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A Message from the Union President

Sabbath, October 26, has been designated as World Temperance Day in all Seventh-day Adventist Churches. Surely it is of great importance that we promote this phase of our work with renewed energy.

Many years ago the servant of the Lord wrote, "The temperance question is to receive decided support from God's people . . . Literature bearing on this point is the helping hand of the gospel, leading souls to search the Bible for a better understanding of the truth." *Temperance*, p. 249

How happy we ought to be for wonderful temperance literature being produced by our church. Without a doubt the *LISTEN* magazine, a journal dedicated to the cause of promoting better living, is being more and more accepted. Recently I learned that *LISTEN* has a larger circulation than all other major temperance journals combined.

Surely we can be justly proud of this valuable publication in the field of temperance education. But more than that, we must do all we can to circulate this literature. In keeping with this, World Temperance Day is being devoted to a *LISTEN*-centered programme. Our members are invited to co-operate in placing *LISTEN* in the hands of youth and their leaders, and with outstanding people everywhere.

It is encouraging to note the divine promise, "If our people can be made to realize how much is at stake, and will seek to redeem the time that has been lost, by now putting heart and soul and strength into the temperance cause, great good will be seen as a result." *Temperance*, p. 257. May the Lord impress each one to rightly participate in this important programme of the church.

J. W. BOTHE, President
Canadian Union Conference

An Open Letter

To Elder G. R. Nash, Secretary
Sabbath School Department
of the General Conference

Dear Elder Nash:

When I returned to my office a few days ago, after a long absence visiting our overseas fields, I found your letter of September 9 awaiting me. Before I deal with it, let me tell you just a little of how I feel after this recent inspiring experience in some of our mission fields.

I was gone two months, and visited in four of our overseas divisions. I have always known, of course, how closely together our people are bound by our common faith, but every trip to "foreign" lands brings home to me anew the miracle of unity which God is performing for His people, day after day, around the world. The languages may be different,

the foodstuffs may be very strange and unusual at times, styles of dress and national customs may vary — but underneath it all, our people are one in all the world! Believing the same truths, sharing the same hopes and aspirations, and giving of their means for the support of the same grand objectives — what a miracle it is, being wrought before our very eyes.

So much for that — I just had to unburden myself of this overflowing sense of wonder and joy before I turn to the matter in your letter. You ask me to tell you something about the statistics on our Sabbath School offerings, and that

I shall be glad to do. Not about the wonderful things these millions and millions of dollars are doing all over the world — you have seen these accomplishments, as I have, in every remote corner of the world. But about another aspect of Sabbath School giving, one that deserves the attention of you as leader of the Sabbath School work, and of our people here in North America.

In the preparation of our annual Statistical Report the past few days, I have been taking a close look at some of the comparative figures of recent years, particularly as they relate to the giving habits of our people. Adventists are known the world over for their open-handed giving, and well they might be. Way back in 1930, when the great depression was just getting a good start, our people had a burden for evangelization of the world, and they evidenced that concern by contributing, every single one of the 117,000 of them in North America, an average of \$33.51 in tithe. In that same year, the average gift to the Sabbath school was \$11.85 — just a little over one-third of the tithe.

Since those gloomy days of 1930, God has visited His people with unparalleled prosperity here in North America. We have 343,664 members now, and the annual reports show a constantly increasing level of tithe per capita: \$88.84 in 1950, \$138.15 in 1960, and — the highest ever — \$143.15 in 1962.

Sabbath School offerings have gone up too! From the \$11.85 average per year in 1930, I note that the figure was \$15.94 in 1950, \$19.84 in 1960, and \$20.08 in 1962 — again the highest in history. But wait! I sharpened my pencil, did a little dividing and multiplying, and a good deal of thinking, and this is what I came up with:

Between 1930 and 1962, tithe increased about 4¼ times — 427%, to be exact. In those same 32 years, though, offerings for the Sabbath School went up just 1.7 times, considerably less than half as fast as the tithe. In 1962, Sabbath School offerings in the North Am-



E. L. Becker, writer of this letter

erican Division amounted to just a bit less than seven million dollars. Wonderful! — and you and I know, from observation, what tremendous things that amount of money does somewhere over on the other side of the world. But supposing the Sabbath School offerings had increased as fast as the tithe, since 1930; how much would we have had? Maybe you won't believe it, but instead of seven million dollars, we would have had — from Sabbath School offerings alone — about 17½ millions! Why, that's almost as much as the total base

Study in Europe

Andrews University has announced plans to conduct a twelve-week session in Europe and the Middle East during the months of June, July and August, 1964.

The summer session will be based at Villa Aurora, the Adventist training school in Florence, Italy. Study trips of two weeks each are scheduled in connection with the regular class work. One trip will be to Rome and Naples, one to Athens, Greece, and the seven churches of Revelation, according to Dr. Earle Hilgert, Professor of New Testament Literature, Director of the session.

The Rome and Naples tour will include study of such historical sites as the Roman Forum, the Catacombs and the buried cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum. The tour to Greece and Asia Minor will include Athens, Corinth, Patmos and Istanbul as well as the seven churches.

Eight hours of seminary credit is being offered during the session. Classes will include Historical and Archeological Backgrounds of the New Testament, taught by Dr. Hilgert, and The Nature of Man, taught by Dr. Jean Zurcher, President of the Adventist Seminary at Collonges-sous-Saleve, France.

