acute general hospitals. Amidst the tranquil atmosphere of this rural based sanitarium the Southern European Division religious liberty conference got down to business after the Division president, Pastor Marius Fridlin, conducted the opening devotional service which provided the keynote for this seminar.

How wonderful to meet workers from all sections of this interesting and fascinating Division. How enlightening to learn of REAL religious liberty problems in certain lands behind the grim curtains of iron and sacerdotal lace! In almost every instance the two primary concerns centre around the school attendance laws which require school attendance on Saturdays for all children and the problems of Sabbath observance for young men serving their conscription period in the armed forces. What stirring reports of heroism and fidelity to faith and what saddening reminders of the perplexities that come to God's people when some try to take the easy, equivocal way out at the sacrifice of principle.



All too soon we boarded the Swissair jet at Geneva after spending a few hours at the nearby Adventist college at Colonges just across the border in France. Here we saw the future leaders of the Church being trained within the shadow of the mountains in the tradition of the

great reformers and the Waldensians. We flew back via Ireland in a sober and reflective frame of mind. Grateful for the wide measure of liberty we enjoy in Canada, amazed at the faith, fortitude and truly progressive viewpoint of clerics and laity in Europe, astounded at the

varying dimensions that liberty possesses in other countries quite as broad if not identical with the so-called North American ideal we touched Canadian soil with a new resolve to serve the Church's ministry of the Gospel and the good news of liberty.

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## Public Affairs Report

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



With the dawn of another year we want to greet the readers of this column in the very first issue of the MESSENGER for 1961. The interest, prayerful support and co-operation of so many have helped to make possible, under God, the many thrilling chapters of success that the Department of Public Affairs has enjoyed over the past months. This is all a part of the record of yesterday and yesteryears!

Now with the first few pages of another year just before us we face the future unafraid assured of your continuing goodwill and concern for the ever-widening horizons of understanding and outreach which this phase of the Church's greater ministry seeks to accomplish. May God bless each one of you in your growing efforts to make Christ known more persuasively and attractively in your community, your province, your country and the world!

With renewed confidence in the providences of God and of His loving regard for the Church and its supreme mission we press forward with a continuing faith in His enabling power. The cause of freedom and its principal handmaiden—the freedom of information will ever evoke our devoted efforts and energies. We shall be strengthened in the knowledge that your talents have also been committed toward the same goals of the Kingdom.

### Ring in the New!

The ringing of bells invariably connotes some joyous event or experience. We usually associate with the peal of bells the advent of a new year, the debut of a new home or of some princely babe. And the Good Book itself connected the ringing of bells with the Divinely inspired concept of the freedom of man.

What better way to mark the inauguration of another segment of time than

with a truly meaningful and generous observance of Religious Liberty Week from Sabbath, January 14 to Sabbath, January 21? And the climax for such a solemn re-dedication of our belief in that God-ordained truth of human freedom and liberty of conscience a truly generous, though sacrificial, gift on Religious Liberty Sabbath, January 21 will serve to measure the depth and sincerity of our commitment.

These gifts will provide your conference religious liberty department with the funds to furnish a free *Liberty* magazine subscription to provincial cabinet members, members of the provincial legislature, provincial supreme court justices, and an ever-growing list of important moulders of public opinion in your own community. The limit to the project will be determined by the limit you impose in terms of the offering you give on Sabbath, January 21. Give so that the bells of freedom can keep ringing across Canada. Forces are at work to mute the bells of liberty. Now is the time to act decisively and liberally!

### Thank You Again

Once again Seventh-day Adventists throughout Canada have risen to the challenge. Latest tabulations on the October *Voice of Prophecy* offering reveal that Canadian Adventists registered a thumping "vote of confidence" in Pastor H. M. S. Richards and the *Voice of Prophecy* with a total of more than \$12,000.00 topping last year's record figure of over \$9,000.00. Even more is expected to come in before the 1960 records are finally closed. Well done, good and faithful servants of the Master!

### Faith in Action

Sabbath, February 11, will mark an important milestone in the denomination's devotion to the great Gospel Commission to "go and tell" all nations. This

Sabbath comes just three days before Valentine's Day when people throughout North America stress the ties of love and affection that undergird our homes and families.

