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From The President's Diary



Are You Older Than Yourself?

IT COULD BE! An explanation is needed.

North York Branson Hospital has just established, an Eastern
 Canadian first, the "Centre for Health Promotion."

Says Ron Ruskjer, a doctor of education specializing in health behaviour,
 "The motto of the centre is to help you die young at a very old age!"

Now wait a minute. Isn't that a bit far out?

"Not really. A few months ago a 48 year old sheet metal worker smoking 50
 cigarettes a day, had a body of a 68 year old and had 12 times the average risk of
 heart attack."

So he registered for the computerized health-risk evaluation program,
 arrived on schedule for the smoking cessation class, and promptly keeled over
 during class with a heart attack.

Do you know what? He immediately came to grips with his lifestyle problem
 and reduced his health-risk age to an equivalent 35 years. Says Dr. Ruskjer,
 "We like to think of ourselves as helping people to postpone their own funerals."

Branson Health professionals are working together in concert to give the
 "Lifeline Programs" acceptance, credibility and success. Jim Bruce, Jack Gallup
 and your entire health care team, we salute you! You are preparing the ground
 for the sowing of the seed. Yours is a medical missionary work of the highest
 order.

Here is the bad news - 100,000 Canadians will die this year from heart
 disease, cancer or stroke. Now the good news - the smoke free, meat free,
 exercise conscious lifestyle may add as much as 11 years to your life expect-
 ancy. And further, you may have the vim, vigor and vitality of someone 30 years
 younger. Are you one of these? Do you wish to know more? Do you remember
 when you last promised yourself to live a healthier, happier life? Well, now is
 the time! If I knew how to urge you more strongly, I would do it!

Please:

1. Do the computerized health age appraisal in this Messenger's centre spread.
2. Do activate positive lifestyle changes.
3. Do add years to your life.

Yes, it was 26 years ago, July 7, 1957, that Branson opened its doors with 80
 acute care beds plus an ongoing program of preventive care. Since then three
 hospital expansions have upped the bed capacity to 374.

After 26 years it is time to upgrade, and it's exciting! Just imagine. It took

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ADVENTISTS INFLUENCE PARLIAMENT

D. Douglas Devnich

Director, Department of Public Affairs

On the eve of Canada's 117th birthday (July 1, 1984) the Parliament of Canada passed into law the new Canada Labour Code. In the last minutes of committee hearings, the author, accompanied by David B. Thomas legal counsel for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, submitted a "conscience clause" for inclusion in the law.

The result of the Church's efforts, in concert with the gracious pre-disposition of Members of Parliament and Senators, is that in Canada today, anyone in the federal jurisdiction whose bona fide religious beliefs prevent him/her from joining a labour union may be excluded from the bargaining unit without penalty.

It all began in September 1983 when the Minister of Labour announced that the existing labour code would be reviewed and amended. Immediate contact was made with officials of the Department of Labour and within a few days a Brief was submitted to the Minister.

The 31 page Brief reviewed the history and major beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists. It reported the concern of the Church that some of its members who consider it a matter of religious conscience have not been protected by law on jobs within the federal jurisdiction. It was made clear that the Seventh-day Adventist Church does not take an anti-union position. The Church has always recognized that the labour movement has made significant contributions on behalf of working conditions and in balancing economic issues between labour and management. The claim of Adventism is that the question of allegiance to God or to an earthly



organization must be freely decided by the individual without imposed social or economic disability.

The Brief also explained that in the context of a work-related dispute, the individual Christian must be free to take a neutral posture

in order to not be in conflict with the biblical principle that there should be no "strife" in order to achieve even worthwhile goals.

Several months passed by and despite some urging upon the Department of Labour, for some reason, Bill C-34 was introduced in the House of Commons on May 15, 1984 without our proposed amendment. In fact, a new "union dues check-off" provision placed Seventh-day Adventists in a potentially worse position with respect to exemption from labour union membership.

With the current sitting of Parliament drawing to a rapid close by the end of June; a Liberal Party leadership campaign in progress and the likelihood of an early call for a national election, the odds were against any possibility for the inclusion of the recommended conscience clause in the new law.

Without delay, however, appropriate contacts were made in Ottawa which marvelously provided for the Adventist Church to represent its concerns before the Parliamentary Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration. Customarily in the parliamentary process, following first reading of a Bill in the House of Commons, an appointed committee studies the Bill for approval, modification or amendment before its return to the House and Senate for passage.

Further, we believe that God superintended affairs so that despite the original loss of our efforts, a new opportunity was given on the last day of committee-review for the Adventist witness to be heard.

In committee, following the Adventist presentation, several members of Parliament spoke in support of our proposal. Mr. Robert Wenman, Member of Parliament for Fraser Valley West said, "Bill C-34 is a Bill of

"It is imperative that we in this House and Canadians throughout this country, regardless of their political beliefs, work for the protection of each and every minority in our country." —Honourable Brian Mulroney

many principles, but the proposed conscience clause is of most importance." He made reference to the Honourable Brian Mulroney's earlier public statements which supported this concept of human freedom. On February 24, Mr. Mulroney said in the House of Commons, "It is imperative that we in this House and Canadians throughout this country, regardless of their political beliefs, work for the protection of each and every minority in our country."

Wenman went on to say that unfortunately, time constraints in Parliament may not allow for it, but this, along with other principles of religious freedom ought to be a point of great debate in the House of Commons. He, along with other committee members spoke highly of Seventh-day Adventists and each expressed appreciation for the Church's having taken the initiative to bring this matter before the committee. The Honourable Bryce Mackasey, Member of Parliament for Lincoln spoke of his long-standing good relationships with Adventists in his constituency. He assured us at the time that he would put his best effort forward to convince other members of parliament to vote in favour of the conscience clause.

When the matter was later debated on the floor of the House of Commons, several comments were made which reflected upon the Adventist Church in a positive way. Mr. Wenman, speaking of the Adventist effort to bring in the amendment said:

In this particular amendment the tenets of faith of the major fundamentalist group who advocated this exemption are in fact the very foundation and value structure upon which this nation of Canada is built. In fact, not just Canada but all western nations have been built and maintained upon the basic tenet, the basic value of

religious freedom; freedom of conscience. This faith has carried forth the whole basic value concept of our society, our concept of democracy and the very foundation of our lives and our belief structures. . . .

I was particularly pleased with the motion. I chose to introduce the motion of the Seventh-day Adventists, which I particularly liked because of

the way it sprang from their conviction, and I liked the positive way they presented it to us.

Once again, Mr. Mackasey supported Mr. Wenman's strong advocacy of the conscience clause by saying, "I share his concern for the argument advanced so eloquently by the Adventist Church." (Above quotations taken from Hansard, June 27, 1984)



George Baker, M.P.
Gander-Twillingate, Newfoundland



Albert Cooper, M.P.
Peace River, Alberta



Hon. Bryce MacKasey, M.P.
Lincoln, Ontario



Senator Robert Muir, M.P.
Cape Breton, Nova Scotia

Canada Labour Code 1983-84

1972, c. 18,
s. 1

31. The heading preceding section 162 and section 162 of the said Act are repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"Compulsory Check Off

Union dues
to be
deducted

162. (1) Where a trade union that is the bargaining agent for employees in a bargaining unit so requests, there shall be included in the collective agreement between the trade union and the employer of the employees a provision requiring the employer to deduct from the wages of each employee in the unit affected by the collective agreement, whether or not the employee is a member of the union, the amount of the regular union dues and to remit the amount to the trade union forthwith.

Religious
objections

(2) Where the Board is satis-

fied that an employee, because of his religious conviction or beliefs, objects to joining a trade union, or to the paying of regular union dues to a trade union, the Board may order that the provision in a collective agreement

(a) requiring, as a condition of employment, membership in a trade union, or

(b) Requiring the payment of regular union dues to a trade union,

does not apply to that employee so long as an amount equal to the amount of the regular union dues is paid by the employee, either directly or by way of deductions from his wages, to a registered charity, within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act*, mutually agreed on by the employee and the trade union.

Designation
by Board

(3) Where an employee and the trade union are unable to agree on a registered charity for the purposes of subsection (2), the Board may designate any such charity as the charity to which payment should be made.

Interpre-
tation

(4) In this section, "regular union dues" means, in respect of

(a) an employee who is a member of a trade union, the dues uniformly and regularly paid by a member of the union in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the union; and

(b) an employee who is not a member of a trade union, the dues referred to in paragraph (a), other than any amount that is for payment of pension, superannuation, sickness insurance or any other benefit available only to members of the union."

Others giving support to the proposal were Mr. Sid Parker, Member of Parliament for Kootenay East – Revelstoke, B.C., and George Baker MP (Gander-Twillingate). We are especially grateful to Albert Cooper MP (Peace River) who spent much time with us and assisted us in relating properly with the Committee.



Sid Parker, M.P.
Kootenay East, Revelstoke, B.C.



Robert Wenman, M.P.
Fraser Valley West, B.C.

The day before going to committee a brief visit was made with long-time friend of the Adventist Church, Senator Robert Muir. It was he who was the main speaker in the Senate regarding the issue. Along with Senator Marsden, he gave support to the conscience clause. He maintained the necessity of unions in society, however he told the Senate that he felt particularly good that the "conscience clause" provision was brought into the Act. He also reminded the Senate that this provision was suggested by the Seventh-day Adventists.

How grateful we should be in Canada that our legislative process provides for the entrenchment of our most cherished freedom of conscience and religion. Our parliamentarians, when duly informed, are anxious to respond in fairness to the needs of all Canadians. Seventh-day Adventists at this time may be encouraged to continue contacting their Senators, members of parliament and their MLA's to show them our interest and support of them as they uphold the principles of religious liberty. Let us pray for our federal and provincial governments that God may guide those important decisions which determine the destiny of our great country.

Here's a quick quiz of your Adventist word power.

1

What journal published by Seventh-day Adventists is one of the oldest religious periodicals in existence?

2

What is the only magazine that presents the story of Adventists worldwide?

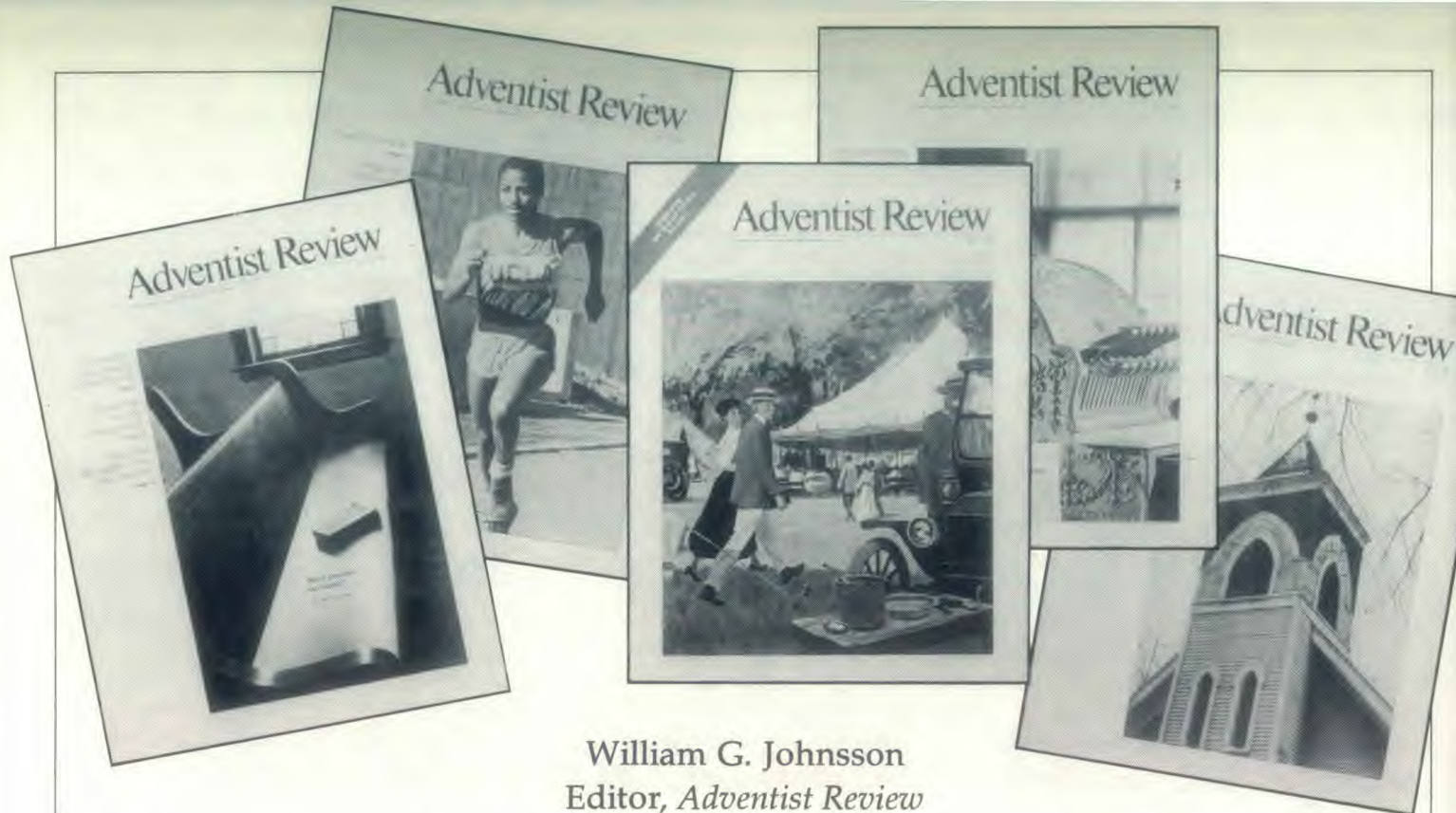
3

What Seventh-day Adventist publication has appeared continuously for 134 years?

