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From Convent to Laymen's Congress . . .

A Thrilling Story from French Canada

NOTE: This story of the Coutu family was told through an interview by Elder D. Skoretz at the Laymen's Congress in Michigan which included the Ontario-Quebec Conference as one of the six conferences attending, August 12-15.

Blanche and Gilles Coutu both came from French speaking families, and were raised believing in the Catholic Church. They have six children. Mrs. Coutu had some training in a convent to become a nun. Here is the thrilling story of the Coutu family as told to Pastor D. Skoretz, Home Missionary secretary of the Ontario-Quebec Conference.

"The exact reason why we began to search for truth was because we wanted a better knowledge of God. Our original purpose was to become better Roman Catholics. We felt that the reason why we saw so many contradictions was because of our lack of knowledge, so we began buying books and leaflets concerning the Roman Church. As we had no Bible knowledge whatsoever, we soon found out that this didn't help at all, and only made matters worse.

"We had listened to Pastor Vandeman a few times. Listening to him seemed to give us a more intimate contact with God. The second or third time that we heard him he announced a series of lectures that were to begin in Detroit, given by Pastor Walter, and we decided to go and listen. [Detroit is just across the line into the States from where the Coutus live in Canada.] As we listened, we began to feel closer to God and the wonderful truth became clearer and clearer. These meetings lasted for five full weeks, and we missed only three nights.

"On the first night of Pastor Walter's meetings, an announcement was made that the store where books and canned goods were sold would be opened. Being curious, we decided to go and see what it looked like. While we were looking around in the store, I (Blanche) started to talk to a woman. She could see that we were strangers—I stuck out like a

sore thumb with my make-up and jewelry, not to speak of my bright red coat and fur hat! I asked her if these people were telling the truth, because I didn't want "the wool pulled over my eyes". She answered yes, and then mentioned that she was a Seventh-day Adventist; but she didn't tell us that Pastor Walter was a Seventh-day Adventist minister. The interesting part of it all is that we were always so much in a hurry to get into the meetings that we used the rear entrance as it was nearer to the place that we parked. Had we used the front entrance, we would have seen "Seventh-day Adventist Church" written on the front of the church. This woman to whom I spoke in the store mentioned that she was a school teacher.

"When the Sabbath truth came to us, we were shown the commandments of God as they are written in the Bible. With this knowledge, we began to see why we were confused for so many years. Almost instantly we realized that we would have to obey the law of God

as it is written. By that time, we knew which church observed the Sabbath truth, so we decided to look for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Windsor, Ontario where we live.

"The first time we walked into the church, we felt as if we had finally come home. Now we understood why the Roman Church prevents its people from reading the Bible. From then on we were enlightened of truth after truth, and we accepted it; not because we had to, but because we wanted to! We could honestly feel the love of God and His closeness in our hearts. Naturally the first thing we thought of was giving the good news to our parents and other members of our families. How could we go and tell them about it? All of this happened the last part of January of this year.

"The children were still in the Catholic school. When the news got around that we had made a change, they were laughed at and ridiculed. They would not take part in any religious training or bow down to false images. They were called Jews and all sorts of names. We explained to them that the children in school didn't realize what they were doing. Their school teacher, knowing about the Sabbath asked the priest about it. She never got a satisfactory answer.

"Four weeks later, we were baptized by Pastor Walter. Gradually we began to tell our loved ones about the wonderful truth that we had found. We faced all sorts of prejudice, and nothing but scorn and rebuke. We decided not to press the issue further with our people here in Windsor. Then we began corresponding with Gilles' parents in Montreal. Being the eldest of thirteen children, he felt that it was his duty to expose them to the truth



Brother and Sister G. Coutu were interviewed by Elder D. Skoretz at the Laymen's Congress, featuring laymen in action. Brother and Sister Coutu were baptized a few months ago at the Windsor Church.

no matter what. Dad Coutu wrote back and said the important thing is to follow the ten commandments, go to church on Sunday and pray to the Blessed Virgin. We wrote back telling him that his letter was nice and exactly what we had expected him to say. We said that it was good to follow the commandments, but we wondered why the priests teach that we should go to church on Sunday, while the Bible says that Saturday is the Sabbath. Then we went on to explain the change that we had made, and that Jesus Himself observed the Sabbath, not on Sunday, but on the seventh day of the week. We sent him a Bible and *Steps to Christ* along with some other literature that we had.

"One night we received a phone call from Montreal. Dad Coutu told us that he was familiar with some of these things, but he had no knowledge of Sabbath keeping people. We didn't want to elaborate too much on the phone, but decided then to make a special missionary trip to Montreal.

"A few weeks ago we went on that trip, and we saw the power of the Holy

Spirit at work. As soon as he understood the Bible truth, Dad Coutu was ready to accept it. We had quite an experience! A big party was given in our honour. All thirteen of the Coutu children were there with either their mates or girl and boy friends, as well as their twenty-three children. Dad Coutu, who was now staunchly in our corner, helped us circulate among the family giving them as much of the good news as we possibly could in between the beer and the twisting. Before long, we had everybody talking about the Bible. The acceptance was unbelievable. Many of them were convinced of the second and fourth commandments. Our Bible discussions with the family lasted until three and four o'clock in the morning almost every night. We had lots of ammunition with us: ten Bibles, history books, and ten recorded lectures of Pastor Vandeman. Things went very well. We were amazed at the sincerity of their hearts in reaching for the Word of God. It was just like wildfire. As soon as Dad knew of the truth, he felt compelled to tell someone else. The first thing we knew, all of the

brothers were discussing the Word of God and the ten commandments among themselves. They were stunned at the simplicity of the Word of God, for it was the first time that the majority of them had ever read the Bible. Right away we made provision for the Montreal French Church to follow up after we were gone. Dad accepted the truth and came with us to Sabbath School and services, and he was happy about his new church. He gave his name and address to the minister, and asked him to send someone to give him further instructions. On our way home from church we asked Dad what his impression was. He said it was a continuation of what we had already told him.

"We left Montreal with a relieved heart knowing that the truth had finally reached our loved ones. We are anxious to hear from them as they progress from day to day. Now that we are home, we have the privilege of bringing the truth to another young couple. They are very anxious to join God's remnant church. We pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten their hearts and they will soon be baptized."

Korea Needs Your Help—NOW!

H. E. McClure, Sabbath School Secretary, Far Eastern Division

As Pak Un Song entered the front door of his home he heard voices; one was that of his mother, but the other was that of a stranger. What were they discussing so earnestly? Listening quietly, Un Song gathered from the gist of the conversation that it concerned religion. "A Jehovah's Witness," he thought. "Why does mother have anything to do with that woman? Is not the religion of my father good enough for her? I will have nothing to do with this."

Pak Un Song had been reared a staunch Presbyterian. In fact his father had been for thirty years, until his death four years earlier, an ordained minister and pastor of that church. Un Song had just graduated from a Presbyterian high school, and was satisfied with his religion. He determined to avoid any encounter with this new faith.

But Mrs. Pak's interest in the message brought by the young woman was increasing with every visit, and one day out

of curiosity Un Song drew nearer in order to catch more of what the caller had to say. "Jesus is coming soon," he heard the young lady say in all sincerity, "and He wants us to be ready to meet Him. This is wonderful news for Christians if they are ready, God's Word tells us how to be ready."