Dr. Hilgert and Dr. Zurcher have backgrounds in both European and American education. Dr. Hilgert holds the B.D. from the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary, and the doctorate in theology

operating budget for the General Conference last year. That extra ten million dollars could, I am convinced, have had an important part in bringing the coming of Jesus just a little bit closer. And after all, that's what we're all hoping and longing for, isn't it? — you and I, and all those dear folk I have just visited in Australia and Africa and Europe, and our people here in North America, too.

So there's the answer to the questions in your letter. We've done wonderfully well in tithes and offerings, and God is blessing us for it. But tell the people in our churches here in North America how very, very much remains to be done, and how important it is that they put everything they have into this great effort. Not tithes alone, but free-will offerings as well. And one of these days soon, our believers all around the world will be one, not alone in doctrine and hope, but one in fellowship — in God's great kingdom to come!

Yours in the Blessed Hope

E. L. BECKER, Statistical Secretary
General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists

from the University of Basel, Switzerland. Dr. Zurcher has been a member of the faculty of Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts. He has the *Licence es sciences morales* (Letters) and the doctorate in philosophy from the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

This is a unique opportunity for European study on the Continent that is seldom open to students who speak only English, says Dr. Hilgert.

DONALD LEE, Director
Public Relations

Film to be Shown



Ron Cochran

Nationally-known TV news commentator, Ron Cochran, has been named narrator for the "Becky" film soon to be shown in the Canadian Union.

Anchorman of ABC-TV's "Ron Cochran with the News," Cochran also serves on major events telecasts such as election

night returns. From 1945 to 1954 Cochran was a CBS correspondent in Washington. He transferred to CBS News in New York in 1954, and built a huge following with his "New York Report" and "The Late News."

"Cochran not only narrates this film, but also appears personally in it," said Michael A. Jones, Temperance Department co-ordinator of "Becky". He said "Becky" will be released for national television by December 15.

NOTICE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the mail did not arrive in time to include, in this issue of MESSENGER, some material from the west. This will appear in the next issue. The Lay Instructors' Training School for Alberta will be reported then.

Adventist Amateur Radio Operators New Net Schedules —

7295 - 1200 GMT to 1300 GMT
14270 - 1200 GMT to 1400 GMT
also - 1900 GMT to 2100 GMT

Adventist amateur radio net anniversary celebration all day December 5 on 20 meters, 14270 — 1200 GMT to 0200 GMT on December 6. Let's everyone take part.

E. M. PETERSON, K3LJP



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LITERATURE EVANGELISM

This Is the Very Work

the Lord Would Have His People Do at This Time.

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Literature Evangelist Experiences

Financial benefit is not the only satisfaction one gets from canvassing. It was my privilege to knock at the home of a bereaved couple who had lost their only son. They were concerned with knowing about the state of the dead. Brother Sudds and I were happy to point them to the facts the Bible presents about the departed. Although they were in some financial difficulties they were able to take a copy of our new *Bible Readings for the Home*. Last Tuesday I visited the family and found the lady studying about the seventh-day Sabbath. She told me that she was convinced that the seventh day is the Sabbath and that she is considering seriously to start observing it. I believe there are many earnest seekers of truth who will in no other way be reached than through the literature ministry.

JOHAN HAAKMAT
Alberta

I called back to see a fine Christian lady who had bought a set of *Bible Stories* from me. She invited me to come in and sit down. It wasn't long before our conversation led to the opening of the Bible to look up a text. As we talked she told me of her concern for her husband who is not interested in church and of her own problems at church. Many of her fellow members tell her that she is wrong when she stands for Bible teachings. She also feels that she cannot go along with their church unity plans and is wondering just what to do. She has read many of our publications and has *Planet in Rebellion, Your Bible and You* and has recently been studying through an old set of our Bible study lesson sheets which were obtained from Sister Tuz of Stoney Creek. Mrs. S. bought a *Triumph of God's Love* which I explained would help her more fully understand many of her questions. Let us not forget to pray for these people.

R. ZWICKER
Ontario-Quebec

I went to a home on a lead given by a friend and sold a German *Bible Story* set. This lady, in turn, sent me to a

friend where I sold another set, both for cash. The second lady sent me to her minister, who, although he was very much interested, did not buy a set right then but gave me the names of about twenty members of his church whom he felt would be interested. This week will tell the results.

A. GRABO
Alberta

Men and Women are Needed

"Jesus is calling for many missionaries, for men and women who will consecrate themselves to God, willing to *spend and be spent* in His service. Oh, can we not remember that here is a world to labour for? Shall we not move forward step by step, letting God use us as *His helping hand*? Shall we not *place ourselves on the altar of service*? Then the love of Christ will touch and transform us, make us willing for His sake to do and dare."

"Many, both men and women, can do an excellent work by canvassing for books that are full of direct, simple instruction on practical Godliness." — *Colporteur Ministry*, p. 18.

Hunger in Quebec

How do I know there is hunger in Quebec? Because I have seen it. Yes, I refer to spiritual hunger. I canvassed a French Catholic for our French health book and *Desire of Ages*, price \$15.00. This she could not afford, but asked if she could take one book this month and the other the next. I replied, "Yes, which one do you prefer first." She chose the *Desire of Ages*. The same thing happened at the very next door. Yes, there is spiritual hunger in Quebec. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

J. WHALLY
Ontario-Quebec

DELIVERY REPORT

For the Month of September 1963

Alberta	-	-	9,255.21
British Columbia	-	-	2,181.38
Manitoba-Saskatchewan	-	-	3,542.18
Maritime	-	-	993.70
Newfoundland			
Ontario-Quebec	-	-	15,280.53
Canadian Union	-	-	31,253.00

Missionary Report for September

Literature distributed	-	-	1,825
Bible School enrolments	-	-	146
Interested persons attending church	-	-	30
Former S.D.A.'s contacted	-	-	13
Homes prayed in	-	-	156
Bible studies given	-	-	55
Baptisms	-	-	3

Alberta Federations

Southern Alberta Federation —

Rosebud Church— Oct. 29, 10 a.m.

