



Elder and Mrs. L. L. Reile at Blackstrap Chalet, where he was re-elected as President of the Canadian Union Conference.

10th SESSION

Canadian Union Conference OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 23 to Friday, May 28, 1976

BLACKSTRAP CAMP, SASKATCHEWAN

Sabbath, May 29, 1976

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A View of the 10th Session of the Canadian Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church



Blackstrap Chalet, on the new Manitoba-Saskatchewan camp ground near Saskatoon was the place. The facilities were all functional even though the Chalet was not quite completed. It is a tremendous facility.



Elder A. N. How, Secretary of the Canadian Union Conference read the official notice to open the Session.



WELCOME DELEGATES — greeted the delegates and friends as they came into the new auditorium. "Now Is The Time" to finish God's work is the theme across Canada.



Elder W. J. Hackett, Vice President of the General Conference spoke at the first two meetings. His theme was Christian Education. Elder Hackett reminded the delegates that Christian Education is a doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

... Senior College Discussion ...



The first day of the Session dealt with the establishment of a degree-granting Senior College in Canada. Dr. F. E. J. Harder, Executive Secretary of the Board of Higher Education, making a specific point as he explained the many ramifications of establishing such a college in Canada.



Dr. Neville O. Matthews, President of Canadian Union College, and Elder A. N. White, President of Kingsway College, spoke on the issue of Christian Education on the post secondary level.



Serious thought is given to the point made by Elder Ed Beck, President of the Ontario Conference.



Lait and ministry entered into the discussion on the Senior College proposal freely. Mrs. Jill Parchment from Toronto, Ontario, is at the microphone, with Pastor Ray Halvorson from Northern B.C. waiting for his turn.



There were many sub committees and private discussions.



Elder Beck was not opposed; he just had a good idea.



"All those in favor of the amendment please raise your delegate card!" Elder Reile chaired the meeting. The final vote on the matter of the Senior College was by ballot.

... Music at the Session ...



Elder Norman Matiko, formerly a worker in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, and now with the Voice of Prophecy, was in charge of the music.



The music was tremendous. It was really appreciated by everyone. Mrs. Sylvia Tkachuk at the organ. She was one of the several who played.



Mrs. Dorothy Schafer was one of the several who sang.



The C.U.C. Dorian Singers performed under Dr. C. L. Pierce.



Nick Tkachuk and Lou Bugden made a joyful noise.

... Excellent Food ...



The food service was excellent. Sister Ken Toombes is ready to eat as soon as her husband leaves the deck.



The pleasant dining room, with picture windows overlooking Blackstrap Lake and the great expanse of the prairies, was conducive to pleasant fellowship.



The ladies meetings were well attended. This one was addressed by Mrs. Hedwig Jemison, Assistant Secretary of the Ellen G. White Estate (Andrews University Branch).



Elder Darren Michael, L.I.B., kept us on the straight and narrow on legal items such as the constitution and bylaws.



The Sabbath rally, with an attendance of about 1,200, was in the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium on May 29.



Elder and Mrs. Carl Anderson of the Northern New England Conference, shared their concern for better Christian living and prevention of apostasy.



Elder Don Neufeld, Associate Editor of the Review and Herald, gave studies on exegesis and hermeneutics.



Elder W. Bornstein, pastor of the College Place Church in Washington, brought many practical suggestions on pastoral ministry.

*Thank you,
Elder Wm. Soloniuk
and your friendly,
helpful staff*



*for a
wonderful facility
for the Session.*

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Ordained to Preach!

By LAWTON G. LOWE, Ministerial Secretary
Canadian Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS" was the message of the Male Chorus as eleven candidates were ordained to the gospel ministry on May 29, 1976.

Elder A. Schmidt, from the General Conference Ministerial Department, preached the sermon at the Ordination Service, his theme being, "YOU ARE BEING ORDAINED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."



Following the sermon, Elder J. Campbell, president of the Newfoundland Conference, introduced Victor Gill; Elder W. Soloniuk, president of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, introduced Robert Hassack; Arthur Hiebert; Allan Freed; and Nicholas Tallios. Elder J. Wilson, president of the Alberta Conference, introduced Jacob Hiebert; Melbourne Pond; Daniel Jackson; and Murray Chapman. Elder T. Kaytor, president of the British Columbia Conference, then introduced Pat Scott and Evan Danielson.

The ordination prayer was then offered by Elder Dan Neufeld, Associate Editor of the Review and Herald. It was a very solemn moment when more than one hundred ordained ministers laid hands on the candidates.

Elder L. L. Reile, our Union President, charged the men to be good soldiers for Jesus Christ. He admonished them to



warn men of the soon-coming of Christ and to preach in such a manner that no man would fail to discern the importance of obedience to the commands of God.

Elder Lawton Lowe, Union Ministerial Secretary, welcomed the men to the joys and sorrows of the gospel calling.

As the presidents handed the ordina-



tion certificates to the candidates, Mrs. W. Soloniuk and her ladies pinned flowers on their companions and on the mothers of the candidates.

The special music for this sacred occasion was rendered by Elmer Koronko, evangelist for the Alberta Conference. He sang, "SO SEND I YOU." This is what the call of the ministry is all about — "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD — PREACH THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM" — THEN THE END WILL COME" (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20).

The closing prayer was offered by Elder Evan Danielson, a newly-ordained minister of the gospel.

What a privilege it is to be a minister of the gospel! Paul compares the position of a minister to that of an ambassador. "NOW THEN WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, . . . — 2 Cor. 5:20. Our prayers ascend to heaven on behalf of these newly ordained men and their families as they continue to faithfully serve the Lord.

These new workers can claim the promise found in TESTIMONIES, VOL. 9 P. 100; — "AS THESE WORKERS TALK THE TRUTH AND LIVE THE TRUTH, AND PRAY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE TRUTH GOD WILL MOVE UPON HEARTS. AS THEY WORK WITH ALL THE STRENGTH THAT GOD GRANTS THEM, AND IN HUMILITY OF HEART PUT THEIR ENTIRE TRUST IN HIM, THEIR LABORS WILL NOT BE WITHOUT FRUIT. THEIR DETERMINED EFFORTS TO BRING SOULS TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH FOR THIS TIME WILL BE SECONDED BY HOLY ANGELS, AND MANY SOULS WILL BE SAVED."



Senior College for Canada

By D. L. MICHAEL, Director, Public Affairs, SDA Church in Canada

Pastoral, lay and administrative leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada convened at the Blackstrap Chalet in Saskatchewan for the Tenth Session of the Canadian Union Conference, from May 23-29.

Delegates to the Session soon discovered that the first order of business was the issue of advanced or post-secondary education. The opening service on Sunday evening, May 23, found Elder Willis G. Hackett, a general vice-president of the General Conference, setting the tempo for the earnest discussions and prayerful deliberations that were to follow.

The program had been arranged so that a full day, Monday, May 24, could be devoted to the resolution of the issue of a senior college for Adventist youth in the Canadian Union.

The financial or economic considerations that the development and operation of a senior college would inevitably involve, the question of enrollment and the level of support such an institution would receive from Canadian Adventist youth, the questions of academic or scholastic recognition with the right to grant degrees, have been, and continue to be, key issues. It was against this backdrop of perplexing questions that the delegates assembled at Blackstrap Chalet earnestly sought God's will and direction in prayerful study and earnest, responsible discussion so as to find the way of implementing its spirit inspired philosophy of Christian education.

The first question of whether the Church needed a senior college was answered with an overwhelmingly affirmative consensus of opinion. Similarly, it was clear to the majority of the delegates present that if the denomination in Canada was to enter the field of advanced post-secondary education it must do so on the basis of the highest quality of education. Consequently academic recognition, and the legal power to confer degrees, was an imperative essential without which the undertaking would not succeed.

