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## A Land of Superlatives

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*MV-Ed. Secretary, North Brazil Union*

*The 13th Sabbath overflow offering of March 28, 1964 is designated to help build a boarding Academy and purchase launch equipment in the North Brazil Union.*

It is a land of superlatives. Through it flows the world's largest river. It houses earth's most extensive jungle. Within its confines inhabit countless colourful birds, insects, trees, alligators, snakes, tigers and over two thousand species of fish. Its length stretches 2,300 miles along the equator. Its breadth is 850 miles. Within its territory ravage, among other diseases, malaria, elephantiasis, yellow fever, leprosy, and savage wildfire (penfigo). Surely an oversize portion of nature's greatest hazards and most spectacular scenery all add their part to life in the North Brazil Union.

Look at some of the interesting fish. The "pirarucu" (pee-rah-roo-coo), which weighs up to 250 pounds; the "puraque" (poo-rah-ke), an eel which can kill animals with its electric discharges; the "piranha" (pee-rah-n-ya), which when attacking in large numbers can reduce a man or animal to bare bone in a few

minutes; and the "tralioto" (tra-lee-oto), an odd-appearing fish with four eyes.

One doesn't see boa constrictors, anacondas, panthers or alligators on the streets, as some imagine. However, they represent an ever present danger in the interior. One Adventist mother tells how, as she glanced out of the window she saw an alligator snatch her sleeping baby. She gave chase as the alligator headed for the river. A club on the head stunned the alligator momentarily. The mother grabbed her son and ran, now the alligator in pursuit. She stumbled and fell at the door casting the child to safety inside. Before she could recover the powerful jaws of the alligator severed her arm.

The missionaries and national workers are not so alarmed by nature's savagery or oddities. Their concern is to finish God's work so nobly initiated by courageous predecessors. Over twelve million people inhabit this vast region. Our work is growing rapidly. Our hospital and med-



The launch weighs anchor and the children bid farewell hoping soon to prepare themselves to contribute, as the launch-captain, in finishing God's work.

ical launches are taxed to capacity. We have more than 7,500 baptized members and over 9,500 enrolled in our Sabbath Schools. One link in the chain of our organization is missing. We have no boarding academy. It is almost impossible for any of the 2,400 students enrolled in our five-year primary schools to continue their Christian education. The only Union of the two American Continents that does not have a boarding academy is North Brazil.

The pastors preach. The launch captains heal. We establish churches and elementary schools. As the "Luzeiro" weighs anchor, the youth wave farewell from the river banks longing to prepare themselves to help finish God's work. Your liberal 13th Sabbath offering on March 28 will help make the Amazon youth's yearning for a boarding school a reality. Won't you make your offering this 13th Sabbath an extra generous gift?



# Somebody Is Watching Us!

R. L. ODOM

Yes, somebody is watching us. No, not with a candid camera. I unexpectedly found out who is eyeing us when the leader of one of the largest and most influential national organizations of Jews in America introduced me to his two associate leaders on the occasion of the opening of their association's main centre in Washington, D.C., a few months ago. He said to them: "This man and his people keep the Sabbath more faithfully than I do."

Recently I was invited to spend an hour telling the youth of one of the largest Jewish congregations in the same city about Seventh-day Adventists and their teachings, and a half hour answering questions from the floor. They expressed delight on learning that they and we have so much in common in the Bible and that we are championing the cause of Sabbathkeepers in the religious liberty issues, particularly the Sunday-law controversy. And after telling me repeatedly how glad he was that I had come, the presiding functionary said: "We Jews and Seventh-day Adventists must get closer together." He is a teacher and a graduate of a well known Jewish university in New York City.

Yes, we and the Jews "must get closer together." We have this assurance: "When this gospel shall be presented in its fullness to the Jews, many will accept Christ as the Messiah . . . Among the Jews are some who, like Saul of Tarsus, are mighty in the Scriptures, and these will proclaim with wonderful power the immutability of the law of God. The God of Israel will bring this to pass in our day. His arm is not shortened that it cannot save. As His servants labor in faith for those who have long been neglected and despised, His salvation will be revealed."—*Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 380, 381.

The distribution of some of our Jewish tracts during the past year has brought enrolments in the Jewish Bible Correspondence Course in English from as far away as Ghana in Africa and India in Asia.

Well, why don't you enrol too, and study the Bible as a Jew does in taking that Bible Correspondence Course? The Book of books will be more interesting than ever to you. This course—free to you merely for the asking—is announced in every issue of our magazine *Israelite*.

*Israelite*, published quarterly in English, presents to Jews a wide variety of special features and major articles on current happenings, health, and Bible subjects. Its thirty-six pages are attractively illus-

trated. The subscription price of this magazine has not changed during the past ten years — it still costs only \$1.00 a year. Subscribe for yourself, and also for a Jewish friend or neighbour. You can thus share your blessings by simply sending the order for *Israelite* to your Book and Bible House with one dollar for each name and address, or merely by asking your church missionary secretary to handle the order for you.

When the needs of our Jewish work are brought to your attention on Sabbath, March 21, yours will be a double-barreled opportunity. Besides ordering the magazine *Israelite* for yourself or your Jewish friends, you can contribute liberally to help the Seventh-day Adventist Church to provide much needed new literature for the more than 5,000,000 Jews in the United States and Canada. Put your gifts into the regular tithe-and-offering envelope, mark it for "*Israelite* Fund," and your church treasurer will send it through the regular channels to its proper destination. And pray as you remember that somebody is watching us.

**A New Book from  
Southern Publishing Association**  
**PEEWEE**, by Bertha Crow. Illustrated  
by Jim Padgett.



"Over by the burning barrel a tiny something was wiggling in the dust. Then it was still—very, very still. Jamie stood looking, trying to think what it was. He didn't want to frighten it away. He knew that a sudden movement might send it scurrying under the lumber pile by the fence. It moved again. It looked like a tiny blue-gray ball, but little blue-gray balls couldn't move all by themselves.

"Jamie picked up a stick and took a step closer. Carefully he touched the

funny-looking thing. It wiggled, but it didn't run away.

"I wonder what it can be", Jamie thought to himself."

Well, what it was turned out to be Peewee, a baby ground squirrel that brought real adventure and excitement to Jamie and his entire household. At first they thought it was a baby rat, then they thought it was a baby rabbit, then they decided that it was a mouse.

Jamie loved Peewee from the very beginning. His brother Curt thought it was a pretty nice animal. And Mother's heart went out to the little baby ground squirrel that seemed to have been orphaned.

Only Daddy wasn't enthusiastic. "It'll grow up and eat my tomatoes," he exclaimed.

But Daddy was overruled and Peewee became part of the household. What wonderful times they had with Peewee! And the troubles Peewee got into! And the time they had with Daddy who took weeks in deciding that Peewee was okay.

Peewee brought laughter and tears, and his story ends in a mixture of sadness and gladness that will touch the heartstrings of any youngster. This new book from the Southern Publishing Association should take high priority on any shopping list including books to be read to small children or to be read by them if they are under ten. \$2.75.

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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*

I called on a party who had written to the Home Health Education Service requesting more information on the *Bible Stories* and *Footprints*. The doctor was very gracious and invited me to step into his office. After viewing the books, he bought them and paid cash. He stated that he would buy ten books a month if I would supply them. He told me he had belonged to three book clubs, but had cancelled them all because our books are so much better. This man is a Christian and wants to provide the very best reading for his children. Now each time I visit in his office he says, "What have you got for me today, Mr. Segee?" There are so many honest, sincere people with a real thirst for truth. Thank God we can provide it!

D. SEGEE  
Ontario-Quebec

I called on an elderly man this week who was born in China of missionary parents. He took his schooling in England and has lived in many parts of the world. He is very much interested in prophecy. He borrowed *Daniel and Revelation* from a friend and he liked it so much that he wrote and asked for more books along the same line. He bought the *Golden Heritage Bible* and the *Triumph*. I gave him *Beyond Tomorrow*. May God bless him and us to study and understand the prophetic books of the Bible.

GOSTA RICHT  
Alberta

God led me to a home near Gull Lake to present the *Bible Story*. The people could not afford it, but they took a *Signs of the Times*, which she refused the Sabbath before in the hospital in Swift Current. They thought they were Jehovah Witness papers. When I explained to her that they are not and that the editor is the same man who wrote the *Bible Story* she was pleased to get them.

R. DIELMANN  
Manitoba-Saskatchewan

Last February I called on a teacher who was at a home this day and who had a lot of our books. At the time I was unable to make any sale but seven months later the influence of those books had their effect on this teacher. When I called there recently, she said she was just writing me for some books. She then purchased *Bible Story*, *Footprints*, *Triumph of God's Love*, all for cash. It paid to call back. God is very good.

G. ARNOTT  
Ontario-Quebec

### Why I Chose to Be a Student Literature Evangelist



Jim Robison

I first became interested in literature evangelism last school year, at a programme sponsored by the Colporteur Club of La Sierra College. It was an interesting programme, with enthusiastic students telling of wonderful experiences, and of rewarding financial successes. I said to myself, "This sounds like the work for me." After studying the matter for several months, for three reasons I chose to canvass. These reasons were: 1. The money earning possibilities, 2. Being connected with the Lord's work, 3. The rewarding experience that could be mine.