Northern Alberta Federation —

Beauvallon Church— Oct. 31, 10 a.m.

Central Alberta Federation —

Lacombe Church— Nov. 3, 10 a.m.

Peace River Federation —

Peoria Church— Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

Guest Speaker— Elder W. G. Soloniuk

Special Feature— Colour Film "Kimaru"

Election of New Officers for
All Federations

Transfusion May Be Adjudicated Circuit Court Rules

Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., may yet find itself in trouble for saving the life of a woman through a blood transfusion. The woman, a Jehovah's Witness, had refused a transfusion when hospital physicians concurred that she would die without one. She had lost two thirds of her body's blood supply as a result of a ruptured stomach ulcer. The woman's husband also refused his consent to the transfusion, and the hospital sought a court ruling, so that it could proceed with treatment. The federal district court refused the hospital's request, and this ruling was appealed to Judge J. Skelly Wright of the U.S. Court of Appeals, who, after careful investigation, overruled the federal court's decision and the transfusion was administered. The woman is now convalescing, but she and her husband, if they wish, may press for adjudication.

Lethbridge . . .



We were taken by surprise for we planned for forty boys and girls but over eighty came. We plan to follow through with a Bible Story Hour.
Mrs. Arthur Garner, VBS Director

Red Deer . . .



Sherry Andrews assists youthful ladies with their crafts. The Red Deer Church is the most recently organized church in the Alberta Conference. They, too, moved forward in this most rewarding field of evangelism. Enrollment of 34 was made up of 30 non-Adventist children.
Mrs. Larry Shipowick, VBS Director

Fairview . . .



A wonderful and challenging experience was ours as we endeavoured to guide 63 boys and girls to the Master.
Mrs. Merle Stewart, VBS Director

Edmonton Ukrainian . . .



What we thought impossible happened this year as we moved forward with Vacation Bible School. We were happily surprised when over 30 children came.
Mrs. Mary Perrish, VBS Director

Grande Prairie . . .

We had a very pleasant time working for the boys of our community. We are starting a Bible Story Hour and enrolling some of the children in our Pathfinder Club.
Mrs. Helen Anderson, VBS Director



Calgary . . .

Non-Adventist parent looks very pleased as her two boys display, "Mommy, this is what I made." Two of the most outstanding Vacation Bible Schools were conducted by the Calgary Church simultaneously. Record attendance was enjoyed by both schools.
Mrs. Hervey Gimbel, VBS Director



First Fruits of VBS Follow-Up

LEWIS A. SHIPOWICK, Secretary, SS Dept., Alberta Conference



Back row, left to right: Alvin, Mrs. Hildebrand, Mr. Hildebrand, Freddie, front row, left to right: Donny, Danna, Tommy.



Left to right: Carolyn, Mr. Kerbs, Lorraine, Mrs. Kerbs, Clarence.

Jesus said, "I will make you fishers of men." It was while Brother and Sister Becker of Medicine Hat were fishing that they met the Hildebrands. They began to draw the gospel net of love around them. Upon their arrival back to town an invitation was extended to the Hildebrand children to come to Vacation Bible School. When Vacation Bible School was over the children came regularly to Sabbath School. Soon the parents came, too. The end result was rejoicing in the Medicine Hat Church as Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand, Alvin, and Freddie were baptized. Alvin is now attending Canadian Union College.

"A child shall lead them." Carolyn Kerbs enjoyed Vacation Bible School so much that she began to come to Sabbath School, too, and was baptized in the fall

of 1962. This spring her father and mother and brother were also baptized. At present Carolyn is at Canadian Union College.

Other 1963 Vacation Bible Schools included Burnt Lake, Canmore, Hays, Medicine Hat, Cluny, Edmonton English, Stettler, Irwin. Heartfelt thanks goes to every Sabbath School member in the Alberta Conference who had a part in this most rewarding soul-winning endeavour, as hundreds of children were introduced to the children's "Best Friend." May every Sabbath School in the Alberta Conference continually uphold Christ before the boys and girls of their community. As we sow the gospel seed in these fertile, youthful minds, God will save the children and their parents.

BS Plus . . . Six Others Uphold Christ

Beiseker . . .

We were thrilled as over 100 children came to our first Vacation Bible School and 75% were from non-Adventist homes. What a challenge! The response was so gratifying we are now planning for a Community Bible School follow-up.
Mrs. Willard Huether, VBS Director



Myrnam . . .

Parents were amazed at how much their children had learned in such a short time. We plan to follow up this wonderful interest with a Bible Story Hour.
Mrs. Ann Ilchuk, VBS Director



Cassils . . .

A reporter who observed the programme said, "This is the most outstanding thing that has hit this community for a long time."
Mrs. Ken Stevens, VBS Director



Medicine Hat District VBS

LARRY MILLIKEN, *Pastor*

Over 250 children attended vacation Bible schools in the Medicine Hat area. Of these 200 came from non-Adventist homes.

The first VBS in the district was held at Cassils at the home of Ken Stevens which was formerly a hunting lodge. In these unusual surroundings 50 children enrolled, most of whom were from the surrounding farms. Practically every home in the community was represented and deep and lasting impressions were made reports VBS director Mrs. Phyllis Stevens. The local newspaper reporter made the comment that this was one of the biggest things to hit Cassils in years.