"Jesus is coming! Coming soon! Am I ready to meet Him?" thought Un Song. And he drew nearer. Perhaps this lady did have something which he, too, should know. Soon it was Un Song who displayed the greater interest in the Bible truths of the young lay worker from the Chin Chung church.

Mrs. Pak's home had been opened for the study of the Bible by a rather unusual contact by this devoted young Christian who makes her living by giving massages in the homes of people by means of a small electric vibrator. As she applies the vibrator skillfully to aching joints and muscles, this dedicated mes-

senger of the good news of salvation speaks of the love of God and the soon return of Jesus. When she is ready to leave a home upon completion of a treatment, she suggests prayer, and through this means asks God's blessing on the home and family. Little by little she gains the confidence of the people as she visits from time to time until eventually she is able to arrange for Bible studies. At the onset Mrs. Pak, as her son later did, resisted the young lady's efforts to bring her greater light from God's Word because she feared the caller was a Jehovah's Witness. At one time she even told her she need not come for massages any more. This earnest worker for Christ was not easily discouraged, however, and before long regular Bible studies were in progress with both the mother and her son.

Pak Un Song drank in the truths brought to him by the studies and was ready for baptism even before his mother.



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These laymen, present at a training institute in one of the Korean missions, each raised up one or more churches, companies, or groups in one year.



There is no room in the bindery of the Korean Signs of the Times Publishing House. All work must be done by hand. Plans are ready for a new building addition and then more literature can be produced.

Now he became an ambassador for Christ as he had never been before. To gain strength for fruitful witnessing, Un Song developed the custom of going to the church every morning at 4:30 for an earnest season of prayer before beginning the day. Soon others joined him until now there are fifty young people following this plan. They return to their homes carrying tracts which they place under the doors of the homes along the way. When the occupants go out to get the morning papers they also discover the tracts. In one month's time the group distributed 25,000 truth-filled tracts to the homes, each tract bearing the address of the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School. This has resulted in a large number of Voice of Prophecy enrolments from this area.

As the result of Brother Pak Un Song's zeal for Christ his church is now one of the strongest and most active in that part of Korea. He has succeeded in breaking down all prejudice among his relatives and friends through God-given tact and faithful Christian witness. Now, instead of attending a Presbyterian college as he had planned all his life, he is attending Korean Union College preparing to be a minister like his father before him. But, unlike his father who did not have the opportunity he has had, Un Song has dedicated his life to the preaching of the Advent message to Korea. Meanwhile he continues distributing truth-filled tracts and speaking of the love of God to those with whom he comes in contact.

Everywhere in Korea our people are calling for literature to use in spreading the gospel. Our colporteurs need more and more books as they go up and down the land sowing the seeds of truth which will help to prepare people to meet their God. Do you hear them as they call to you today for help in enlarging and equipping their publishing house in order

to meet the demands of this tremendous hour in the "land of the morning calm"? Will you not do your best on this coming

13th Sabbath to help swell the overflow in the greatest offering in the history of our Sabbath schools?

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Review to Publish Articles by Leading Bible Students

The editors of the *Review and Herald* have just shared with me exciting news about a series of articles that will appear in our church paper during the coming months. The series, which will begin October 8, deals with the epistles of Paul, and is designed to give readers fresh insights into the important messages of the great apostle presented to the early Christian church. Nothing like this series has been published in the *Review* in years. Written by leading denominational Bible students, the articles have been in preparation for nearly two years. They will run throughout 1965.

I am passing on this news to the field because I am eager that every Seventh-day Adventist receive the blessings of this series as well as the inspiration of the regular features offered weekly in the *Review*. Now is the time for every church member (except those on the Permanent Plan) to resubscribe to the

Review. The special campaign price is only \$4.75.

Pastors and church elders, let me urge you to contact every member about subscribing to the *Review*. The most effective method is to organize a committee to telephone every member. Supplies are in your hands for this procedure. Special attention should be given to members who do not see the importance of the *Review* in building up their spiritual life and keeping abreast of the world-wide progress of the Advent Movement.

Brethren and Sisters, the hour is late in the World's history. Soon the great test will come to every soul. Now is the time to study God's Word diligently. We pray that the *Review* series on Paul's epistles may be used mightily by God in building up His people in the most holy faith.

R. G. CAMPBELL, *Circulation Manager*
Review and Herald Publishing Assn.

The Price of Growth

Big boys getting bigger often have trouble with sleeves and trousers too short. Growing girls used to put on long dresses and change the position of their long heavy braids. Adjustments had to be made. Happy the day when the clothes fit the boy and girl.

Earlier residents returning to a village now grown into a city have difficulty finding their way about. New industries, new markets, new objectives and patterns, new workers, new leaders, have brought growth and changed the old skyline.

Skilled technicians working with computers and electronic microscopes have been exploring the universe of theoretical and applied science and have opened gateways into new realms that keep expanding and beckoning as the researcher advances. The results are astounding.

To hesitate long or to ignore the pressure for expansion and development means that soon the new world of the space age will be unknown to those who

thought they could keep up without study. Such thinkers can hardly have leadership in a time when change of thoughts and patterns comes upon them.

One need not be an astronaut nor a moon dweller to be conscious of growth in thought as well as in industry but without growth his ideas can become musty and so far out of date that they have value only as curiosities. He can be as odd as a very old model car that was not too useful when new and runs now only with much coaxing and merely to satisfy antiquarians.

Education is not something to be placed on a gilded shelf, even though it is taken down occasionally and dusted for temporary display. The college degree of even a decade ago is no assurance that its holder can compete in today's exploding knowledge without freshening the fountain. The job he prepared for ten years ago may be facing the discard.

Growth in these times is too complex

to reduce its essentials to a phrase or two but the attitude and the aptitude of the grower are important. If he determines not to be negative but an active learner, his prospects of being counted among the alert, informed leaders of his group are good. To strive, to wrestle, to conquer, are requisites of success.

Even the largest and oldest of the trees put forth new growth every year. That means there is vitality and survival. It means also that there are open avenues to the food values that sustain growth. When growth stops at the tips of the branches it is evidence that something is wrong. New sources and supplies of sustaining strength and development are needed. Fortunate is the person as well as the tree that can find these and continue his growth and service. To neglect them will in time stop growth with all that it implies in men as it does in trees.

W. HOMER TEESDALE
Home Study Institute

Faith for Today Posters Available for Fairs, Exhibits, Conventions

In the book *Evangelism* Seventh-day Adventists are told they are to use every possible avenue in communicating the Gospel to others. Human hearts are to

be reached with the glad tidings of a coming Saviour. An ever swelling tide of faith sharing is to take place, completing the giving of the gospel on this earth so

Christ can come.

Fairs, exhibits, and conventions offer unusually good opportunities in faith sharing. Faith for Today recently printed two beautiful new posters bordered in attractive blue which are available for display. They can be used to good advantage by church pastors, radio television secretaries, home missionary secretaries, and others in the local churches who are interested in preparing an attractive exhibit. The suggestion is that they be used with a display of leaflets and Bible course enrolment cards. As direct invitations are given to those who attend exhibits, conventions, and fairs, many names can be secured for the Bible course.