4

What journal founded by James and Ellen White and still in existence has had only ten editors?

Please turn page for answer. . .



William G. Johnsson
Editor, *Adventist Review*

The Review: Now more than ever

If you answered "The *Adventist Review*" to each question, you were correct.

Of course, you may have answered, "The *Review and Herald*," and that is a satisfactory alternative. The "good old *Review*," in fact, has had a series of names during the course of its history – from the original *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* to *Review and Herald* and, since 1978, *Adventist Review*.

Although the name of the *Review* has been changed eight times since it began in November, 1850, its purpose remains the same. It is the church's paper – for the church, from the church, about the church. It builds up the people of God. It gives the sense of *who* we are as Adventists, *why* we are here, *what* God wants us to be and do.

Most Seventh-day Adventists worship in small churches: more than 80 percent of our believers in North America attend churches of fewer than 100 members. Some don't even have a house of worship. The organ may be old and wheezy or the piano out of tune.

But the *Review* opens up the world of Adventism. It unfolds the church, telling us that we are part of something grand and beautiful. Although the company of believers may be small and meet in a rented hall, although Adventists in my town may be just a handful among the thousands, as an Adventist I belong to a worldwide fellowship. My church is truly international, a marvelous potpourri of the nations as God is fulfilling the prophecy of Revelation 14:6, 7 to call a people out of "every nation, kindred, tongue and people."

These are times of fragmentation. Society is breaking up. Homes are falling apart. Men are alienated from women, white from black, old from young. Ideas, theories, philosophies proliferate. Morals and values are being discarded. And strange winds of doctrine blow here and there.

We must press together. With the richness of variety among God's Adventist people – our incredible diversity – we are one people. One in hope. One in faith. One in doctrine. One in mission. One in love. One in practice.

The *Review* seeks to unite God's people. By giving the news of the church, by providing information and ideas, by offering inspirational and Biblical articles, it aims to help bring together Adventists worldwide.

Ours is an age of specialization. Magazines devoted to particular topics abound – on needlework, indoor plants, tennis, eating, leisure, computers, and a host of other subjects.

But the *Review* cannot specialize. It cannot become the particular paper of any part of the world field, or any segment within the church. It is the church paper – all the church.

I am excited about what God is doing in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I am excited about the way His work is going forward – despite difficulties, hardship and problems. I am excited about the men and women, boys and girls in all countries of earth and all walks of life who are demonstrating the power of the transforming friendship of Jesus just where they are, in what-

ever they do.

Some are reaching for the stars. Like Michelle Bush, who set records at U.C.L.A. last year and forfeited a possible Olympic gold medal because she wouldn't run on the Sabbath. Like Herbert Blomstedt, newly appointed director of the San Francisco symphony orchestra, who refuses to rehearse between sundown Friday and sundown Saturday.

Most Adventists however, do not make the news. They make the news in heaven's edition instead.

At the *Adventist Review* we want to communicate the dynamic nature of Adventism. We want to put our finger on the pulse of this world movement. We want to tell you what is happening in *your* church – faster, more completely, more accurately than ever before.

Above all, we want to exalt Jesus, the Lord of the Advent. All that is good about the church – and there is so much that is! – is because of His grace. We want Him to shine through, whether we are presenting a doctrinal article, reporting on a church council, or interviewing someone for our Adventist People feature.

Because Jesus is Lord of the church the best days are ahead. The *Review* will tell the story – so its best days are ahead, also.

Thus, as the church extends its boundaries further and further, as the forces that would fragment it grow ever stronger, as men and women turn inward to selfish gratification and faith waxes low, we all need the *Review*.

Now, more than ever.

Canadian Union College

Biological Research at Canadian Union College

by Dr. Paul Ramalingam,
Biology Department

Biological research is conducted by teachers and the students enrolled in the quality education programs provided by the Biology Department of Canadian Union College. Students trained in biological research find it easier to obtain employment or entrance to graduate school. Recently a research program on biological control of mosquitoes has received financial support in the form of grants from the Ministry of Environment of Alberta. These grants have been received for two years in succession and have amounted to approximately \$20,000. The bulk of this money is spent on salaries for senior biology students who are employed as research technicians. In addition, one student was hired for two consecutive summers to study temperature relationships in bird embryos.

Students are thus benefited in two ways: they receive summer employment, and they gain valuable scientific research experience.

Another aspect of the research experience is that the findings are published in international scientific journals with Canadian Union College being designated as the institution where the research took place. A recent example is a paper on a new technique developed at CUC to preserve a flatworm that preys upon mosquito larvae. The technique was developed by Paul Randall, a biology major, and Dr. Paul Ramalingam, his supervisor, and will be published in the "Canadian Journal of Zoology."

Students who wish to enter into the Biology program or have any questions about it should contact Dr. Bruce Buttler, Biology Department, Canadian Union College, College Heights, Alberta T0C 0Z0 (phone number 1-403-782-3381).



Paul Randall and Dale Aquino studying mosquitoes in central Alberta by means of exclusion experiment.

Gideon Club Report

We have now reached the half-way point in 1984. Eighteen months remain in the Gideon Club campaign. The Lord has been blessing our College and is blessing in the Gideon campaign.

Let me share with you a letter that came to our office from Walter and Dorothy Comm. Many of you know Walter and Dorothy and you also know that Walter is seriously ill. Briefly here is their story.

They had a house near Loma Linda in which they lived before going overseas. During their years in mission service and the years that have followed the house has been rented out. Many headaches have resulted. Finally they completely redecorated and put the house on the market. It didn't sell. "Over a year dragged on and nothing happened. We took out a large FHA mortgage that would be transferrable and paid out our home place. But the heavy payments with no rent income were a killer. We just couldn't bear the load any longer nor could we bear the hassle of getting involved with renters again."

Early in March the Comms talked it over and made a pledge to the Lord that they would give \$100 for each month left in 1984 after escrow closed, all to go to CUC. The agent's time had expired but they gave her time to run one more open house - the house sold that day and the deal was completed within 12 days. Enclosed was their check for \$1,000.

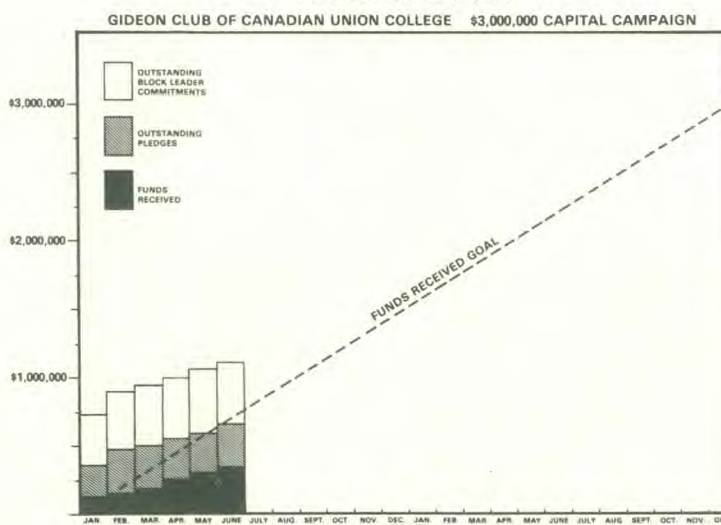
Walter closed the letter with these words, "Our thoughts and prayers are with you often. We believe CUC is in good hands and that God will give you success. Please pray that I will have patience and continuing trust in God's loving care as I go on battling the enemy which is bent on my premature end."

His statement brought to mind another letter from a donor who wished to remain unknown. As the donor put it, "Some of the family may not approve of it which is quite all right, as I often don't approve of the expending of funds for fancy things when plain and simple ones would do just as well. Of course I'm two generations behind in my way of thinking. Still it seems to me we have forgotten that 'we have no abiding city here.' I can't relate to bone china, crystal, etc., for I never had such things but I understand debts and interest. I've lived with that most of my life so I can willingly share in trying to lift the load."

Our sincere thanks to all who have willingly sacrificed for Christian education and let us bear in mind that truly "We have no abiding city here."

As of June 30 total commitments and cash amounted to \$1,082,964 and of that amount \$338,700 had been received in cash. Once more may we extend a special word of appreciation to the members who are contributing to the Gideon Club through their local churches. Your gift is appreciated.

PROGRESS REPORT



*A missing
proof-text*

HOLY
BIBLE
FAMILY REFERENCE EDITION

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Seventh-day Adventists have historically taken a strong stand against intoxicating beverages.

We do not subscribe to the current educational thrust against *alcohol abuse*, for this approach implies the acceptance of *alcohol use* in moderation. When all the pros and cons of alcohol use are shaken out a child of God who has a concern for his fellowman cannot endorse the use of alcohol in any form except as a medicinal solvent.

But when we are called upon to cite a Bible text that forbids the use of alcohol we may feel embarrassed. Alcohol flows quite freely in ancient Israel, and Deacons in the New Testament church are not to be "given to much wine". That obviously refers to alcoholic wine for it is not wrong to drink much grape juice. This suggests that they could drink *some* wine. So what do we do when we can't put our finger right on a specific "proof-text", a tactic we love to do in nailing opposition to the wall.

We have a similar problem in advocating vegetarianism from Scripture. God allowed the eating of meat following the flood. Jesus Himself ate fish and undoubtedly ate of the Passover lamb. Where can we find a specific text to "prove" our point?

We can't! But a missing proof-text need not be cause for embarrassment. If we are embarrassed it only reveals that we are approaching our Bibles with the naive assumption that a proof-text exists for every requirement of God. It also reveals that although we may dig vigorously into our Bibles and memorize many of the texts that are there, in the tactic of demanding a proof-text for every behaviour we may be following a lazy-minded approach to establishing Christian duty. It may even represent a non-thinking approach in which the great noble reasoning powers of the mind are not employed; instead we employ a mechanistic command-response mentality. Beware! Let not the lazy mind of others who demand a proof-text force you into that mold in your efforts to "defend the faith"!

To learn God's ideal for man in these last days we must put our minds to the stretch. We must learn to embrace the entire range of human history from Eden lost to Eden restored. We must see the pattern of man's folly and of God's wisdom, then seek wisdom.

In the intervening 6,000 years we read of the sad effects of the use and of course the abuse of alcohol. But what God in His tolerance has *permitted* in the past is not to be used as an excuse to remain in the past, nor is it to be used as blackmail against His call to come up higher. For in the same Record we read of God's prohibitions against the use of any strong drink by a priest on duty. And we read of those under a Nazarite vow being forbidden to even touch anything associated with wine, to the extent of not even eating grapes or raisins. We read of the abstinence of Daniel and the resultant benefit. These



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examples portray God's reachable ideal for His people today. The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more.