In Hays, another rural community, Mrs. Betty Herman directed a successful school. This VBS was held in the Hays public school. Without church backing, for there is no Adventist Church in Hays, and with only five helpers, Mrs. Herman kept the seventy children enrolled busy and enthusiastic.

A larger and longer VBS is already being planned for Hays next year reports

Mrs. Herman. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Virginia Fleck from Lacombe who came over 300 miles to assist in this school.

Thirty-five miles from Medicine Hat at Cyprus View, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rub wanted to have a VBS in their community. As a result a VBS was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Violet Heather and Mrs. Joyce Milliken. Twenty-seven children were enrolled, and excellent contacts were made.

The fourth and largest VBS was held in the YM-YWCA in Medicine Hat. Unlike the previous schools which were "firsts" in their respective areas, this was the fifth successive school. Approximately 100 children were enrolled. Mrs. Clara Becker, the director, and her crew of helpers worked untiringly to make it a success.

Here in Medicine Hat the members know Vacation Bible Schools pay for from previous school contacts made resulted in several baptisms. Realizing that the real goal of Vacation Bible Schools is the winning of souls and that no finer evangelism can be launched, the writer himself took an active part in the above named schools

Hays . . .



Medicine Hat . . .

Cyprus View . . .



Elder Jesske Holds Ontario-Quebec Audience

In Rapt Attention

Elder W. S. Jesske, Director of Field Service for the Voice of Prophecy, was a recent visitor to the Ontario-Quebec Conference. Arriving in Windsor on September 20, he was joined by Elder D. Skoretz, Ontario-Quebec Radio-TV Secretary, to begin a series of Voice of Prophecy rallies which extended from Windsor to Montreal.

After a fine rally in Windsor on Friday evening, September 20, Elders Jesske and Skoretz proceeded to London on the 21st for a Sabbath morning rally, including the congregations from St. Thomas, Chatham, Simcoe, Brantford and Paris areas. Then, on to Hamilton that afternoon, with Kitchener, Oakville, Galt, St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls members joining in the congregation there. To top off a busy day, another rally was held on Saturday evening in the Willowdale Church, with the other English-speaking members of Toronto in attendance. On Sunday evening the ethnic believers in the Toronto area met in the Ukrainian Church for their rally, and on Monday evening the Kendalwood, College Park and Peterborough Churches gathered in Oshawa. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings rallies were held in Kingston, Ottawa and Montreal, with the churches at Belleville, Marlbank, Pembroke, Almonte, Quebec City and Hemmingford joining with these respective congregations.

Elder Jesske held the rapt attention of his audiences as he told of the thrilling advance of the Voice of Prophecy work. He pointed out that the radio work is ever onward, and that this advancement is accompanied by the need for more and more funds to sustain the programme. Elder Jesske has a personal background of almost unbelievable experiences that he had while an exile to Siberia. His listeners were spellbound as he recounted a few of these fiery trials which he went through as a young man, and which resulted in his accepting the Advent faith.

In the Ontario-Quebec Conference we have ten stations carrying the Voice of Prophecy broadcast each week on Sunday. These are:

Fort Frances	CFDB 800 9:00 pm
Fort William	CKPR 580 9:30 am
Kingston	CKLC 1380 9:30 am
Oshawa	CKLB 1350 8:00 pm
Ottawa	CKDY 1310 10:30 am
Pembroke	CHDV 1330 9:00 pm
Toronto	CKFH 14 10:00 am
Windsor	CKLW 800 8:00 pm



Elder W. S. Jesske, far right, studies an up-to-date Voice of Prophecy radio log with (left to right) Elders C. G. Samograd, Simcoe, T. G. Davies, Sarnia, and A. B. Ferrier, London, during his recent itinerary in the Ontario-Quebec Conference.

Montreal CKVL 850 9:00 am
Quebec CJQC 1340 8:00 am

We are hoping to add Sudbury in the near future, as funds permit. How thankful we are for the generosity of our believers in the recent Voice of Prophecy offering. God will surely bless these gifts in the furtherance of the great radio work so that His last warning message shall speedily reach earth's remotest bounds.

D. SKORETZ, Secretary
Radio-TV Department

From European Concentration Camp to Happy Baptism in Canada



Pastor J. M. Howard of the Ottawa Church welcomes Brother and Sister Antoine Gec into church fellowship following their baptism, as the Gec children happily look on.

It was on a rainy Sabbath last spring, just as the tulips were on the verge of spreading their carpets of riotous colour through our capital city, that Maria and Antoine Gec, only recently arrived in Hull, Quebec from Yugoslavia, were baptized by Elder E. E. Duncan. Their story of finding the truth shows beauti-

fully the numberless ways God has of leading His children into the fold.

Maria and Tony were friends of a few years when they were separated and sent to separate camps in Trieste. Then they realized they were in love. A kindly Catholic priest who listened to their story helped them get together long enough to be married, and shortly after they were released as the political situation eased. They went to Paris where life was a real struggle, with Tony working long days at any carpentry job available, and Maria working in a hospital. When Mary was born, and later Ernest, Maria and Antoine had enough money saved to come to Canada.

Tony began to feel that something was missing in his life, and that he should read the Bible, but he neglected doing so until in an accident he lost the tip of one finger. Then he and Maria both had dreams in which a voice called to them. A letter arrived from Tony's close friend and classmate who had settled in South America. The letter was full of joy because the friend and his wife had found a Seventh-day Adventist Church and had been baptized. Tony then mentioned to a fellow worker, an Italian man, that he wished he could find a church that would teach him about the Bible. The man said, "Go to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ottawa. They know all about the Bible."