As a student working his way through college, of course the possibilities of earning a scholarship interested me the

most. I was introduced to the Canadian Union field by Mr. David Gay, and after talking to several other fellows that had canvassed successfully in Canada, I made up my mind to canvass there.

There was a chance, in work like this, that I would be a complete failure, but when I realized it was the Lord's work into which I was going this did not seem to matter. I knew the Lord would be with me. Sometimes I would stop, in my canvassing, and contemplate the work that I was doing. It was strengthening to know that the books I was selling were acting as entering wedges for the truth, and that many of these people would accept Christ through my efforts.

Of course literature evangelism is a wonderful experience, as anyone who has canvassed before can tell you. The best way I can share colporteur experiences with you is to relate the experience I had this past summer. I learned, most of all, the power of prayer, and dependence upon the Lord at all times. It was thrilling to see prayer answered right before my eyes, and to see God working for me.

If you want a summer of fun, scholarship and religious experience, don't take my word for it, but try literature evangelism, and find out for yourself.

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JIM ROBISON

The man asked me to call back after he and his wife had supper. I returned later to meet two men inside selling life insurance. Out of courtesy I waited in the hallway until they came out sometime later with smiles and a sale. I wondered if this couple would be interested now in the *Bible Story* investment. The Lord gave me knowledge to compare this so-called "life" insurance with true life insurance—eternal life. I'm happy to say they saw the light to invest also in eternal things.

H. HOMENCHUK  
British Columbia



Four Canadian Conferences have recently held Conference Biennial Sessions. The following ten pages are devoted to accounts of these sessions.

## 39th Biennial Session of the British Columbia Conference

(February 8 and 9, 1964)



During the workers' meeting everyone relaxes a few moments in the lovely Okanagan sunshine. The front row, left to right, Elders E. L. Green, Union Treasurer, J. W. Bothe, Union President, W. E. Murray, General Conference Vice President, G. O. Adams, Conference President, and L. H. Davies, Conference Treasurer. W. G. Soloniuk, Union HM & SS Departmental leader was away at the time the picture was taken.

### Union President's Message . . .

The 39th Biennial Session of the British Columbia Conference convened in the beautiful new Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church February 8 and 9.

The delegates adopted the report of the eleven member nominating committee re-electing G. O. Adams, president, and L. H. Davies, secretary-treasurer. The entire departmental staff was re-elected with the following designations: Home Missionary, Sabbath School, Public Relations, and Radio-TV, W. E. Kuester; Missionary Volunteer, Educational, National Service Organization, and Temperance, F. W. Baker; Publishing, W. E. Bergey; Book and Bible House Manager, M. D. Suiter; Religious Liberty and Association of Self-supporting Institutions, G. O. Adams; Medical Secretary, Dr. R. Matiko.

In order to assist with the growing medical programme of the conference, one of the dentists, Dr. C. R. Montgomery,

was elected assistant medical secretary.

The following were named to serve on the conference executive committee: G. O. Adams, chairman; L. H. Davies, secretary; W. R. Archbold, F. W. Baker, William Graham, H. Jacobson, L. R. Krenzler, Dr. R. Matiko and W. W. Rogers.

W. E. Murray, General Vice-President of the General Conference brought inspiring messages to the large Sabbath congregation and assembled delegation in the Sunday morning devotional period. The Canadian Union Conference officers, J. W. Bothe and E. L. Green, and departmental secretaries, O. A. Botimer and W. G. Soloniuk were present from the Union office.

J. W. BOTHE, President  
Canadian Union Conference

### . . . Treasurer's Report by L. H. Davies

To the Constituency of the British Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists: Greetings.

It was my privilege to connect with this conference in July 1963 so I am reporting for a period of time largely when Brother A. N. How was the secretary-treasurer.

The Conference is operating on a very low Operating Capital. We are therefore grateful that an operating gain was made during 1963 which improved the situation, and if we are careful in spending each year a little less than we receive in

income this situation can be steadily improved.

We express much appreciation to the constituency of the conference for their faithfulness in Tithes and Offerings, and we offer praise to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for all the blessings of life that make it possible to report an increase.

Tithe receipts for the biennial period amounted to \$926,292.61, an increase of \$81,678.88 over the previous biennial period. Evangelism offerings decreased \$14,164.85, other income increased

\$11,386.47; the total increase being \$78,900.50. Operating expenses increased \$35,420.08 over the last two-year period, primarily because of increased Tithe Income. You see, brothers and sisters, over 38¢ of every Tithe dollar is sent to the Union and General Conference.

The Mission Offerings for the two-year period are as follows:

Annual Offering	\$13,102.11
Ingathering 1962-'63	98,214.82
1964	45,502.03



Midsummer Offering	2,705.56
Missions	6,554.48
Missions Advance	1,901.00
Missions Extension	3,170.13
Sabbath School	189,006.09
Total Mission Offerings	\$360,156.22

This is \$82,878.81 more than the Mission offerings of the previous biennial period.

Other Special Offerings are as follows:	
Disaster & Famine Relief	\$5,287.85
Faith for Today Offering	7,492.54
Korean Relief	229.95
Loma Linda University	1,342.00
North American Missions	753.74
Voice of Prophecy	7,764.20
Voice of Prophecy (Ukr)	135.00
Millions for Missions	7,205.20

The membership as of December 31, 1963 was 3919. A net increase of 26.

We need to give greater emphasis to evangelism and this is starting to take place in 1964.

We look forward to the future with confidence that a greater programme of growth will be developed in the British Columbia Conference.

## Publishing Department Report by W. E. Bergey . . .

During the biennial period of 1962-63 the Literature Evangelists of British Columbia sold a total of \$108,127.73 worth of literature to people not of our faith. This represents millions of pages of hope for those in darkness. Besides selling books, our colporteurs did other types of missionary work as well. The following is a report of this:

1. Pieces of literature given out	14,184
2. Bible Correspondence School enrolments	371
3. Bible Studies Given	179

4. Prayers offered in homes	1,049
5. Former SDA members invited to church	84
6. Sabbath services attended by interested persons	655
7. Baptisms	7

At best, a report like this is only partial. The number of baptisms, for example, does not include the many baptisms in which the colporteur and his literature have played at least some part. There is also the great harvest of souls that is to come as a result of this seed

sowing. On the average there have been 9 full-time and 10 part-time workers in the field. Besides these there have been 32 students who have taken an active part in this work during the summer months.

At this time I would like to pay tribute to Brother George Watson of Vancouver who has spent nearly thirty years in the colporteur work, and to Elder Marvin Suiter who has given able leadership to the work during the last nine years.

## . . . MV and Education Reports by F. W. Baker

The MV Department report showed that excellent gains were enjoyed during the past Biennium. Characteristic of the youth is a spirit of missionary zeal and adventure for Christ. As a direct result of evangelistic endeavours carried on by youth there were 7 baptisms during 1963. Bible studies numbered 579 and 52,527 pieces of missionary literature were distributed during the past two years.

A most marked increase was noted in the number of MV Honours issued which totalled 1952 as against 1199 reported during the previous Biennium.

The average enrolment at Summer Camp during the past two years was 45

higher than was previously reported. The camp was divided into two sections, Juniors and Teens. Higher enrolments enabled the camp to purchase much new equipment as follows: 1 canoe, water skis, boat and motor, trampoline and a 54-passenger school bus.

Active Pathfinder clubs now total 12 with an enrolment of over 280. Pathfinder and Leadercraft certificates earned during the past two years totalled 40 and 25 respectively.

The constituency was also commended for their splendid support of Christian Education. The investment amounted to \$234,653.19 during the past two years. This seemed to be a wise investment

since 46.9% of all baptisms were from the ranks of the church schools.

Present enrolment now stands at 498 students. These youth attend 20 schools and enjoy the help of 34 teachers.

New school buildings were built at Dawson Creek and Keremeos. The total value of these new units stands at more than \$18,000.00.

Active in missionary lines the students raised \$12,379.00 for carolling during the 1963 season.

Curriculum changes, rising costs of maintenance and increasing demands for better equipment make it imperative that study be given in certain areas towards school consolidation and the erection of



Tuesday was Ingathering Victory Day at the workers' meeting. Here President G. O. Adams, is congratulating Elder E. E. Littman and presenting him with award ribbons for the \$1,604.72 that he personally solicited during the campaign.



Elder L. H. Davies, centre, Conference Treasurer, is here being presented a "check" by W. E. Kuester for \$98,214.82 which is the Ingathering-Carolling amount for the two-year period.



Elder W. E. Bergey, left, and M. D. Suiter gave their reports together since Elder Bergey is new in the Conference and Elder Suiter had carried the Publishing Department for the greater part of the two-year period.