God also expects us to review the evidence available in modern society. The carnage on the highway and the battered wives and children where alcohol is involved are not just from *drunkenness*. These can result from a few social drinks. Furthermore a latent alcoholic may surface through the indulgence of that one first drink, or may emerge after following a course of presumed innocent moderate drinking.

Responsible Christian duty need not require as its authority an isolated proof-text but may be derived from reviewing a grand sweep of history. And when viewed from this larger perspective, both the Bible and the newspaper bear glaring testimony that the only course that fulfills the second great commandment in the law, "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" is a course of abstinence.

This same grand sweep from Eden lost to Eden restored is used in understanding vegetarianism. In the beginning there was to be no dehumanizing slaughter of animals or

of human beings. Through the centuries we have seen much bloodshed of both animals and man; none of which was God's wish. In the *New Earth* there is to be none of this! The emergency conditions following the flood may have called for permission to eat flesh, but today in countries and communities where the abundance of fruits, nuts, grains and vegetables are available the year around, no emergency exists.

From positions of economy, ecology, humanitarianism, food supply in an over-populated world, as well as stretching forth the highest spiritual development available before Jesus comes, our vegetarian emphasis is a highly commendable posture. We don't need a proof-text for an express command. The total array of Scripture and human predicament reveals our duty. And it carries with it an appeal commensurate with our high calling that cannot be ignored by the sincere of heart.

Just as a precaution to the over-zealous, it is well to remember that vegetarianism is not a requirement but an educational emphasis of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This means that vegetarianism is not a requirement to become a Seventh-day Adventist. But if a person has been a Seventh-day Adventist for a reasonable length of time she/he should have caught the vision of the first angel's message.

Our position of vegetarianism and of total abstinence from alcohol are not unique to Seventh-day Adventists. Other religions embrace these high standards with just the Bible alone. There are also networks of apparently non-religiously motivated individuals who after examining the evidence have reasoned out the same positions.

But Seventh-day Adventists stand in the most advantageous position of any people in the world. They have the added advantage of having had God's will made explicitly clear in these last days so that none need misunderstand. If our desires were pure enough God's will could be known from a grand sweep of either Scripture or history.

If you had made God's word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the TESTIMONIES. It is because you have neglected to acquaint yourselves with God's inspired Book that He has sought to reach you by simple, direct testimonies, calling your attention to the words of inspiration which you had neglected to obey, and urging you to fashion your lives in accordance with its pure and elevated teachings.

*The written testimonies are not to give new light, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed. Man's duty to God and to his fellow man has been distinctly specified in God's word, yet but few of you are obedient to the light given. Additional truth is not brought out; but God has through the TESTIMONIES simplified the great truths already given and in His own chosen way brought them before the people to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse. — *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 5, page 665.*

The Ecumenism of John-Paul II

by G.L.O.R. Yorke,

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On Monday, October 16th, 1978, 111 Cardinals, meeting together in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican, stunned the world by electing the first non-Italian Pope since the sixteenth century. At the age of 58, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, born May 18, 1920 and the then Archbishop of Cracow (Poland), was both the youngest Pope to be elected since 1846 and the first from a country behind the Iron Curtain. Upon his election he assumed the name, John-Paul II and thus became Pope of the largest and most influential religious body on earth; namely, the Roman Catholic Church (R.C.C.) with over 750,000,000 members, or approximately 18% of the world's population. Based upon R.C.C. teachings and tradition, this made him the 264th successor of Saint Peter.

From the outset, John-Paul II made it quite clear that among other things, his pontificate will be characterized by his deliberate ecumenical overtures vis a vis the rest of Christendom, since he will be attempting to carry out the ecumenical mandate of Vatican II's, *Decree on Ecumenism*.¹ In his first Message to the World, for example, given the day after his election (i.e., Tues. Oct. 17th), he had this to say:

*"This cause of ecumenism is so preeminently important, and needs such sensitive handling, that I cannot pass it over in silence now. It is scarcely credible that the deplorable diversion among Christians persists to this day, a cause of perplexity and perhaps of scandal to come. So I want to continue on the road which has already been opened to good effect, and to encourage all efforts to remove the remaining obstacles. In this way, I hope our united endeavours may at last enable us to achieve complete communion."*²

About 3½ yrs. later, during his annual report to the Cardinals on June 28, 1982, he declared: "Ecumenism has been my principal concern since the beginning of my pontificate."³

It is this ecumenical program of John-Paul II, the pilgrim and Polish Pope, that accounts for many of the 23 visits abroad which he has made so far. As the most extensively travelled Pope in the history of the R.C.C., he has been able to share his ecumenical vision, in person, with representatives of the three major sectors of the Christian faith; namely, the Protestant, Greek Orthodox and Anglican traditions. In fact, his 23rd trip was just concluded (JUNE), during which he made an historic visit to the Headquarters of the World Council of Churches (W.C.C.) in Geneva, Switzerland.

The following excerpt is illustrative of the many ecumenical statements he has

made abroad. It comes from an address given in Drogheda, Ireland, on September 29, 1979. He said:

"I came to Drogheda today on a great mission of peace and reconciliation. I came as a pilgrim of peace. Christ's peace. To Catholics, to Protestants, my message is peace and love. May no Irish Protestant think that the Pope is an enemy, a danger or a threat. My desire is that instead Protestants would see in me a friend and brother in Christ."¹⁴

On September 9 of this year, John-Paul II will arrive in Quebec City, Quebec, and will then begin what would be up to this point, his longest trip abroad. On this 24th trip, he will spend 12 days in Canada, travelling to 8 provinces and the Northwest Territories. Perhaps many of us will remember him best, not because he would have kissed Canadian soil on his arrival at the airport of Quebec City; nor because of the pronouncements he would have made for the nurture and nourishment of the 11 million Catholics in Canada; nor because of the 50 million it would have cost to host him; nor even because of the mass enthusiasm and fanaticism that he would have generated while he was here; rather, such lingering memories may stem from the fact that he would have chosen to share with us his catchy ecumenical vision of a united Christendom, once again. And in assessing this vision, we who now constitute the remnant and redeemed, Bible-believing, commandment-keeping and prophecy-possessing people of God, must show ourselves mindful of the fact that: "... in this homage to the papacy, the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power."¹⁵ Also, this papal visit and vision should intensify our desire and determination to contribute in whatever way possible, to the *1000 Days of Reaping* so that "soon and very soon," God's true ecumenical gathering from every nation, kindred, tongue and people, can have the unfathomable joy of living and reigning with Him, both in heaven and in world without end!

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Next Month in SIGNS

Would you accept a million dollars if you had to spend it all in one year? Would you still accept it if you had to die at the end of that year? "Probably not," says Morris Venden in the SIGNS cover article for September, "Why Do We Need God?"

But suppose you had seventy years instead of one. Would that make a difference?

If it is foolish to settle for one year when you could have seventy, isn't it even more foolish to settle for seventy when you could have eternity?

Logic alone, of course, is not sufficient to convince us that we need God. It is as much a matter of the heart as of the head. That's why so many thinking persons have decided that God is unnecessary.

In the September SIGNS you'll find God's old, yet ever-new, offer of salvation presented in terms that appeal powerfully to both heart and head. You'll also find these other articles that apply Christianity and the Seventh-day Adventist lifestyle to everyday living:

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- *How to Get a Better Night's Sleep
- *I Knew We Were Brothers

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Many Respond to Faith for Today's Special on Stress

British Columbia was one of the first markets to show the Faith For Today one-hour special entitled, "So Near So Far" on prime time television. This program intertwines two stories of families in stress and how the situations were resolved. The General Conference had made monies available for the showing of this production in 20 cities in North America in an effort to reach the 92 per cent of the population who cannot be reached through religious programming.

During the film there are advertisements for a stress booklet to be sent free to those who call or write and 503 requests have come in for this offer with mail requests and phone calls still arriving. Those who receive the booklet are also encouraged to write for another booklet on stress and/or a correspondence course on nutrition from Faith



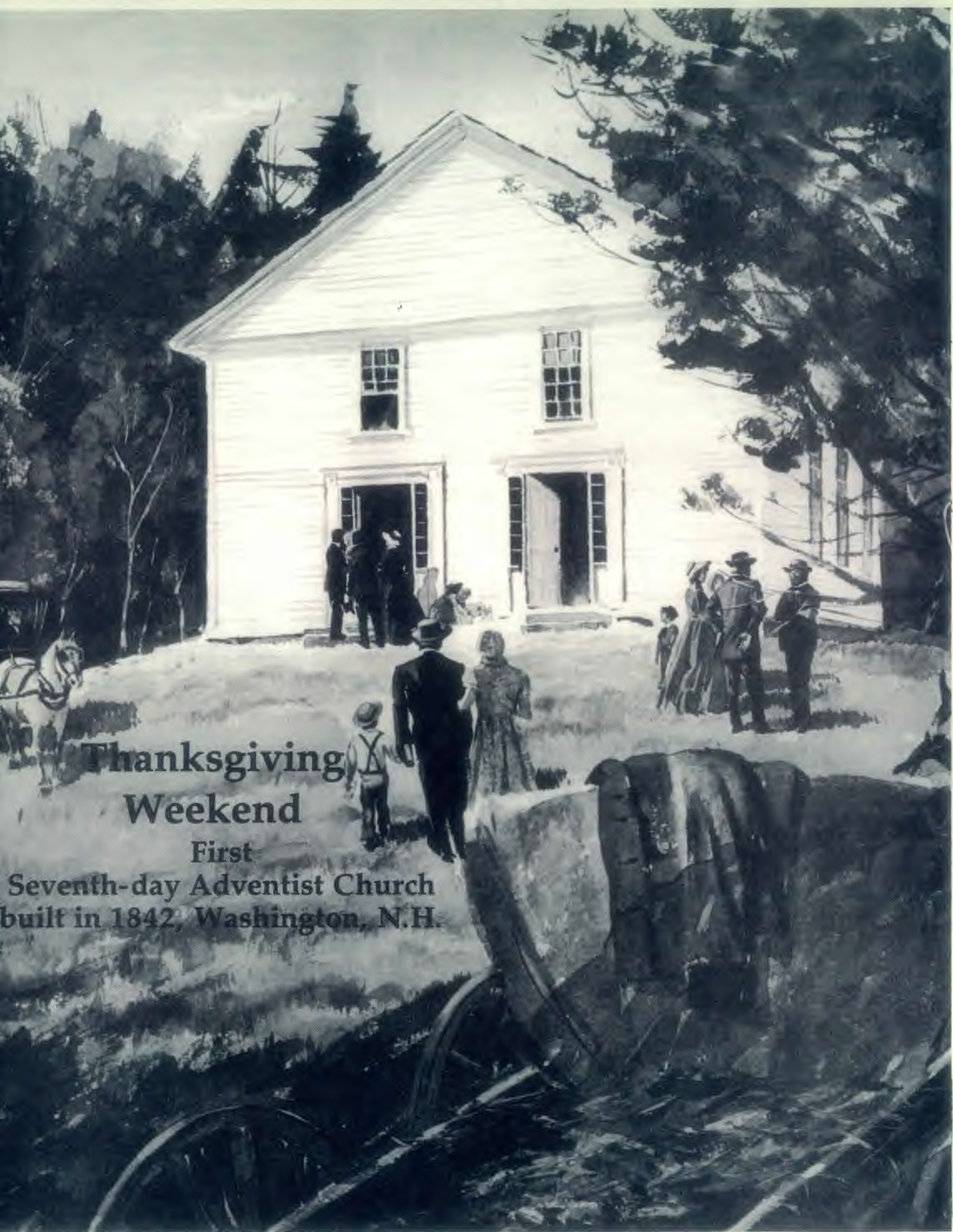
Following the showing of "So Near So Far" on June 23 on BCTV, Dr. Graham McMorland, a member of the Vancouver Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, was interviewed regarding stress and the upcoming stress seminars by Leigh Carter from BCTV. Here Leigh is being equipped with a microphone by a staff person as Dr. McMorland waits prior to the filming of the interview.

For Today. Upon completion of the nutrition course, the graduates are offered a spiritual course.

At the conclusion of the film an interview featuring Dr. Graham McMorland from the Vancouver Central Church and Leigh Carter, a personality from BCTV as the interviewer, advertised the stress seminars which are being conducted in 12 places in British Columbia.