Tony started to search, and when it seemed fruitless he prayed. Soon he noticed the sign just newly printed by Brother Bernert of Smith Falls. He phoned the number listed and made the desired contact. From that time on he and his family were present at every prayer meeting, Sabbath School and church service. They studied with Elder Howard and with some enlisted help to surmount language barriers. As Bible truths unfolded to them, they gave their hearts to God and requested baptism.

The Gecs attended the Yugoslavian Convention which was recently held in Toronto.

EDITH CRISSINGER, Press Secretary
Ottawa SDA Church

SAWS Sends 87 Tons of Clothing Overseas

Slated for Yugoslavia from Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services are 25 tons of clothing, part of 154 tons recently voted for overseas relief by the agency's board. Other shipments include 40 tons of clothing to Algiers, 38 tons to Peru, 21 tons of clothing to the Philippines, and lesser amounts to Singapore, Kenya, Chile, Bolivia, and Ecuador.

First Lay Instructors' School in Ontario-Quebec

D. SKORETZ, Home Missionary Secretary, Ontario-Quebec Conference



Demonstrating the joining together of General Conference, Union Conference, Local Conference, Pastors, Church Elders and Laymen in a powerful chain for evangelism.



Elder Schoen, emphasizing the importance of making a church a working church, not a museum.

The first Lay Instructors' Training School in Bible Evangelism in the Ontario-Quebec Conference was held in the Oshawa College Park Church from October 7 to 12.

Elder V. W. Schoen, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department is the originator of this school. He was the main instructor, teaching classes in Methods of Lay Evangelism, Organization, and Principles of Leadership. Elder W. G. Soloniuk taught classes in Denominational History; Elder E. E. Duncan taught Bible Doctrines; and Elder D. Skoretz taught Art of Obtaining Decisions.

Eighty-two students went through the strenuous and well-planned programme from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. each day.

Elder J. W. Bothe, President of the Canadian Union Conference, conducted the first devotional service on Tuesday morning. The other three devotional periods were conducted by Pastors F. A. Knutson of St. Catharines, L. L. Bock of Oshawa, and H. W. Hill of Toronto.

On Friday evening Pastor W. G. Soloniuk spoke at the consecration service, asking the question, "Have you found your place?"

On Sabbath morning during the eleven o'clock hour, Pastor L. L. Bock challenged the students and congregation to be modern-day Elijahs and true servants of God.

The graduation exercises were held on Sabbath at 2:30 p.m. Elder Schoen dramatically portrayed the conversation between Jesus and Mary, the mother of Jesus, at the wedding feast at Cana. He

admonished the students to follow the instruction that Mary gave the servants at the wedding feast, "Whatsoever He tells you to do, do it." So, whatever Jesus tells us to do, we must also do it.

Pastor A. J. Mustard, and Home Missionary Leader and Lay Instructor L. Forsey of the Oakville Church, reported that on Sabbath morning their church had 24 church members sign up for the first Lay School in Bible Evangelism, which is to follow the Instructors' course at Oshawa.

Elder D. Skoretz challenged the ministers and students to have every church in the Ontario-Quebec Conference a training centre for Christian workers. The 82 instructors were advised to go into action, training others to go into

the greatest work to which human beings can aspire, which is winning men from sin to holiness.

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." *Gospel Workers*, p. 352. In the picture ministers and laymen unite to serve God and follow the Divine blueprint in soul winning. Elder V. W. Schoen, General Conference Home Missionary Secretary, Elder W. G. Soloniuk, Union Home Missionary Secretary, Elder D. Skoretz, Local Home Missionary Secretary, A. B. Ferrier, Pastor, A. G. Wood, Local Church Elder, and Mrs. L. Trupp, representing the church members of the Ontario-Quebec Conference.



Eighty-two students, taking the Lay Instructors' Training Course. The oldest student was 75 years old; the youngest was 18. Some came a distance of over 900 miles, and others came a couple of blocks. All came to learn how to serve God according to the Divine blueprint of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

More Liquor?

In Ontario alone there are close to 70 local option votes a year on one or more liquor questions. Eight questions come up for vote and are listed as follows:

Are you in favour of:

1. The establishment of government stores for the sale of liquor?

2. The establishment of government stores for the sale of beer only for residence consumption?

3. The authorization of Ontario wine stores for the sale of Ontario wine only for residence consumption?

4. The sale of beer only under a public house license for consumption on licensed premises to which women are admitted?

5. The sale of beer only under a public house license for consumption on licensed premises to which men only are admitted?

6. The sale of beer and wine only under a dining room license for consumption with meals on licensed premises?

7. The sale of liquor under a dining lounge license for consumption with meals on licensed premises?

8. The sale of liquor under a lounge license for consumption on licensed premises?

All Seventh-day Adventists will vote on these matters. There is no question of our stand. We are in favour of a non-alcoholic way of life which promotes a happier and safer world in which to live. Whenever there is a vote in your community, get out like a real patriot and register your convictions. Co-operate with the temperance forces in fighting this evil. Roger Babson said, "Never was a vote wasted when it was cast for a principle."

Some feel that there is no use to vote because they feel the wet forces are so strong. So they stay away from the polls and let evil men have their way. Of special concern to those living in Oshawa is the vote on November 23 on questions 7 and 8.

S. O. Blackwell, elder of the Pembroke Church, has submitted the following verse used in a liquor vote in Cobden where he lives.

REMEMBER

By S. O. Blackwell

Liquor is a killer, driving men to despair,

A traffic for evil by men who don't care;
Sad and most tragic are the stories told
When a business drives men to hell for their gold.