There is no charge for these posters. Simply write to Gordon Dalrymple, Public Relations Department, Faith for Today, 200 Stonehenge Lane, Carle Place, New York. Specify the number of posters you would like to have.

Already the posters have proved an asset to Seventh-day Adventist exhibits. They should be used as frequently as possible in the concluding weeks of fall. And throughout the winter and early spring there are numerous conventions held in larger cities where they can be displayed to good advantage.

GORDON DALRYMPLE, Editor
Faith for Today



Beautiful new Faith for Today posters, bordered in blue, are available for exhibits, conventions, and fairs. Used as a background for distribution of leaflets and Bible course enrolment cards, they can be secured by writing to the Faith for Today Public Relations Department.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Glendale, California
September 14, 1964

Am attending the Radio-TV Council at the Voice of Prophecy Headquarters. Hearing thrilling reports on the Radio-TV ministry.

This year the Voice of Prophecy is rededicating its coast-to-coast broadcast toward reaching North America in the greatest soul-saving thrust in our history. To make this possible, our members in the Canadian Union need to give an unprecedented offering. We have been assured that if the goal of \$400,000.00 is reached on Sabbath, October 10 the Voice of Prophecy will add at least one large-power station within our Union in 1965! Some stations are closing out religious broadcasting; but others are asking for our programme. NOW is the time of our greatest opportunity. The Voice of Prophecy is our denominational broadcast. Now is the time to make a great evangelistic thrust through radio.

We should give and pray for the radio ministry as never before! Remember Voice of Prophecy Offering Day, Sabbath, October 10.

W. G. Soloniuk
Canadian Union Conference

LITERATURE EVANGELISM

This Is the Very Work

the Lord Would Have His People Do at This Time."

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Literature Evangelist Experiences

We met a young lady who has recently given up her faith in the Catholic Church. She is suffering very poor health mentally and physically, and after a nice visit, she remarked about how much we had helped her by talking with her. She asked for literature and asked us to come back. She is taking the Bible Course and we are praying that she will come to a full knowledge of the truth. In December, Mrs. Paul called on a Mennonite family. The husband wanted the *Bible Story* very much but the wife was very indifferent and a bit unkind. We called again this week and they were very pleased to see us. They both remarked that they were afraid we would not call again. The wife had investigated and had found that several of her friends had purchased these books and were just

thrilled with them. They paid cash for the full set and thanked us over and over again for having called back.

INA PAUL AND PHYLLIS SUDDS,
Alberta

As one lady signed up for the *Bible Story, Life and Health, These Times and Triumph* she said, "Well, there goes my floor polisher, but I believe it will be well worth it." God bless these dear self-sacrificing mothers.

F. DINSDALE
Ontario-Quebec

"We are to praise God by tangible service, by doing all in our power to advance the glory of His name."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 300.

A young man had written to the Review and Herald Publishing House inquiring about the books, *What A Young Man Ought to Know* and the other two books in the set. This letter was written last July and was forwarded to me. I neglected to do anything about it until today. I was so happy to find that the young man had read in the *Signs of the Times* about the books, that he had completed a Voice of Prophecy course and that he and his father and mother agreed to have studies in their home. Tuesday evening has been set for the first study. Please pray that this will bring about the conversion of these good folks, for they have already accepted the Sabbath truth.

R. JURIAUSZ
Ontario-Quebec

Baptism at Sydney, Nova Scotia



David Hollett, "Faith for Today" interest, was baptized June 27, 1964, by Pastor V. Shipowick. He is now at Kingsway College.

V. SHIPOWICK, Pastor

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**Vacation
Bible School
North Sydney, N.S.**



Mrs. V. Shipowick, Director, demonstrating a craft.

The North Sydney Church held their Vacation Bible School August 17-22. This was the first time it has been held so late but the attendance was almost doubled. We had planned for the usual group of between 48 to 54 children but

A Letter

Suggesting Excellent Missionary Possibilities

NOTE: An appeal for copies of children's papers to be sent to Mrs. D. E. Crawford of Newcastle Creek, New Brunswick, was published in a former

issue of the MESSENGER. In the following letter Mrs. Crawford sends her thanks to those who responded and sent papers:

Newcastle Creek, New Brunswick
September 10, 1964.

Dear Friends:

We wish to thank you most sincerely for the copies of *Primary Treasure* and *Guide* that have come so faithfully to our office for the use of underprivileged children.

These papers have been given out and the children whom I visit have enjoyed them, and also some of the older folk.

Perhaps you would be interested to know that we have forty wards in our Agency, placed in foster home care. We make periodic visits to the homes and supply them with clothing, medical and dental attention and supervise their education and recreational needs.

We also handle adoptions, and it is a real satisfaction to place infants in good homes where they will receive the advantages of other children and belong to a family unit. We have a lot of juveniles come to our attention, and sometimes have to send them to the Boys' Training School or the Girls' Home. We placed a set of the *Bible Story* in the Boys' home

and we give the *Guide* to these young people in place of the comics they have been reading. If you have a Boys' or Girls' home in your area, there is an excellent opportunity to place good reading books and papers, and they are most welcome.

If you have a young people's group that can give a programme, these also would be welcome at the Homes. The local minister could make arrangements with the Superintendent of the Home and supervise the programme.

The young people in these Homes are neglected youth who haven't had the love and discipline that they should have had, and most of them respond to understanding and interest.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending these papers, and may the Lord bless you.

Yours very truly,
Marie Crawford (Mrs. D. E.)
Executive Director
Children's Aid Society of
Queen's County,
New Brunswick.

were happily surprised to see our attendance swell to 74 boys and girls. Forty-nine of these children were from non-Adventist homes. Two non-Adventist teen-agers came every day to assist in the divisions.



Craft Leader, Mrs. Gordon Moores.

Mrs. Gordon Moores, the craft leader, had interesting and beautiful crafts for the children to make, so everyone was busy and attentive during craft period.

Pastor Shipowick was in charge of the Junior division and enrolled twenty of the twenty-five juniors in the "Faith for Today", Junior Bible course.

Mrs. Don King was Primary division leader with Alison King, Mrs. Alton Jardine, Dollena McLeod and Kathy Gilan assisting.

Mrs. Cecil Finney was Kindergarten leader with Polly Pyke, Sandra Price and Saralene Finney assisting.

The Bible School closed with the Saturday evening programme.

MRS. V. SHIPOWICK, Director

The following lines of the old hymn are still true:

"And Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees."

"Focus God's Message on North America through Radio"

North America is a mission field right at our doors, for which we have great responsibility. The Voice of Prophecy is rededicating your coast-to-coast broadcast to this great soul-saving thrust. An unprecedented offering of \$400,000 is needed. Pray for the Lord's guidance in the offering you will give.

Wm Richards



October 10
offering goal
\$400,000



The King's Heralds and Del Delker

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY
BOX 55, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Assiniboia Effort



From right to left: E. L. Koronko, Mr. William Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Heinrichs, Mrs. A. Achter, Miss Nina Swenson, Mrs. P. Routley, D. R. Watts.