The issue of geographical location did not seem to trouble the delegates as feared. While ideally everyone agreed it would be nice to have a college in the East as well as in the West, most delegates recognized the validity of Dr. F. E. J. Harder's (executive secretary of the Board of Higher Education for North America) observation that the Canadian Union, with a total membership of barely 25,000 members, would have its hands

full in supporting one senior college. But, if it grows to a membership of 50,000 to 60,000, a second senior college would be indicated. To suggest that we must develop two senior colleges simultaneously or not at all was not a responsible position, he suggested. The delegates appeared to agree with him, especially when all the available evidence at this time suggests that of all the provinces in Canada, Alberta appears to hold out the best prospects of achieving academic recognition with the power to confer degrees.

The decision to develop the new senior college on the site of the existing campus at College Heights, Alberta, with the high school or academy to be relocated elsewhere as a boarding academy to serve the three western conferences, was endorsed as being financially responsible and realistic.

The development of a new boarding academy to serve the secondary education needs of Adventist youth from Manitoba to British Columbia is to be determined by the constituencies and executive committees of the three western conferences with, of course, assistance from the Canadian Union.

Should academic recognition with the legal authority to grant degrees be denied us in Alberta, then the delegates clearly directed that the focus of activity must be shifted to Ontario as the alternative geographical area for the establishment of the denomination's first senior college in Canada.

The ultimate issue which the delegates at Blackstrap could not decide with any significant measure of certainty was the fiscal dimension of Church member loyalty and support. From among the relatively small, but representative, group present a commitment of over \$66,000 was made. However, it is the broad base of every-member support and sacrifice that will determine whether Canadian Adventist youth will have Christian education available to them at the senior college level in their own country. Every individual Canadian Seventh-day Adventist is going to have the final vote in deciding whether we provide our youth with a senior college in Canada. The ballots in that vote will be cast in two ways — dollars and students!

After virtually a century of activity in this country, the clerical and lay leadership of the Church has affirmed in bold terms a Charter of Advanced Education for Canadian Adventist youth. This mandate will require the unqualified

support of the entire membership with dollars and students primarily, but also with greatly expanded conference programs of elementary education and regional programs of secondary education to serve as a comprehensive system of Christian education from kindergarten to the completion of the Bachelor's degree.

With the conscious awareness of having to answer in the day of judgment as well as to ourselves and our own youth, we might well pose the question, "How say you?" "Yes or No?" There is no middle ground to which we can retreat in the hope of evading the necessity of an answer.

Security in Trust Services

By

R. A. MATTHEWS, *Director*

Trust Services in SDA Church in Canada

At the 10th Session held at Blackstrap, Saskatchewan, confidence and security in Trust Services was discussed.

There are those who express nervousness over the matter of loaning, or depositing funds with the local and union conferences. They ask, "What if I need my money and the conference does not have the money on hand to pay me?" There is no foundation for this feeling of insecurity.

Under strict accounting procedures set up by the General Conference and the Canadian Union Conference, and by the local conference themselves, all Trust Funds are kept separate from regular operating expenses. The use of such funds is carefully safeguarded so there is always sufficient funds available to repay depositors who have funds with the conferences or union conference on a revocable basis.

Any distrust that people have could be because of misunderstanding. A reason for such misunderstandings could be the lack of communication, both on the part of the depositor, and on the part of the trustee who drew up the agreement.

So, when a person enters into a trust agreement with his conference, he wants to make certain that he fully understands the impact of the agreement in which he is entering. He wants to make sure whether or not he wishes to enter into a revocable agreement, or an irrevocable

one. In the revocable agreement he can have part or all of his money returned with a 30-day notice. Most of the conferences, in case of a dire emergency, will return the money much quicker than this. But in the irrevocable agreement, the capital does not return to the trustor. He simply gets the income from his gift as long as he survives, or, as in many cases, as long as both he and his spouse survive.

Many of our members across Canada have said how pleased they were that they could find this type of security in their own church. They are joyed that they can have their emergency savings, which at the present time they do not see their way clear to give to the church, working for the Lord's cause and thus have it in a ready position for the coming of their Lord and Saviour.

Publishing Departmental Council

By C. K. OKUNO, *Publishing Director, SDA Church in Canada*

Publishing Leaders from across Canada met in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan prior to the 10th Session at Blackstrap. Field reports indicate God's leading on every hand. During the past five-year period 309 people have been baptized, nearly 32,000 people were enrolled in Bible courses and nearly 12,000 Bible studies have been given by our literature evangelists. In addition, over five million dollars worth of gospel literature has been left in Canadian homes to do its appointed work. Increased emphasis is being placed on door-to-door evangelism with Spirit of Prophecy books and follow-up contacts are proving to be some

of the best for further study and baptism.

Literature evangelism is looking forward to the greatest year in the history of the church as more and more church members are answering God's call to enter the challenging and select ministry of the printed word.



— Items of General Interest —

A Giant in SDA Publishing World

Without a Love for Books the Richest Man is Poor!

John Snider came from humble West Virginia backwoods, and rose to eminence as the inspiration for some of the nation's best selling books. His formal education was obtained in a country school house, with McGuffey readers as one of his favorite bits of literature. By early acquiring a love for books, he compiled a library of more than 10,000 volumes, and had a reading knowledge of English literature, the arts, sciences, and travel, which qualified him as a school teacher himself, although without degrees to hang.

His youthful employment led him to the Review & Herald Publishing Association in New York City, where he worked for several years as shipping clerk, wrapping books, and reading them in the evening, as time would permit. He was rapidly promoted to branch manager of the publishing house's South Bend branch.

In 1936, he was elevated to manager of the book department of the Review & Herald in Washington, D.C. It was here that he rubbed elbows with the Adventist church's world leaders, and where he sat on the General Conference Committee of Seventh-day Adventists, and where he

was inspired to promote the sale of the church's books to a high peak of \$9 million in a single year, from \$360,000 in 1936 when he took over the department.

In dollar volume, J. D. Snider was to supervise the sale of nearly \$100,000,000 worth of religious books during his career, more than any man alive in the history of the church.

In order to achieve this multi-million dollar record, "J.D." as he was known to his colleagues, was a positive thinker — always the dreamer, and the visionary. He didn't wait for circumstances to bring the book — he made them. He inspired the idea of the book, sought out the author, inspired the artist, and published some of the world's most beautiful books for spiritual inspiration, and the guidance of children.

"Bedtime Stories," a small paper-back, by an English author, Arthur G. Maxwell, was to become the brain baby, to grow into one of the publishing miracles of our age. Seeing it was such a favorite with the children, J. D. Snider encouraged Maxwell to write a series, which he published as the *Bedtime Story* books.

Later, it was J.D. who envisioned the Bible, written in down-to-earth language

for children, and illustrated with lavish four-color pictures painted by the noted artists Harry Anderson, and the late Russell Harlan. The *Bible Story* became a 10-volume set of books, now read round the world in several languages, and the sales have risen from the thousands to millions of books.

Greatest contribution of his career, was J. D. Snider's urging the Adventist church to sponsor and publish its own Bible commentary, edited by Francis D. Nichol, noted biblical scholar, and editor of the church's official paper, the *Review & Herald*. This 10-volume set was published in 1955.

It is now the Biblical authority for comment on the Bible in keeping with the Adventist philosophy. This was followed by a Bible encyclopedia and Bible Dictionary to complete a set of books now used extensively by Adventist ministers throughout the world, and at the two leading university centers — Andrews and Loma Linda universities.

Books were his life, and J. D. was a great lover of these living documents of knowledge. His later personal library numbered in excess of 25,000 volumes, many of which he had read and re-read.

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His motto was: "A man is himself plus the books he reads."

He hung over the door of his Washington office the plaque, "Without a love for books, the richest man is poor."

J. D. proved himself to be very rich indeed, and to share his wealth with others, he wrote and compiled a classic book, "I Love Books," held by librarians the world over as one of the finest inspirational books on reading ever published.

It is a priceless selection of writings on the beauty of reading books and the joy it can bring, as well as personal wealth. This book, published in 1942 was immediately acclaimed as a classic, and went into six printings, and 250,000 copies circulated round the world in sev-

eral languages and countries.