Our boys and our girls are not safe to play

While this monster killer is not kept at bay;

So an outlet for liquor in your town and mine

Is most certainly not in the programme divine.

Some folk may never stop and think
Just what it means to vote for drink,
How that later on in the judgment to be
It could cost us life for eternity.

So let us press together and meet the foe
That would bring to our homes only sorrow and woe;

Keep liquor away from the town we love,
Then expect rich blessings from heaven above.

Dear fellow citizens of Canada, awake,
For liberty and moral issues are now at stake;

Your influence and attitude will determine our fate,

For after the voting it could then be too late.

Remember, too, that October 26 is World Temperance Sabbath in our churches. Express your convictions by giving financially to replenish the treasury of the temperance forces of your conference. Your dollars do and will continue to accomplish much.

R. KNAUFT, Secretary
Temperance Department

A message from Elder Matthews and Family



Elder R. A. Matthews

Ever since we left the sunny atmosphere of Winnipeg and the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, Mrs. Matthews, Brian, and I have been planning to write a farewell greeting in the MESSENGER to our many friends in the West. It was vacation time when we departed the land of open plains and prosperous grain fields, so we did not get an opportunity to say, "So long," to many of our friends and parishioners.

Since July 30 we have vacationed in Nova Scotia, visited with our daughter, our son-in-law, our four grandchildren. In Moncton we visited with my Dad, my two brothers and their families. We spent a week-end in Pugwash attending Camp Meeting. Also, we spent much time in search for a new home. The greater part of September I spent in the Michigan Conference, associated with Elder William Hubert, Church Development Secretary for that Conference.

It was with many regrets that we left our work in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. The West received us very cordially. Everyone seemed friendly to us, with one exception—a few householders who did not appear to be sold about our Ingathering programme. We enjoyed working with the churches in Winnipeg. We will always look back with pleasure upon the building of the new church school in Winnipeg. We feel that the Lord really gave His leadership in this matter. The way in which the members worked as a team, giving of their time, talents, and treasure to the work of the Lord, gave to us great courage and a spirit of thanksgiving.

We are praying that the Lord will continue to bless His work in the great

city of Winnipeg. May the Lord richly bless in the building of a new church there.

Also, we will always have fond memories of our associations with the officers, the committee men, the office staff of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. May the prosperous hand of God bless in His work in that great conference. Then too, we received much satisfaction in our association with God's people at Camp Meetings, Junior and Senior Camps, and in our adventures

for the Saviour in evangelism.

We were very pleased to receive the good reports of evangelism in the Regina area.

So, as we bid you folk farewell, we wish you the very best in good health and heavenward prosperity.

About two weeks ago we got settled in a home here at Oshawa. Our new address is 1169 Belvedere Avenue, Oshawa, Ontario. We would be very pleased to receive letters from you.

THE MATTHEWS

British Columbia —

The Conference Extends a Hearty Welcome to All New Workers

G. O. ADAMS, Conference President



Elder and Mrs. L. H. Davies

L. H. Davies, recently elected secretary-treasurer of the British Columbia Conference, and his wife, have moved to Mission City and Pastor Davies has taken up the duties of secretary-treasurer and auditor.

Brother Davies comes to us with wide denominational experience. He has just completed four years of service as secretary-treasurer of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. Prior to that he served in the same capacity for many years in the Alberta Conference. In addition Pastor and Mrs. Davies have laboured for many years in China, Ontario, the Maritimes and Newfoundland. We know that this valuable experience, together with Brother and Sister Davies love of the work and their dedication to its soon completion, brings strong leadership to our field.

From the Ontario-Quebec Conference come Pastor and Mrs. H. E. Reimche and their two sons, Allan and Donavon. Pastor Reimche was recently appointed pastor of the New Westminster Church and has already taken up residence and

work in this growing city. Pastor Reimche is a graduate of Canadian Union College and he and his wife have been blessed with many years of fruitful work in the ministry. Pastor and Mrs. Reimche will bring much inspiration to the members and friends of the church.



Pastor and Mrs. H. E. Reimche and their sons, Allan and Donavon.



Elder and Mrs. E. L. Stewart

Pastor and Mrs. E. L. Stewart come to us from the Southeastern California Conference. Since they have worked in British Columbia previously Brother and Sister Stewart look upon this move as a return home. Pastor Stewart was recently elected as director of the Oliver-Penticton district with residence in Penticton. They have been blessed with many years of successful evangelistic work and this interest and ability will bring advance to our work throughout the southern Okanagan.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tetz and children, Gary and Linda Dell.

Brother and Sister Robert Tetz and their children Gary and Linda Dell come to us from Andrews University, where Brother Tetz recently was awarded the degree of Master of Arts in Religion. Brother and Sister Tetz are both graduates of Canadian Union College. Sister Tetz who is the daughter of President and Mrs. H. T. Johnson of Canadian Union College, has served the College for some time as head of the Commercial Department. Brother and Sister Tetz have been appointed to the Vancouver district.

We welcome you to British Columbia. We are indeed grateful that the Lord has directed you this way. As you come to grips with the work here we know that you will find a tremendous amount to be accomplished. The programme is moving forward but it must move faster. As we go forward in close co-operation with our loyal membership around the field may heaven's abundant blessing rest upon us to the building up of the Church.

The difference between stepping stones and stumbling blocks is the way we use them.

Parents' Exchange

What Does She Mean?

Q. What does Ellen G. White mean when she says, "Small children should be left as free as lambs"? C.T. p. 79.

A. Here God is emphasizing the importance of physical health, but some parents apparently interpret this to mean that children should be allowed to run wild without guidance or supervision of any kind. They are allowed to go and come as they please, to run the streets, to visit the neighbours morning, noon, or night, to play with anyone and everyone. These parents seem to forget that lambs are to be protected not only against the elements but against the wolves as well.