Elder F. W. Baker, Educational and MV Secretary, gave his report to the session with the assistance of some of his teachers, two of whom are shown: Mrs. Harriet Jones, centre, and Miss Eileen Haynes.



a much needed boarding academy.

All were challenged to make a greater effort to gather all Seventh-

day Adventist children into the church school. The report closed with a special word of thanks to all who have

so nobly supported the programme of Christian Education during the past two years.

## HM, PR, TV-Radio and SS Reports by W. E. Kuester . . .

### Carolling and Ingathering

In 1963 the conference swept forward to the shortest Ingathering-Carolling campaign of its entire history! The complete conference goal was collected before the end of December. The laymen of the conference, under the leadership of the District Directors, rallied to the challenge of bringing in for the two-year period almost \$100,000. The exact figure was \$98,214.82. The largest part of this was raised through the carolling.

The laymen pushed on in the face of continuing rain, ice, deep snow, and with temperatures down far below zero. Nothing could stop them as they pushed on to gather funds for carrying forward the work of God. The papers and carolling leaflets ordered for the two years were over 300,000.

### Laymen's Activities

During the biennial period the lay activities of the Conference included the giving of 6,736 Bible studies by the evangelistic minded laymen. This represents a substantial gain over the number given during the former period. Only eternity can reveal the good accomplished by these thousands of studies. 406,212 pieces of literature were reported as having been distributed by the laymen of the Conference. The distribution of literature and the giving of Bible studies helped to account for the 53,417 missionary contacts made during the period.

British Columbia believes in the Signs

of the Times. This biennial period brought in 6,233 subscriptions up to October of 1963. Laymen of the Conference have backed this soul-winning medium in an enthusiastic way.

### Welfare Work

The 13 Health & Welfare Centres of the Conference have done well over \$100,000 worth of work in 1963 (detailed report not yet available for the centres for 1963). Some of the larger ones show work done as follows: Grandview, almost \$11,000; Kelowna, \$13,000; Langley, over \$20,000; Westminister, almost \$10,000; Penticton, over \$20,000; Vancouver and Victoria, \$22,000. The combined Welfare and Dorcas work for the two years came to the value of \$275,416.36.

Articles of clothing given away totaled 92,948. 42,233 persons were helped and 63,408 hours of welfare service were reported.

### Public Relations Department

The newspaper work of the Conference for the period has reached a new all-time high. The total column inches were 8,839. This number of column inches, if valued at the daily newspaper advertising rate, would be worth \$32,173.96. This amount of column inches represents a gain over the former period of 1,226 column inches. Over 900 column inches of newspaper space was written by the newspapers themselves about the Sons of Freedom and their stay at the Hope camp grounds.

During 1963 the Central Vancouver Church had a unique exhibit at the Pacific National Exhibition. Designed like a modernistic church, it was located on one of the busiest walk-ways of the fair. One of the metropolitan Vancouver newspapers placed a photograph of the exhibit in the newspaper calling it one of the best exhibits of the exhibition. Other fair exhibits were entered in the Annual Kelowna Regatta and in Saanich.

### Radio & Television Department

The Conference membership has supported the Voice of Prophecy programme in a most outstanding manner. For 1962 the Voice of Prophecy offering was \$3,320.13. In 1963 this was increased by more than one thousand dollars, bringing the amount up to \$4,431.41. This was more than one dollar per member for the entire membership of the

Conference. The total for the two years comes to \$7,751.54.

During this period the Voice of Prophecy was heard on thirteen radio stations.

The Faith for Today offering has likewise shown a phenomenal increase from \$2,911.91 in 1962 to \$4,580.63 for 1963. The total for the two years is \$7,492.54. During part of the biennium Faith for Today was shown on 28 of the possible 31 television outlets in the province.

The IT IS WRITTEN programme by Elder George Vandeman still continues in the Conference. At present it is on the 12 outlets of the Interior Television Network, with headquarters in Kamloops. Prospective plans for the future call for the programme to be televised at Prince George, Dawson Creek and Terrace as finances will permit. Enrolments to *Take His Word*, the Bible Correspondence Course that goes with the television programme IT IS WRITTEN, are still coming to the office. At present the enrolment is 2,425 and increasing.

The Ukrainian radio programme, *Voice of Hope*, is presently on CKOV, Kelowna and KIRO, Blaine.

### Sabbath School Department

The BIG NEWS for the Sabbath School Department is that British Columbia almost reached the General Conference standard of 50 cents per capita for 1963. The per capita for the year is \$.4951! This is outstanding, and we



Paul Druitt, dressed in his Pathfinder uniform, "told" the session that for 1963 the Sabbath School of British Columbia almost reached the full General Conference standard of giving for missions. The full per capita was \$.4951.



Miss Shirley Burton, Public Relations Secretary of the Oregon Conference, gave some very helpful pointers concerning our church and private public relations. Among other things she said that "Public Relations is Christianity in Action."



praise God for this progress. Every Sabbath School member of the Conference can take pride in the fact that our Sabbath Schools are supporting foreign missions. With just a little more effort on the part of everyone, British Columbia will go completely over the top during 1964.

The total offering for 1963 was \$100,902.16. This represents a gain of \$12,798.23 over the previous year. Sure-

ly, if we can show this much gain in one year we can, during 1964, make the additional gain of about three thousand dollars that will put us over the General Conference standard.

### Vacation Bible Schools

During the past two years 1,204 non-Adventist children have attended the Vacation Bible Schools of British Columbia. They represented the larger part (almost

70 per cent) of the 1,736 children who attended the 25 schools conducted during the biennium. What an impression is being made for God as these children have heard the stories, sung the songs, and seen the pictures telling about Christ and His love, and in turn carried these impressions home to their parents. A debt of appreciation is owed to the faithful workers throughout the Conference who have made these Bible schools possible.

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## 34th Biennial Session of the Alberta Conference (February 16, 1964)



Vice-president W. E. Murray of the General Conference congratulates Pastor Philip Moores upon his re-election as President of the Alberta Conference. Pastor J. W. Bothe, Canadian Union Conference President, looks on.

### **J. W. Bothe, Canadian Union Conference President . . .**

Delegates from twenty-three churches convened in the Calgary Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, February 16. The Red Deer and Vegreville Churches, organized during the biennium, had their delegates duly seated. The entire day was devoted to the giving of reports and the

work of the committees. The delegates in session adopted the report of the nominating committee, re-electing the officers and all the Departmental Secretaries. The complete report designated the following responsibilities:

*President*  
*Religious Liberty*  
*Associator of Self-supporting Institutions*  
  
*Secretary-Treasurer*  
  
*Home Missionary*  
*Sabbath School*  
*Public Relations*  
*Radio-TV Secretary*  
  
*Educational*  
*Missionary Volunteer*  
*Temperance*  
*War Service Commission*  
  
*Publishing Secretary*  
  
*Medical Secretary*  
  
*Book & Bible House Manager*

*Philip Moores*  
  
*H. C. T. Johnson*  
  
*Lewis A. Shipowick*  
  
  
  
*Percy Paul*  
  
*Del Sudds*  
*H. Gimbel, M.D.*  
*H. E. Coupland*

Three members from the Conference office, three district pastors, and three laymen were named to the Conference executive committee. The following were to serve on the Conference and Association committees:

<i>Philip Moores</i>	<i>E. J. Wilson</i>
<i>H. C. T. Johnson</i>	<i>A. E. Anderson</i>
<i>John Anderson</i>	<i>Dr. J. Melnychuk</i>
<i>Percy Paul</i>	<i>Dr. W. C. Tetz</i>
	<i>Jim Dalke</i>

### **President Moores' Message . . .**

Alberta is a land of contrast, high mountains in sight of rolling plains. Great modern cities with radio and television stations that reach lonely pioneer outposts. Weather that can change from 20° below to 40° above overnight. Wealth



above the ground in the fertile fields and far below in subterranean treasure chests filled with coal and oil and gas. Gas to meet 90% of the demand for gas in Canada. Gas to make warm friends for us in the east in 80% of the new homes. Gas to make eight million warm friends in California. Under a generous sun the hand of man has gathered the golden grain and pumped the rich black oil to bring Alberta fabulous prosperity. Here is the highest standard of living: here is the highest per capita income in the country. This is the land of opportunity where the people of the land rake in the rich prize of earthly store. On the other hand, in this land of contrast the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church work with vitality and enthusiasm, giving of their wealth, their time, their talent to give the good news of salvation to the million inhabitants. Freely they offer to men the Pearl of Great Price and seek to

gather treasures for the Kingdom of God. During the past two years 287 precious new members were added to the church, bringing the membership to 3,352. The tithe and the offering increased again. In 1962 the tithe was \$362,080.76 and in 1963 the tithe was \$374,110.43, an increase of \$12,029.67. Total to missions for the two years was more than a quarter of a million dollars (\$270,066.77).