Two 800 lines were placed at the Conference office and four lines were put in the Vancouver Church to take the phone calls during the program. The phones rang almost continually during the program and for some time afterwards. Many callers expressed appreciation for the program and requested more programming of this caliber.

Three-fourths of the cost of the prime time showing are being covered by the General Conference with one-fourth by the B.C. Conference.



Thanksgiving Weekend

First
Seventh-day Adventist Church
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Tour Announced for Thanksgiving Weekend

Ernest Monteith

A tour of denominational historical sites in the Eastern Townships of Quebec and the New England States is being arranged for Oct. 5 to Oct. 8. (Better count on Oct. 9 for returning home.) The group will travel by car in a motorcade from Oshawa leaving at 8:00 a.m. sharp, Friday, Oct. 5, to South Stukely. Between Montreal and South Stukely they will make stops at historical places such as Abercorn, Sutton and Knowlton. There will be a meeting in South Stukely that night. A SLIDE LECTURE will be presented, subject — The Beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

On the morning of Sabbath, Oct. 6, there'll be a special service in Stukely in honour of the centennial of our first school in Canada established there in 1884. Speaker — Elder Victor Fitch, director of Education for all Canada. At that time a plaque will be unveiled in honour of the occasion by a grand-nephew of the first teacher. In the afternoon several other historical spots will be visited including Fitch Bay, home of our first secondary school in Canada; Dixville, where our first S.D.A. church in Canada stands although greatly transformed and Magog, the last place visited by Mrs. White. That night will be spent near Montpelier, Vt.

Sunday, Oct. 7, the group will go to Fairhaven, N.Y. to see the home, the chapel and the grave of Wm. Miller. Elder Paul Gordon will join us there and conduct a short service in the chapel. His topic: Our debt to Wm. Miller. From there he will also accompany us to Washington, N.H. to see the oldest S.D.A. church built in 1842. Sunday night will be spent at or near South Lancaster, Mass.

On Thanksgiving Day the group will visit the first Seventh-day Baptist Church in the U.S., built more than 200 years ago, at Newport, R.I. Enroute there stops will be made, if time permits, at Plymouth Rock, Fair Haven and New Bedford — the last two are places associated with the life of Joseph Bates. The tour ends at Newport.

There will be a registration fee of not more than five dollars per person. If you wish to be part of this group, notify E. Monteith at R.R. #3, Cottam, Ont., N0R 1B0 or by phone (519)839-4538 or Harold Dingman at the Quebec Conference, by Sept. 9. People willing to drive are wanted. If you can drive, indicate the number of passengers you can take. Extra passengers must share the cost of transportation. Harold Dingman will arrange for motel accommodation for those needing it. He will try to locate suitable restaurants in advance. Anyone unable to take in all of the trip will be free to leave at any point. ☼

William Miller Homestead

A possible acquisition — Roger W. Coon

Negotiation for the acquisition of the Low Hampton, N.Y. homestead of Baptist farmer-turned-preacher William Miller, whose 1844 movement resulted in the beginning of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is now at an advanced stage, according to Paul A. Gordon, trustee of Adventist Historic Properties, Inc., and undersecretary of the Ellen G. White Estate at the General Conference.

AHP was founded as a non-profit corporation three years ago by 16 concerned SDA Church leaders and laymen who saw the need of acquiring sites of significance in early SDA history. It raises its own funds with denominational approval, and General Conference Vice President Francis W. Wernick represents the GC on AHP's Board of Trustees.

A selling price of \$110,000 has been placed on 25 (of 167) acres of the old Miller homestead which will be turned into an early Advent museum if the purchase price can be raised within the next 60 days.

Included in the acquisition will be land on both sides of the road where Miller lived, his old house, the barns, and the rocky outcropping of granite nicknamed "ascension rock" because a number of local Millerites gathered to pray there Oct. 22, 1844.

Immediately adjacent is the William Miller Memorial Chapel, where SDAs from all over New York and New England gather for a special commemorative service on a special Sabbath

each August. Miller's grave is in a nearby rural cemetery.

"We are not interested in creating a mystical shrine out of the Miller homestead," Elder Gordon affirmed in announcing this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. "Rather, we seek to preserve the artifacts of our spiritual ancestors in a museum-like setting so that modern Adventists in search of their 'roots' may be able to learn more of our uncommon heritage."

The Miller property is a regular stop on denominational history field tours each year. Like many other sites significant in SDA church history, it is at present privately-owned. Today the Miller house itself is "off-limits" to SDA tourists, though they presently are allowed to visit "ascension rock" and the Miller chapel.

With private ownership, visitation rights — even when granted — are always subject to the whim of the current owner, and, therefore, revokable at any time. Acquisition of this site by AHP would guarantee unhampered access to Miller's home to the hundreds of SDA tourists who annually visit the area.

Contributions toward the cost of purchase and restoration of this property are tax-deductible, and official receipts will be sent to all who send cheques or money orders to:

Adventist Historic Properties Inc.
165 North Washington Avenue
Battle Creek, MI 49106

Pictures Wanted

Of old timers in the Canadian Union Conference by our church historian for a lecture which he plans to present on October 5. These will be made into slides and returned to the owners as quickly as possible. Here are the individuals of whom he would like to obtain pictures:

Elder Neil McGill, first S.D.A. in Manitoba; Dr. Menzel of Stony Plains, Alberta, first convert in Alberta; James Dorgan of Cobble Hill, possibly first S.D.A. in B.C.; the Doctors Bonde, early workers in Alberta; John Stickle & Gustav Litke, very early converts of Thos. R. Astleford; David Ostrem who won the Military Medal in W.W. II for saving eight individuals from capture or imprisonment; Byron Outhouse, first convert in the Maritimes; Mrs. Pippy, the first convert in St. John's, Nfld.; John Claxton and Joseph Hool, first converts in Quebec; Miss Addie Tifel, teacher of the first church school in Harmattan, Alberta; William Manson, who gave the property for Manson Academy in Pitt Meadows, B.C.; G.E. Johnson, the first church school teacher at Pitt Meadows; any graduates from Manson Academy; Peter M. Howe, Elder Errington, John McKelvy of Wellington, Man.; Argyle Taylor, veteran colporteur in Quebec.

Pictures of a few buildings are also wanted: the North Light school at Russell, Man.; the Hugo church school operated by the Austin (Man.) church; Andrew Hynal home in Rouleau, Sask.; and the William Rowse home in Hanley, Sask.; early Man. churches, if they existed at McGregor, Wakopa, Morden; the first church at Tantallon, N.S.

Send these to Ernest Monteith, R.R. #3, Cottam, Ontario N0R 1B0.

Dr. Winton H. Beaven and Elder Bob Sparenberg will spearhead a new frontier for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

The private association called the Canadian Institute for the Prevention of Addiction was founded by Elder Sparenberg under the name of Community Crusade Against Drugs and Alcohol in Newfoundland two years ago. At that time the program was mainly a provincial venture. However, the association will soon be a national organization, planning to open in each province across Canada during the next several years.

Pastor Sparenberg will be working closely with Dr. Winton Beaven of the Kettering Medical Center in Ohio. Dr. Beaven will be the Chairman of the national executive.

Drug Awareness Program For Canada

Dr. Winton H. Beaven



Elder Bob Sparenberg



The purpose of the organization is to develop and utilize an intense awareness program dealing with substance abuse. The primary focus will be

prevention as a means to avoid future waves of addiction whether physical or mental. The organization will promote natural health through education by serving the physical, mental and spiritual powers of man.

The organization will develop a mobile display to be used in the field of education. This portable unit will be set up at fairs, sporting events, schools and any other areas requesting this display. The unit will be similar to a bookmobile and the students as well as the general public will be able to receive up-to-date material, video programs, and other educational material for the purpose of self-education with respect to the dangers of drug abuse. The unit will also be used as a portable classroom where lectures on drug abuse can be presented.

The organization will hire qualified personnel to work as drug prevention educators. These employees will research new and up-to-date methods for the prevention of drug abuse, will assist in the development of new materials, literature for the young elementary school age children and a monthly periodical.

The organization will also produce family video tapes on drug, alcohol and cigarette abuse. The tapes will be high quality, well-documented and educational to help parents



through their children's adolescent years. The organization will also produce television commercials with the main focus of the commercials being prevention.

The organization will conduct special health seminars relating to diet and health and stress control. It will also be involved in all areas of healthful living. This will include family awareness programs advocating model principles to develop solid family units independent of substance abuse.

Anyone interested in more information and possible volunteer community work should write to the Canadian Institute for the Prevention of Addiction, P.O. Box 615, Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5K8.



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Please note, however, it is not our purpose to diagnose or treat. This should be done by your personal physician. Participation in this program, even should your score come out well, will in no way suggest that you have a "clean bill of health." There are many things we don't measure.

It will, however, provide affirmation for those Adventists who are faithfully following the Lord's N.E.W. S.T.A.R.T. lifestyle — including good Nutrition, Exercise, Water — Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest and Trust in Divine Power (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 127). For those who may be following, but at a distance, the Computerized Health Age Appraisal will provide encouragement to shape-up and "grow younger." It *can* be done.

Researchers in preventive medicine tell us that a person can turn back the clock fairly quickly if he, or she, switches to a healthful lifestyle. In only one month you can add two years to life expectancy. It's true. That 50 year old *can* have a health age of 40, or even 35, if he'll achieve and maintain that heaven-inspired, health promoting lifestyle.

So, get the facts on a most important person in God's cause, *you!* Complete and mail your questionnaire today. It may help you enjoy a healthier, happier tomorrow.

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Please PRINT clearly

1. Name _____
2. _____ Age _____
3. M F Sex (Circle the appropriate letter)
4. Address _____
5. City _____
6. Province _____
7. Postal Code _____
8. _____ Your height in INCHES without shoes (5 feet = 60 inches)
9. _____ Your weight in POUNDS
10. S M L Circle your frame size (S = small, M = medium, L = large)
11. _____ Average hours of sleep each night
12. How often do you eat a good breakfast?
☐ A. Almost every day
☐ B. Sometimes
☐ C. Rarely or never
13. How often do you eat IN BETWEEN your regular meals? (Include all calorie-counting beverages.)
☐ A. Rarely or never
☐ B. Occasionally
☐ C. Almost every day
14. How often do you get regular vigorous exercise?
☐ A. Often (3 or more times per week)
☐ B. Occasionally
☐ C. Seldom or never
15. When you drink wine, beer or liquor, how many drinks do you usually have at one sitting?
☐ A. None, never drink
☐ B. 1-2 drinks
☐ C. 3-4 drinks
☐ D. 5 or more drinks
16. What is your smoking status?
☐ A. Never smoked
☐ B. Have quit smoking
☐ C. Smoke a pipe or cigar only
☐ D. Currently smoke cigarettes
17. Please circle the HIGHEST grade or year in school that you have COMPLETED.

Grade School.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
High School.....				9	10	11	12	
College (or Vocational)				13	14	15	16	
Graduate.....				17	18	19	20	
18. _____ / _____ Blood Pressure
Systolic Diastolic

Please recheck your responses. ALL questions must be answered

The SLAUNWHITE'S of Bayside, Nova Scotia

by Frances Schander

Halifax Church members and friends rejoiced on Sabbath, June 9, as they witnessed the baptisms of two members of the Slaunwhite family. The baptisms of Don, father of the family, and Sharon, the youngest child, made the family circle complete within the larger church family.

The story actually began about fourteen years ago when Rose Slaunwhite, who had been raised an Anglican, wanted to have her fourth child christened in the Roman Catholic Church, her husband's religion. Because the Slaunwhite family had not been supporting the local Catholic Church, the priest refused to perform this service.

Not one to be easily discouraged, Rose, who had already been convicted of the Sabbath through her own Bible study, decided to contact the local Adventist church. The pastor explained that he would be happy to dedicate the child, but that Adventists did not practice infant baptism.

Shortly after this initial contact, several families from the Halifax Church began a branch Sabbath School at Rose's home. Later she attended meetings held by Elder George Knowles and was baptized. Although her husband did not object to her new religion,

neither did he show any interest at all in Adventism. Their six children have all attended Halifax Church School and its successor, Sandy Lake Academy. The two oldest children, David and Dawn, have graduated from Sandy Lake Academy.