Q. What are parents to be? ("Parents should be the only teachers")

A. Some people place the emphasis on the word "only" instead of on the word "teachers" and miss the meaning entirely. Because of this statement they feel that the Church has no responsibility whatsoever for the preschool child. The parents can be dead, still these people hear not the cry of the child. A widowed mother may be staggering under an impossible load trying to support her family and keep her children with her, yet these same people are content to "pass by on the other side". Another parent may lack wisdom or may be devoid of parental responsibility. With a mere shrug of the shoulder they glibly quote, "Parents should be the only teachers".

In this sentence the fact is emphasized that the preschool child needs teachers. He needs the very best teachers that can be found—his own parents. The fact that parents are the best teachers is emphasized over and over again in the Spirit of Prophecy writings. However, we must be realistic and remember that we are living in an imperfect world and cannot always have the best. But if we cannot have the best, we should not abandon the child but give him the next best. If for any reason the child's own parents cannot or will not teach him, it is the Church's responsibility to give him the training he needs before he enters the first grade. The Christian

parent accepts parenthood as a sacred trust and makes the training of his child his first responsibility. He will qualify for his task by learning all he can about child training. He will learn the difference between telling and teaching, between forcing the child to learn and creating a thirst for knowledge. In a word, the wise parent will determine his child's school readiness before enrolling him in the first grade.

Q. What is the "early training" referred to in C.G., p. 193?

A. Some interpret this to mean that they should enroll the child in the first grade just as soon as the law will permit. If one school refuses to accept him, they will search for a school that will take him. These dear people overlook the fact that enrolling him in the first grade does not give him that all-important preschool training. Arguing with the board, pleading with the teacher, measuring his intelligence, gaining the consent of the superintendent, will not give him preschool training. The best college course in the world is of little benefit to a student who failed in his secondary subjects. The high school cannot do much for one who has had no elementary training. So it is with the first-grader without preschool training. He is greatly handicapped. A farmer prepares the soil before he plants the seed. True, some seeds will sprout if merely sown on top of the ground, but if the farmer desires an abundant harvest he will take plenty of time to prepare the soil first.

Instead of buying the first-grade books and teaching him reading, writing, and arithmetic at home, the wise mother teaches her child the subjects that are far more essential, such as OBEDIENCE, SELF-CONTROL, RESPECT, and REVERENCE. These lessons will ensure success no matter what trade or profession he may follow later in life. No disobedient, disrespectful, irreverent, irresponsible individual can ever make a success of anything, no matter how many years of formal schooling he may take. God's plan of education begins with the preschool child and gives him that foundation

that will build his body, broaden his mind, enrich his soul, and strengthen his character.



Home and School Officers

Now is the time to elect your Home and School officers for 1964. Every church should have a Home and School, whether there is a school or not. If there are families in the church there should be a Home School Association. And don't forget the children. Ask your church nominating committee to remember to elect a leader for the Children's Corner.



The Teenager

Q. What can Christian young people do on a date?

A. There are so many things a couple can do we could not begin to list them all. Even with this very limited list do not imagine you must attempt to do all these things to be "normal". Just select the ones you enjoy most.

For very active people — There is hiking, swimming, horseback riding, bicycling, canoeing, skiing, skating, sledding, etc. There are many games like volley ball, tennis, golf, soft ball, etc.

For Active People — There is table tennis, horse shoes, badminton, shuffle board, croquet, miniature golf, as well as bird watching, star gazing, master guide activities, Ingathering, singing bands, etc.

For Indoors — There is singing, playing musical instruments, photography, painting pictures, pulling taffy, popping corn, making special dishes, practicing orations, reading poetry, working crossword puzzles, etc.

To be successful the date must be well planned beforehand. It is the unplanned date that is so disappointing.

ARCHA O. DART
Associate Secretary
G.C. Dept. of Education

OBITUARIES

DESHANE—Joseph Deshane was born March 13, 1867, four miles north of Marlbank, Ontario, and lived for 96 years within one mile of his birthplace. Brother Deshane passed to his rest September 24, after a brief illness. In 1949, he with his wife joined God's Remnant Church, and have since rejoined in the "Blessed Hope". He is survived by his wife, eight children, thirty-four grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. Funeral services were from the Marlbank United Church with interment at the Thomasburg Cemetery.

LOWELL BOCK, President
Ontario-Quebec Conference

TETZ—Mrs. Marie Auril Tetz was born at Lehigh, Kansas, October 16, 1893. On September 29, 1963 she passed to her rest at the Calgary General Hospital, Calgary, Alberta.

Sister Tetz served faithfully for many years as a nurse and also a Bible worker. On June 8, 1939 in Chicago, she was married to Mr. F. A. Tetz, and since that time has resided in Alberta.

She is survived by her husband and four stepchildren: Delvin Tetz, Carmichael, California; Elger Tetz, Carbon, Alberta; Adin Tetz, Ymir, B.C.; and Amanda Williams, Seoul, Korea; also her stepmother, Mrs. Mary Riffel, Enid, Oklahoma; two brothers: Ezra Riffel, Enid, Oklahoma; Albert Riffel, Carrier, Oklahoma; and two sisters: Lillie Ambrecht, Oswego, Kansas; and Aphelia Ferguson, Fort Worth, Texas.

Words of hope and comfort were spoken by Elder L. Dasher, and she was laid to rest in the Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Rosebud, Alberta, where she waits the call of the Lifegiver.