During this period six new church buildings were opened—the Edmonton Ukrainian, Fairview, Grande Prairie, Lacombe, Red Deer, and Vegreville. New doors of service were opened to us by the Lord. Ministers and doctors have taken hold of the Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking and they have helped hundreds of people by this means. The It Is Written television programme and Lay School of Evangelism launched in the past two years give promise of great things in

evangelism for the days to come. Seventh-day Adventists are small in number, but big opportunities in the mass media of communications have given us unprecedented openings for evangelism. It is like a new day dawning. Television enlarged Adventist influence by making even the annual camp meeting available to homes throughout Central Alberta. Many people have come to look to Adventists for religious leadership.

Always there is a danger of trusting to human plans, gadgets, and methods. There is a danger of losing sight of dependence upon God. All must look to Jesus, realizing that it is His power which does the work. I call on our people to be in dead earnest as signs indicate that the harvest is ripe and the day is far spent. There are urgent needs to be met and much work to be done before Christ returns.

## Secretary-treasurer's Report by H. C. T. Johnson . . .

Tithe was paid into the Alberta Conference during the past biennium at the rate of \$1,008.48 per day or \$42.02 per hour. The tithe income during this biennium was one hundred thousand dollars more than the previous two-year

period.

Conference capital appropriations for church buildings and schools amounted to \$72,700.00. The Conference paid \$48,588.00 or 52% of the cost of the church school teachers' salaries and ex-

pense for the past two years.

Conference membership showed a net increase of 126 during this period, the membership as of December 31, 1963 being 3,352. There were 287 baptisms during this biennial period.

## . . . SS, PR and HM Reports by Lewis A. Shipowick

The Sabbath School members of the Alberta Conference have moved forth into active soul-winning endeavours. Ten Branch Sabbath Schools are projecting their rays of light for the Master. One of these has been organized into a regular Sabbath School. In eighteen Vacation Bible Schools held last year, hundreds of

non-Adventist children were guided to the loving Saviour.

**Number of Branch Sabbath Schools:** 1960 . . . 4; 1961 . . . 3; 1962 . . . 6; 1963 . . . 10.

**Number of Vacation Bible Schools:** 1960 . . . 5; 1961 . . . 5; 1962 . . . 6; 1963 . . . 18.

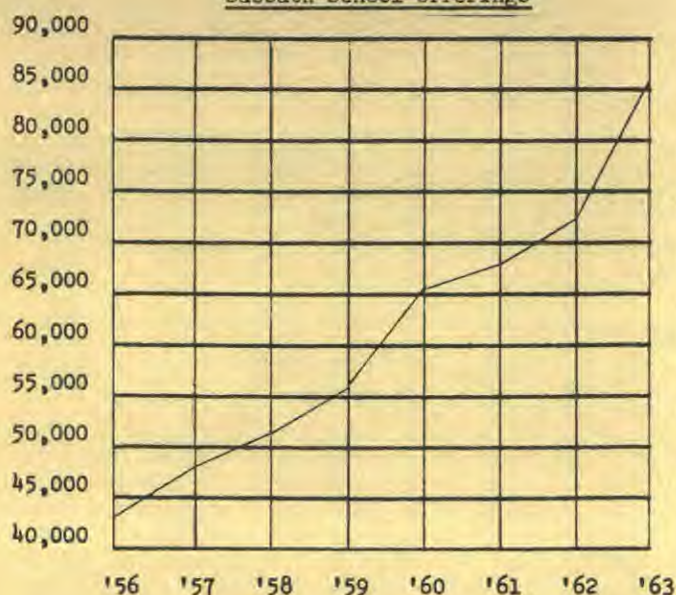
## Public Relations Department

We are greatly encouraged by the progress of public relations in our Conference. Every week seven radio programmes herald the Good News of Salvation throughout the Conference. This includes the Drumbeller station which carries the daily Voice of Prophecy programme. This station has a potential listening audience of over 600,000. Every week Evangelist George Vandeman of the It Is Written TV programme enters thousands of homes throughout Alberta. The following stations and satellites are carrying It Is Written: Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Banff, Red Deer, Coronation, Hilda, Lethbridge, and Pivot. There are two stations carrying Faith for Today: Red Deer and Lloydminster.

We saw the guiding hand of the Lord this past summer when the staff of CHCA-TV, Red Deer was willing to televise the greatest portion of our camp-meeting, thus making a first in history—"Camp Meeting of the Air." Over \$30,000.00 worth of time was made available to us for \$2,500.00. We thank our Heavenly Father for this providential opening.

The Public Relations Department

Sabbath School Offerings



We thank God for the liberality of His people. Last year the Alberta Conference had the highest Sabbath school giving per capita in the Canadian Union -- .4971



found that mass media was willing to co-operate wholeheartedly during the recent visit of Dr. J. Wayne McFarland and Elder E. J. Folkenberg. Radio, TV, and Press all focused God's programme in a very favourable light. This one event resulted in \$1,500.00 worth of free advertising.

**Newspaper Column Inches:** 1960 — 1,003; 1961 — 1,304; 1962 — 1,580; 1963—2,244.

We are grateful for a constantly growing number of active public relations secretaries who are creating a favourable

impression for the church of God.

Heeding the divine method, "Go out and bring in", God's people throughout the Alberta Conference have responded. They have gone out and distributed over 376,000 pieces of literature. They have gone out and conducted hundreds of Bible Studies which have resulted in many precious souls born to the kingdom of our Lord. They have gone out and brought in over \$91,000 in our Ingathering programme. We are grateful for the faithful labours of our dear laity in the cause of God to help further and finish His work in the Alberta Conference.

### **Home Missionary Department —**

We are grateful for the ministry and inspiration of Elder Schoen, of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, in our Laymen's Training School at Calgary. This school has been the springboard for twenty Lay Training Schools that have been or are being conducted at the present time throughout the Alberta Conference. With our tools sharpened in these Lay Training Schools, we are optimistic for the greatest forward surge of soul-winning for God's kingdom of grace. We give thanks to God for His manifold blessings and His continuous guidance.

### **Ed., MV and Temperance Reports by Percy Paul . . .**

Church schools showed steady growth over the past two years. Alberta school enrolments now stand at the 300 mark. The credit for this growth goes to Emerson Hillock, who recently was called to India.

The Junior Camp programme at Canmore reached an all-time high for Alberta with 200 campers in 1963. This is a good trend, showing a healthy attitude in the church toward the youth.

Tremendous opportunities have opened in the last two-year period for favourable

acceptance to our films and health message. In May 1963 the first Five-day Plan was launched with 40 enrolments. Then in September a real impetus was given the Five-day Plan when Dr. McFarland and Elder Folkenberg invited the public to the Palliser Hotel where 350 enrolments were received. Later in December a third Five-day Plan was offered by public request. This is only scratching the surface; greater opportunities are just ahead. In temperance we are told we should be the head and not the tail.

I appeal to you in the interest of the work to support the church school programme. This is your future leadership to a large extent. The MV Target 3,000 programme by the MV's in your church is a wonderful way for the youth to work together with the Home Missionary laymen in advancing the cause of God.

As you leave this session, I appeal to each and every delegate to do more in encouraging our youth to be active participants rather than inactive bystanders in these closing hours of earth's history.

### **. . . Publishing Department Report by Del Sudds**

It is my privilege to bring to you a report of the literature work in the Alberta Conference at this thirty-fourth biennial session. Once again we can see the hand of God leading us on to greater achievements for Him as we view the progress of this work.

During the past two years there has been \$237,584.00 worth of our truth-filled books placed in the homes. Along with these deliveries, 7,246 tracts were distributed, and 868 people were enrolled

in the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today Bible courses. It is most encouraging to note that 54 souls who are interested in this wonderful message were contacted and 32 former Seventh-day Adventists were sought out and encouraged to return to church and to the truth. Prayers offered in non-Adventist homes totalled 594 and 399 Bible studies were given by our literature evangelists. This resulted in four precious souls going down into the watery grave of baptism

and joining God's remnant people who are looking for a soon-coming Saviour.

This report has been made possible only through the blessings of the Lord and our dedicated literature evangelists who have responded to the Master's call. It is with sincere trust and confidence in our Blessed Lord that we venture out into the days and months ahead. Again we say, "Thanks be to God for having allowed us to have a part in finishing His work in the Conference of Alberta."

### **Book and Bible House Report by E. Coupland . . .**

"The Book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world." 9T. p. 69.

The past two years have been years of steady progress in "strengthening the right arm of the message" in this Conference.

The number of professional men and women practicing in the province now numbers twenty-two as compared with eighteen two years ago. In this two-year period we have had an increase of nine dentists and one physician, with a loss of

Approximately \$350,000.00 worth of Christian literature went out from the Alberta Book and Bible House into the

homes of Alberta during the past biennial period.

### **. . . Conference Medical Report by H. W. Gimbel, M.D.**

five dentists who have moved away. In the Conference there are now six physicians, eleven dentists, and five optometrists.

The professional men and women of the Conference formed in February, 1963, the organization now known as the Medical-Dental-Optometric Association of the Alberta Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with the purpose of maintaining close professional and social

relationships, and promoting medically oriented projects for the benefit of the Conference.