Since her baptism thirteen years ago, Rose has been very active in the church and in Bayside, a community west of Halifax, giving Bible studies, Ingathering, and witnessing to her neighbours. Despite her diligence her husband remained uninterested.

Recently Elder Maurice Bascom, personal

ministries director for North America, held evangelistic meetings in Bedford, a town close to Halifax. While in Bayside area one afternoon, Ken Schander, pastor of the Halifax Church, and Bascom decided to stop in at the Slaunwhite home to get directions to the home of an interest. Just as they were leaving, they stopped to chat with Don Slaunwhite and on impulse, Bascom asked Don if he had ever considered joining the church. To everyone's surprise, he said he had been thinking about it recently and would be attending the evangelistic meeting that night. He didn't stop coming. In the words of daughter

Dawn, "It seemed really neat to have the whole family getting ready and going to church that first Sabbath."

As a postscript to this story, Jim and Veronica Edgar, neighbours of the Slaunwhites, were baptized on Sabbath, June 16. Lifelong friends of the Slaunwhite family and devoted Catholics, the Edgars attended Bascom's meetings at Rose's invitation, and were convicted of the Bible truths they found through their own study and at the meetings.

The circle keeps growing as members witness the power of the Holy Spirit. ✠



Pictured here are the Slaunwhite family: back row — Don, Danny, David; middle row — Rose and Dawn; front row — Sharon, Becky and Sylvia.



Maritime

Baptism in Halifax

Members of the Bedford-Sackville and Halifax churches rejoiced together in Halifax on Sabbath, May 26 as five young people were received into fellowship by baptism. The five came forth publicly during evangelistic meetings held by Pastor Maurice Bascom from General Conference at Sandy Lake S.D.A. Academy in Bedford, N.S.



Pictured are: Front row left to right Jason Howard, Christopher Langille, Terry Johnson, Christian Carter. Back row: Halifax pastor Ken Schander, Danny Cooke, Pastor Bascom, Bedford-Sackville Pastor Ken Corkum.

New Cabins for Pugwash



Just recently the Cooke brothers, Gilbert and Garnett, of Sackville, Nova Scotia, who are members of the Sandy Lake Church, sold a portion of their farm. In the transaction of the deal they arranged for the Maritime Conference to remove a large barn from the property, the lumber of which is to be used at the Camp in Pugwash, Nova Scotia to build extra cabins. You may have heard the old saying, "Many hands make light work"? Well, this certainly proved true as the members of the area churches got together and took the barn apart. The lumber has now been moved to the camp and already some has been used to start cabins.

Manitoba-Saskatchewan

Baptism at Hill Avenue Church, Regina



Teryl Hanson was baptized June 10 by Pastor Bill Moore, Associate Pastor of the Hill Avenue Church in Regina, Saskatchewan. At 10 years of age, Teryl becomes one of the youngest members of the Regina Church.

Family is Baptized Through It Is Written

The Winnipegosis Seventh-day Adventist Church was the scene of the James Norrie family baptism. For a number of years, Jim and Gladys Norrie attempted to find a church that upheld Biblically-based principles. After being disenchanted with the churches they visited they ceased to attend and became earnest viewers of the It Is Written television program. Last fall an It Is Written Seminar was conducted by Pastor Alan J. Atkinson in the conference room of the Rodeway Inn, Dauphin, and the Norrie family faithfully attended every meeting. They eagerly grasped the truths presented and rejoice to be a part of the fellowship of the remnant church. Their two sons, Donald and John were baptized as well. The Norries are a part of the Dauphin Seventh-day Adventist Church Family. We welcome them into our fellowship.

Arlene Atkinson
Communications Secretary



Left to right — John, Donald, Gladys and Jim Norrie with Pastor Atkinson.

Important Notice —



Seminar — Winnipeg



An It Is Written Seminar is being held beginning September 30, 1984. Pastor George Vandeman and Associate Pastor Roland Lenhoff will open the Seminar. If you have family or friends residing in the Winnipeg area who are not presently members of the church, submit their names to the secretary of the Henderson Highway Church, 1314 Henderson Highway, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2G 1M4. Invitations will be extended to all those whose names have been submitted inviting them to attend this seminar.

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Are You Older Than Yourself?

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British Columbia

Orchard City Church Activities

Orchard City Seventh-day Adventist Church is an active church of 100 members situated on Highway 33 on the outskirts of Kelowna, B.C. Pictured here are some of the activities carried on during the first part of the year.

A. Norman How,
Communication Secretary



Heidi Edwards receives a Diploma from Director Norman How at the end of a Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking. Heidi is now attending services at the Westbank Church.



Jayce Campbell demonstrates Scrambled Tofu at the cooking school held two nights a week for five weeks with a registration of 60, including five Adventists. The textbook for the school was *Food for Your Health and Efficiency*.



Three young families are dedicated to the Lord. Front row (l. to r.): Michelene O'Neil with Kristy and Kevin; Jayce Campbell with Dalcyne and Reid on her knee; Nora Lachelt with Chad and Amber. Back row: Pat O'Neil, Ken Campbell and Pastor Harold King.



Principals of the play, *Prisoner at the Bar*, presented in three area churches (l. to r.) Walter Wecker, director, Pat O'Neil, Keith Corbett, Norman How and Ken Campbell.

Cranbrook Baptism Concludes 8-Week Series

Twenty-four people were baptized during the evangelistic campaign which was held in Cranbrook, B.C. by evangelist Dr. Wadie Farag.

The members of the Cranbrook church experienced a spiritual revival as they assisted in the eight-week effort. Often it was said by some, "I've never heard it so plain before."

Those who attended considered the two fellowship meals as highlights of the entire campaign. These two evenings were relaxed, interesting, and enjoyable. Delicious vegetarian dishes were sampled; the people enjoyed the fellowship, and they were entertained by Dr. Farag's unique experiences.

We are grateful that God has blessed us with these precious people. We solicit your prayers in their behalf as they adjust to their new lives with God's remnant people.

Pastor Ulrich Unruh



Some of those who were baptized during the Cranbrook evangelistic campaign are: (back row) Kathleen Lang, Maria Aleman, Elwood Lang, Andy Naumann, Jim Evans, Bobbie Walkley; (middle row) Dr. Wadie Farag, evangelist, Janet Lang, Mario Perez, Richard Markus, Lise McMinagil, Sabine Gelb, Donna Lemky, Pastor Ulrich Unruh, (front row) Maja Naumann, Linda Grimshaw, Gertrude Russell, Glenda Rodriguez, Jonathan Lang, Bernard Gelb (with his two children).

Highlights of the North Country Camp Meeting



Pastor Glen Maxson presents the charge at the ordination service of three pastors at the North Country Camp Meeting. Left to right: Pastors Phil Dunham, David Giles, Keith Dearing and Ron Myer participate in the service as Tim Gray, Glen Hanson and Herman Kneller receive the charge to the gospel ministry following the ordination service.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maniscalco eat lunch with Elder Phil Dunham from the British Columbia Conference during one of the breaks during the North Country Camp Meeting at Vanderhoof. Maniscalco was the featured speaker during the weekend. Teen and youth speaker for the North Country Camp Meeting was Pastor Bob Tetz, right, from the Vancouver Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. Here he speaks to the group in one of the buildings on the fair grounds in Vanderhoof.

Special Services at Comox Valley

On May 19, 1984 Pastor Norman Manweiler, his wife, Carmen and daughter, Melanie were honoured at a farewell fellowship dinner and sacred program of music and readings presented by members of the Comox Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church. Dayna and Spencer Manweiler were not able to be present because of boarding school.

After five years of loving and faithful service to the Comox Valley and outlying areas, Pastor Norman and Carmen have accepted a call to work in Salmon Arm.

A farewell gift was presented in the form of a scroll, a miniature chair and a sum of money toward a new dining room table and chairs for their Salmon Arm home. A reading written by Sister Marjorie Wright summed up the feelings of the Comox Valley Church members and friends as Pastor Norm and Carmen move on to new challenges for Jesus.

Also on May 19, 1984, Brother Leonard and Sister Kathy Egolf dedicated their three month old son, Jonathan to the Lord as Pastor Norm asked our loving heavenly Father for a special blessing on Jonathan, his parents and sister, Jennifer.

On May 21, 1984, all ten children (grades 1-7) from the Comox Valley SDA School taught by Joy (Egolf) Vandenboer took part in an investiture service. The children presented speeches and visual aids and demonstrated their knowledge of the Bible, music, first aid, and nature lore. Sister Marjorie Wright had spent many hours working with the children on their requirements. Pastor Don Melashenko focused on each individual's importance to God before presenting the scarves, pins and honours to the happy children. Of special note was the fact that all ten children received a cacti honour which had been taught by cacti specialist, Pastor Manweiler.



Pastor and Mrs. Manweiler at their farewell service before taking up pastoral duties at Salmon Arm.



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Egolf and Jennifer at the dedication service of son Jonathan.

Farewell to the Scotts



Pastor and Mrs. Pat Scott were honoured at a farewell dinner in the Vancouver Central Seventh-day Adventist Church by the elders and people with whom Pastor Scott has been studying. Pastor Scott will be pastoring two churches in the Texas Conference. Pat and Esther have been residing in the Vancouver area during rehabilitation following a car accident in which Pat was injured while serving as a missionary in Tanzania.

Child Evangelism Workshop



Juanita Boyse, an authority in child evangelism from Texas and a contributor to Sabbath School materials for the General Conference, held three workshops in the Vancouver Central Seventh-day Adventist Church over the June 16 weekend. This event was advertised in a newspaper that is distributed throughout the Protestant churches in the Fraser Valley and several individuals from these churches attended. Teacher, writer, youth counsellor, Juanita has also been the guest of many Sunday School conventions in the United States.

I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES: How God Pulled Together a Musical Adventure in Faith

by Lynn Neumann McDowell

"You can never tell God how to answer your prayers." — Angeline Foo, JW Peterson Seminar & Cantata Coordinator, 1984 Music Committee Co-chairperson, SDA Central Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

As soon as she said "Hello," I knew Angeline was disappointed about something. For months, we had been conferring almost daily about rehearsals, coordination, accommodations, etc., in preparation for the arrival of the grandfather of gospel music, John W. Peterson, from Arizona, to Calgary.

As a child in Edmonton, I had hummed, along with the church choir as they presented what I thought was the musical highlight of the year — a John Peterson Christmas cantata. In Juniors, we sang "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul" with a gusto Dr. Peterson would have enjoyed, and as a teenager, I fell in love with "I Believe in Miracles."

So when Angeline told me she had been in touch with THE John Peterson and he was willing to conduct the combined choirs of Edmonton and Calgary in his "LOVE & KINDNESS" cantata, I became as excited as she did. Here was a chance for the young and mature musicians — Adventist & non-Adventist — to work with an internationally well-renowned composer. Not only was he willing to conduct two concerts at Canadian Union College and Edmonton, he was also willing to conduct a choral reading seminar in Calgary.

We prayed about it and began planning and the miracles began to happen.

There was only one weekend in the Spring when Dr. Peterson could come — the same weekend that the Edmonton choir was

available. That was also the only weekend the Edmonton Philharmonic was available. So the cantata date was set for May 26. We needed brochures and posters and the commercial artist, Carl Belyea, undertook the project and refused payment. We needed a large church for the Edmonton performance and McDougal United opened its doors. We received legal advice from an extremely well known law firm, gratis. The Alberta Conference gave its blessing by fostering the entire project. The Edmonton Philharmonic conductor, John Unsworth, was enthusiastic about having his orchestra join our youth even though his musicians didn't usually play gospel music.

135 vocalists and instrumentalists came out every Sabbath afternoon and some weekdays to practise under Art Cooper (Edmonton choir), Dr. Bob Huether (Calgary choir), Philip Hill (Calgary ensemble) and John Unsworth (Edmonton Philharmonic).

Now there were only three days to the great event and something was terribly wrong; John Peterson was very sick.

"There was one-in-a-thousand chance that he'd get sick," I groaned, "and he picks our cantata weekend!"

"Yes, but he's sending up a close associate of his, Dr. Ed Willmington who has a Ph.D. in music composition and theory and who is very good too," Angeline countered, trying to sound more optimistic than I knew she felt. "He does John's choral and orchestration arrangements, and he's a composer and conductor himself. He comes very highly recommended."