D. GAY

EATON—Florence May King Eaton was born in Boisaviana, Manitoba, October 26, 1908 and passed away suddenly at her home, August 14, 1963, at the age of 54 years.

She graduated from Battleford Academy and then, with her twin sister, Muriel, took the nurses' training at Rest Haven Sanitarium.

On October 9, 1940 she was united in marriage to Leslie Eaton at Port Arthur, Ontario, where they resided until moving to Lacombe in 1959.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband; one son, Lloyd; two daughters, Ruth and Iris; one brother, Rupert, California; two sisters, Mrs. Muriel Gustavson, Kelowna, B.C.; and Mrs. Gwen Snowden of Chilliwack, B.C.

Funeral service was held in the Lacombe Seventh-day Adventist Church with interment at the Lacombe Cemetery. She sleeps until the glorious morning of the resurrection.

TED ANDREWS

Weddings

SCEVOUR-PURDY

Bruce Sceviour and Marlene Purdy, both of College Heights, were united in marriage on Sunday, July 21, in the Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church. They were attended by Marlene's brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Alan Williams of Whiterock, B.C., and will make their home at College Heights where Bruce is continuing his education. We wish them much happiness and God's blessing.

T. ANDREWS

HEMBLING-ELLSWORTH

On Thursday, August 1, in the Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church, Kenneth Hembling and Irene Ellsworth, both of College Heights, pledged their wedding vows. Their home will be on the College campus where Ken is a student and our prayer is for God's blessing as these young people travel life's road together.

T. ANDREWS

BECHTHOLD-BLIZE

On August 4, the Lacombe Seventh-day Adventist Church was the setting for the wedding of Donna Louise, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blize of Leduc, Alberta, and Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bechthold of Lacombe, Alberta.

They will be residing in Edmonton and we wish them heaven's blessing as they establish a new home.

T. ANDREWS

MANUEL-COOKE

The Parker Street Seventh-day Adventist Church was the setting for a lovely wedding on Thursday evening, August 15, when Sharon Cooke and Paul Manuel pledged their loyalty and continued love to each other as man and wife. A maid of honour, two bridesmaids, and a little flower girl attended the bride. Standing with the groom were the best man and two groomsmen.

After the ceremony in the church, the young couple hurried to the hospital to visit the bride's father, Victor Cooke, who two days before the wedding had been injured in a bus accident.

Then at the United Church Hall a reception was held. Many friends and relatives extended their greetings, wishes for happiness and congratulations to the bride and her husband.

The happy young couple are now living in Botwood, Newfoundland, where they are serving the Newfoundland Mission as church school teachers. Their many friends and loved ones join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Paul Manuel a pleasant, happy life together in the service of the Master.

RAY A. MATTHEWS

DESSAIN-MARTIN

Nuptial vows were read at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 18, 1963, for Miss Carolyn Jane Martin and Mr. Warren Douglas Dessain at the South Side Seventh-day Adventist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Elder W. A. Dessain, president of the Oklahoma Conference and father of the groom, officiated.

A reception was held at the church immediately following the ceremony. The groom is a graduate of Southwestern Junior College, Keene, Texas, and also from Bailey Technical School, St. Louis. The bride is a graduate of Sunnyside Academy, Centralia, Missouri. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dessain are employed in St. Louis, and they have established a home at 3904 Botanical Avenue.

FROST-HEENEY

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island was a place of activity on August 18. The reason for this happy occasion was the marriage of Juanita Ramona Frost, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Norman Frost, to Thomas Walter Heenev.

Elder Frost officiated at his daughter's wedding. The bride was attended by her three sisters. Miss Jeanne Frost of Charlottetown was maid of honour. Miss Linda Frost of Charlottetown and Miss Susan Neptuk of Moncton, New Brunswick were bridesmaids. Debbie Frost was the flower girl.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Gary Steeves of Moncton, New Brunswick, as best man. Mr. Byron Willis and Mr. Norman Walker were ushers. Master Harold Roper was the Bible Boy.

A reception on the front lawn of the manse followed the wedding. After a short trip to the states, the former home of the bride, the couple returned to Moncton, New Brunswick, where the groom will continue his studies as a Nursing Assistant.

Their present address is: 213 Humphrey Street, Moncton, New Brunswick.

ROESKE-FEHR

Edna Fehr and John Roeske, both of Rutland, B.C., were united in marriage in the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church August 18, at 7:00 p.m. Bouquets of gladioli provided a beautiful setting for the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Fehr, of Rutland, B.C.

The reception was held in the Okanagan Academy Auditorium where a dainty lunch was served while the guests were entertained by a short programme. The groom expressed his appreciation to the bride's parents for the hand of their daughter and thanked the guests for the lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Roeske are making their home locally as John works as a pattern maker in a local boat shop.

May heaven's blessing be manifest in their home.

L. R. KRENZLER

HARGRAVE-TATARYN

White gladioli decorated the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 25 for the marriage of Eleanor Victoria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Tataryn of Rutland, and Larry Ralph Hargrave, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hargrave of New Westminster, B.C.

Pastor L. R. Krenzler officiated and the soloist, Mrs. E. Reiswig of Winfield, sang, "Whither Thou Goest I Will Go" accompanied by Mrs. P. Andrews.

The reception followed in the Okanagan Academy Auditorium where refreshments were served and a short programme was enjoyed by the bridal party and guests. The bride and groom thanked the guests for the lovely gifts and the groom thanked the parents for his lovely bride. Mr. and Mrs. Hargrave will be making their home in Stockton, California for a year where Larry will begin his work on pharmacology. May God bless their new home.

L. R. KRENZLER

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