The physicians, dentists, and optometrists of the Conference meet quarterly for social enjoyment and the laying of plans for present and future projects. One of these quarterly meetings takes the form of an annual week-end retreat held



at the youth camp at Canmore. Guest speakers for the 1962 and 1963 retreats were Dr. A. Graham Maxwell and Dr. J. Wayne McFarland. Both these men provided valuable spiritual and profes-

sional counselling to the group assembled.

We look with gratitude upon the advances made in the medical work in the past two years, but before us lies the challenge of rapidly opening opportuni-

ties in many areas of medical evangelism. We thank God for His strengthening of "the right arm of the message," and look to Him for guidance in the wonderful days of opportunity ahead.

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## 17th Biennial Session of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference

(February 23, 1964)

### Canadian Union President's Message . . .

The 17th Biennial Session of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, February 23, 1964 in the auditorium of the Saskatoon Junior Academy. The business of the session was conducted in a very pleasant Christian atmosphere.

The report of the nominating committee was adopted electing the following officers, departmental secretaries and executive committee members:

A. W. Kaytor—President, Religious Liberty Secretary, Temperance Secretary, Medical Secretary, A. S. I. Secretary

E. F. White—Secretary-treasurer, Educational Secretary

N. J. Matiko—Home Missionary Secretary, Sabbath School Secretary, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Radio and TV Secretary, Public Affairs Secretary

R. L. Bergey—Publishing Department Secretary

Herbert Stickle—Book and Bible House Manager

### Executive Committee

A. W. Kaytor—Chairman

E. F. White—Secretary

I. Chernipieski

### Executive Committee — Continued

D. C. Heinrichs

N. J. Matiko

P. Samograd

R. Skoretz

Dr. M. Rudisaile

C. Wessman

The well attended business session closed on a very optimistic note. Aggressive plans were voted for the next biennial term.

J. W. BOTHE, *President*  
Canadian Union Conference



Church officials meet with Kiwanis officials at a luncheon held by the Kiwanis Club.



Elder W. E. Murray, before the television camera, as he is interviewed by Sally Merchant on "Sally Time". Sally holds fork used by the peoples of Fiji, while Elder Murray explains.

Posing at the conclusion of a Kiwanis luncheon held at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon, are, left to right, Elder W. G. Soloniuk, Union Home Missionary Secretary, Captain John Carter, Salvation

Army Public Relations Officer, Elder W. E. Murray, speaker of the day, Mr. Haden Wilks, Kiwanis Club President and Mr. Ken Ready, Club Secretary.

A news reporter for the local paper,

*Star Phoenix*, was present and gave excellent coverage of the talk presented by Elder Murray. Here is the account as reported in the local newspaper:



## Plight of World Poor Made Real

The desperate plight of underprivileged persons in the world today became a stark reality when Pastor W. E. Murray showed slides depicting the lives of "Faraway People" at a meeting of the Saskatoon Kiwanis Club Tuesday, February 25, 1964.

Mr. Murray, vice-president of the Seventh-day Adventist world organization, which has headquarters in Washington, D.C., spent 38 years serving with church missions in South American countries and has travelled throughout the world.

Some Canadians and Americans felt they had a "hard time" and were poor, he said, but North Americans did not know what poverty

was. There were two classes of people in today's world, the "haves" and the "have nots."

Statisticians had stated man had 72 material desires 100 years ago, of which 16 were necessities, compared with 484, including 94 necessities, today, he said. The status symbol today would seem to be possession, but there are great numbers of people who have almost nothing, said Mr. Murray.

Mr. Murray showed slides illustrating the lives of the underprivileged in Africa, South America, Australia, New Guinea and Fiji, and the work of his church in those continents and countries.

The majority of these people could not read nor write, worshipped

idols, and lived in degradation, he said. The aborigine in Australia was said to be the lowest in the scale of humanity, he said, living in shacks made of pieces of tin and wood, clothed in rags, and eating everything from worms, snakes and lizards to live kangaroos.

Mr. Murray showed slides of the farms of underprivileged in these countries, including Africa where the women were the "harvesting combines," and Bolivia and Fiji, where the most successful of the farmers used ancient oxen and old wood or steel plows to till the very poor soil.

—Saskatoon Star Phoenix, Feb. 26, 1964.

## . . . A few Session Highlights Reported by N. J. Matiko

All present at the 17th Biennial Session and Workers' Meeting in Saskatoon were challenged during morning and evening devotions by Elder W. E. Murray, General Vice-president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to be better Christians living in the imperative "to-day" mood.

We were most pleased to have the privilege of having Elder Murray share with the public some of the inspiration that was ours at these meetings as he spoke to us.

On Tuesday morning, February 25, over CFQC-TV, Elder Murray was interviewed by Sally Merchant. He had opportunity to tell the viewers of the beginnings of Seventh-day Adventism as well as the world-wide scope and nature of our work. The head technician remarked that he regretted deeply that more time couldn't have been made available to a man with such wide experience

and wished that Elder Murray could again appear on television.

### Celebrates 94th Birthday at Biennial Session



Here we see Brother Robert M. Large, on the occasion of his 94th birthday, the day of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference Biennial Session in Saskatoon, speaking to the attending delegates, a word of encouragement as Elders Bothe and Kaytor look on.

In 1904 Brother and Sister Large came to Canada from Ireland and resided in the Rosetown district where they farmed until 1950 moving to Saskatoon.

Brother Large was baptized by Elder Long in 1926 at Anglia, Saskatchewan. Brother and Sister Large reside at 223-4th Street, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. They have three children who are all Seventh-day Adventists. Brother Large enjoys excellent health.

The delegates attending the Biennial Session were thrilled with the testimony that he gave at the time of the session. All delegates in attendance wished Brother Large God's richest blessing.

## Biennial Session Message from Elder Murray . . .

### Imperative of the Church Advance!

Two great nations were at war. Their defence lines bristling with the best weapons and the finest armour. Concrete stub posts were out in front of each in solemn, serious array. Sentinels stood on careful sleepless watch. Two historic lines parallel each other in defence of millions, the Maginot line and the Siegfried line.

For some time both sides confided in the bellicose principle of defence by defending, soon however, one decided its strategy by offensive. Then came those his-

toric words that shocked the world, "France has fallen". Germany advanced



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while France defended. One not only held its ground but advanced to capture more ground.

The church is as it were in a war of conquest. Its security and progress will not be found in defence by defending but in offensive strategy. Its goal of carrying the gospel to the whole world will only be accomplished by an all-out offensive attack.

Advance means that every leader, every minister and even every church member ought to be exploring new territory and entering it while at the same time holding the ground which has been won by the blood and sweat of those who have gone



before. Nineteen sixty-four should be a significant year in advance for the church not only in all the world but also in Canada. Establishing branch Sabbath Schools in new areas, new towns, new places, keeping them going is advance. Lay preaching and Bible studies fit into the plan. A minister spying out a new village and doing something to establish a new nucleus of believers is advance of

the first order. A colporteur in a new area conducting his proper work of spearheading the gospel is advance of the first order. Our slogan should be every member, every worker doing something to advance the kingdom in 1964.

The advances made by our leaders and ministers in Canada as well as laymen is greatly appreciated. We thank you all for

it. And these lines are written only to buttress the resolution to do more and to finish the great task, the sooner. God bless you all for your expanded and enlarged efforts in soul-winning in 1964. The imperative of the church in our day is **ADVANCE!**

W. E. MURRAY, *Vice President  
General Conference of S.D.A.*

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## 16th Biennial Session of the Ontario-Quebec Conference

(March 1, 1964)

### *Union President's Message . . .*

A large group of delegates from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec were on hand at 9:00 a.m. on March 1 for the opening of the 16th Biennial Session of the Ontario-Quebec Conference. The facilities of the College Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Oshawa were made available for the main session and the various standing committees.

The Nominating Committee presented the following officers, departmental secretaries and executive committee members for the next biennial period: President, L. L. Bock; Secretary-treasurer, C. Klam.

Also re-elected to office in the Ontario-Quebec Conference were: R. Knauff, Secretary, Education, MV and Temperance Departments; D. Skoretz, Secretary, Home Missionary, Sabbath School, Public Relations and Radio-TV Departments; L. M. Mohns, Secretary, Publishing Department; F. W. Connors, Manager, Book and Bible House; R. A. Matthews, Secretary,

Church Development Service; and Dr. R. R. Laing, Secretary, Medical Department.

The Executive Committee of the Conference consists of the following thirteen members: *Chairman*, L. L. Bock; *Secretary*, C. Klam; L. Astleford, F. G. Bell, A. B. Ferrier, H. W. Hill, Dr. A. E. King, R. MacDonald, E. J. Monteith, A. E. Putman, D. Skoretz, H. Toop and W. E. Wood.

With the session being held at the headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada it was possible for the Union Conference officers and nearly all the departmental secretaries and several institutional heads to be present. Elder W. E. Murray, general Vice-President of the General Conference presented the opening devotional message and gave valuable council throughout the day.