Was this the end of the miracle chain? Recommended or not, I know that the music

directors of various churches were expecting to meet John W. Peterson. A soloist, Kelvin Lim, was flying in specially from Toronto, a 110-voice choir and 30-piece orchestra had worked for months and all were anxious to perform under the composer's directions.

In the telephone pause, Angeline read my unspoken question. "I think we should go ahead," she said.

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Jennifer Brodeur, Jackie Paige and Tiffany Ziegenhagel sang "Dear Wonderful Jesus" to 1000 people at C.U.C.



Dr. Ed Willmington leads out in the John Peterson's Music Seminar at the University of Calgary.



Dr. Ed Willmington conducting John Peterson's "Love and Kindness" Cantata at Canadian Union College Church service. 100 voices and the Edmonton Philharmonic took part in the Cantata.

Beiseker Level Land 75th Anniversary

In the autumn of 1908 a group of Seventh-day Adventist settlers came from North Dakota to an area now known as Beiseker Level Land, 80 kilometers northeast of Calgary. In the spring of 1909, among the first of the buildings that were erected was the church, situated in the centre of the land that they would farm.

1984 marks the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Beiseker Level Land Church. June 29 to July 1 were the dates chosen to commemorate this Anniversary. Former members, relatives and friends joined with the present membership to thank

God for His leading of the past, His care for the present and the promise of His guidance in the future.

Present for the occasion were Lowell Bock, a former pastor, now Vice-President of the General Conference; R.R. Patzer, a former pastor, now retired and living in North Dakota; R. Becker, former resident, now a retired pastor living in California. The messages they presented emphasized the theme "Faith in God, Yesterday, Today and Forever."

Herb Larsen, President of the Alberta Conference, presented a plaque in tribute to

the church for their support during the last 75 years.

There was music from the past, including German Hymns. There was a tribute to the pioneers. A beautiful colour slide program entitled, "New Beginnings" was presented by Les and Mary Lane Anderson. There was excellent food, German flavour and recreation and games, pioneer style.

The members of the church at Beiseker Level Land wish to thank everyone who had a part in making this celebration so enjoyable.

Roy Dubyna, Pastor



Beiseker Level Land Church and recreation centre.



Participating in the anniversary weekend were: Les Anderson, Lowell Bock, R. Patzer, D. Skoretz and R. Becker.

Two Alberta Couples Mark Sixtieth Wedding Milestones

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Gimbel of Calgary, Alberta, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently, surrounded by all of their children and many of their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

On July 1, 400 friends, neighbours, and relatives gathered with the Gimbel family in the fellowship hall at the Beiseker Level Land SDA Church for an inspiring evening of music, speeches, and good food. The next day the Gimbels entertained more friends and family at an open house at their Calgary residence.

Jake Gimbel and Ruth Johnson were married July 2, 1924, in the Calgary home of Mr. Gimbel's parents, with conference president, J.J. Reiswig officiating. They returned to the Gimbel homestead eleven miles east of Beiseker, where they farmed until retiring to Calgary in 1967.

Mrs. Gimbel had previously been a teacher at the Advent School east of Beiseker.

Mr. and Mrs. Gimbel were applauded for their many years of service and favourable influence in the Beiseker district, as well as in Calgary. Note was made, as well, of the goodness of God in giving them more than fourscore years of good health and active life. They still maintain their own home and garden, and they provide Christian entertainment, good food, and lodging to many.

The Gimbels have six children: Harvey (Redlands, California), Courtney (Beiseker, Alberta), Elaine (Loma Linda, California),

Naida (Kelowna, B.C.), Howard (Calgary, Alberta), and Glenda (Portland, Oregon).



Mr. and Mrs. J. Gimbel

Heinrich Spenst and Katharina Wiebe married in Nicolipol, Russia, March 4, 1924. On June 17, 1984, they celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in Lacombe, Alberta, with all children being present for the first time in twenty-one years.

The Spenst family arrived in Rosthern, Saskatchewan on April 25, 1930 with their four oldest children, Elizabeth, Henry, Mary, and Kathy, who was born in Germany on their way to the western world. Arthur, Helmuth, Hilda, Elsie, Nettie, and Erna joined the family in Rosthern, Saskatchewan.

Arriving on the Prairies during a depression was not an easy thing, and times were hard. Mr. Spenst did odd jobs wherever he could get them, and the Lord provided wonderfully for their needs. He found work

with a rancher, and then later was able to rent a farm and saved enough to put a substantial down payment on a farm of his own in Debden, Saskatchewan.

In June 1953, the Spensts moved to Rutland, B.C. where they lived for 27 years. Then they moved to Lacombe so that they could be nearer to their children.

Even though Mr. Spenst is 86 years of age, you can still see him walking for miles with a spring in his step. Mrs. Spenst, 81 years of age, loves to work in her garden, and rides her stationary bicycle six miles each day.

Mr. and Mrs. Spenst joined the Seventh-day Adventist church in Rosthern, Saskatchewan in 1932, and have been faithful members ever since. Their greatest desire is to see the return of the Lord, and that all their family will be ready to meet Him.



Mr. and Mrs. H. Spenst

Ontario

Two Years of Bible Study Culminate in 9 Baptisms at Willowdale

In 1982 Pastor B.M. Isaac started studies in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roshan Massey in Milton, Ontario. The Massey's had been baptized in India but after their move to Canada had attended only occasionally.

As the studies progressed, their three daughters Claudia, Rebecca and Reena joined in. Then Mrs. Massey's three brothers, a sister-in-law and mother also joined the group, bringing the total to 10.

Mrs. Massey's brothers, sister-in-law and mother were all of the Hindu religion. It took a lot of study and review of Christian beliefs before they gave their hearts to the Lord. Her mother, Mrs. Singh has not yet done so, but hopefully she too will be baptized before the fall.

When Pastor Leslie Neal visited in their home with Pastor Isaac, he found a group of people well instructed and prepared for baptism. The special event took place on June 9 in the Willowdale Church.

Willowdale has had baptisms in six of the last seven months during which 45 people have joined the church. It is the goal of the church to have at least one baptism each month.

Announcement

The Oakville Church is conducting an evangelistic series July 28 to August 25 in the Walton Memorial United Church. You are encouraged to invite friends and relatives in the Oakville area to attend. Names for visitation are to be sent to Pastor T. Ivkov, 10 Ailsa Craig Crt., Willowdale, Ontario M2R 2B8. Phone 416-665-0373.



Baptismal group in front of Willowdale Church.

Babies Dedicated at Kingsview Village



June 9 was a very special Sabbath for babes in arms, as they were dedicated to God at the Kingsview Village Church, Toronto. Pastor Steve Petr officiated in the ceremony. Presented to God were: Nayota Colleen Bennett, daughter of Trevor and Gloria; Ashley Elizabeth Johnston, daughter of Beth; Nicole Annette Small, daughter of Edward and Angela; and Robert Andrew Small, son of Andrew and Maxine. May God bless these and all our children as we await the Master's return.

Crawford Academy Students Awarded Honours and Certificates



32 students of Crawford Adventist Academy were presented with Adventist Youth honours and Junior Book Club certificates at a special assembly June 6, 1984. The youth director for the Ontario Conference, Gordon Pifher, was guest speaker and made the presentations. Mrs. Juanita Neal, junior high teacher, promoted the earning of honours by integrating the honour requirements into the core curriculum of her class. Besides the Junior Book Club certificates, honours were earned in cooking, basic sewing, and family life.

Hundreds packed the big tent on Sabbath afternoon, June 30 to witness the highlight of the Ontario Camp Meeting, the ordination to the gospel ministry of Victor Fitch, Ralph Janes and Randall Sauder. It was a high day in the lives of these three men and their families, especially for Randy Sauder whose father gave the ordination sermon. The three candidates were presented by Elder Lester Carney and Elder James Wilson. Elder W. Bornstein charged the three men with the solemn responsibility of a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Conference President G.W. Morgan welcomed these three consecrated men into the ministry and was followed by congratulations and hearty handshakes by fellow ministers of the Ontario Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fitch (Gem O'Brien) joined the Canadian Union staff after many years dedicated to the youth of the Seventh-day Adventist educational system. Brother Fitch was born in Red Deer, Alberta and studied at Canadian Union College, Walla Walla College and received his Master of Education degree at Western Washington State College in Bellingham, Wa. He has served in various teaching and administrative capacities at both C.U.C. and Walla Walla College. Since 1982 he has served the Canadian Union as Director of Education. The Fitches have three children, Lana Franklin, Shaun and Victor Junior.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fitch consider the work of education and redemption as one and it has been their privilege to lead young men and women not only into scholastic learning but also into a redemption experience.

Ralph Janes has also spent his entire ministry in close relationship to the educational work of the church. He was born in St. John's, Newfoundland and attended Oshawa Missionary College, Atlantic Union

Three Ordained at Ontario Camp Meeting

**Called as His minister
Oh, what a sobering thought
Set apart for His use
To office divinely sought.**

**Boldly proclaim the Blessed Hope
Prophetically it's near twelve o'clock
Give of your best to the Master who will
Welcome you with your special flock.**



Left to right — Pastors Randall Sauder, Ralph Janes and Victor Fitch.

College and received a Master of Arts degree from Andrews University. His denominational employment began as principal of Pontiac Jr. Academy in Michigan, then he served in the same capacity at Schaber Memorial Academy in New Brunswick. After several years at Toronto Junior Academy, he returned to Newfoundland as Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent of Education. In 1978 the Janes family moved west where Ralph served as registrar for Canadian Union College and then as principal of Parkview Adventist Academy. Since 1983 Mr. Janes has been President of Kingsway College in Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Janes (Connie Knutson) have two daughters, Sharon Foreman and Sandie Wile.

Randall Sauder was born in Pennsylvania into the home of a minister and has moved frequently and been connected with the work of the ministry all his life. In 1974 he had a very definite and vivid impression to "Go tell the world" and this objective is his direction in life.

He attended Mt. Ellis Academy in Montana and graduated from Andrews University in 1979. His ministry began in the Edmonton Central Church. The pastorate of the Olds, Alberta church was his next assignment following which he accepted a call from the Ontario Conference. In 1983 he assumed the leadership of the Kingston-Brockville district and the Lord has richly blessed his ministry not only in the strengthening of the churches he has served but also in the baptism of many converts to the faith.

Pastor Sauder married Kathy Bothe and they have one child, Michael Lewis.

To know and love and serve Him
Let my high absorption be,
Finding, as His willing bondman,
Life unfettered, radiant, free.

—anonymous



Six Baptized in Both Agincourt and Scarborough



The Scarborough SDA Church was ecstatic on Sabbath, June 16th. Six precious souls were baptized and one was added by Profession of Faith. There were dozens of visitors; many from the community, one from St. Kitts, and the Robichaud's family from Moncton, N.B. They came to witness the baptisms of the Hargie's family, whose interest in the Adventist Message they initiated through the book *All In The Name Of The Lord*. (Linda Hargie and Joanne Robichaud are sisters). Most of our visitors joined us for the fellowship dinner that followed the service. Left to right: Pastor E. Richards, Allison, Linda and William Hargie and Claire Holland. In front are Billy Hargie and Karen Samaroo. Hilda Bryant is missing.



Agincourt Church, Toronto, added six members to its congregation when the following were baptized in the Toronto East Church on April 7, 1984: (L to R) Pastor Clyde Cassimy, Newton Smith, Elaine Kogana, Pam Ramberan, Janice Langley, Devon Henry, Keith McIntosh.

News from Chatham and Dresden

□ Baptism

Pastor R. Toms officiated in the baptism of two precious souls on June 23, 1984. Heather Jones brought her friend Heather Brown to prayer meeting and later encouraged her to attend the worship service. Heather Brown was impressed by the service and the friendly atmosphere. After a year she consented to Bible study which led to her baptism.

Sherry Simpson, Grade 7 student at the Chatham Adventist School, requested baptism and was also baptized June 23.

□ Farewell

A farewell supper honouring Dan and Debbie Simpson, Shelly and brothers Andrew and Daniel and grandmother Hilda Simpsn and Sherry as they will take up residence at Canadian Union College.

They were recipients of a beautiful quilt made by some of the church members.