A lover of English and cultural literature of all varieties, ranging from travel to art, his first love and major interest was the promotion of spiritual books. He often placed large orders for Bibles from Oxford Bible Publishers, and pushed the sales of the inspired writings of Ellen G. White, which he sold by the thousands at camp meetings and general conference sessions.

After 55 years of continuous service to the Review and Herald, J. D. Snider retired to Dayton, Ohio to reside near his son, Dr. Ralph E. Snider, plastic surgeon at Kettering Memorial Hospital. His family, consisting of three physicians and three nurses, was his great joy.

Cut from tough West Virginia timber,

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it took three heart attacks and a stroke to finally fell this "tall tree" in the publishing world. Today, there stands "an empty place against the sky" where once there stood a giant of a man.

Surviving his death are his wife, Marie E. Snider, 86, a daughter, Mrs. J. DeWitt Fox, wife of a Beverly Hills, California, neurosurgeon, two physician sons, Ralph E. Snider, plastic surgeon of Kettering, Ohio and John Dennis Snider, anesthesiologist of Grand Rapids, Michigan; three sisters, two brothers, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In keeping with his unselfish life, J. D. requested that in lieu of flowers, gifts be made to the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church Building Fund.

The Quiet Hour Radio program is now in its 39th year of broadcasting releasing on 355 stations in Canada, the U.S. and foreign countries.

Beginning June 19, the powerful station WOR, 710 Kc. of New York City releases The Quiet Hour program Saturday nights at 11 p.m.

With its 50,000 watts of power at 710 Kc. it reaches all of the eastern states and eastern Canada. They claim to cover the area where one hundred million people live. We urge our people to invite their neighbors to tune in. True, it is a bit late, but most people stay up a little later on a Saturday night. Thanks for being a booster.

J. L. TUCKER

The Quiet Hour Radio Broadcasts in Canada

Calgary (Drumheller), Alta.,
CJDV, 1150 Sunday, 8:30 p.m.
Melfort, Saskatchewan,
CJVR, 1420 Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
Rosetown, Saskatchewan,
CKKR, 1330 Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Oshawa, Ontario,
CKLB, 1350 Sunday, 7:00 a.m.
Portage La Prairie, Man.,
CFRY, 920 Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
Prince Albert, Sask.
CKBI, 900 Sunday, 9:00 p.m.
St. John's, Nfld.
VOAR, 1230 Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Vancouver, (Blaine)
KARI, 550 Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
and Sunday, 7:00 p.m.
Wetaskiwin, Alberta,
CJOI, 1440 Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
Winnipeg, Manitoba
CKY-fm, 92.0 Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

SEARCH TELECASTS

Vancouver, CHAN-TV,
Channel 8 Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Victoria, CHEK-TV,
Channel 6 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Voice of Prophecy Receives Gift from the Crown Coin Collection

A coin and a large U.S. bill from the Crown Coin Collection recently given to The Voice of Prophecy are examined by Daniel R. Guild (left), manager for the broadcast, and H. M. S. Richards, Jr., director and speaker. The collection of 1,600 coins was sent to the VOP by Lois Barrett Crown, who requested that the



proceeds from its sale be used for the broadcast's Readiness Fund. This special fund makes it possible to purchase time on key stations as soon as it becomes available. Special gifts such as this make possible major advances by the radio-broadcast, said Pastor Richards.

Christ willingly left all to seek His lost sheep. Do I appreciate what He has done for me? Am I willing to follow His example and go into the dark and cold after those who are straying around me? Do I care enough?

Items from the Canadian Union Office

Dr. E. A. Crawford, a Loyal Canadian, Passes Away at Loma Linda

Erwin A. Crawford, M.D., passed away at Loma Linda, California on Sabbath, June 5.

Dr. Crawford will be remembered by his many associates and friends for his service in the Canadian Union. He also visited our camp meetings in the interest of health education. His patient, Christian ministry was always an inspiration. He was largely responsible for the establishment of the Branson Hospital where he served as Chief of Staff.

Born in Minto, New Brunswick, in 1916, Dr. Crawford was educated at Oshawa Missionary College (now Kingsway College) and Pacific Union College, Angwin, California, and received his Doctor of Medicine Degree from Loma Linda University in 1945. In 1967, he received a Doctor of Public Health Degree from the University of Toronto. He was a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology and a fellow of the International College of Surgeons.

In 1968 Dr. Crawford returned to



Loma Linda University as professor of Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning in the School of Health.

At the General Conference Session last year he was asked to serve the Church as head of the world Health Department.

Dr. Crawford is survived by his wife, Anna May; three daughters, Roberta McElmurry of Michigan, Rae Peterson of Redlands, California, and Eriann Crawford of Loma Linda; a son, Jay of Loma Linda; three sisters, Ila Wood of Kingston, Ontario, Myrna Mosher of Pugwash, Nova Scotia, and Ida MacKinnon of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; and two brothers, Elder Ivan Crawford of Mountain View, California and Raymond Crawford, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, of Loma Linda, California.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 8 at Montecito Memorial Park, Loma Linda.

A memorial service was held at the North York Branson Hospital on June 15. The family requested memorial contributions be made to the Ontario Conference for evangelism.

L. L. REILE, *President*
SDA Church in Canada

CANADIAN UNION BAPTISMS

MAY	1976	1975
B. C.	124	117
ALBERTA	202	113
MAN. SASK.	29	71
ONTARIO	364	238
QUEBEC	37	44
MARITIME	47	30
NFLD.	34	15
UNION TOTAL	837	628

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Camp Meetings
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Offering Many
Blessings
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Don't Miss
the Special
Blessing for YOU!
As You Meet
Your BEST Friend,
JESUS, There!



L. L. REILE
PRESIDENT CANADIAN UNION

NEWFOUNDLAND ANNUAL CAMP MEETING July 21-25

First Meeting:

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Last Meeting:

Sunday 7:30 p.m.

THEME: NOW IS THE TIME!



R. R. BIETZ, DIRECTOR
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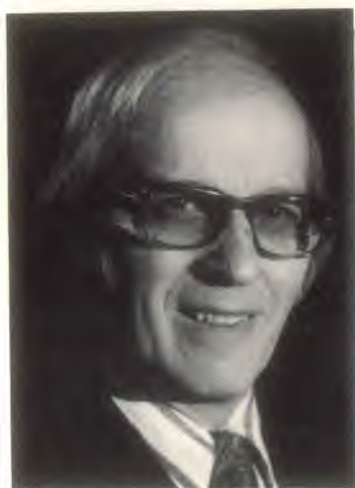
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WILLOWDALE DISTRICT



Willowdale and Toronto North Churches Unite for Spring Crusades

From March 19 to April 17 the Willowdale and Toronto North Churches held a series of evangelistic meetings in the Willowdale Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Lord richly blessed the members and pastors as they united in the grand work of soul-winning. Thirty-two people united with God's family. Eight of these joined the new Toronto North Church and the rest became members of the Willowdale Church.

Pastor Benito Mary, a retired minister from the Far Eastern Division Office who is now living in Toronto and doing pastoral work, Pastor Steve Villeneuve, ministerial intern from Andrews University

and the writer worked together in this Crusade. Many new interests that developed through the meetings are being followed up.

For those of you who are not acquainted with the Willowdale District, the Toronto North Church is a new congregation that was formed off the Willowdale Church in December, 1975. This congregation meets in the Willowdale United Church at 379 Kenneth Avenue. The charter membership was approximately 90 and the church membership has now grown to 135 members. These two churches comprise the Willowdale district.



Some of the first fruits who were baptized at the Willowdale series. Pastors B. Mary & S. Villeneuve are on the left with Pastor L. Milliken on the right.



Newly-baptized members of the Willowdale district radiate joy because of an inner experience of a new found relationship with Christ.



Another victory for Christ as brother Catalino Mercurio, Sr. is baptized by Pastor Mary. It took 30 years for the seeds of truth to bear fruit in the life of Brother Mercurio. His wife and family rejoice in Christ with him.