True love is one of the highest manifestations of the character of God our Creator. *Faith For Today* is now into its second decade of television ministry. This truly pioneer Protestant weekly religious telecast continues to grow and command respect amongst television station managers and viewers in America, Canada, Australia and many other areas.

Plan now for a large offering on Sabbath, February 11, so that *Faith For Today* can continue, with the blessing of God, to proclaim the faith of Jesus and His saving grace. It needs your help.



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# Carolling in Calgary, Alberta

A total of \$2,188.74 was received on Saturday night, December 17, by the following churches: Calgary, Acme, Bentley, Bridgeland, Rosebud. Since the Calgary City Council gave only six nights for the church to use the mobile sound units in bringing carols to the public, Pastor Habenicht invited others to come in and help cover the city during this time.



Left to right: D. Skoretz, Conference Home Missionary Secretary; J. W. Bothe, President; J. P. Habenicht, Calgary Church pastor.



Pastor and Mrs. T. Andrews with carollers from their district.



Pastor J. P. Habenicht, pastor of the Calgary Church, congratulating Brother and Sister Emil Cote for doing a fine work carolling.



Left to right: President J. W. Bothe, Nancy Bothe, Sylvia Bothe, Merry Beth Habenicht, Mrs. J. W. Bothe.

Pastor T. Andrews reports that the Olds, Burnt Lake, and Red Deer groups have reached their Ingathering goals. Canadian Union College is putting forth an effort to accomplish more during this carolling campaign than they ever have in the past. Pastor Andrews says that the courage, enthusiasm, and the willingness to solicit funds and distribute carolling leaflets is greater this year than it ever has been among his district church members.

Brother and Sister Emil Cote were happy to spend a few nights carolling during the one-week campaign in Calgary. Pastor J. P. Habenicht reports that Brother Cote received \$43.43 on the final Saturday night. Brother and Sister Cote stated that they were very pleased with the way the people responded in the giving of their funds as well as receiving the carolling leaflets which tell of the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor J. W. Bothe, President of the Alberta Conference, carried out the same plan he did last year during the carolling programme. He had the same car, the same solicitors, the same territory, and worked every night of the carolling campaign. This year the car received \$513.63. Pastor Habenicht states that he is very happy for the wonderful cooperation he has received from the President.

## Pathfinders Go Carolling



Calgary Foothills Pathfinders on Pathfinder Night during Carolling Week in Calgary. Most of the Pathfinders got into this happy-looking picture.

For the second successive year Merry Beth Habenicht was the highest Pathfinder solicitor in the Foothills Pathfinder Club in Calgary. This year she went out every night and collected a total of \$109.72. Nancy Bothe and Linda Mabley also went out every night and solicited \$77.67 and \$68.85, respectively. Sylvia Bothe, age 10, went out each of the six nights and solicited \$46.40.

Bob Hillock was top solicitor among the boys. He went out six nights and collected \$85.02. Taking second place among the boys was Gordon Tarangle who collected \$69.64 in the six nights.



Larry Boyce, Fred How and Cheeri Habenicht were all out five nights and each solicited over \$60.00. Nearly all of the club members were out three or four nights.

Pastor A. N. How, Director of the Foothills Pathfinder Club, never missed a night and solicited a total of \$143.85. Counsellor Bernice Hafner went soliciting with the singing band two nights and went out four nights with the sound cars. She solicited a total of \$170.85.

On Tuesday night, which is the regular Pathfinder Club night, almost the entire club was out carolling and raised a total of \$385.19. Pathfinder total for the 1960 carolling campaign: \$1742.88. Pathfinders make loyal supporters of the church!

D. CLARK, Club Reporter

## Representative of Radio Station Speaks in Stettler Church

Communications day was observed by the Stettler Seventh-day Adventist Church on November 26 with Mr. Aubrey Poole, local manager of the CFCW radio station, as guest speaker.