J. W. BOTHE, *President  
Canadian Union Conference*



Left to right: J. W. Bothe, President, Canadian Union Conference; C. Klam, Secretary-treasurer, Ontario-Quebec Conference; L. L. Bock, President, Ontario-Quebec Conference; and W. E. Murray, General Vice-President, General Conference.

### *. . . from Conference President, L. L. Bock*

The Sixteenth Biennial Session of the Ontario-Quebec Conference of Seventh-day Adventists convened at Oshawa, under the chairmanship of the Conference President, L. L. Bock, with 400 delegates present from the 50 churches

in Ontario and Quebec. Reports presented from the various departments all showed marked progress over the past two-year period.

President Bock and the Conference Treasurer, Carl Klam, in their reports to

the Session stated that there has been a 50 per cent increase in church membership over the past decade with the formation of three new churches and two new companies in the past biennial period. Church membership in the Conference now stands at 4,144.



## **Conference Treasurer, C. Klam . . .**

The Treasurer reported an increase of \$162,500 in the tithe contributions alone over the past two years, with a total of

more than \$1,000,000, increasing the per capita tithe giving of Adventists from \$130 to \$154 in 1963. In foreign mis-

sions support, approximately \$1.00 per week per member was contributed by the constituency of the Conference in the same period of time, a total of \$181,000.

A. George Rodgers, Administrator of the Branson Hospital, Toronto, reporting on the progress of this institution stated that "the most significant event by far is the completion of the plans and implementation of the two-year, \$5,000,000 project already in escalation and due for completion December 1965." This pro-

gramme of expansion will give the hospital a total patient load of 600. Mr. Rodgers said that during the past biennium the Emergency Department handled over 37,000 emergencies, and over 18,000 patients have been hospitalized in the various clinical areas. During

the past year there were nearly 10,000 admissions with an ever-growing waiting list.

The School of Nursing has graduated twenty-six young people and fifty-seven student nurses are now enrolled in first-, second- and third-year classes.

## **. . . Report from the Branson Hospital**

## **Conference Medical Report . . .**

Dr. R. R. Laing, Conference Medical Secretary, reports an increasing interest among non-Adventists, as well as among our believers, in our health message. Following Elder G. E. Vandeman's meetings in Toronto in the fall of 1962, a series of

cooking lectures was conducted, with over 1,500 people in attendance. Health lectures and food demonstrations have been held in many of our churches, and plans are being laid to visit many of our other centres throughout Ontario during

1964. At present we have fifteen Adventist physicians and two dentists in the Conference, and three more doctors definitely plan to start practice in our Conference immediately after their internship.

L. M. Mohns, Secretary of the Publishing Department, reported an unprecedented increase of 37 per cent in the sale and distribution of the church's literature by its colporteurs, a total of over one-half

million dollars. "In 1962 the Ontario-Quebec Conference was honoured when our Literature Evangelist, John Wells, led the world field with deliveries of over \$38,000. This was more than the entire

## **. . . Publishing Department**

Conference delivered 15 years ago," said Mr. Mohns. Twenty-two souls have been baptized during the past two years as a result of literature evangelist contacts.

## **HM, SS, PR and Radio-TV Departments . . .**

D. Skoretz, Secretary, Home Missionary, Sabbath School, Public Relations and Radio-TV Departments, told the convention that through the church's welfare work 26,000 persons received help to a cash value of \$271,000 during the biennium. In the fall of 1963 ministers and laymen alike received a new vision of the home missionary work when Elder V. W. Schoen of the General Conference launched the Lay Instructors' Training School in Oshawa. Eighty-four students

graduated from this school and returned to their home churches to conduct Laymen's Training Schools.

The Sabbath School Department shows a good increase in offerings and membership, and 30 Vacation Bible Schools were held during the past two years.

Elder G. E. Vandeman's "It Is Written" television programme and Toronto Crusade in the fall of 1962, resulted in 79 baptisms out of the 171 who have completed the "Take His Word" course.

Nearly 107,000 pamphlets and 12,000 books and Bibles have been given away to "It Is Written" interests. More baptisms are anticipated in the future from this television evangelism. "The Voice of Prophecy" is being carried on 12 stations, and "The Quiet Hour" by J. L. Tucker, the Japanese "Voice of Joy" programme by G. S. Aso, and the Ukrainian programme "Voice of Hope" by N. Ilchuk are heard on Windsor, Toronto and Montreal stations respectively.

## **. . . Temperance, MV and Ed. Departments**

R. Knaft, Temperance, Missionary Volunteer and Education Secretary, in reporting the progress in his departments, stated, "A great unfinished task is the temperance work—education in alcohol and tobacco. The two past years have seen 580 enrolled as members of the Canadian Temperance Society." The well-known Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking has met with outstanding success, with future plans including the conducting of such a

clinic in the Crystal Ball Room of the King Edward Hotel in Toronto, April 26-30.

There are 264 students enrolled in grades one to ten (not including grades 9 and 10 of Kingsway College) in the schools of the Ontario-Quebec Conference, with 13 consecrated teachers as their instructors.

Mr. Knaft said that during the biennium 539 persons have been invested in

one or more of the MV classes, including 43 in the Master Guide class. Pathfinder activities have included a camporee each spring in Oshawa, attracting most of the Pathfinders in the Conference — 150 Pathfinders and 29 staff attending in 1963. The three MV camps of the Conference draw many youth each summer, and the MV societies in the many churches show real activity in missionary projects.



## Book and Bible House . . .

F. W. Connors, Book and Bible House Manager, reports a profit for the past biennial period. Over 20 scholarships were earned by students, amounting to \$6,134.62 in scholarship funds and travel. Mr. Connors said, "Our regular

literature evangelists are experiencing an ever-increasing volume of sales, and are placing the book *Triumph of God's Love* (formerly *Great Controversy*) with almost every sale." He stated further, "The sale of our trade books shows a healthy

increase, which was brought about largely by holding book sales on week ends in a large number of our churches. These week end sales amounted to \$8,000 in 1963."

## . . . Church Development Service

R. A. Matthews, Secretary, Church Development Service, said, "The past two years have been encouraging in the Church Development Service. New churches have been built, purchased, others remodelled, and school facilities

have been improved." These activities have involved churches at Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, Richmond Hill, Six Nations, St. Thomas, Sudbury, Varney and Toronto Yugoslavian. New churches are

planned for Toronto, Montreal, Peterborough, Barrie, Belleville, London and Dalkeith. Willowdale and Windsor are considering enlarging and improving their church school facilities.

## Thankful for Advancement . . .

The President, the Treasurer, and the department heads as they presented their reports, gave honour and praise to God

for the advancement made in the Ontario-Quebec Conference during the past two years. Each re-dedicated his life to God,

so that His work might prosper in the years to come in the Ontario-Quebec Conference.

# — Regular Conference Material —

## Maritime —

### Pastor's Report

John Yueros, Bridgewater, N.S.

This May Startle You, But . . .



Pictured above are four active, energetic members of the church at Bridgewater, Nova Scotia.

They are, from left to right, Mrs. Clement Corkum, who is Home Missionary Leader, Mrs. Enos Corkum, Mrs. John Yueros, and Mrs. Guy Turner.

These ladies had met at their pastor's home to lay plans for the distribution of the leaflet, "This May Startle You", on spring visitation day, March 7.

Recently, they distributed a series of three "Good News" tracts to some eighty homes. Then, along with their pastor, they made personal visits to these homes, and were successful in enrolling fifteen individuals in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course.

Each one of these faithful members

also raised over \$150.00 during this year's carolling programme.

We are praying that these, and other missionary activities to be carried out in the near future, will prepare many hearts in this community to receive the messages that will be presented when Pastor John Yueros begins evangelistic meetings in the Bridgewater Church the first week in April.

### URGENTLY NEEDED

Copies of *Primary Treasure*, Guide and character-building story books for Boys' Training School and Child Welfare Department. Please send to Mrs. D. E. Crawford, Newcastle Creek, New Brunswick.

### Highest Per Capita Investment



Shown here is the Sabbath School Objectives Banner awarded to the Fox Point,

Nova Scotia, Sabbath School for raising the highest per capita investment in the Maritime Conference for 1963. In the picture from left to right are: Mrs. M. Baker, Investment leader, Elder Tinkler who presented the banner in behalf of the conference, and Robert Blakeney, Sabbath School superintendent.

*On Grand Manan is a rocky, craggy cross etched by the pounding waves and the wisdom of God. It is a symbol of protection for Island fishermen. We know the true meaning of the cross of Christ and His love is the only protection and abiding hope today. We trust our visit helped convey this message to them.*

Beside the bleak coast of the northland,  
Where winds with the northland keep  
tryst,

Amid a wild welter of waters,  
An Island looms out of the mist.

Forever the high tides of Fundy  
Sweep past with a rush and a roar,  
Forever the gulls cry their warning  
When fog wreathes the desolate shore;  
Above the grey billows the cliffs frown,  
Above the grim cliffs bends the sky,  
But clear against cliffside and heaven,  
The Crag of the Cross rises high.