"Operation Family"

In the interest of church members and community, a public service was performed when the Lay Activities Department of the Conference sponsored a Family Life Seminar May 10-13, 1976 at Maranatha Church. Too many modern families are drowning in a sea of failures. While adults sink beneath heavy waves of stress, insecure youth drift with the worldly current, and innocent children are made vulnerable to the family problems. Four speakers participated at the Seminar.

"We are to respect ourselves as individuals, we are to value ourselves," said Pastor David White, who covered marriage goals, self respect, self esteem and anger. He encouraged good communication and aspiration towards useful goals.

Elder E. C. Beck was scheduled to speak the second evening, but an emergency meeting prevented his doing so. Pastor Terry McComb, who substituted, suggested significant ideas for pleasant family relationships. Communication was his key word for living together in harmony and love. He illustrated how men and women think differently, and it is by communicating that one determines whose view is more important.

The family's health was examined by Dr. A. Handysides. He stressed that "spiritual health is the basis on which all other health has its foundation." One visitor attributed her improved health to her new meatless diet.

Attendance decreased on the last evening. Unfortunately, it was the regular shopping night for most people. Those who failed to attend missed another enlightening session. Elder Dean McDaniel disclosed how much interest is amassed in the flourishing credit card plan and prescribed economical budgeting for a debt-free career. He promised that if we

looked at economizing as a way of life, it could bring us closer together as a family. "A financial problem," he concluded, "can turn out to be a blessing to the home when we can manage it instead of it managing us."

Anyone can build a house, but we need

God to build a successful Christian home. Let us get ready for the celestial home that He is preparing for those who will be prepared to go to heaven with Him.

RUBY CARRINGTON
Maranatha Church
Communication Secretary



Health Clinic Available

In London, Ontario two of our church members operate a flourishing health clinic. Unfortunately, because of the husband's illness, they have to give up the work. Both are masseurs, but the wife cannot carry on alone.

The clinic is well equipped with whirlpool and sauna. The lease on the property has about seven years to run. The building has been decorated recently and it is in good condition.

As pastor I am very much interested in having this health facility continue in Adventist hands. Those interested may contact me by phone at (519) 681-4433 or write to 3 Parliament Crescent, Westminster Park, London, Ont., N6C 2X8.

PASTOR F. C. J. PEARSE

Home Health Aide Graduation

The second class of Home Health Aide students held their graduation ceremonies in the Willowdale Church, Sunday, May 11, at 3:30 p.m. A good number of friends and relatives were on hand to enjoy the presentation and to share the happy occasion.

Students come from all parts of Metropolitan Toronto, including Downsview, Rexdale, Scarborough, Don Mills, Willowdale, and Weston. Graduates receive a certificate for completing the 65-hour course, which is under the direction of Miss Adele Stickle.

The Home Health Aide course covers instruction in basic home nursing care, along with classes in elementary nutrition, and in special care needed by convalescents, the chronically ill, and the elderly. Students are given as much practical psychology as possible, to help understand and cope with common mental, emotional and spiritual needs of all those for whom they may be caring, regardless of age. The course prepares students for voluntary service, and also for working as aides in homes or institutions.

Home Health Aide classes are held on

Sundays at Branson Hospital, and are sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Instruction is given by qualified nurses, dietitians, a physician, a physical therapist, and a minister.

A number of Aides work with the Adventist Health Services Agency, a non-profit placement service for nurses and other health-care workers. Aides are paid current community rates. They may also be employed by other nursing services.

Highest grades in written examinations were received by Irene Deweltz and Doris



From left — Dr. R. Connors is assisted in handing out certificates Loretta Laing, Adele Stickle, Pastor Geary (hidden) Pastor C. Green, Pastor Milliken, Leonilla Pedro.



Home Health Aid graduating class, May 11, 1976, Willowdale. Left — nurse instructor — Loretta Laing; Right — nursing instructor Althea Turnbull.

Crossley. Highest marks in performance tests went to Inez Fullerton and Gloria Burrell.

The consecration address was given by Pastor W. Geary, Secretary of the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Certificates were presented by Dr. R. Connors, health representative for the Conference.

Others taking part in the program were Pastor L. Milliken, Pastor C.

Green, Adele Stickle, Althea Turnbull, Loretta Laing, Leonilla Pedro, and Angela Gallimore who gave the special music.

Following is the list of graduates: Olive Black, Emmel Blake, Anthony Broderick, Gloria Burrell, Meggan Burrell, Laurel Carr, Lela Clarke, Doris Crossley, Irene Deweltz, Inez Fullerton, Margaret Hart, Vivienne McGhie, Winifred Millings, Carmen Moodie, Olga

Ogilvie, Pearl Samuels, Olga Smith, Dolores Tagorda, Joyce Thomas, Dothlyn Wilson and Randal Wilson.

Inquiries concerning the next Home Health Aide course may be made to Adele Stickle, at Branson Hospital, Willowdale.

JOHN THRONE
Willowdale Church

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Swift Current Seventh-day Adventist Church Dedication

By S. H. GALLANT, *Communication Secretary, Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference*



Swift Current S. D. A. Church dedicated May 22, 1976.

A full day of activity was planned for May 22 at the Swift Current Church. Almost every seat was filled with members and guests. Former pastors of the district and conference were present as well as visitors and members who used to be at Swift Current.

Guests included Pastor W. Donovan, President of the Swift Current Ministerial Association; Alderman Ellen Lewchuk, Deputy-Mayor for Swift Current; Honorable Dennis Ham, Member of Legislative Assembly, Swift Current; Honorable Frank Hamilton, Member of Parliament, Swift Current.

Many laymen participated in the day's program. Allan Fowler, Administrator of the Sherwood Park Nursing Home, Ed-



Elder W. G. Soloniuk, President Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference gave the Sabbath Worship Sermon.

monton, Alberta, and former resident at Swift Current read the following history.

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow, and when he sowed, some seed fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit . . ." Matt. 13:3, 4, 8.

So was the good seed sown in Swift Current by a young Colporteur Brother Lloyd Janzen, whose dedication paved the road for the spreading of God's Word. Through evangelistic meetings and home Bible studies, Brother Janzen brought several followers to surrender

their lives to Christ and on May 5, 1962 seven members were baptized. This small but united group began holding regular services on May 12, 1962 in the Odd Fellows Hall in Swift Current.

While Brother Janzen completed his ministerial training, Brother J. Dovich led the family.

As interest and membership grew, plans were laid for the erection of a church. Work progressed rapidly and the church was officially opened on October 16, 1965. Pastor Janzen welcomed twenty-seven members to God's House.

And so the seed has taken root in Swift Current with God's leading hand and the services of pastors L. Janzen, R. L. Bergy, R. C. Spangler, W. M. Mercer, J. Bahr, and the present pastor A. Oatman.



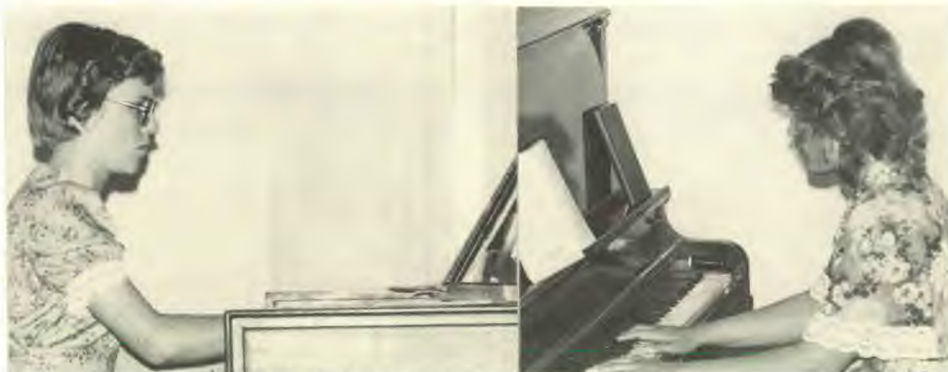
Allan Fowler, Administrator, Sherwood Park Nursing Home, Edmonton, Alberta, read the Church history.