After a brief outline of the responsibilities that face the church in the field of public relations by Pastor D. Hain, Mr. Poole enlarged on radio as a means of communicating the message of the church to the listening public. He emphasized making use of free time on radio in order to advertise church programmes and activities. Letters sent in by listeners commending radio stations for carrying certain features will assure continued broadcasting, he pointed out, as every radio station seeks to please the majority of its listening audience.

The main studios of the CFCW radio station are located at Camrose, Alberta. This station is at present carrying many religious programmes and has a very good listening audience. Aside from the Voice of Prophecy and the Voice of Hope (Ukrainian) programmes, CFCW in co-operation with the Stettler and Camrose churches also permits Adventists to broadcast free of charge one Sabbath service every three months, and Morning Meditations Mondays through Fridays four times each year. The station plans to increase its broadcasting power to 10,000 watts early in 1961, which will give it a potential listening audience of 600,000.

For the benefit of our MESSENGER readers living in central Alberta and western Saskatchewan we wish to announce that CFCW Camrose will be broadcasting the church service held at the Stettler Seventh-day Adventist Church on January 21. The service will be taped on Sabbath, and released over the air the

next day, Sunday, January 22, beginning at 11 a.m.

Morning Meditations, with Pastor D. Hain as speaker, will be heard over the same station Monday, January 23 through Friday, January 27, beginning each morning at 10:05.

As that station will have increased its broadcasting power to 10,000 watts by that time we are assured a wide coverage, including Edmonton city in the northwest, and Moose Jaw in the southeast. Remember these dates and invite your non-Adventist friends to tune in.

D. HAIN

## Wedding

Cliffe-Reiswig

On Wednesday, November 16, a large number of friends and relatives gathered in the Peoria Seventh-day Adventist Church to celebrate the happy occasion of the wedding of Marjorie Reiswig to Darrel Cliffe. Both of these fine young people are from our Peoria Church and we join with a host of friends in wishing them God's richest blessing.

A lovely reception and wedding supper was held in the Community Hall in Belloy where there were 275 guests. Many lovely, useful gifts were presented to the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliffe will make their home in the Peoria district. May theirs be a long life of service to God and may their home be a place where the angels of heaven will be pleased to dwell.

R. SPANGLER

## British Columbia—

### Pathfinder Investiture



At a Pathfinder Investiture several weeks ago, four Juniors were promoted to Junior Councillors — Beverly Druitt, Lynda Andrews, Royce Glanzer, and William Cherney.

Shirley Bunting received the first award for attainments, Heather Kyte second, and Larry Siemens third awards.

Pictured left to right are: William Cherney, (holding the Award plaque) Dr. A. W. N. Druitt, Director of the Pathfinders, Shirley Bunting, Award winner, Heather Kyte, Beverly Druitt, and Mr. R. E. Kyte assistant director.

## Television Ministry

The *It Is Written* television ministry is continuing to grow in British Columbia. Already nearly 400 interested viewers have enrolled in the *Take His Word* reading programme. These people are visited at regular intervals by dedicated church members. When we think of all this viewing, reading, visiting and praying we can begin to get a picture of the great good that is being accomplished under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

We are negotiating now for a further release of this television programme by Pastor George E. Vandeman, praying that a good time may be made available on another station. When that series is almost completed, we plan to air it again on still another station. In this way we hope to cover the greater portion of our Conference within the next two years. Certainly this work, carried forward with the rest of the church endeavour, will go far to bring to our communities a clearer understanding of the sound Biblical beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists, as well as to provide an inspiration that will start many sincere souls on the way to the Kingdom. We are assured that you will continue to remember in your prayers the television ministry of *It Is Written*, every Sunday morning at 11:30, CHEK-TV, channel 6.

G. O. ADAMS, President

### New Members Received in the Rutland District

Sabbath afternoon, December 10, a large audience gathered in the Rutland, B.C. Church to witness the baptism of twelve new members. This brings the number of new members received in the Rutland-Kelowna district during the year 1960 to twenty-four. Of these, three were received upon profession of faith and twenty-one by baptism.