□ Graduation

As her seventeen classmates flanked the aisle in the Chatham Adventist Church, Margaret Miller entered to end her elementary education. She has been guided this year in her academic and Christian growth under the loving and caring guidance of Principal Bernard Lawrence and associate teachers Pauline Lawrence and Connie Pangburn.

Pastor David Toop addressed the graduate and her classmates. We wish Margaret continued success as she enters her secondary education.

□ Fair Booth

Our theme was - Seventh-day Adventists Advocate a Balanced Life Style. Samples of vegetarian food were kept hot for curious eaters. MGM foods were also promoted. Meatless Bologna received the most com-



Sherry Simpson, Heather Brown and Pastor R. Toms.



Farewell to the Simpson family.



Principal Bernard Lawrence congratulating Grade 8 graduate Margaret Miller.

ments. Vegetarian recipes, MGM order forms, Saturday Evening Post, Signs of the Times, were handed out.

Members of other churches expressed interest in the way we live and we thank the Lord for our message of health, love, and the blessed hope of Jesus' return.

A. Blahovich



Chatham membes promote healthful diet at fair booth.

Oshawa Girl Named "Outstanding Senior"

Sandra Curtis, daughter of Roy and Ellen Curtis of Oshawa, Ontario, has received the Outstanding Senior award for 1984 from Walla Walla College's Biology Department. Curtis, who has been elected president of Walla Walla's summer 1984 graduating class, will receive a certificate and honorarium.

A senior biology major, Sandra received the award at a special awards assembly at Walla Walla College in mid-May. More than \$46,000 in scholarships and awards were dispersed.

Walla Walla College is a private, four-year college located in southeastern Washington state. It is affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church and offers degrees in both the sciences and the liberal arts.

Another Six Baptized at Richmond Hill!



Richmond Hill Church enjoyed a wonderful Sabbath on May 26, when six people were baptized. (L to R) Pictured are Pastor Dan Handysides, Markus Minder, Leanne Ernstberger, Ted Klatt, Dale Rowe, Virginia and Basil Wilson. We wish them God's blessings as they celebrate their new life in Christ in the Richmond Hill area.

Bowmanville Baptism



Sabbath, May 12, was especially happy for Mrs. Mavis Ramsay and Mrs. Nancy Kemperle as their children David, Suzanne and Jacqueline were baptized at the Bowmanville Church that day.

Week of Prayer Tapes

For several years the adult and children's *Week of Prayer* messages have been available on cassette tapes through the Ministry Tape of the Month Club sponsored by the General Conference Ministerial and Stewardship Association. This service is offered again this year.

The 1984 *Week of Prayer* will focus on the Bible — "Knowing God through the Scriptures." Our authors will deal with topics like "The purpose and place of the Scriptures," "Understanding the Scriptures," "Developing a Devotional Life" and "The Scriptures and Salvation." You will actually hear the voices of Neal C. Wilson, General Conference president, and other distinguished leaders of the church.

The children's messages are by Paul Sundquist, a retired youth leader of the church although at present he is involved in youth and evangelistic work in Poland. Elder Sundquist served as youth leader in the Congo Union and later in what was known as the Trans-Africa Division. Following this he was president of the Swedish Union, and Sabbath school department director in the Northern European Division.

The eight messages for adults are available on two cassettes for \$5.00. The six children's messages are on a single cassette at a cost of \$3.00. Send payment with order to: Week of Prayer Tapes, Ministry Services, P.O. Box 217, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866. Please add extra for overseas air mail postage. Check with your post office to ascertain the difference between the cost of surface mail and air mail. The adults' and children's tapes weigh seven ounces; the adults' tapes weigh only three ounces.

We recommend that your order for the 1984 *Week of Prayer* tapes be received two months before this annual event scheduled for November 3-10.

Rex D. Edwards

I Believe in Miracles, continued from p. 22

The first miracle to greet us after the great disappointment was the kind understanding of the seminar participants. Only three withdrew their applications when we phoned to tell them of the replacement, and Dr. Willmington's candid and positive response to the issues raised during the discussion period sparked whole-hearted audience participation during the seminar.

We began to smile.

Ed Willmington not only went through the music John was planning to use, he brought along more. He had just completed a very successful book on children's songs and Good Life Publications was going to publish their very first children song book. Ed lingered after the seminar to discuss the specific needs of groups represented and many seminar participants expressed their enjoyment and wish to see him back for another similar seminar with more features on worship services.

"We need at least one more miracle," I thought. Would the cantata musicians accept him instead of John? The Edmonton and

Calgary choirs had only practised together once and the Edmonton Philharmonic wasn't used to playing gospel music. Could Ed pull the choirs, orchestra, narrators, soloists together in the one and only practice?

At the Friday night practice, we got our answer. In two hours, diplomatic Ed had the choirs and orchestra responding to his baton with smiles. When we realized that John Peterson did not do the orchestration arrangement himself, we began to see God's special reason for sending Ed. Or was it purpose?

"Ed was such an inspiration," recounted one choir member. "What he said in the seminar about 'Turning from things that hinder' when we worship just kept going through my mind the whole time we were singing and it has stuck with me till now."

A few choir members expressed their views of Ed by quoting his humble words, "Too often we forget that it is not the congregation that is our audience but it is God that is our audience. We must always do our best."

The Canadian Union College Public

Relations Director, Dr. Frank Owens, said of Ed, "I like his Christian attitude. He told everyone on Friday night at the rehearsal that we had work to do for the Lord."

"If I'd known it was going to be this good," a sceptical university student admitted afterward, "I'd have invited my professor; she'd have loved it." He lowered his voice. "This is the biggest and best thing the Adventists have ever tried in Alberta."

The cantata will be heard internationally. Several members of the audience approached the coordinating committee for tapes of the cantata to send to friends' and family overseas, as far away as the USSR and Southeast Asia.

I left the church thankful for miracles of spirit — for the sense of community and worship that had pervaded at both the McDougall and CUC churches. God still works miracles in the world and in the hearts of His people.

Angeline smiled as we walked down the church aisle. "You can't tell God how to answer our prayers, can you?"

The Bangalore Adventist hospital began as an act of faith. There was NO Mission owned building, NO Bangalore Adventist doctor available, and only a couple of Adventist nurses, but the Union and local Conference felt the need for such an institution. A building owned by a local doctor who had passed away, was rented from his widow who retained the second floor. Local specialists were contracted to serve the clinic and a pastor was chosen as the administrator. Thus, in October 1978, the clinic opened its doors, and from the start it prospered.

The story of the beginning of this act of faith is as follows:

The local conference needed office space to make room for school expansion. While our administrators were looking over several buildings, the availability of the old run down "Chander's Clinic" became known. This building was feared in the area as a "Ghost Clinic" and few people ever dared to come near it. It had no "good will" and few

13th Sabbath Offering to Aid Bangalore Medical Centre

W.H. Mattison
Union President

regained by the Adventist nurses. From then on, the clinic has developed, and an expansion program has pushed out the conference office.

From the beginning, the clinic proved to be a success and the beds increased from 5

to 10, and then to 28. This was all the building could possibly accommodate. For the first 3 or 4 years an appropriation of \$4,000 per year was required, first to operate and then to further equip the institution.

An Adventist doctor volunteered his services. His wife, a nurse, became Supervisor of Nurses.

Shortly after this two other Adventist doctors made themselves available, and that made three Adventist doctors at the clinic.

The clinic became a nursing home, which in India really means a small hospital. A surgery room, X-ray equipment, and a vehicle were purchased from the income of the institution. Technical staff were also employed.

In 1982 this small hospital had a gain of \$4,000 income over expenses.

Now the present rented accommodation can no longer accommodate the operation of the Bangalore medical work. The Southern Asia Division has made the 13th Sabbath



ever dared to go there for treatment under any circumstances.

When Doctor Chander died the clinic came to a halt. The building had been lying vacant for several years when we approached the owners for leasing the premises for our office. However, due to government regulations in connection with taking over old buildings, we had to purchase the business which resulted in our running a small dispensary.

The dispensary was in one room of the twelve-room building and the rest of the building was used as the local conference office.

Due to the influence of the Adventist staff and the special attention they gave to the few patients who visited the clinic, the news that the Seventh-day Adventist health care and health education were the best in the area spread far and wide. Our clinic became a "special place" in the hearts of many Bangaloreans and the good will which was lost under previous ownership was



Overflow Offering available for the first stage of the building of a new hospital. Land for this building, valued at \$400,000, is owned by the Church and located in an ideal place.

The present nursing home serves not only the community, but also employees of the local conference and Union. In Bangalore, the fastest growing city in India, there are three Adventist high schools, one junior college, the Sunshine Orphanage, two elementary schools, and thirty Adventist churches with a membership of 3,500.

This appeal to the world Church is very timely and valuable to our church growth in Bangalore. It will help in the construction of a new building for the Bangalore Adventist hospital, and this will enable our members and workers to have a facility which will help them to do medical missionary work. This will open still more doors to further increase the membership and the number of churches in Bangalore.

Thank you for your help.

General

ACAP Announces Maranatha Theme Song Contest

ACAP, Inc. (Adventist Composers, Arrangers and Poets) is sponsoring a theme song contest for Maranatha Flights International. Needed are a spirited, marching-type song and words, approximately 16 measures long. It should contain the word "Maranatha" which means The Lord is Coming, and should emphasize the missionary spirit and dedication of Maranatha members, who donate their transportation costs and labour to build Adventist churches and structures throughout the world. Songwriters should, as soon as possible, send a simple piano arrangement, lead-line arrangement or cassette tape (non-returnable) to ACAP, Inc., P.O. Box 11, Days Creek, OR 97429. Closing date is October 1, 1984. Contest is open to all Christians of good will, and prizes are: 1st - \$50.00; 2nd - \$25.00; 3rd - one year membership in ACAP.

Wanted: Old-Fashioned Wisdom

Christian and non-Christian families are hungry these days for character building stories. General Christian book stores are filled with a vast assortment of stories and publications from or about the Bible. But books of other character-building stories are hard to find. Yet Adventist lore is replete with just such stories. If you have favorite unpublished stories or old books such as *Choice Readings for the Home Circle*, *The Hand That Intervenes* or *Stories Worth Rereading* or how-to books like *All About The Baby*, we would be grateful for you to send word to the Hewitt Research Foundation, Box 9, Washougal, WA 98671 or call 206/835-5392. We believe they and you can help bring fulfillment of the Elijah message of Malachi 4 to turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the children to their fathers.

There is a call for such stories by people of all churches. They are interested in finding the best. If they frankly moralize, all the better - on honesty, kindness, dependability, cleanliness, obedience, courtesy and all the other graces and strengths. And there are no stories more thrilling than those of angels.

Pathfinders to Have Their Own Magazine

Pathfinder clubs all across the division will benefit from the newest journal to be published by the Review and Herald, *Pathfinder*. This four-colour, 24-page journal will be published every other month, offering adventure stories, nature stories, camping trips, craft ideas, and local news from various Pathfinder clubs across the division. Kris Coffin, a recent graduate of Pacific Union College, is the managing editor of *Pathfinder*.

Andrews Academy Alumni Homecoming October 19 and 20, 1984. All EMCA, AUA, and AA alumni, former students and faculty are cordially invited. Members of classes of 1925, 1935, 1945, 1955, 1960, and 1965 and 1975 will be given special recognition. Plan now to attend. Thank you.

HOME STUDY INTERNATIONAL offers an alternative for those desiring Christian education when Adventist schools are not available. In the comfort of your home, and at your own pace, you or your child can study with the help of qualified teachers. Courses are available from kindergarten through college. For more information and a free bulletin, write: Home Study International, 6940 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Review and Herald Enters Home Computer Market

For years the Review and Herald has provided Sabbath reading and a line of Bible games for Adventist youth. Now modern technology presents another format for these concepts in personal computer software. Soon young computer enthusiasts will have a variety of challenging Sabbath activities to enjoy.

Review computer Bible games are being developed for the Commodore 64, Apple IIe, and Radio Shack's TRS 80. The techniques used in developing these Bible games allow the computer programmer to make the games interactive and challenging. According to Gail Hunt, research and development director, "Random selection will allow the player to play a different version of the game each time. This takes the games beyond the memorization of answers to make learning about the Scriptures an interesting adventure."