A three-week It is Written Crusade was conducted in the lovely new Composite High School auditorium in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, by Elder D. R. Watts, and Elder E. L. Koronko, the latter part of July and August. In spite of opposition from the local clergy, the average attendance was between 60 and 90. Approximately two-thirds of those attending were non-Adventists.

Six adults were baptized at Thompson Lake on August 15 as the first fruits. Elders Watts and Koronko are visiting with several families who plan to be baptized in the near future.

A Sabbath School will be conducted regularly now in Assiniboia at the Elk's Hall where previously there had not been a group meeting at all. The Viceroy Church is taking the leadership in helping to establish the new believers and other interested ones who attend.

The meetings were supported faithfully by the Viceroy Church. Many of the folk had to drive from 30 to 50 miles each way in order to attend each evening.

Unless the children of light are wiser in their time than the children of darkness, they can readily become contaminated by the spirit of the time—and without knowing it. They will not engage in deliberate dishonesty, but they are not above a "smart deal". Christians cannot afford to make "smart deals".

—*Gateways to God*, p. 243.

Meditations: May I be transparently honest in all my doings this day. Make me more sensitive to those little shams that are so easy for the human heart.

—*Gateways to God*, p. 243

Conference Office



Mrs. Pat Goertzen

Mrs. Pat Goertzen has assumed the responsibilities of cashier-accountant of the B.C. Conference office. She comes to us with many years of denominational experience both in Conference office and in hospital office areas.

Sister Goertzen is the widow of the late Reuben Goertzen who had given many years of faithful service at Rest Haven Hospital in British Columbia and Branson Hospital in Toronto, Ontario.



Miss Delphine Kneller

Delphine Kneller of Prince George has joined our office staff as secretary for the summer months of this year. Following Academy work at Spangle, Washington, Delphine attended Canadian Union College last year.

We are indeed happy to have these ladies serve the British Columbia Conference as they give of their interest and abilities to strengthen the work in the Conference office. We welcome Sister Goertzen and her daughter, Heather, and Delphine Kneller and wish them the Lord's abundant blessing.

G. O. ADAMS, *Conference President*

Proper adjustment to life's joys will strengthen our fortitude to meet life's shadows. Adjustment to reverses evokes faith that heaven is pledged to crown the victor.

—*My Lord and I* p. 73

**Pre-Christmas Book Sales
At the Following Churches**

Members of the British Columbia Conference should notice the following schedule of the Book and Bible House and Publishing Department for the pre-Christmas book sale visit to the churches. Special features such as films, time and place of meeting will be announced in all churches beforehand.

Watcher Isle	— October 17
Revelstoke	— October 22
Lamming Mills	— October 24
Creston	— October 26
Oliver	— October 27
Penticton	— October 28
Cawston	— October 29
New Westminster	— October 31
Williams Lake	— November 4
Beaver Valley	— November 5
Dawson Creek	— November 7
Prince George	— November 8
Terrace	— November 9
Hazelton	— November 10
Quesnel	— November 11
Victoria	— November 14
Rest Haven	— November 15
Duncan	— November 16
Langley	— November 18
Rutland	— November 21
Vernon	— November 22
Grandview	— November 23
Silver Creek	— November 24
Vancouver	— November 28
Chilliwack	— December 2
Parksville	— December 5

While it has been our desire to visit every church and company in the Conference this has not been possible. However we suggest that isolated members or churches not listed visit the church nearest where a sale is to be held.

Most of the books on display will be recent publications all at pre-Christmas discount prices. The 1965 Daily Devotional book for Seniors is from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White and the Junior Devotional Book is by Elder Eric B. Hare. We will have all the latest Chapel records as well as a good variety of printed music and song books. A new feature at our display will be the Sony Tape recorders in Stereo and Monophonic models.

We are looking forward to seeing you at your church on the scheduled date. Our plan is to show an inspiring new colour movie film prior to the sale. Remember — the time and place of each meeting will be announced in the churches.

M. D. SUITER, *Manager*
B.C. Book and Bible House

Pathfinders Prove Mettle by Winning Medals

(Mrs.) W. E. Kuester



Indian Drag Races demand strength, speed, and skill. Harold Zinner pulls his load across the line to victory.

The big day had arrived—the opening of a province-wide Pathfinder Camporee!

Central British Columbia was a lively place as Pathfinder Clubs from all parts of British Columbia converged Friday afternoon at a lakefront camp near Winfield in the Central Okanagan for a week end together. From the moment the first enthusiastic Pathfinder bounded out of the car there was not a dull moment throughout the activity-packed two days which followed. **OUTDOOR LIVING** was the theme of the Camporee.

Not all travelled the entire distance by auto, as a number from the Mission City Pathfinder Club hiked 15 miles of the way to complete one of the requirements for the hiking honour. The writer knows, as she was one of the footsore, but triumphant group!

After registration, supper, camp duties, flag lowering, and campfire Friday afternoon and evening, taps blew and all

settled down cosily in tents and sleeping bags.

Sabbath, as last year, tested the good nature, ingenuity, and stalwartness of these Pathfinders, as it turned out to be a rainy, windy day. But, as last year, they proved their mettle, and despite blustery, threatening weather, campfires blazed and meals were cooked and eaten in the open, with laughter and happy voices. Food was prepared by the Path-



Unique and adorable was the miniature furniture made from tin cans by the Grandview Club.



Woodsmen, chop that tree! Pathfinders feverishly compete to chop out their two and a half-inch nail first.



Lois Bergey, of the Mission Club, signals a message, while Glenna Sulter looks on.



The Vernon Pathfinder Club featured a display booth of Indian craft.

finders of each individual unit, under the supervision of their leaders.

All packed into an open hall offered in the emergency for Sabbath School and church. Seated on benches and blankets, the Pathfinders avidly participated in the Sabbath School conducted by Elder W. E. Kuester, and in the mission play written and directed by Mrs. Kuester. Elder Baker was the speaker for the church service that followed.

A hike in the afternoon led the Pathfinders to the site of the MV meeting which was in the form of a Bible quiz and a nature object identification. Each club selected one team to enter the Bible



Over she goes! Allan Reimche of the New Westminster Club holds his breath as the flap jack flips over the four-foot high string.

quiz, and another team to take part in the identification of the nature objects.

Sunday was the day of contests and displays. Each club was allowed ten entries; the entries divided into age classes of 10-12 year olds, and 13-15 year olds.

Club display booths, which gave points, featured shells in a setting of

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Each unit prepared its own meals over an open fire, rain or shine! Elder George Reid, pastor of the Langley Church, joins the Langley Club, under the direction of F. O. Blake, for breakfast.

J. W. Bothe: Speaks on The Home . . .

"Home," said J. W. Bothe, head of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, "is spelled and pronounced differently in different languages, but it is a magic word to all."

Pastor Bothe was invited to the recent Conference on the Family, sponsored by Governor General and Madame Vanier, held at the Government House in Ottawa. All heads of religious denominations in Canada were invited to be present and to participate in the opening ceremonies. About 1200 attended the opening ceremony.