Among those received into church fellowship upon profession of faith was Sister Anna Polychuk. Sister Polychuk is over 90 years of age. Although bedfast and paralyzed from the waist down, she has a keen mind and expressed great joy when told that the church had received her into fellowship. A special service was held in the home of Brother and Sister Fred Dovich, where Sister Polychuk is now living as a patient.

C. S. COOPER



# New Workers In The Ontario-Quebec Conference



Pastor and Mrs. W. G. Soloniuk and family, formerly of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference where Pastor Soloniuk was the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of that conference. Pastor Soloniuk came to the Ontario-Quebec Conference to take up the duties of the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Department.



Pastor and Mrs. M. Radancevic and daughter. Pastor Radancevic formerly worked in the French Equatorial African Mission and is now pastor of the Toronto German and Yugoslavian Churches.



Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mohns and family. Brother Mohns replaces F. W. Connors as Publishing Secretary for the Ontario-Quebec Conference. The Mohns family come to us from the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference where Brother Mohns was Publishing Secretary of that Conference.



Pastor and Mrs. Don Williams and family. Pastor Williams is a graduate of Canadian Union College and is pastoring the churches in the Eastern Townships, Abercorn, Bolton Centre, South Stukely, and Waterville.



Pastor and Mrs. A. J. Mustard and family. Pastor Mustard is pastoring the Montreal and Quebec City churches. The Mustard family formerly worked in Watsford, Herts, England.



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lennox and family. Before taking up his duties as an Assistant Publishing Secretary for the Ontario-Quebec Conference, Brother Lennox was a Literature Evangelist supervisor in the Hamilton area.

## Adventist Girls Conduct Church Service In Baptist Church

This past summer in a poorer section of one of the towns of Illinois worked our young literature evangelist, Miss Rose Mineau of the Windsor Seventh-day Adventist Church. Together with another evangelist, Miss Lynda Proctor of New York, Rose started up a story hour on Sabbath afternoons for the children in the vicinity. They had no difficulty getting an average attendance of thirty, about twenty of whom were of non-Adventist families.

Being a talented, born artist, Rose had

no need of Picture Rolls or flannel board aids—she just quickly made her own, using what materials were on hand—paper and ordinary crayons, more often than not, "right on the spot" pictures to go with the stories presented.

Rose sold a set of Arthur Maxwell's *The Bible Story* to a minister of a Baptist church in a rural district. Seeing that this was a new church with not too many teaching aids, Rose offered to make some illustrative pictures for the minister's wife for Sunday School use. The girls also

taught Sunday School classes in this church.

After seeing the girls' sincere Christian spirit and the fine services they rendered in his church and community, the minister was so delighted, he asked them to take charge of the eleven o'clock service at his church Sunday morning. The girls were very busy in the field the rest of that week and also took part in their own church all day Sabbath. By the end of the week although they were physically exhausted, mentally and spiritually they were full of vigour, for Rose stayed up till two o'clock Sunday morning preparing for her first "sermon" that morning.

In introducing the girls to his audience as Christian girls, the minister also advertised *The Bible Story* (of which he himself had bought a set) and recom-



mended them to his audience. As a result another member bought a complete set of ten.

The girls did not expect to see more than about thirty-five at the little church, but to their frightening amazement a full capacity of 75 to 80 people turned out. Rose was impressed with the quietness and reverence throughout the service. A front-seat deacon who usually napped, stayed wide awake and gave an occasional nod of consent to what he saw and heard.

The "love offering" taken up for the girls tripled the usual Sunday morning collection. No doubt you will wonder how the girls spent this donation. Well, they turned right around and gave that Baptist Church library a set of *The Bible Story*, and for the remaining dollar, they gave them one of the new dollar books. They were asked to continue taking the Sunday services. With much regret, they had to turn down this kind invitation, for College was calling them in only two weeks.

However, another young Baptist minister, who had also bought a set of the books, asked the girls to take over a 7:30 evening service for him at his church. They were ready and at 6:15 were at the minister's study in order to set up the visual aids, etc. at the church.