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(Man) spendeth his life as a shadow,  
And only his passing is sure;  
But through all the ages unchanging,  
The Cross and its (Christ) endure!

— Anon.

The above poem was sent in originally by Pastor R. L. Cheney with his article on Ingathering (Jan. 29 MESSENGER) on the Island of Grand Manan.



## MV Project in Peterborough



Some of the participants in the Peterborough visitation programme are pictured above with Pastor Edward Skoretz, Assistant Pastor, College Park Church in the inset.

An impressive candle-lighting ceremony late last Fall marked the commencement of 1963-64 activities for the Kingsway College MV Society.

At a particular moment during the challenging discourse of Assistant Pastor Edward Skoretz, who promoted the MV project, the sanctuary was temporarily darkened, symbolic of the spiritual darkness of the world. Elder E. E. Duncan, pastor of the College Park Church, entered with a lighted candle. He lit a candle for Pastor Skoretz, who, in turn, kindled the candles of six student leaders. They shared their lights with the entire congregation. Thus was illustrated the spark of service that can illuminate the area where the Light of the World finds a way into hearts.

The day following this service 21 carloads of students began a new era for Peterborough, a city 45 miles east of Oshawa. In two Sabbath afternoons the students secured 410 Voice of Prophecy Bible enrolments and distributed 3000 radio logs. On the third Sabbath 9000 handbills were distributed announcing the evangelistic campaign which followed.

The students took part in the campaign by assisting with music and visit-

ing. One of the new members baptized in December gave partial credit for her decision to the student workers.

The follow-up work carried on in November and January indicated that many of the enrollees have completed as many as eleven lessons of the Bible course.

Renee Ramasy recently related one experience indicating the active interest of a teen-ager. Patsy, a vivacious seventeen-year old teacher of a Sunday School class, enrolled in the Light of the World Course. On the back of a lesson Patsy saw the suggestion to enrol friends in the course and invited her sister and a girl friend to join her in study. Patsy had completed lesson eleven and was delighted with the new things she had learned. When Renee went to visit Patsy's girl friend she was not home. However, her mother was talking to her on the telephone and promptly handed over the phone for Renee and her partner, Bonnie Anderson, to converse and become acquainted.

The follow-up visitation is designed to accomplish at least three things: First, it gives the students an opportunity to witness as Seventh-day Adventist young

people. Secondly, a friendly visit by a young person is a source of encouragement to the enrollees in the Bible study programme. Thirdly, the visit indicates the enrollee's interest. Pastors Duncan and Edward Skoretz will study with those whose interest continues to develop.

The students leave the college at 1:30 Sabbath afternoon in cars driven by members of the College Park Church. Cards bearing the enrollees' names and addresses are given to the students according to city area number. Each student visits for approximately two hours. The interest is then indicated on the cards which are returned to Pastor Skoretz.

To date, the students have worked 1010 hours in Peterborough. It would have taken one person—on a 40-hour week basis—a total of 25 weeks to accomplish the same.

Kingsway College MV Society has voted to make Peterborough one of its official projects for the year 1963-64. Sabbath afternoon visitation will continue for the remainder of the school year.

(Miss) LEORA PANGBURN, Sponsor  
College Park MV Society

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## Baptism at Niagara Falls — F. KNUTSON, Pastor

On February 22 in the Niagara Falls Seventh-day Adventist Church five young people were united with their Lord by baptism. Members from the neighbouring Welland and St. Catharines Churches as well as a number of interested friends from the community were present for the service. Elder F. A. Knutson spoke on the subject, "Why was Jesus Baptized?," after which an altar call was made. During the appeal Miss Parker, one of the teachers from Kingsway College sang the beautiful hymn, "O Now I See the Crimson Wave." In response, the baptismal candidates came forward and joining them was a young lady of Welland who will be baptized later at the church there.

This was a joyful day for our believers in the Niagara District and especially for Brother Boyd Ivany, faithful head deacon of the Niagara Falls Church who is



Shown standing from left to right are Elaine Sclater, Donny Ivany, Elizabeth Sclater, Larry Ivany and Terry Vyse. In the second row are Pastor F. A. Knutson, Brother Alvin Putman, first elder, and Brother Boyd Ivany.

shown in the picture standing with his son and daughter who had just been welcomed into church fellowship. May God

richly bless these new members and may they be faithful to the sacred vows that they have just made.

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## Manitoba — Saskatchewan —

## — Winnipeg Academy —

MARJORIE ERICKSON

### Parents' Night Features Displays

On the night of February 11, parents and friends gathered at the Seventh-Day Adventist Academy in Winnipeg to witness some of the "First" in the educational programme in the school at 56 Grey Street.

Besides collecting report cards and having interviews with the three teachers, parents were able to see the science displays which included models of a two-man submarine, a lift pump, a microscope, the heart and eye and a gyrocopter illustrating the principles of flight. Also displayed were such projects as a crystal radio, a collection of shells, a collection of garden seeds, a chart on bird migration, a project showing the response of plants to light, and the preserved heart, liver, brain and gall bladder of a sheep.

Prizes donated by the school board were presented to one student from each grade. Winners were Joyce Heinrichs, Linda Boyle, Shirley Rudisaile, and Reiner Koppers.

Students in grades five and six set up a collection of rocks and minerals. Most of this was obtained from the department of Mines in the Manitoba capital.

The new classes which are being



Prize winners Linda Boyle with her crystal radio, Joyce Heinrichs with organs of a sheep, Shirley Rudisaile with a shell collection and Reiner Koppers with his home-made gyrocopter.

taught for the first time this year have been progressing well and table settings illustrated one of the practical aspects

of the course in Household Arts. The girls in grades 7-9 have also learned many of the aspects of hand sewing, patching, darning, dress design and fabric selection. During the second semester, they will be learning the techniques of dress-making.

The boys who have been working under the able direction of Mr. Nawalkowski, have delved into such projects as window glazing, door hinges and locks, plumbing, electrical splicing, painting, construction of furnaces and water heaters, carpentry and general maintenance in the home. Many of these projects have involved the construction of models, along with illustrations of the principles of operation. There has been a good response from both parents and students to the latest addition to our school programme.

### Floor Completed in Winnipeg Academy

After many hours of back-stretching, bending, knee bumping, and arm swinging, the operation known as "Auditorium Floor" is complete. Some time before Christmas, the floor was laid. In the month of January, many of the indus-





Students of grades 5 and 6 display their collection of rocks and minerals.

trious members assembled on their knees to rub filler into the cracks unreachable by

the sanding machines. The crawling congregation after some hours toil were able to report their part of the job finished. Lines for games such as Volley Ball, Badminton, Shuffle Board and Basket Ball were marked out with masking tape by some weary teachers and their relatives and within three days, paint had been applied and the floor was ready for its last attention. Two coats of liquid plastic were rolled on by faithful workers.

The results were inspiring. Clear, bright and as slippery as glass, the floor was a joy to behold. The first night of roller skating was announced. One Saturday night of the month has been set aside by the Social committee as a bene-



Students enjoy a game of volleyball on the newly finished floor of the auditorium.

fit night to raise money for the purchase of sports equipment. The job has been a big one. It floored us.

## A Report on Sunnyside Nursing Home, Saskatoon

A. W. KAYTOR, *Conference President*

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. . . . and they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases. . . . and He healed them." Matthew 4:23,24.

Undeniably, Jesus was a medical missionary worker. In order to perfectly imitate His sinless life, we must do the same work as He did. This the Holy Scriptures teach in very plain language, for we read in John 14:12: "He that believeth in Me the works that I do shall he do also."

This is why Seventh-day Adventists build sanitariums and hospitals. This is why your Executive Committee has laid long-range plans to build a medical institution in Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Regina. We are happy to report that God's loving, prospering hand is with us. It is a costly thing to build a medical institution these days. The 66-bed institution planned for Saskatoon will cost approximately \$400,000.00. Of this sum \$75,000.00 must be raised through our own church organization. How glad we are to report that we have in hand over \$60,-



R. L. Bergey, Administrator, Sunnyside

000.00 in cash and pledges. This was received in less than six months after the official launching of our fund drive. Truly, this is remarkable. We praise God and give Him all the glory. And we express to our dear believers everywhere our sincere thanks and deep appreciation.

There may be some who have not as yet responded to our appeal to help. We respectfully urge you to send in your pledge or cash now. We want to start construction on the 66-bed Sunnyside Nursing Home before July this year.

You can help us achieve our plan by sending your pledge or cash today. To build the three institutions in harmony with our master plan, it will require the

support and co-operation of every member. If all who have not yet made a contribution will respond now, then in 1965 we will be able to concentrate on the project in Winnipeg.

Please unite your earnest prayers in behalf of the medical plans for Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

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On Wednesday, February 6, Brother R. L. Bergey, Publishing Secretary of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference was officially appointed by the Conference Committee as administrator of the Sunnyside Nursing Home to be built in Saskatoon.

Mr. Bergey's appointment is to become effective May 1, 1964. Union and General Conference representatives were present at the time of Mr. Bergey's appointment; hence the Conference Committee had wide counsel in all its deliberations.