Pastor Bothe referred to the book *The Adventist Home* written by Ellen G. White over a period of several decades. This book was completed over fifty years ago. Pastor Bothe said that he was impressed that this volume contained many of the answers that this conference was seeking. The writer of this book touches on every phase of the home, said Pastor Bothe, and offers specific instruction on many of the problems which give so much concern to thoughtful and often anxious parents today.

Pastor Bothe said that Home should mean the following to us: H—for Him, Jesus Christ, first in the home; O—for Others next, and ME last. This will contribute a great deal to the happiness of the home and its usefulness in the community. This is important, stated Pastor Bothe, because the conditions of society reflect the condition of the homes of that society.

W. E. Bergey: Soul-Winning Through Colporteur Work . . .

On Sabbath afternoon, July 18, the colporteurs of the British Columbia Con-

ference, together with some of those for whom they have laboured, told thrilling stories of the results of Literature Evangelism. In the picture above are some of those who give credit to the colporteurs for their knowledge and acceptance of the Truth for these last days. Others who took part but are not shown in the accompanying picture were Mr. and Mrs. Mansink, Mrs. Denise Eckstadt, Mrs. Christine Hoeft and Mr. Dave McGill.

Brother Jones told of a book that was sold to his mother by two colporteurs many years ago. Everyone was thrilled when one of those colporteurs (now a retired minister) was called to the rostrum and introduced to the congregation. Brother Jones says he knows of over fifty people now rejoicing in this Message as a result of this one book.

Brother McGill related the story about his father (a Presbyterian minister) who read a book and then accepted this Message. He later became a Seventh-day Adventist minister and won many to the Truth himself. The name of the colporteur who sold the book is not known. Won't he be thrilled when he finds out what the sale of this one book accomplished?

Dorothea Jones: Health and Nutrition . . .

Mrs. Dorothea Jones told of Dr. Clyde McKay, Instructor in Nutrition at Cornell University for 25 years. When Dr. McKay addressed the "Natural Foods Association Convention" he said that a most remarkable woman of our age died in 1915 at the age of 88. She was Mrs. Ellen G. White. Then he went on to tell how accurate her writings of 100 years

Partial Report of the Br



The Camp Meeting Sabbath School offering for the first Sabbath came to \$1,282.32 which was over thirty per cent higher than the corresponding camp meeting Sabbath of last year.

ago are today when compared with modern science. He recommended her book, *Counsels on Diets and Foods*. He said that this book is still modern and up to date. When confronted with the thought that possibly she copied from contemporary writers, he said that she would have had to be inspired to know what to accept and what to reject. He lectured to his own congregation in the State of New York and recommended the same book to them. His was a Unitarian Church.

At Grand Junction, Colorado, a local dentist made a survey of the dental condition of school children in three parochial schools, and one government school. The parochial schools were: Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Seventh-day Adventist. This study was made in connection with fluoridation of the water supply. Mrs. Jones said that the survey showed that the children in the Seventh-day Adventist school had fewer cavities than the children in the other schools. The dentist doing the survey asked the school principal why this should be so and was told that Seventh-day Adventists



During the Sabbath afternoon publishing meeting, thrilling stories were related of men and women being brought to Christ through their work. Some of those thus brought into the church are here shown with Elder W. E. Bergey, conference publishing director on left. Mrs. R. Graham, Lloyd Jones, Mrs. N. Summerton, Miss Mary Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson.



Seven sisters met for the first time in twenty-four years at the camp grounds in Hope. Their three brothers were not with them. The family originally came from Swan River Valley, Manitoba. It was there that the Adventist Message came to them by colporteur Carl Anderson who in 1914 sold to the family the book "Bible Readings". All except one of the seven sisters have been colporteurs. They are, left to right: Mrs. Gladys Roberts, Mrs. Charles Bigham, Mrs. Hadley Bigham, Mrs. Clifford Martin, Miss Mildred Smith, Mrs. Florence Hopkins, Mrs. Gaylord Wimer.

Columbia Camp Meeting



Elder R. A. Wilcox, left, President of the Middle East Division, demonstrates the attire of a well-dressed Arab, who happens to be T. J. Bradley, Administrator of the Rest Haven Hospital. Mrs. Wilcox assisted in the mission programme which was given the first Sabbath of camp meeting. The flags in the background are of the different nations of the Middle East Division.

had a health programme which included: no eating between meals; no soda pop drinks, or at least cut to a very minimum; encouragement of the use of whole grains; use of fruits and vegetables; limit sweets to after meals. This survey was then followed for all schools in Colorado and published nationally.

The natural remedies, said Mrs. Jones, quoting from the book *The Ministry of Healing*, by Mrs. Ellen G. White, are: Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, use of water, trust in divine power. Mrs. Jones gave some rules for proper diet and nutrition: 1. Regularity in eating. 2. Low sugar and fat. 3. Use natural and unrefined foods when possible. 4. No narcotics or stimulants. 5. Recommend vegetarian diet. 6. Moderation in the amount of food eaten.

To get the most out of the health programme, Mrs. Jones made two suggestions: 1. Change our attitude toward the health programme from negative to positive. Forget about the things that should not be eaten, and think of the

multitude of foods that are so good for one. There are more than one can eat. 2. Learn all one can about healthful living.

It is often stated that you cannot get enough protein without meat. This, said Mrs. Jones, is not true. She pointed out that the strongest and most muscular animals are vegetarian. Vegetable proteins are very good, she continued. As an illustration she related the experience of a man in Europe who went on a diet of potatoes for a year and suffered no ill effects from a lack of protein. He was in good health after the year. Potatoes, she said, are very good food. If one ate enough potatoes to give the calories needed, he would get enough protein. Mrs. Jones continued by saying that the following foods contain good protein: nuts, cereals, legumes especially the soy bean, milk, eggs, seeds.

Mrs. Jones stated that over one half of the world's population is vegetarian. She classified people into three categories according to what they ate: vegetarian, those who eat only vegetables, grains, and nuts; lacto-ovo vegetarian, those who eat milk and milk products and eggs and the non-vegetarian, who eats flesh foods.

E. L. Minchin: Young People . . .

Elder E. L. Minchin ministered to our people from the Word of God. His appeals to the youth brought them nearer to God. He taught them a new chorus, stating that this kind of music is much better than Rock and Roll, Jazz, or Beetle music. These types of music will not be in heaven, he continued. Nor will there be theatre, card table, pool hall or gambling entertainment. To be happy in heaven we must prepare for it now by participating in heavenly activities here on earth.



On the last Sabbath afternoon of camp meeting Canadian Union College put on a programme. One of the outstanding musical numbers was a vocal trio. Right to left they are: Miss Wilma Karst, Bart Shields and Miss Sheila Moore.

The use of our talents is very important, stated Elder Minchin. We must decide whether we will use our voices and instruments for God and good or for Satan and evil. Which is your choice? challenged Elder Minchin.

"What we need is an infilling and baptism of the pure, holy, wonderful love of God," said Elder Minchin.

M. E. Loewen: Fulfilment of Prophecy . . .

The ministry of Elder M. E. Loewen, from the Department of Public Affairs of the General Conference, was very much appreciated as he brought the worshippers up to date on the fulfilment of the prophecies of Revelation 12-14.