The supervisor of the churches in that district happened to be with the minister, and when the girls were introduced, he began denouncing the Adventists and their literature. He requested the minis-

ter to order his members to burn all the poisonous rubbish they had recently bought from the girls. When the minister further shocked him with the knowledge that these girls were to conduct the preaching service for him that evening, he harshly denounced such goings-on. As the girls quietly sat there listening to the way in which the precious Truth they loved so much was being trampled, they offered, with prayers in their hearts, to cancel this meeting and quietly to withdraw. The minister would not listen, saying the service would go ahead as planned in spite of the threats. The supervisor excused himself, and as the girls entered the church to make some preparations even at that late hour, the church was rapidly filling. They soon got goose pimples all over when whom should they see but the supervisor himself, re-entering the church and walking up and down the aisles privately admonishing the members and pointing his finger at the girls.

But all was soon quiet and continued reverently so during the minister's introduction and throughout the service. The girls were also asked to hold a weekly story hour in the parish, but of course again they had to refuse.

May God richly bless and prosper such humble literature evangelists as Rose and Lynda, and such honest in heart people as these Baptist ministers and their congregations who respected the Truth when they heard it given in a kind and tactful way.

## Going To Mission Field



Mrs. C. A. Strutt, widow of the late Clyde Strutt, graduated November 19, 1960 as a licensed practical nurse from Hinsdale Sanitarium. Sister Strutt is a member of the Niagara Falls Church and mother of Mrs. Harold Googe (Jeanette) who with her husband Harold and three children, Pam, Penny, and Philip, are missionaries in Karachi, Pakistan. Sister Strutt plans to go to Karachi in January.

She was greatly surprised and pleased to have Jeanette at her graduation in Hinsdale. The American Embassy returned a mental patient to Ohio from Pakistan and Jeanette was very fortunate in being chosen as the nurse to accompany this patient and therefore was able to be present for her mother's graduation.

I'm sure all who know and love Sister Strutt wish her God's blessings in her chosen profession.

MRS. ROSE SHAW

## OMC Elementary School Children Demonstrate True Christmas Spirit



Left to right: John Rieger, secretary-treasurer of the Home and School Association; Mrs. W. Woolcott, R.N., accepting cheque for the children's ward of the Oshawa General Hospital from J. B. Curtis, elementary school principal.

This year the pupils of the OMC elementary school decided to forego the usual exchange of gifts at their annual Christmas party and instead donate the money formerly spent in this manner to some local community project.

After consultation the children's ward of the Oshawa General hospital was chosen as the recipient of the gift and hospital officials were contacted as to the item most desired. Two baby tenders was the gift decided upon. Each pupil then donated fifty cents toward this project, and on the last day of school a representative of the hospital was presented with a cheque for fifty dollars by J. B. Curtis, elementary school principal.

This worthwhile project in the cementing of further good public relations between community and school was sponsored by the Home and School Association.

ROY CURTIS, *Leader*  
Home and School Association





# SOON PERSECUTION WILL INCREASE

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Another alumni function will be the annual Home-coming in the spring. Special speakers and week-end services, not to mention the fellowship and reacquaintances of old friends, and the opportunity afforded to meet those young people, who are soon to join our ranks, will be yours to enjoy. Watch for further announcements regarding the date.

Each and every alumnus is urged to write a short letter telling of his activities in the past few months or years. Has there been a birth, wedding or other event you would like to share with all the OMC Alumni? What is your present occupation and pastimes? Do write today and keep us up to date on these things in order that we might compile a Newsletter. All changes of address should also be sent for our files.

Robert Russell, Jr., President  
OMC Alumni Association



# French Bible Course

RENE DEVINS, Director, Mission Adventiste du St. Laurent

Since more than two years I have had the responsibility of the French correspondence Bible Course, located here in Montreal. For the encouragement of the readers of our union magazine I would like to say that we have many great joys with the French Bible Course.

As a result of the Bible Course twenty-two people have been baptized, during these last two years, across the United States and Canada, and even outside of America. A prisoner for the illicit selling of drugs at Hong-Kong, ethnically French, has been baptized recently after having finished our course of 40 lessons of 4 pages each. Now, this new brother named Pierre Vergnole has been given his liberty in this state of Hong Kong. He was very glad to write to me his joy to be a new creature of God and a converted man. He said that his last months in the jail were lighted like a sky with the divine and brilliant Word of God. He is a happy man belonging to the Church of Jesus by the means of *La Voix de L'Esperance* and the good and brotherly help of Elder Piper, minister at Hong-Kong.