Brother and Sister Clifford Clark sang for Sabbath School.



Brother N. Coloma from Regina sang a dedication hymn.



Mrs. J. D. Clark at the organ and Mrs. Judy Oetman at the piano provided music for intermissions, preludes, etc. They did a short concert before the dedication.

Christian Witnessing Door to Door

S. H. GALLANT, Lay Activities Director, Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference

Sabbath afternoon, June 5, was a very busy and yet a blessed day as nearly 25 adults and young people came out to prepare 6,000 copies of the back issues of the *Signs of the Times* by inserting a Voice of Prophecy enrollment card and also a complimentary card of the *Signs* which says, "This complimentary issue of

the *Signs* has been sent to you to introduce you to the monthly magazine of current Christian thought. If you would like a year's subscription to *Signs* free (12 issues) simply fill in your name and address below and mail this card." At the bottom of this card, it states thus: This

is "A Christian Service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Saskatoon." On Sabbath, June 12, every member will be calling door to door to blanket the entire city of Saskatoon that every man, woman and child may have the opportunity to get acquainted with their Saviour.



This is the group that made the program a success. Even the children worked.



Left to Right: Ann Skopyk places the VOP Enrollment card in each copy of the *Signs* while her husband, Steve, brings in more supplies. Brother Nick Yarema looks on.

Proud of Our Pathfinders

The Pathfinder Camporee at Bowden, Alberta was a new experience for this parent. To send a son at the tender age of 10 on a four-day outing 400 miles away was a traumatic experience. In retrospect, the experience was most beneficial to the new pathfinder as well as myself.

We give thanks to God for a good and

safe experience.

With Brother Ron Martin as leader, driver and chaperon, spirits remained high throughout despite a broken fuel pump, one blowout and a new fan belt, as the Regina Prairie Club returned with eleven ribbons. This represents an overall second place standing or silver cup, among the clubs attending from the

prairie provinces.

We commend our young people, and their parents, for encouraging their participation, as they strive for perfection without competition.

R. RAMSAY
Communication Secretary
Regina, Saskatchewan

Regina Choir



On March 27, the Moose Jaw Church was blessed with the songs and inspiration of the Regina choir. These young people shared with us their enthusiasm in the service for God. Truly God was real on March 27.

This was the first performance of the choir and other churches may be interested to know that they are willing to

share the joy and blessing of Christian living wherever the Lord would see fit for them to go.

Rod Ramsay was speaker and the choir was directed by Tali Coloma.

The day was highlighted by a wonderful fellowship dinner with many from the Regina Church and the Moose Jaw Church participated.

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A Unique Experience of Retired Public School Teacher, Mary Toderan

One mid-morning this winter, the phone rang. I was surprised to hear an unfamiliar teen-age girl's voice making a very interesting request. She was phoning from her school; one of the city schools in Regina. They were having a class project in social studies to do research into the teachings and work of the denomination they knew least about. She chose Seventh-day Adventists and was given my name by a lady who knew of the beliefs of our church.

This invitation was accepted as a challenge and privilege to witness and arrangements were made to visit their classroom for the presentation.

Church history was reviewed and necessary preparation was made. With copies of "Signs", "Listen", and the booklet "Seventh-day Adventists and Their Beliefs", in hand, I made my way to the school at the appointed time. The girl who had called met me in the hall, escorted me to her classroom, and made me acquainted with her teacher and fellow students.

It was thrilling to speak to this group of interested and attentive teen-agers in giving a brief history of our denomination. Our beliefs and our work in gen-

eral throughout the world were presented, including our educational system. Our church school in this city was also mentioned and an invitation extended to visit it.

Several of the students took notes and some asked questions relating to the work. Their sincerity and lack of prejudice made it a very favourable and pleasant encounter. As the work of the press was related, I showed them the copies of the periodicals and booklets I had brought along which were then left with them. All too soon, it was necessary to wind up as I had gone over my allotted time.

As I was leaving, many of the pupils displayed a very friendly attitude and bade me farewell. I continue to hope the young lady who first phoned me can arrange to visit our school as she showed a keen interest in our educational system. It is also my hope that this visit and presentation to the public school classroom will accomplish what the Lord wants in the lives of these young people and their teacher.

R. RAMSAY
Regina SDA Church
Communication Secretary

Yorkton MV Youth

April 9 to May 9 has been a very busy and challenging month for the M.V. Youth of Yorkton. Under the leadership of Doreen Gramyk, Elma Riter and Anne Oucharek, they have conducted a series of Voice of Youth meetings with much enthusiasm. Although only a few non-Seventh-day Adventists had attended, the youth related their experiences as most helpful. To conclude these meetings, which convened on Friday and Sunday evenings, the Yorkton youth took charge of the entire Sabbath School for the Youth Rally held in Yorkton on May 15th.

May the Lord help the youth to stand firm for the truth.

MRS. JANET ASTLOFI
Communication Secretary
Yorkton, Saskatchewan

Returned Missionaries



Bea and Ernie Gadd giving mission appeal for Inzanyura Mission, where they have spent the winters of '74-'75 and '75-'76 as self-supporting workers.

It is inspiring to listen to the mission report from those who have actually participated in the mission program. Such was the blessing of the Moose Jaw Church members as they listened to Ernie and Bea Gadd as they gave their personal slide program of the mission work at Inyazura Secondary School. So far the Gadds have spent two Canadian winters at the school in Rhodesia, Africa, developing the farm program there.

By the use of beautiful slide and picturesque speech the Moose Jaw members learned that: "The mission is located 120 miles S.E. of Salisbury, the Capital of Rhodesia, and is situated at the foot of the mountain overlooking a narrow plain and mountains to the east. Marigolds and tall Jacaranda trees grace the roads and pathways. Spring comes in September at which time the Jacaranda trees burst forth into a profusion of purple flowers."

What a blessing it has been to us to have the fellowship and association of those who have given a part of themselves to the active service of missionary work.

Henderson Highway Church Membership Growing



The Henderson Highway Church in Winnipeg strengthened its cosmopolitan image recently with the baptism of four new members.

James Chang, younger son of Brother and Sister Keith Chang, was baptized April 17th. The Changs emigrated to Canada from Korea two years ago. Keith Chang was instrumental in forming a Korean-speaking Sabbath School class and serves as its teacher. As the attendance has grown to about 15 they have also started their own preaching service which is held in the lower auditorium.

Three more new members were baptized by Pastor Arthur Spenst in May; Miss Linda Markwell, daughter of Brother and Sister Wilfred Markwell and Boris Salazar and Roberto Amaya who have recently arrived from Chile.

Due to political conditions in Chile, a number of people have come to Canada, among them Brother Patricio Sasperez. Boris and Roberto had begun studying

Adventist doctrines in Chile and Brother Sasperez had further studies with them and invited them to attend the Spanish-speaking Sabbath School class which he has organized. Dr. Max Rudisaile, a versatile member of the Henderson Highway Church who learned Spanish while serving in Puerto Rico, assisted Pastor Spenst in final preparations for the baptism. Even Pastor Spenst mastered sufficient Spanish for use in the baptistry!

We now have about 10 people attending the Spanish-speaking Sabbath School class and preaching service each week.

As God's people are united in love to Him we feel that we are privileged to experience a bit of "heaven on earth" and look forward to the time soon to come when His children from every kindred and tongue and people and nation will be forever united in heaven.

Pictured above, left to right, are Pastor Spenst, Linda, Boris, Roberto and Patricio.

News from Nipawin Church

Having only recently been organized as a church body the Nipawin Church experienced another high day when on March 27, 1976 the elders and deacons as elected by the membership were ordained by district pastor, Jim Burgess.

It was a doubly high day for local Elder Edwin Crombie who not only received ordination but joined with his wife Bernice in the dedication of their second child, twenty-day-old Dennis.