Elder Loewen presented many situations of the past two years that dramatically fulfilled more of the prophecies. Adventists taught for many years that Protestants and Roman Catholics would join hands, and that Sunday laws would become more stringent. These teachings are today a reality, no longer prophecy, but fulfilment.

These developments should cause every Seventh-day Adventist to search his own heart, and make his calling and election sure. Truly, the coming of Christ is drawing very near.



This year a new musical group was organized at the camp meeting—the ministerial choral singers. The director was Elder E. L. Stewart.

Rest Haven Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course Graduates



The Rest Haven Sabbath School members showed an enthusiastic interest in the work of their Sabbath School by receiving additional teacher training. This is the largest class in the Conference to graduate from the Training Course. There were twenty-two who received their certificates. They are—left to right, front row seated: Miss E.

McKeith, Mrs. H. D. Goertzen, Mrs. A. Baldwin, Miss E. Bade, Mrs. W. D. Crook, Mrs. A. Green, Mrs. C. W. Alger; 2nd row—W. W. Rogers, H. Rudolph, S. Were, N. Tkachuk, Mrs. C. Janke, Mrs. P. Foote, P. Foote, C. W. Alger; 3rd row—M. Sutherland, J. Neufeld, C. Janke, J. Glover, H. D. Goertzen, G. Hertwig, L. Gurney.

Pathfinders Prove Mettle

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sand, "ocean," and fishnet; stuffed outdoor animals and woodlore; miniature objects fashioned from tin; etc.

Contests in which the various clubs competed were FIRE BUILDING in which only native materials were permitted; AXEMANSHIP in which a 2½" nail pounded all the way in had to be chopped out, not striking the log over two inches from the nail; FLAP JACK FLIP in which the flap jacks had to be flipped from an 8" frying pan over a string stretched 4 feet above the ground, landing squarely in the pan on the opposite side; SIGNALLING in which each team was tested on their speed and accuracy in sending and receiving a message; COMPASS ORIENTATION, and a SWIMMING RELAY. Because of the high winds the lake was rough and the waves high, but the gallant Pathfinders plowed through the water to victory, well guarded by lifeboats.

Most picturesque was the MARCHING, in which each competing club carried its club flag and unit guidons, and demonstrated their ability to execute a variety of commands.

Points were allowed on the basis of one point for each MV honour earned by club members, two for each MV In-

signia earned by the club, and ten for each collection that had been made by the club, all since designated times. Ribbons were awarded to the winners of the contests conducted at the Camporee; five points for the first, three points for the second, and one for third place.

The grand total revealed that the Rutland Pathfinder Club was first with the highest number of points, Grandview second, Mission City third, and New Westminster fourth.

Clubs attending and participating were Chilliwack, Grandview, Langley, Mission City, New Westminster, Penticton, Rutland, and Vernon. The Camporee was under the direction of Elder F. W. Baker, MV secretary for the conference.

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Health Clippings

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Spices and Seasonings

Spices and seasonings are used to enhance the natural flavours of food and to make them tasty. Some food seasonings are wholesome and nutritious, while others are harmful and irritating to the body tissues. In my file, I have such clippings from the field of science with headings like, "Spices and Condiments Irritate the Digestive Tract," "Dietary Spices and Condiments May Produce Hypertension," "Certain Condiments May Be Carcinogenic in Rats," etc.

Today, we have a new problem too, that being preservatives, dyes, artificial flavouring, suspension materials, and anti-oxidants also known as staleness retarders. It gives the consumer no little feeling of insecurity to know that many of the chemicals which are added to human food have been found to produce cancer in animals, and some chemists insist there is greater potential danger from some of the food additives than from all the scare over radio-active fallout.

"Condiments, which include bottle sauces, catsup, ginger, horseradish, mustard, pepper, spices, and vinegar have been held since time immemorial to produce irritation of the urologic tract," *Bridge's Dietetics for the Clinician*, 1949, p. 578.

From *Counsels on Health* p. 114 we read "It is impossible for those who give reins to appetite to attain Christian perfection. The moral sensibilities of your children cannot be easily aroused unless you are careful in the selection of their food. Many a mother sets a table that is a snare to her family. Flesh meats, butter, cheese, rich pastry, spiced foods, and condiments are freely partaken of by both old and young. These things do their work in deranging the stomach, exciting the nerves, and enfeebling the intellect. The blood-making organs cannot convert such things into good blood. . . ." "Spices at first irritate the tender coating of the stomach, but finally destroy the natural sensitiveness of this delicate membrane . . ." "The mother should study to set a simple yet nutritious diet before her family. God has furnished man with abundant means for the gratification of an unperverted appetite."

Then the question comes, "What can I use safely?" The following list may not

be complete and may be subject to change under research, however from my gleanings it seems to be acceptable: *sweet bell pepper flakes, bay leaf, caraway seed, celery seed or salt, chives, dill seed, marjoram, mint, soy sauce, food flavorings like Carley's Food Flavoring, Vegex, etc., cardamom, accent, Spanish paprika, parsley flakes, onion salt and powder or fresh onions, garlic, peppermint, sage, summer savory, thyme, turmeric, oregano, sweet basil, bako yeast. In cookies and baking, orange and lemon rind are delicious, however you must be sure to thoroughly wash the fruit before grating it.*

Science seems to be unveiling many facts right along which lead us back to a more simple diet. For instance, "The toxin factor of nutmeg is known as myristicin . . . In doses of 5 gm. (2 teaspoons) or more, nutmeg produces a marked depressive action on the central nervous system, as well as a less prominent stimulating effect. The clinical course may be severe, with coma, shock, and acidosis as its main features." Robert

C. Green, Jr., M.D., J.A.M.A., Nov. 7, p. 1342, 1059.

In some health food stores you can purchase vanilla beans and if these are placed in your sugar they season the sugar and they can be used over and over again, and according to many, vanilla extract is a suitable flavouring if not used to excess.

If herbs such as sage or thyme seem to repeat after eating try making a strong tea of the herb by steeping it in water, and then when the roast or recipe calls for liquid, use some of the flavoured herb tea, to make up the liquid required. The herb tea should be strained as the cellulose in some leaf herbs are hard to digest and this is the reason why it repeats.

We need clear minds for these last days. *Counsels on Diets and Foods* p. 83 says "In order to render to God perfect service, you must have clear conceptions of His requirements. You should use the most simple food, prepared in the most simple manner, that the fine nerves of the brain be not weakened, benumbed, or paralyzed."



LEMON JUICE CATSUP

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| 1 can tomatoes,
2½ size | 1 Savita soup cube
or 1 tsp. Vegex |
| 2 tbsp. brown sugar | Few sprigs of parsley |
| ¼ cup chopped
onion | ½ bay leaf |
| 2 tbsp. green pepper
chopped | 1 can Hunts to-
mato sauce |
| ¼ cup diced celery | ¼ cup lemon juice
(or more) |
| dash of garlic salt | Pinch of Sweet
basil |
| 1 teaspoon salt | |

Cook all ingredients except lemon juice together for 30 minutes or until the vegetables are very tender. Strain and simmer until thickened. If more thickening is desired add a little cornstarch. Add the lemon juice after straining.

NOTE: Liquefier Method — Blend all but the lemon juice and add this after the liquid has come to a boil. Boil for a few minutes with a bay leaf. If more thickening is desired add a little cornstarch. Pour in a sterile bottle.