I wish also to tell you that four men, the father and three of his children over 13 years of age are regularly following our Course and are thinking to be baptized upon their arrival in Montreal and join our French Church. They asked for a visa of immigration for Montreal. The mother died 6 years ago in Utah. These very good students and friends are Jewish and now are happy to believe in Jesus as the true Messiah. They are anxious to be in Montreal with us and have written to me this week: "We expect our visas for Canada and will be very glad to see you and be with you all!" They are of French extraction.

I have several other news items to tell you concerning our French Bible Course. I am a happy man when one of our conferences in North America or any other place announces to me that one of our students has been baptized. A young man who last year worked in the Province of Quebec and received the diploma has been baptized in France at Toulouse—Mr. Alex Vignaux, now located in the Paris area.

May each of you, dear readers, pray earnestly for the French work in the Province of Quebec and also for this French Correspondence Bible Course which I have the privilege to lead here. We are planning for a special campaign

combining public meetings in our hall on Laval Avenue and the invitation to enroll in this correspondence Bible Course. Twenty thousand tracts have been printed for this purpose. I remain, dear friends throughout Canada, your brother in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## French Sabbath School

Despite the confusion and frustration of living in an age of speedy jets and celestial sputniks it was gratifying to the soul to be part of a very special Sabbath School service on December 24. While this poor old world was celebrating the birthday of Jesus in the traditional way, we here in the French Mission rejoiced in the knowledge of the true meaning of the first coming of Emmanuel to this earth.

The Sabbath School programme was given completely by our children under the leadership of Mrs. Devins. Six of our Sabbath School children are from non-Adventist homes. It made us happy indeed to see these parents becoming interested in the church and in this Message.

The inspiring programme was given in the church chapel which was decorated with a large, pine Christmas tree. This was in harmony with the recommendation of Mrs. E. G. White in a message given in the *Review and Herald* of December 9, 1884 in which she indicated it was not a sin to have a Christmas tree in our chapels. (The purpose of the tree was no doubt to be used as an offering receptacle). Songs, recitations, piano solos and a beautiful sketch by Charles Dombres were special features of the programme with Mr. and Mrs. Detoux, Chantal Devins, Marie-Claire and Joelle Ceccarini, Karine Tramountini taking part also the church choir conducted by Brother Chave of Joliette, and a violin solo by Mr. Heidar from Iceland. The behind-the-scene solo was pantomimed by Brother Théophile Douay.

We were very happy to receive a good mission offering and to have a large gathering for this programme and for the church service following. 1961 may be a special year for all of us, we know not, but we are hoping it will bring a growing interest for the Cause in Canada and especially in this difficult field, the French Mission of Quebec.

JEAN NAVIHERES

## Six Baptized at Corner Brook

An impressive baptism was held in the Corner Brook Seventh-day Adventist Church on November 12. This date marked the beginning of the Fall Week of Prayer and also the beginning of a new life in Christ Jesus for six precious souls. What a thrill it was to see three daughters, Gladys, Beatrice, and Phyllis, join their mother, Mrs. Theodore Budgett, in becoming members of the remnant church. This family comes from the outport community of Cottrell's Cove. While standing in the baptistry with the pastor, the mother was overheard to say, "I have known this message for a long time and should have made this decision forty years ago."

Also baptized were Iona and Geneva Osmond of Bonne Bay. The service was concluded by a reconsecration call when many of our Corner Brook and visiting believers took this opportunity to be rededicated to God and His service. The ensuing week was indeed a time of prayer and thanksgiving for what God had wrought.

A second baptism is scheduled for early December.

F. A. KNUTSON, Pastor

## Wedding

Grzybowski - Hollett

On Saturday night, December 10, a quiet wedding took place in the pastor's study of the Corner Brook Church. Walter Grzybowski and Hazel Hollett pledged to live together in God's ordinance of matrimony.