W. J. BURGESS
Quill Lake Pastor

Laws of Life

March 19-31, the Moose Jaw Seventh-day Adventist Church was the center of many household conversations as approximately 50-70 people attended the Laws of Life Healthful Living presentations. A large write-up was given in the local paper after which many phone calls were received asking when the next presentations would be made.

Each night featured a slide and tape program of approximately 15 minutes. This program is the prevention series by Dr. Mervin Hardinge of Loma Linda. It was very favorably received. One night was given specifically to vegetarianism and featured the film "Diet for a Small Planet", an excellent film on vegetarianism which may be loaned from the Department of Education.

Samples and recipes were featured throughout the series. No charge was made but at the end of the series free will offerings were received.

One week later the Healthful Living Series was followed by an evangelistic effort and six souls are now preparing for baptism.



Pastor Allan Freed — Student in Public Health from Loma Linda off-campus program at Bowden, Alberta.



Mrs. Shirley Freed at the sample and recipe table.

VISITORS' DAY IN REGINA

To the average Sabbath School, visitors' day most often means one Sabbath of the year when the Sabbath School Superintendent announces that next Sabbath is the day to bring your neighbors and friends. The response is usually apathetic and the result negative.

For the first time in this writer's memory, visitors' day, 1976, became a Sabbath School project with a program. Superintendent, E. Herrebrugh, drafted an invitation circular aimed mainly towards missing members and interests from former crusades and meetings. The Sabbath School members had a part to play now in delivering the invitations or mailing them to the names supplied.

The plan was not complicated nor involved by the smattering of once familiar faces in the Sabbath School classes, listening to the lesson on "The judgement" proved its effectiveness. May we continue to labour for our missing members in every way possible and use every agency of our Sabbath Schools as well as visitors' day promotion.

R. RAMSAY
Communication Secretary
Regina, Sask.



CAMPAIGNING FOR CHRIST IN CALGARY

The first church was organized in this city in 1910 when the Pacific Press set up its office here. Sixty-four years later, just two church buildings housed God's people, that of Bridgeland and Central. Then, in the spring of '74 a group of some twenty members started a new gathering in the southwest of the city.

An evangelistic committee was set up last fall to make plans to evangelize the whole of Calgary's half a million people, beginning with the southwest, in order to increase the church's membership there. Consequently, Verne Snow commenced public meetings in a Senior High School gymnasium, January 10, speaking to a capacity audience of 350. Illustrating his message on the screen, and interspersing the pictures with texts and appropriate quotes, the Three Angels Messages were well and convincingly expounded, with Jesus being extolled as the Author and Finisher of the Christians' faith.

Except for a slight decline in numbers on Sunday evenings, the capacity audience was maintained to the close. Decisions were called for as the truths for commitment were shared. As a result, many who had wandered away returned to rejoice in Jesus, a large number of our youth in the church surrendered themselves to the Saviour, and a similar number came to Calgary for the first time. As of now, sixty-six people have been bap-

tized. Meetings are being continued by the Pastor to keep the newly born ones 'warm' and to establish them in the Lord and His faith.

This is the first of four campaigns planned for Calgary this year, at the close of which four churches will be operating in this golden city of the west. For all this we thank our heavenly Father.

G. EMM, Pastor
Mountain View Church



Faithful Music Practice Leads to Concert for the President and A Trip to France!



What are some of the rewards for a little girl who practices her music faithfully, instead of spending all her time in play??? Miss Carmen Trynchuk, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. N. Trynchuk of Kelowna, British Columbia, could tell you there is the privilege of travel for one thing. Carmen returned in April from a tour of Jamaica, where twenty concerts were given in one week. Performances in New England and Eastern Canada were also included in this tour.

At an early age Carmen showed unusual talent in music and started her formal training at four years on the piano with her mother as her teacher. At eight and a half she began lessons on the flute. For two years she commuted to Seattle, a distance of nearly 400 miles each way, every three weeks to study under a renowned teacher at the University of Washington. She is now continuing her training on the flute at the University of British Columbia, for which she commutes twice a month to

Vancouver. For years she has gone to Penticton each week for her piano lessons. Carmen, who is eighteen years old, has finished her associateship in both flute and piano from the Western Board of Music of the University of Alberta. A graduate this June from Okanagan Academy as an "A" student, she will go to France to study at the Fontainebleau Summer School of Music, where she will be in the master piano class. In addition, she will commute to Paris for flute lessons.

Asked what is the high point so far in her musical career, Carmen quickly answered, "When we played for the President in the Vilanov Palace in Poland last summer." Because of her outstanding musicianship, Carmen was asked to join the New England Youth Ensemble, a group of select musicians, whose average age is 16, directed by Dr. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse. The social secretary of the President was in the audience when the group presented a concert in one of the large cathedrals of Poland, and was so impressed, that a command performance was arranged when President Ford entertained the highest dignitaries of the Polish government. Dr. Henry Kissinger was also in the audience. Carmen will again tour Poland with this group in August, and this year Russia will be added to the itinerary. In Europe there is a great appreciation of classical music, and the group plays in Cathedrals, Palaces, Churches and occasionally also gives concerts in the parks. Following this tour, Carmen will enroll at Atlantic Union College, where she will major in music. She will also continue her flute studies with Julius Baker, a principal flutist with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, and a teacher at the Juillard

School of Music. Carmen will commute each week to his home in New York state for her private lessons.

Asked how much time she usually spends in practice, she responded that she would like to spend all day, but usually manages only about five and a half

hours.

Carmen's younger sister, Carla, age 12, is also an accomplished pianist and violinist in her own right. She has earned many awards and received much recognition. Both girls are much in demand as performers at community and church func-

tions and most graciously add to the quality of worship in churches by so diligently cultivating the talents God has given, and using their abilities in His service.

KATHERINE WAGNER
PR Secretary, Westbank Church

YUKON NUTRITION CLASSES

By MRS. CAROLINE KNELLER, *Whitehorse Church*

March 21 to 25 marked the "First" in a series for the Yukon. Thirty people enrolled in the cooking classes that were ably instructed by Diane Merrill from Fairbanks, Alaska and Hedwig Toombs from Prince George, British Columbia. Classes were held in the well-equipped home economics room of the Jeckell Jr. Secondary School in Whitehorse. The textbook used was "Century 21" Cookbook and the nightly topics ranged from Meatless Entrees and Versatile Vege-

tables to Better Breakfasts and Sugarless Desserts. As well, a topical slide program each night added diversification and interest. Comparative shopping was a highlight one evening when Mrs. Merrill, as the "Unwise Shopper", and Mrs. Toombs, as the "Wise Shopper" compared the actual contents of their shopping bags as to both cost and nutritive value, thanks to the co-operation of the local Super-Value Supermarket. The

cooking classes also received excellent support from the local health food store. On the evening that whole grains were presented, the proprietor, Mrs. Schofield brought a grain mill and ground the wheat into flour for the bread-making demonstration. Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Toombs also were guests on a half-hour local radio program "Talk Back" and did a first-rate job of passing on the good word of better nutrition.



Part of the group who attended the cooking classes.



Diane Merrill and Hedwig Toombs beside the sample table.

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Whitehorse Story Hour

From the twenty-five children enrolled at last summer's Vacation Bible School held in Whitehorse, Yukon, a small story hour developed and was carried on at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Richard Weber. Mrs. Tom Law faithfully assisted each Tuesday afternoon as the children enjoyed stories, singing and crafts. This summer's Vacation Bible School is being scheduled for August 9-20 and a follow-up Story Hour is also planned.

CAROLYN KNELLER
PR Whitehorse Church

Evangelistic Meetings

in

Vanderhoof and Prince George, B.C.

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OCTOBER, 1976

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 1976

Please send names and addresses and any other pertinent and helpful information so that your friends and relatives will receive a special invitation.