Salvaging Material from Old Church

Although a minister's job is to try to build churches, Pastor A. B. Ferrier of London, Ontario, is in the process of tearing one down. The Western Fair Association purchased the site for extra parking space with the understanding that if members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, who owned the property, would tear the building down, they could have all the materials. Pastor Ferrier is

shown standing between the roof rafters as he pries off the shingles. The salvaged material will be used to renovate a youth centre at the rear of the new Adventist Church, formerly the Chalmer Presbyterian, which was purchased by the Ad-

ventists last Spring and officially opened on May 30, 1964. More than three hundred were in attendance, including Conference personnel and friends from sister churches in the Conference. The pastor is Elder A. B. Ferrier.



The above picture of Pastor Ferrier at work on the roof of the old church appeared in the *London Evening Free Press*.



The church now occupied by the Seventh-day Adventist congregation of London, Ontario.

Press photo by George Blumson

A Challenge for An Unfinished Task



Elder J. E. Edwards, General Conference Home Missionary Secretary, hands the burning torch to Elder D. Skoretz, Home Missionary Secretary of the Ontario-Quebec Conference, while Elder W. G. Soloniuk, Canadian Union Conference Home Missionary Secretary, looks on. The laymen of the Ontario-Quebec Conference dedicated themselves at the congress to carry the flaming truth for these last days to those that know it not.

"I am so glad I was able to come." "I am happy to have been chosen to be a delegate to the congress." Expressions of this kind were heard over and over again from folks attending the Lake Union Laymen's Congress at Grand Ledge, Michigan. One thousand delegates and pastors attended the Laymen's Congress, with the week end crowd totalling nearly 3,000.

Every instructor had a message of importance and value. One pastor said he intended to go home during the day, but that every meeting was so interesting that he did not get away at all. The high points of the meetings were the stories told by laymen themselves of the way God had led them into the message and into missionary work for others.

The General Conference Home Missionary Department was represented by Elders Edwards, Guenther, Schoen, and Miss Vandermark. Elders J. D. Smith, R. S. Joyce, and Theodore Carcich presented the morning devotionals. Elder J. R. Spangler of the Ministerial Department gave the opening sermon on Wednesday evening and also helped with the workshops.

The local conference Home Missionary secretaries constituted a steering committee that gave over-all direction to the congress. Many subcommittees filled in the detail and carried the programme along from session to session.

One delegate wrote: "To me this congress was a great and wonderful ex-

perience. My cup runneth over. I could not help but think of the text in Psalm 36:7-10 (especially verse 8). With God's help I will do my best to give and use what I received and live and work for Jesus."

Now the congress is over. What about the weeks ahead? We are sure that those who attended will never be the same again. A flame has been lighted that will burn till Jesus comes. To help make this congress a lasting success, we trust that each delegate will give serious consideration to the following suggestions. These are ideas that could be used to help bring the inspiration of the congress back to the local church.

1. Contact your pastor and elder and Home Missionary leader and counsel together as to the best way of bringing the church a report of the Laymen's Congress.
2. It might include:
 - (a) A meeting of the missionary council at which you report on the congress instruction and suggestions.
 - (b) The formulation by the missionary council of specific plans for a missionary project for your church this autumn.
 - (c) Make your report to the church and use this as a spring-

board from which to launch definite plans for soul-winning.
(d) Use commitment form to encourage members to join you in a soul-winning covenant.

3. At all times use your optimistic, kind Christian influence to encourage personal witnessing.
4. By personal example of getting involved with people, lead others to see the value of our influence upon others.
5. Since God has given us a message for today, devote time each day to Bible study and readying yourself for Bible studies and soul-winning work.
6. Learn the value of the prayer life. Become active in the mid-day prayer league.
7. Be the kind of Christian that others would like to be.
8. Start a training class.

SEE

LAYMEN'S CONGRESS
THRILLING STORY
ON FRONT PAGE



Over fifty delegates and laymen from the Ontario-Quebec Conference attended the Laymen's Congress at Grand Ledge, Michigan.



Former members and workers of the Southern Asia Division, now in the Ontario-Quebec Conference, together with friends recently celebrated their second annual picnic at the Lakeview Park, Oshawa.

It was an inspiring and happy sight to watch the cars from various cities and towns in Ontario, also including one from far away Alberta, pull up at the appointed hour with happy groups of men, women and children who represented various mission fields in Southern Asia. There were pastors, teachers, educational administrators, departmental secretaries, secretary-treasurers and office workers, and a great body of faithful laity origi-

nally from India, Burma and Ceylon.

There were seventy-eight who signed the register in charge of Brother Mike Luchow.

Greetings having been exchanged a baseball game was soon in progress. At 1:30 after Pastor A. Fossey thanked God for His wonderful provision, all sat down to a very enjoyable dinner. The ladies in charge of the catering did an excellent job in their arrangements and in manning the serving decks with speed and efficiency. Following dinner most of the crowd again dispersed for an interesting programme of games under the able direction of Brethren William Egan and Robert Juriansz.

The following observations were made:

Longest distance—Brother Neville Matthews and family from Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Longest service—Brother and Sister A. Fossey.

Oldest member in attendance—Sister I. Matthews.

Recently married—Desmond and Eunice Crause (1 week).

Many of the senior members enjoyed a walk in the beautiful park grounds and along the Lakeshore, enjoying God's great handiwork in nature; others renewed acquaintances by visiting.

As the glorious summer day began to draw to a close and the evening shadows lengthened, Brother Frank Juriansz invoked the Lord's blessing and benediction upon all present, and thus brought to a close another Southern Asia reunion.

It takes much of the humble spirit of the man of Galilee for the Christian to maintain his perspective in a world that has largely reversed its values.

—*Gateways to God*, p. 245

Alberta —

"This Church will Never Be the Same Again" — L. E. Dasher, Pastor

The Calgary Evangelistic Crusade is over but, as Elder Bruce Johnston, the speaker for the Crusade, told the church, "This church will never be the same again after the meetings are concluded." How true this statement was. The meet-

ings are history now but scores of people who came night after night can never forget the soul-stirring messages that they heard. Forty-seven of these people have already been baptized in two services conducted during the campaign, thus bringing the church membership to well over the 500 mark. There are many more who will be baptized in subsequent baptisms as they complete studies on various questions that they have had. A baptismal service is being planned for September 19 so

that these deeply interested ones can complete their conversion experience.

This great Evangelistic Crusade was conducted by Andrews Field School of Evangelism, Elders Bruce Johnston, speaker, and Don Jacobsen, singing evangelist, along with their wives and



Mrs. Theresa Weiser faithfully attended the meetings and when a call was made, she readily responded. Smoking was her real problem but, with a determination rarely seen, she promised the Lord to live for Him completely and unreservedly. From that day on, she had complete victory over the habit.



Evangelist Bruce Johnston lifted high the Word of God, nightly, to the awaiting audience.



Elder Philip Moore with two ministers: One, Brother James Fyfe, a retired Methodist minister who accepted the message during this current series; and the other, Brother Ira Myers, who was a minister in the Brethren Church and accepted the message in a previous series held by Elders Johnston and Jacobsen. He is currently studying at Andrews University in preparation for the ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

twenty-eight ministerial students. Surely we can say with sincerity, "Praise be to our God!"