Witnesses to the ceremony were Ted Grzybowski and Mrs. F. A. Knutson. The bride had just previously accepted the Message and had been baptized into the church. After the ceremony the members gathered for the reception in the basement auditorium.

It was a real joy to welcome this new sister into our church family, and we pray that the Lord's richest blessings will be Brother and Sister Grzybowski's as they establish their home in Corner Brook.

F. A. KNUTSON

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## OBITUARIES

**DAVIS**—Harry Ray, was born on Wolfe Island, in the St. Lawrence River just opposite Kingston, January 3, 1877, and passed to his rest at his home in Kingston, November 5, 1960.

Brother Davis lived the first half of his 83 years on Wolfe Island farming some and also working on lake boats. Here he married Louise Mosier in 1907 and to this union three children were born all of whom they lost within four years while still young. Brother Davis suffered a heart attack in 1922 after which he was never really well. However, his new-found hope in the Advent faith and his Lord, as well as the good care of his wife buoyed him up over almost forty additional years. On the day of his death brother Davis attended Sabbath service at the Kingston Church of which he had been local elder in previous years.

Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn a sister and a brother as well as many friends. He awaits the call of his Lord in the family plot at Point Alexander, Wolfe Island, Ont.

G. DAVIES, *Pastor*

**CRAIG**—Mrs. Henrietta Elizabeth Craig was born in Glasgow, Scotland, eighty years ago, and passed away peacefully at her home, on November 25, 1960.

Some forty years ago, she with her husband Jeffrey Scott Craig, came to Vancouver, British Columbia. After six years they moved to Victoria where they both accepted the Advent Message and became members of the Victoria Seventh-day Adventist Church. Mr. Craig passed away three years ago.

Mrs. Craig's faith and her courage were strong to the end. The day before her passing she told her daughter she was weary and just wanted to go to sleep and wake up at the call of the Life-giver.

Mrs. Craig is survived by her daughter Nancy, Mrs. Clyde Gildersleeve of Smith Inlet B.C.; a granddaughter, Heather, in nurses' training at Portland Sanitarium; and a little grandson Darby.

The funeral services were conducted from the Bowell and Sons Funeral Home. She awaits the resurrection morning at the Surrey Centre Cemetery.

H. W. BEAVON, *Pastor*

**FORD**—Mrs. Ida May Ford was born at London, Ontario on March 4, 1882, and passed away in the same city on August 26, 1960. She was a faithful member of the Hamilton Church for many years, having lived in Hamilton for 45 years. She is survived by a sister, Miss Laura Constable of Brantford, a brother, Albert Constable of Wilberforce, Ontario; two sons, Albert and Ernest of Hamilton; three daughters, Mrs. Samuel Devine of London, Mrs. Thomas Michael of Los Angeles, and Barbara of Hamilton besides other relatives and friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer and burial took place in the Eastlawn Cemetery in Hamilton where she was laid to rest beside her husband who predeceased her.

H. E. REIMCHE, *Pastor*

**KEIM**—Mrs. Jacob Keim of Beiseker, Alberta died on November 15, 1960 at the age of 63 years. Her childhood days were spent with her parents in the State of Washington. In 1909 she came with her parents to Canada. In 1918 she was united in marriage to Jacob Keim, and to this union five children were

born. She is survived by her husband; three sons, Elmer, Walter and Leonard; one daughter, Vera; two brothers, Jacob from Kelowna, B.C., John from Beiseker; and one sister, Lydia, from Beiseker.

At the time of her passing she was a member of the Acme Church. She now rests in the hope of the resurrection of the just. Words of comfort were spoken by Elders R. R. Patzer and C. C. Voth.

R. R. PATZER

**FRITZ**—Mary Fritz was born April 10, 1900 in Harta, Hungary and passed away November 23, 1960 in Edmonton, Alberta. She was married to John Fritz in 1924 and they came to Canada in 1930.

She accepted the Third Angel's Message in 1935 and was baptized, with her husband, by John D. Neufeld.