Send to:

Pastor Dirk Zinner
188 McKenzie Avenue
Prince George, British Columbia
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Baptism in Williams Lake, British Columbia

MRS. CAROL PENSTOCK, *PR Secretary*

An "It Is Written" Seminar was recently conducted by Elder Herb Larsen, B.C. Conference Secretary, and Elder Walter Rogers, Lay Activities Director of the B.C. Conference, and Pastor Harold Dawes of the Williams Lake Church. The Lord truly blessed with a successful four weeks of spiritual knowledge. Meetings were held all day the last two Sabbaths in a local high school gym. A noon vegetarian meal was served to 300 people the first Sabbath and 250 the last Sabbath. The Williams Lake Church is very

grateful to Mrs. Dawes and the faithful sisters who took charge of the meals, and greeting of guests, and the many other things that need to be done during meetings.

Four were baptized as a direct result of the seminar and seventeen people from private studies, fifteen from Williams Lake, Quesnel and two from 100-Mile House. One was also taken into membership on Profession of Faith.

A nine-lesson course in nutrition and

food preparation is currently being conducted for the new members and other homemakers. Two non-Adventists are attending. Classes are held in the Pastor's home with Mrs. Shirley Oakley "Nutritionist" lecturing, and Mrs. Ruth Dawes R. N., Pastor's wife, as the demonstrator.

As you can see there is a great movement underway in our Remnant Church. We must all be willing to dedicate our time and energy. The Lord is coming soon. LET US ALL BE READY!!



Part of the group baptized at Williams Lake.



Child dedication of those recently baptized.

Prince George and District News . . .

By PASTOR DIRK ZINNER, *Prince George*

★ Several members throughout the District are giving Bible studies on a regular basis to interested families in the area.

★ The children of the three district churches are selling nuts to help raise money for the various building projects. In their first three weeks \$200.00 profit was raised.

★ On April 26-30, 1976, a Five-day Plan was first held at Fort St. James, a town of 3,000 with only two Seventh-day Adventists. Of the twelve participants nine were successful. Of extra interest is that a local supermarket is now stocking vegetarian analogs for its customers.

★ Another successful Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking was held in Prince George May 2-6, 1976. Opening night saw 48

register. Local church members ably assisted the pastor in both Five-day Plans. Local newspapers and radio provided free advertising.

★ Because of the exposure and success of the Five-day Plan, a high school principal in Fraser Lake, a small community of about 3,000 (approximately 100 miles west of Prince George), has invited the pastor to speak to the students of his school on the effects of smoking. Under the direction of Pastor Zinner, more than 200 high school students and teachers have, on two separate occasions, listened, participated, and learned more of the harmful effects of smoking.

★ Members in Prince George have just purchased one acre of land on which to construct a new church facility.

★ A new branch Sabbath School was recently organized in Valemount, a town fifty miles east of McBride. This is a result of continued contact between individual Adventists from McBride and several non-Adventist families in Valemount.

Several families have been taking Bible studies prior to this. It is hoped that with the Lord's continued blessings and the continued and regular missionary work in this town, a number of individuals will accept Jesus completely as their Saviour and a new company of believers organized in this town of approximately 2,500 population.

of the school board and Department of Education in any capacity. He also spoke directly to the children, referring to them as his children too, just as much as the public school children. Mr. Grant said that we should not be ashamed of offering education based on Christian principles, for the world today needs Christians with Christian principles guiding their lives.

As Superintendent for Adventist Schools in British Columbia, Elder Harry White brought his congratulations and gave some of the reasons for Christian Education. He gave a report on the Adventist Education Systems in British Columbia which includes 26 schools and over 70 teachers. Bob Schafer, principal, spoke on Christian Education in Vernon in particular. He explained the program to be carried out next year. It is planned to teach Grades 1-9 with three full-time and one half-time teachers. A work program will be started next year to develop good work habits and encourage good teacher-student relations. Mr. Schafer said the morning hours from 8:30-12:00 will be devoted to academic studies while the afternoon will be spent in practical

work experiences, mainly greenhouse gardening. Adventist parents will recognize this as a serious attempt to follow the blueprint of education as outlined by Ellen G. White.

Elder Kaytor, President of the British Columbia Conference of SDA, gave his congratulations in the closing speech before cutting the ribbon. He mentioned the sacrifice necessary to make such a thing as a school building possible, and explained a little of what it means to operate a school without tax dollars. He also spoke of the world-wide educational system run by Seventh-day Adventists.

Mayor Halina and Elder Kaytor, jointly cut the ribbon signifying the official opening of the building. A newspaper reporter was on hand and put a picture in the paper, while a television cameraman got film of the activities for a news release on the local TV station.

Everyone was invited to take a guided tour through the premises and enjoy a glass of fruit juice before leaving. The modern building contains two ample classrooms, a large assembly room, library, teachers' room and office, and storage area on the main floor. The partial

basement includes a home economics room and industrial arts room with storage in each, and a landing which leads to a primary grades playground. The future plans are to build an auditorium and church on the same property adjacent to the school, as the need becomes apparent.

The building is carpeted throughout the upstairs and is simply and tastefully finished. Any Seventh-day Adventist can be proud to be associated with it and invite their friends to activities there. The purpose of having such a building is not just for our own children and church members, but to use in community outreach. The large assembly room especially will be used for the public and in fact was used for Bible seminar classes before the students even moved over from their temporary facilities this spring. Vacation Bible School, five-day plans, Nutrition classes, all will have a turn to touch the lives of people needing what we can offer. It is our prayer that God will continue to use this school in His Service.

... A FEW GENERAL ITEMS ...

Weight Control Film

A new General Conference Health Department film on weight control, entitled *MELINDA*, has been nominated for a CINE award.

CINE is a non-theatrical, educational film evaluation board that evaluates educational films on the basis of content, objectivity, and quality of production.

MELINDA, a 26-minute, full-color motion picture film, was produced by the General Conference Audio Visual Service for the Medical Department of the General Conference. It is already experiencing a wide acceptance for health educational programs in conferences, medical institutions, and other denominational health-oriented programs.

This drama-documented film also employs the technique of animation. It opens a brand-new world of opportunity in public service to the near-epidemic proportion of the problem of overweight. It is also applicable for use on public service television, service clubs, high schools, and evangelistic campaigns.

Orders, or requests for further information may be directed to the General Conference Health Department, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

20012; or write directly to the Audio Visual Service, 1100 Rancho Conejo Blvd., Newbury Park, California, 91320.

AU Graduate Student Wins Insight's \$500 Grand Prize

Barry Casey, a graduate student at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, wrote "Eagle's Wings," the \$500 Grand Prize winning story in *Insight* Magazine's 1976 Short Story Contest.

First, second, and third prizes were awarded in each of the two categories of the Contest as follows.

PROFESSIONAL: \$250 First Prize, Eileen Strauch, Glenn Dale, Maryland, "The Balloon"; \$200 Second Prize, Marvin Moore, Keene, Texas, "The Fool's Prayer"; \$150 Third Prize, Claudia Dixon, San Diego, California, "Growing Up is Like That."

NON - PROFESSIONAL (Student): \$250 First Prize, Dale Slongwhite, Glastonbury, Connecticut, "Tribute to Harry"; \$200 Second Prize, Brenda Luke-man, Great Neck, New York, "Without

Explanation"; \$150 Third Prize, Jeanne Gemmell, Andrews University, "Diary of a Conversion."

Master of Science Degree in Environmental Health Offered at Loma Linda

LOMA LINDA, CA — Population growth and thoughtless damage to the environment threaten the health of man — indeed, his very existence on earth. Skilled persons are needed immediately to solve the monumental problems of air, water, and land pollution in both developed and developing countries.

The Department of Environmental Health in the Loma Linda University School of Health recognizes this need and is committed to teaching men and women how to control and improve living conditions in today's crowded, complex world.

The Department has developed a new program leading to the degree of a Master of Science in Public Health in environmental health. This program is intended for students wishing in-depth specialization in this area but who do not

have the usual professional background. The Master of Science in Public Health is more flexible than the Master of Public Health program, both in terms of required courses and length of time in residence.