There is a great work yet to be done here in the city of Calgary, in following up the interest that has been aroused. Associate pastor, Russel Spangler, Jr., along with Mrs. Norma Dasher and the writer are working and studying with the more than 600 names that came in as a result of the meetings.

Another full-scale effort is being

planned and will begin Saturday night, October 24, and will last three weeks. Some may ask, "Why so soon?" The answer is found in the book, *Evangelism*, page 334: "After the first efforts have been made in a place by giving a course of lectures, there is really greater need for a second course than for the first."

If there are those living in the Calgary area whom you would like to invite to these forthcoming meetings, please send names and addresses to Pastor L. E.

Dasher, 4211—2nd Street N.W., Calgary, Alberta. May I suggest that these names be sent in well in advance of the meetings. Do it now!

And may we solicit the prayers of all believers across Canada for the success of the follow-up work being conducted here in Calgary.

SEE BACK PAGE

FOR BRUCE JOHNSTON STORY

Twenty-two Vacation Bible Schools in Alberta Conference Guide Boys and Girls to Christ

"I'll have to see that myself before I'll believe it", stated a young lad, looking unimpressed and trying to act grown up. A girl had gone home and, very enthusiastically, told her friend about how much she enjoyed Vacation Bible School and all she did there. He did come and that evening after he got home he just beamed and admitted it was better than she had said. He was disappointed when it came to an end and he wanted to enrol in our church school. This is one of the thrilling experiences that make the leaders, teachers, and helpers feel that their hard work and efforts are worth while.

Following a message of heartfelt appreciation to those who helped and supported the programme in various ways—leading out, decorating, teaching, driving children to Vacation Bible School, playing the piano, printing and distributing invitations, telling stories, etc.—one of our faithful Vacation Bible School directors urged, "To those who missed this golden opportunity to help some child to know Jesus better, I can only

say—please determine right now that you will not let another opportunity slip by without helping in some way. We all realize that this is summer vacation time, friends and relatives come and go; we have visitors, too. The summer is no

longer for us than for you, so won't you put Jesus first next year before doing your own pleasures? It is later than you think. Let us all work, for the night is coming when no man can work."

Cassils . . .

Excellent publicity was given to the Cassils Vacation Bible School held on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stevens where forty children attended. Forty-four column inches in the *Brooks Bulletin*, including four pictures, were devoted to this Vacation Bible School. Follow-up meetings are planned for this community this fall.

Grande Prairie . . .

Three-fourths of the thirty-nine attending the Grande Prairie Vacation Bible School were from outside the church. Two members of this class entered some of their crafts in the County Fair and were awarded prizes there. Teachers came as far as forty-eight miles to make the Vacation Bible School a possibility.

Acme . . .



At the Acme Vacation Bible School Mrs. Marvin Dick is shown singing a sharing song with the kindergarten children and helping them to act it out. Total enrolment reached 70. A neighbourhood club is planned as a follow-up programme.

Edmonton . . .



Mrs. Della Trenchuk telling the lesson story to the kindergarten division during the Edmonton Vacation Bible School directed by Mrs. H. Aab, where 108 of the 163 attending were non-Adventist children.

Hays . . .

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Over sixty children, mostly non-members, attended the Hays Vacation Bible School directed by Mrs. Betty Herman. A story hour, including crafts, is planned to follow-up the interest of the children.

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The Medicine Hat Vacation Bible School was held in the local YM-YWCA. Director, Mrs. Violet Heather, and other leaders were very pleased with the large number of new children attending this year.

Sedgewick ...



Over half the forty-eight boys and girls taking part in the activities of the Sedgewick Vacation Bible School were non-Adventists. Mrs. Pat Anderson directed this school.

Calgary ...



In Calgary, two Vacation Bible Schools are conducted at the same time—one at the church and the other at the church school. On the evening of graduation many parents expressed appreciation and delight in the crafts and workbooks that were on display. They said, "It is amazing how much you have taught these children in so short a time!"

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They Came . . . and . . . Were Baptized

A panoramic scene witnessed by BRUCE JOHNSTON
in the Calgary Church, Alberta

I am sitting in the Calgary Seventh-day Adventist Church, witnessing the second baptism of the evangelistic series. The first one to be baptized is stepping out of the Roman Catholic Church. God has given her victory over smoking and she rejoices in her new-found faith in Jesus Christ.

She is followed in the water by a little Anglican lady who, at 70 years of age, is taking an additional step to follow the light that only in the past few weeks has shone upon her pathway. Five weeks ago she had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists. Now she has taken her stand with them to go through to the kingdom with the faithful remnant who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

The one now being baptized is stepping out of the Jehovah's Witness Church. It has been an evident struggle but she has settled it with her Lord Whom she now sees through a different perspective as God in human flesh—her Creator and Saviour.

Three blood sisters in the church have eyes filled with tears for they are now watching a fourth sister go down into the waters. Last Sabbath one of these sisters saw her husband follow his Saviour all the way—another family united in the church. She said after his baptism, "It's

a miracle!" This successful man will begin his work as a literature evangelist on Monday. May God richly bless his ministry.

An organist in the Anglican Church has had a tremendous struggle as she has come face to face with the testing truths. She was worried just before the baptism because she felt frightened by the consequences. She now wears a happy smile—the result of settling the matter and letting it rest in the hands of Jesus.

The two young people now standing in the baptismal fount are a direct result of the Vacation Bible School recently conducted in the church.

A man and wife stand now with their teen-age son. Another older son watches from the audience with a desire to come in touch with the power that touched his father's life and gave him the victory over sin and habit.

My pen will not keep pace with the steady flow—two sisters, a brother and sister, others follow.

Eighty years ago a boy was born in Johnston, Scotland. As he grew to manhood, he desired to serve the Saviour he loved so much in a more close and intimate way. The ministry was that chosen means. Crossing the Atlantic, he served both Presbyterian and Congregational churches in America. Now re-

tired, his mind is clear, he reads his New Testament Greek fluently. He once said, "I'll never be a Seventh-day Adventist!" His "never" was like Peter's when Jesus wanted to wash his feet for he now follows all the way in the pathway of full obedience.

An electrical engineer from Holland and former member of the Netherlands Reformed Church now goes down beneath the waters of baptism. He wants to give his youth without reserve to Christ to be a living witness to his faith and to have a part in giving the Advent message to the ends of the earth so Jesus can soon return.

The baptism comes to a close with an earnest appeal by Pastor Larry Dasher for others to seal their decision and to indicate their desire to be baptized soon.

In all, forty-seven souls have been baptized. Many others are preparing—still others are in the valley of decision.

It seems as I sit here in the sanctuary that I can hear the angel choir strike the chord a little higher and make the courts of heaven ring with the glad harmony of souls redeemed. It is my desire to work more earnestly so that Jesus can soon return. I want to join that angel chorus. I want to give my personal testimony in praise to my Saviour who died that I might live.



As a climax to the "Bible in the Hand" Series, all those baptized in the two baptismal services were welcomed into the church as the members greeted them with the right hand of fellowship.