She bore five children: Henry Fritz of Hamilton, Ontario; Peter Fritz, Monte Carlo, Argentina; Martin Fritz of Belloy; Andrew Fritz of Belloy; and George Fritz of Leduc, Alberta. Also left to mourn are three stepchildren: John Fritz of Hungary, Konrad Fritz of Hamilton, and Margaret Caron of Edmonton; fifteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Interment was in the cemetery at the Belloy Seventh-day Adventist church. She sleeps in peace, awaiting the call of the Saviour.

R. SPANGLER

**LEDGER**—Mr. Hubert Ledger was born in England in 1871 and passed away near Hamilton on October 1, 1960. He was in his eighties when he became a member of the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church, but the message meant much to him, and for the last thirteen years he made his home with his son-in-law. The funeral service was conducted by the writer and interment took place in the veteran section of the Woodland Cemetery.

H. E. REIMCHE, *Pastor*

**SLEETH**—William Harvey Sleeth was born near Battersea, Ontario, on October 14, 1877 and passed away quietly at the same place on May 12, 1960. In 1954 he joined his wife in becoming a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They both became members of the church largely due to the radio work of the Voice of Prophecy. Mrs. Sleeth passed away about a year ago. He is survived by a sister and a brother, besides other relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by the writer and interment took place in the Sandhills Cemetery.

H. E. REIMCHE, *Pastor*

**WENDLAND**—Mrs. Freda Wendland passed to her rest November 18 in the University Hospital at Edmonton. Sister Wendland was 79 years of age and had been a faithful member of God's remnant church for many years. The funeral was held in the Peoria Seventh-day Adventist Church. She leaves to mourn three sons, Hugo of Beiseker, Alberta; John of Peoria, Alberta; and George of Belloy, Alberta. Also three daughters, Mrs. Finch of Sydney, British Columbia; Mrs. Weiler of Leduc, Alberta; and Mrs. Dick of Belloy, Alberta. The large number of friends that gathered to pay their last respects showed the esteem in which she was held. Sister Wendland awaits the glad resurrection morning.

R. SPANGLER

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			20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
Alberta	\$45,000	\$24,163.23						53.7%
British Columbia	46,000	31,043.00						67.5%
Manitoba-Saskatchewan	46,000	46,101.01						100.2%
Maritimes	22,000	13,443.81						61.1%
Newfoundland	7,500	7,273.00						96.9%
Ontario-Quebec	95,000	77,051.90						81.1%
St. Laurent	1,000	945.00						94.5%
Canadian Union	262,500	200,020.95						76.1%

#### We Praise the Lord

To God be the Glory for the success that has attended our Carolling efforts. All across Canada our laity and workers have been working hard. The youth have also done their share in the carolling. Now we see what the Lord has helped us accomplish. We want to say thank you and I trust we shall see souls in His Kingdom as the result of our labours.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference who are first to reach their Ingathering goal. Some may wonder why this conference goal has been reduced from the previous report. The reason is that they have turned the Ontario portion of their field (the Twin Cities) over to the Ontario-Quebec Conference, thus this adjustment was necessary.

A few short experiences might be of interest to us all who have worked so hard. In British Columbia a Junior girl was surprised when a lady gave her \$20.00 and told her that she was cured of her illness in one of our hospitals in the States and this was a small token of appreciation.

In the Okanagan Valley, in this same conference, the radio station played our carols. One evening there was a fire and a family lost everything and some of

the children were burned. Our welfare folks came to their aid. The next day (Sabbath) the radio not only played our carols but kept announcing if anyone had food and clothing for the burned-out family to take it to the Seventh-day Adventist welfare society. That Saturday evening when the carollers went out, the money just rolled in because of what we were doing for the burned-out victims.

In the Ontario-Quebec Conference the College Park Church set a high record this year in their carolling. The students and faculty of the college together with the church members worked very hard and a little over \$11,000 was collected. One humble sister who was very timid in approaching the people was surprised when a man gave her \$20 as a donation because he was pleased with what we as a people were doing.

Let us now do our best and finish up our goals by doing the business firms and thus we shall have the rest of the time to do more soul winning through our lay evangelism.

J. M. HNATYSHYN  
Home Missionary Secretary  
Canadian Union Conference