Upon completion of the degree requirements, students are prepared to work in environmental protection and control programs either in industry or in government. They are also prepared to apply to a graduate school for further training for the Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Health Science, or Doctor of Public Health degree.

A new program emphasizing environmental health training for developing countries has also been approved, and leads to the Master of Public Health degree. This program prepares a student for employment with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in an overseas mission position, or with either private or governmental agencies in international health. It is also geared to international students who are seeking additional professional qualifications for positions in their own countries.

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LOMA LINDA, CA — Seven Saudi Arabian military personnel arrived at Loma Linda University recently to begin an intensive four-month paramedical training program, according to Dr. Joan Coggin, associate dean for international programs in the School of Medicine.

The program, especially arranged for the English speaking Saudi Arabians, is designed to prepare the men for a position on an all-Saudi Arabian open-heart surgery team that is being developed for Saudi Arabia by the Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

"Many Loma Linda University faculty and staff members are familiar with medicine in Saudi Arabia," Dr. Coggin says. The Loma Linda University Overseas Heart Surgery Team recently returned from Saudi Arabia where they performed the first open-heart surgery ever done in that country.

Prior to leaving Saudi Arabia in late February, heart team co-directors Dr. Ellsworth E. Wareham, professor of surgery at Loma Linda University, and Dr. Coggin visited with government officials and negotiated a contract with the Saudi Arabian government that calls for the on-the-job training program now being instituted at Loma Linda University for the Saudi military men.

This program endeavors to prepare the graduate to face realistically the lack of education, poverty, lack of sanitation, overpopulation, cultural barriers, administrative difficulties, and special health problems peculiar to developing nations.

The regular Master of Public Health program with an emphasis in environmental management provides a broad preparation in the traditional public disciplines of administration, biostatistics, epidemiology, health education, and nutrition, with limited specialization in environmental health sciences.

Graduates with this degree obtain employment in local, state, or federal health departments or in environmental health improvement agencies. Qualified graduates may apply for admission to a school of public health to obtain further training leading to the Doctor of Public Health degree.

Further information on these programs may be obtained from the Chairman of the Department of Environmental Health, School of Health, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

OBITUARIES

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RUSSELL—J. H. Russell, after a long period of sickness, quietly passed away on the 11th of March, 1976. He was born on the 11th of November 1908. John was a loyal member of God's church, and in the time of sickness he fervently looked forward to the Glorious Return of His Lord.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his brother Robert, of Oshawa, a sister, Mrs. Raymond Libby (Mac), Paradise, California; his brother, William J., of Angwin, California; and James S. of Yongestown (Vienna) Ohio.

The service took place in the McIntosh and Anderson Funeral Chapel, with interment in the Union Cemetery, Oshawa.

We sorrow not as others which have no hope, but we know that in the Glorious Resurrection of the Just, we shall see John again.

D. J. HANDYSIDES

"The Old Testament sheds light upon the New, and the New upon the Old. Each is a revelation of the glory of God in Christ. Both present truths that will continually reveal new depths of meaning to the earnest seeker."

—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 128

Does "Signs" Pay?

Miss Olive Fewster of R.R. #7, Tillsonburg, would answer yes! She has faithfully subscribed to our missionary journals and already can see a fruitage from her labours.

In 1973 Sister Fewster met her new neighbour, Mrs. Connie Duffy and immediately Connie's name was added to Sister Fewster's prayer list. Soon Connie began receiving a colorful missionary magazine which she eagerly devoured; the thought-provoking articles gave her faith and instilled in her the desire to be a better person. Now Connie is attending the Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church where she is preparing for her baptism. She is also preparing her *Signs* list so that she too can pass along the good news that is presented in the *Signs of the Times* magazine. Connie definitely believes that *Signs* pay!

RUTH VENESS
Press Secretary
Woodstock Church

WEDDINGS

Correspondents are reminded that notices are to be sent through the local conference office. The date and place of the wedding must be included. Notice should be restricted to 125 words.

MacDONALD-McRITCHIE

The beautiful Kingsview Village Church was the setting of a delightful wedding on May 9th, 1976, when Ian MacDonald, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray MacDonald, and Mary Beth McRitchie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McRitchie, took their vows in marriage and thus established another Christian home.

The best man was Fred Radzinwolk, and groomsmen were brother Kevin, Dan Hrenyk, and Ed Radzinwolk. The delightful bridal attendants were Barbara Hrenyk, Donna McRitchie, sisters of the bride, Joanne Wharton and Janice Barr. Young Scott MacDonald acted as candlelighter.

After the reception, which was held in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Toronto, the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Britain.

D. J. HANDYSIDES

KNOPP-AUGUSTINE

On November 16, 1975 the first wedding to be held in the new S.D.A. Church in Port Hardy, British Columbia was solemnized. It was a lovely candlelight ceremony uniting Glenna Augustine, daughter of Frank Augustine, Woking, Alberta, and Mary Folks of Chilliwack with Douglas Knopp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knopp of Port Hardy, B.C. Pastor Steve Petr officiated. Attending the bride was her sister, Tammy Augustine, maid of honor and Laverne Knopp, sister of the groom, as bridesmaid. The groom's brother Ken Knopp, served as best man. Mickey Augustine, brother of the bride, served as usher. Millie McGill and Suzanne Haakmat served as candlelighters. Doug and Glenna have established their home in Port Hardy, British Columbia. May the Lord Bless them in their new home.

JUNE MARTIN
PR Secretary

NOTE: We would urge correspondents to send announcements in within a month, at least, of the wedding.—Editor.

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Pleasant Valley Academy, British Columbia Opens Its Doors



Picture of Pleasant Valley Academy, Vernon, British Columbia, Canada.

Sunday, May 16, 1976 was a special day for the Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church. It marked the culmination of months of planning, working, and sacrificing to make a dream come true. But really it marked the beginning of great things for God in the city of Vernon and surrounding communities, for Pleasant Valley Academy is dedicated not only to the balanced education of our own young people but to reaching out in many different ways to touch the lives of others who are waiting to hear the message our church has to give.

The public was invited to witness the official opening of the new Pleasant Valley Academy also. The daily newspaper gave good publicity with an article on Friday, written by the church communication secretary, and with a three-quarter

page ad in Saturday's paper. The ad, costing \$275.00 was paid for by eleven of the trades involved in building the school, each of whom ran a small ad on the page to congratulate the school opening. Featured in the ad was a picture of the school and a summary of the objectives and features offered. This ad attracted quite a bit of attention in the community, and a fair number of non-Adventist people attended the program or have contacted the school since.

The school band, directed by primary grades teacher, Miss Leanne Bergey, opened the program with "O Canada". They also played a hymn later in the program. Elder Frank White, Treasurer of the B.C. Conference of SDA, asked God's blessing on the day's activities and on the new school. Pastor Peter Fritz led out as Master of Ceremonies and intro-



Ribbon Cutting Service from left to right: Acting Mayor, Alderman William Halina, Pastor Peter Fritz, Pat Grant, Superintendent of Public Schools, Vernon, Harry White, B. C. Conference Superintendent of Education, Stan Rogers, Pleasant Valley Academy School Board Chairman and A. W. Kaytor, B.C. Conference President.

duced the first speaker as Alderman William Halina, acting Mayor in the absence of Vernon's Mayor, Stuart Fleming. In his speech, Mr. Halina congratulated the congregation on the fine building and the ideals it represents. He emphasized the need for the moral standards of our society to be raised and expressed his appreciation for the contribution such an institution as this would make to the community. Mr. Pat Grant, Superintendent of public schools in the area, gave a very encouraging address. In a lighter vein he mentioned that *any* addition to school facilities in the Vernon area would be welcomed to relieve the overcrowding, but then expressed his desire that the public and the private schools system work hand in hand and not be at variance with each other.

He sincerely offered his help, and that



Miss Leanne Bergey directing the newly-formed Pleasant Valley Academy band.

By
MRS. LOIS ROGERS
PR Secretary

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