This is a heavy responsibility and we solicit the loyal co-operation and earnest prayers of all our believers in behalf of Brother Bergey and his new sacred responsibilities.





## Medicine Hat Lay Training School



Members of the Medicine Hat Lay Training School.



Instructors, left to right: Albert Boller, Bible Doctrines; Pastor L. Milliken, Art of Obtaining Decisions; Mrs. I. Anderst, Denominational History; Adam Ziegler, Methods of Lay Evangelism.

Seventeen graduated from the Lay Training School in Medicine Hat. Elder Lewis A. Shipowick, Home Missionary

Secretary of the Alberta Conference, was in charge of the service held on Decem-

ber 7. May God bless each graduate as he endeavours to fill his place.

### Loyalist MV Investiture



Left to right, back row: Elder Percy Paul, Mrs. Andrew Letniak, Mrs. Paul. Middle row: Lawrence Letniak, Leonard Letniak, Ellen Letniak, Murray Sankey. Front row: Audrey Letniak, Dale Tym, Charlotte Matiko, Donna Tym, Carol Sankey, Mervin Letniak. Barbara Hummel, absent, also completed her Sunbeam requirements.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Andrew Letniak, the Loyalist Church held an investiture, Friday evening, December 13. The programme was entirely conducted by the Junior MV's. The charge was given by the Conference MV Secretary, Elder Percy Paul. Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Letniak assisted in the investiture.

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.

—Author Unknown

It is not God's plan for us to carry such a heavy program and work so feverishly that our friends worry about our mental health. Jesus took His disciples apart to rest awhile. Abraham spent some time with God alone.

—B. H. Phipps

### British Columbia —

## Physician Follow-up Service in Vancouver

G. O. ADAMS, *President*

For some years the physicians, dentists and related professions personnel in the Greater Vancouver area have felt that we need more help in the follow-up services provided for the many individuals whom they contact. After much study and prayer this dedicated group of workers proposed that they arrange to pay for a full-time worker to assist in the follow up of interests. Late last year organization was perfected and at the beginning of this year the British Columbia Conference placed a call for the services of Brother F. C. Fell, then employed by Loma Linda Foods (Canada). Brother Fell accepted the call and is now engaged full time in the follow up of interests

created by the very fine work accomplished in our professional offices in the Greater Vancouver area.

Our professional personnel are providing the money for salary and expenses for Brother Fell. These funds are turned into the Conference every month and Brother Fell is paid by the Conference and is directed in his work by the Executive Committee of the British Columbia Conference.

We much appreciate the vision and energy which our physicians, dentists and related professions personnel have put into this project, and we pray for them, for Brother Fell, and for the rest of our faithful Conference workers and



Part of the group attending the fellowship supper at the launching of the additional follow-up services in Vancouver, B.C.



laymen in that large and growing area, the Lord's abundant blessing as we move forward together in this additional effort to save souls for the Kingdom.

## B.C. News Notes

☆ Pastors G. O. Adams, L. H. Davies and F. W. Baker have just returned from attendance at the annual Canadian Union College Board Meeting. They report that there are 143 College and High School students from British Columbia enrolled at the College this year.

☆ Pastor and Mrs. G. O. Adams are now visiting the Watcher Isle Church and other isolated believers in Smith and Rivers Inlet.

☆ Giving to missions through the Sabbath School of the British Columbia Conference in 1963 was some 16% higher than that of 1962. The per capita per week reached almost fifty cents.

☆ F. W. Baker, Educational Superintendent for the British Columbia Conference is now inspecting schools in Dawson Creek, Prince George, Hazelton and Terrace.

☆ W. E. Bergey, Publishing Department Secretary is on an extended trip to Vancouver Island assisting several literature evangelists.

☆ The tithe for January of this year showed the highest January returns in the latest six-year period.

☆ Investing for missions received a strong boost in British Columbia last year. One couple alone turned in \$2,400.

The Salvation Army in Quebec is considering using the youthful appeal of the electric guitar in its campaign to interest youth in God, according to Brigadier Nicholas Bell, public relations director for the Salvation Army in the Quebec province. Brass bands may not attract youth, he admitted, but perhaps the strumming of an electric guitar will. Throughout the corps there are now 55 thousand bandmen playing music composed, arranged, and printed by the Salvation Army with instruments made in its own instrument factory in Britain.

## OBITUARIES

LEVY—Mr. Cecil Hampton Levy was born in the Province of Nova Scotia, April 29, 1896, and passed to his rest at the Branson Hospital in Willowdale, Ontario, on February 17, 1964.

Brother Levy had the privilege of having been reared in the Remnant Church. The places of his residence have been related to Christian institutions where he and his family might avail themselves of the privileges afforded there. He has been associated with such Seventh-day Adventist schools as Williamsdale Academy, Nova Scotia, Memramcook Academy, New Brunswick, and Kingsway College, Oshawa.

Mourning his loss are his wife; his son, Enos, of Simpsonville, Maryland; two daughters, Mrs. Harris Bennett of Willowdale, and Mrs. H. Bezanson, of

Simpsonville; six grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Brother Levy awaits the call of the Lifegiver from the York Cemetery in Willowdale.  
H. WARD HILL

McINNES—Jean McInnes passed to her rest in Toronto on January 4, 1964 after a lengthy illness. She was baptized January 11, 1947 and remained a faithful member of Toronto First Church until her death, and was an enthusiastic choir member until her illness prevented church attendance. She was a student at Oshawa Missionary College, graduating in 1949. She taught high school in Toronto until about five years ago when she made a tour of Europe. Since her return she has been in poor health which has steadily declined. Jean was an only child and is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McInnes of Toronto.

Submitted by  
IVY BAILEY, Press Sec.,  
Toronto First Church

SHARPE—Alice Campbell Sharpe became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vancouver in 1914 under Pastor Luther Warren. Soon after her conversion she became an office worker in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference where she served 20 years and then was transferred to the British Columbia Conference, Vancouver, where she served another 12 years.

She was forced to retire from active service in 1948 because of eye trouble, and one year later she married H. R. Sharpe. They made their home in the White Rock area of British Columbia, remaining as members of the Vancouver Church. During the past few years she lived in Kelowna, B.C. with her husband, and on February 11, 1964, passed to her rest after two years of lingering and painful illness. Her faith in the soon coming Saviour never wavered.

Burial services were conducted in Vancouver, and she was laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery near Vancouver. She is survived by her husband and one sister, Mrs. J. M. Gillis, North Burnaby, B.C.

ROBERT TETZ, Assistant Pastor

KUNKEL—Mrs. Katherine Kunkel was born in Parker, South Dakota, April 28, 1878, and passed to her rest January 25, 1964, at the age of 86. She lived in Parker until her marriage to Henry Kunkel in 1896. Soon after their marriage they moved to Saskatchewan and lived in Rosthern where she was baptized in 1912 and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church to which she remained faithful until her death.

Their last years were spent in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. Her husband died in 1953.

To this union were born six children. Two boys, Toby and Vernon, preceded her in death. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, Harry and Ted of Saskatoon, Mrs. Martha Loewen of The Pas, Manitoba, Mrs. Matilda Pollock of Waldheim, Saskatchewan, as well as seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one brother, Pastor T. E. Unruh of California, and one sister, Mrs. Abe Neufeld of Rosthern, Saskatchewan.

She was a praying mother and went to sleep in the Blessed Hope of the soon return of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

A. W. KAYTOR

MICHAEL—Phyllis Clare (Campbell) Michael was born on June 10, 1900, in Simla, India, the only child of Harry Albert Colin Campbell and Lillie Ruth (Emmer) Campbell. While still in her teens, she joined her parents in the acceptance of the faith of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a result of the ministry of Dr. H. C. Menkel and Pastor Heber H. Votaw, in Simla.

After her marriage to Thomas J. Michael, she served by her husband's side in the service of the Church in India, Burma, and in the United States. For several years, she was employed by the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital in Takoma Park. In 1962, she moved to Orlando, Florida, where she passed to her rest after a short illness, on the morning of Thursday, December 26, 1963.

She was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery, in Orlando, Florida. Surviving her are two sons, Pastor Darren L. Michael, of Oshawa, Ontario, and Radner C. Michael, of Los Angeles, California, five grandchildren and two cousins, Pastor Ashley G. Emmer, of Roseburg, Oregon, and Mrs. E. B. (Doro) Hughes, of Surrey, England.

LOSEE—Ernest Losee was born in Deseronto, Ontario in 1888, and passed away in Toronto on January 21, 1964. Ernest was one of a family of six children.

In 1924 he married Euphemia Fraser. To this happy union was given two boys and four girls—Norman, Jim, Lorraine, Beverly, Bernice, and Patricia. Our late brother accepted the Adventist faith in 1961 and remained steadfast to the Lord until the end.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife Euphemia, six children and many friends.

Funeral services were held at the MacDougall and Brown funeral chapel in Toronto and interment was made in the St. John's Cemetery.

C. R. NEILL, Pastor

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