The Review will market nine computer games this year. These games may be purchased through Adventist Book Centers after October 15.

Bits and Pieces of Heritage



In our family we have what's affectionately known as "The Box." Every time we're all together for a holiday, my brother Joe is always the one to haul it out of the closet. For years now we've threatened to get it organized, even assigned various responsibilities to different family members, but no one ever follows through. Reluctant, perhaps, to end a tradition.

In the box are mostly pictures. From antique tintypes of relatives nearly forgotten, to Olan Mills formal sittings through the progressive toothless grins of four siblings. There's Mom and her sister standing pidgeontoe clutching their dolls, Grandpa on Dad's side holding my two aunts in a rattan rocker, my little brother decked out in his underpants accented by his favourite purse and beaded hat, me in my eighth grade graduation regalia, my folks on their wedding day.

As always we go through it piece by piece, retelling this illustrated story of our lives for the benefit of our partners and the grandchildren. Intimate living had its ups and downs for us like for every other family, but for now the good memories prese to the front.

Last time, I happened to catch a quiet smile pass between Mom and Dad as we chattered over yet another unearthed treasure. That's when I began to understand. This box was and is their best gift to us. For these bits and pieces of heritage, when sifted together over time, speak mostly of laughter, warmth, acceptance, and understanding. The love of a man and a woman for each other has been passed along. Because of them and the testimony of their marriage together, we too know how to love. Good marriages give the gift of intimacy to their children. It may be the greatest gift of all.

Karen and Ron Flowers work together in family life education at Home and Family Service. Two sons complete their foursome and account for their special interest in parenting in addition to their work in marriage strengthening.

Weddings

BROSSEUK - RADFORD

On April 26, Brian and Frances Radford of Grand Forks, B.C. escorted their daughter Mary down the aisle to meet her groom Gordon Brosseuk. Gordon is the son of John and Kay Brosseuk, Bella Coala, B.C.

Maid of Honour was Rhonda Stickle, and bridesmaid was Kerry Friesen, both friend of the bride. Elsie Yarema was the flowergirl.

Attending the groom were Raymond Brosseuk and Morley Radford. Ushers were Jaime Radford and Dennis Brosseuk. Pastor C. Long, long-time family friend conducted the ceremony.

Upon returning from their honeymoon in Hawaii Gordon and Mary have taken up residence in Bella Coala.

Donna Stoyanowski

BROWNE - ALLEYNE

Sandra Alayne of Agincourt Church joined hands with Pastor Orville Browne of Chicago in holy wedlock at Toronto East Church on June 10, 1984.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. Clyde Cassim, pastor of the Agincourt Church and Dr. N. Miles of Andrews University. The bride and groom were accompanied by Beverly Johnson as maid of honour, and Pastor Willey Oliver as best man.

The couple will be residing in Chicago.

BURTCH - BASS

On Sunday evening, June 3, 1984, a life of happiness began for Monita Jean Bass and Perry Dean Burch. Monita is the daughter of Jean Bass of Spokane, Washington and Gary Bass of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Perry is the son of Dr. & Mrs. Dean Burch of Terrace, B.C. Pastor Mickey Meyer conducted the wedding ceremony in the Spokane Valley SDA Church.

The bride's attendants were her sisters, Carla and Valarie, and her friends, Tana Dansereau, Lavonda Goodhew, and Patsy Hare. The groom was attended by his brother, Monte, and his friends Jeff Carr, Ronley Larson, Eric Bahme & Darrell Brunetti. The flower girl and Bible boy were Sally Bollinger and David Fisher.

Perry and Monita are residing in College Place, Washington where they will both continue their education.

CLUTTER - CLOUTEN

On Sunday, May 13, 1984, Linelda Clouten, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Keith Clouten of College Heights, Alberta, and Ron Clutter of Lincoln, Nebraska, were married in the College Heights S.D.A. Church. The service was conducted by Pastor Don Corkum.

The bride was attended by Kerrie Clouten, Gisela Hess, Rhonda Humenny, Kirstin Clouten and Amanda Krehbiel. Attending the groom were Brian Stendel, Coyne Tibbets and Jeff Potts. Bjorn Clouten was candlelighter.

Ron and Linelda will be living in Lincoln, Nebraska, where they will be finishing their education at Union College. May God bless this couple and their plans for further service in God's work.

HARDER - MOLCUIT

Daniel Melvin Harder, son of Mrs. Mabel Harder of Lacombe, Alberta, was united in marriage to Kathrine Lois Molcuit on June 15, 1984. The wedding took place at Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia.

HORTON - PARRISH

On July 2, 1984, Ellen, youngest daughter of Otis and Betty Parrish of Dover, Ontario, and Paul, youngest son of William and Doris Horton of Toronto, were united in marriage.

The beautiful wedding was officiated by Rev. Kenn Lowe at the Grace-Baldoon United Church in Dover, Ontario.

The bride was attended by her sister Barbara Poolman, her cousin Donna Blahovich, and the groom's sister Margo Horton. The groom was attended by the bride's brother Cameron Parrish, and friends Brian Hardcastle and Frank Horvath. Amber Jones served as the flowergirl while Ryan Buschemeyer served as Bible bearer.

We wish Ellen and Paul God's richest blessings as they make their home in the Toronto area.

Edwin Sormin

JACOBSON - DEVNICH

Della Devnich and Greg Jacobsen were married on Sunday, June 10, 1984, at the College Heights S.D.A. Church. Della is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Blabey and Greg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobson. The service was conducted by Pastor Don Corkum.

Della and Greg will be living in Lethbridge, Alberta, where they are continuing their education at the University of Lethbridge. May God bless this new home.

POPLAWSKI - BARRIERE

The wedding of Catherine Barriere and Garry Poplawski was solemnized in the Hamilton Mountain Church on Sunday, May 20, 1984.

The bride is the daughter of Guy and Jacqueline Barriere of Yverres, France. The groom is the son of Alex and Trina Poplawski of Hamilton, Ontario.

The ceremony was conducted by pastors Eric Juriansz and Laren Kurtz. The bride was attended by Erika Sloan, maid of honor, and Jennifer and Katy Minnick, flower girls.

The groom was attended by Milt Perkins. The ushers were Febrin Smith and Jim Kaytor.

The bride and groom reside in Cayuga, Ontario. May God bless them as they establish a Christian home.

E. Thorpe

SCOTT - FERRELL

On Sunday, July 8, 1984, a lovely afternoon ceremony was held in the College Park Church in Oshawa uniting in marriage Sharri Leah Ferrell and Ronald Neal Scott.

Sharri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ferrell of Oshawa and Ron is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Pat Scott of Vancouver. Attending Sharri as matron of honour was Cathy Anderson with Elaine Howatt as bridesmaid.

Ron was attended by Bob Palinka as best man, with Ian Ferrell as groomsmen. Karen Hudkins was flower girl with Clifford Howatt as Bible boy.

A reception followed in the church assembly room. Pastor Wayne Culmore performed the ceremony and joined with Ron and Sharri's families and many friends in wishing them God's richest blessings as they establish a Christian home in Williams Lake, B.C.

Obituaries

DZRAL — Michael Dzral was born on September 12, 1900 in Krakow, Poland and passed to his rest on May 19, 1984.

In 1927 he came to Canada and worked in the Myrnam area. In 1967 he

retired and spent a number of years in the Myrnam Lodge, the St. Paul Nursing Home and passed away at the hospital in St. Paul.

Brother Dzral was an avid listener for many years to the Voice of Hope program conducted by Pastor Uniat and in 1961 he decided to give his heart to Jesus and was baptized by Pastor Uniat in Beauvallon.

Left the mourn is one son, Ronald. We look forward to meeting Michael again on the resurrection morning.

GELDART — Gladys B. (Van Buskirk) Geldart, born November 9, 1904, Moncton, New Brunswick; Died January 1, 1984, Loma Linda, California. Vera Cameron, sister, survives.

HILL — Rose (Lamming) Hill, age 87, of Rutland, B.C. passed away April 8 in Kelowna, B.C. after an extended illness. She is a native of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Funeral services were held at the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist church with Elder Harold Friesen, son-in-law of the deceased. Burial was at the Lakeview Memorial Gardens. She is survived by her husband, John J. Hill, and three daughters, Edna Jones, Evelyn Friesen, and Winnifred Rick; 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters, and 2 brothers.

Harold Friesen

MARTIN — Hilda Martin was born in Telemark, Norway on May 30, 1898. At the age of 6 she came to Canada, settling in Alberta. On September 5, 1925 she married Henry A. Martin in Calgary, Alberta. They lived in several towns of Alberta and British Columbia, finally settling in the McBride, B.C. area for 26 years. After her husband's retirement they moved onto a small orchard in Cawston, B.C. and then onto the Merritt, B.C. area where she resided with her husband in Lower Nicola, B.C. for the past 7 years. After a lengthy illness, Hilda Martin fell asleep in the hope of the first resurrection. She had been a faithful member for many years and passed away on May 22, 1984.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Peter Fritz and Dirk Zinner on May 25. Burial was in the Merritt Cemetery.

Left to mourn are three sons: Gordon, Clifford and Clarence, as well as 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Dirk Zinner

McLEARY — Dulcie Evadnie McLeary was born August 26, 1932 at Newell, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, and passed to her rest June 29, 1984. She grew up attending the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was baptized just before leaving for college. She graduated with a teaching certificate in 1953, and spent the majority of the rest of her life ministering to children.

Dulcie and Theodore McLeary were married on April 10, 1960 at Mandeville, Jamaica.

Six years later, she and her husband accepted a call to serve the church in England, where she taught at a number of schools. Her professional qualifications, friendliness and Christian character endeared her to her students.

Mrs. McLeary lived in England for 13 years, and in 1979 moved with her family to Canada where she taught for the North York Board of Education. In August 1981 she moved to Oshawa.

Mrs. McLeary is survived by her husband Theodore, pastor of the Perth Avenue Church in Toronto; three child-

ren, Cecile and Michael born in Jamaica, and Samuel born in England; her mother in Jamaica; four sisters; three brothers; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at College Park Church in Oshawa on July 3. Interment was at Mount Lawn Cemetery in Whitby.

Her smiling face and positive Christian disposition will long be remembered. Certainly in her experience, the biblical statement "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, their works do follow them" will be fulfilled.

SKORETZ — Katherine Bilsky Skoretz was born in Poland, February 24, 1896 and passed to her rest May 30, 1984. In 1914 she married Wasyli Skoretz, and they lived in Buchanan, Saskatchewan until her death. In 1942 she purchased a Ukrainian Bible from Jehovah Witnesses, and opened her home to Bible studies held by Elder C. Samograd. She, together with her husband and two sons were baptized in 1947. For many years her living room was used for Church services until the Canora church was built where she was a faithful member.

She is survived by 9 sons, Steve, John, Mike, Daniel, Thomas, Rudolph, Frank, Bernard, Edward, 5 daughters, Annie Hrycay, Mary Surkan, Nellie Kotyk, Carol Domino, Hilda Ferster, 40 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 2 brothers. Officiating ministers were her sons, Elder Rudolph (who gave a message of the assurance of the resurrection and second coming of Jesus in Ukrainian, the only language his mother spoke and understood) Daniel, Frank and Edward, and local church pastor Elder Nash.

SPEED — Frank Speed was born on October 28, 1920 in Woodford, Sussex, England. At an early age Frank left his parents' home to work at the Ernest Shaefer farm. While there, he became acquainted with the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its beliefs.

While working in the Leduc area Frank met Eleanor Steinke and they were married June 30, 1943.

In recent years, until his illness, he laboured diligently developing his home- stead near Drayton Valley, Alberta.

Frank passed away at the University Hospital on June 2, 1984 at the age of 63.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife Eleanor, son Ted, daughter Marcene Marsa, four grandchildren, five brothers, four sisters, and many other relatives and friends.

SYNOVEC — John Synovec passed to his rest in Bonnyville, Alberta on June 3, 1984. He was born in Poland on January 31, 1904. He came to Canada with his parents, arriving in Alberta on July 12, 1927. The family first settled in the Chipman area.

In 1928, John Synovec married Anna Lototski. They spent most of their life on the farm near Bonnyville, Alberta. In 1962 John Synovec became a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church under the guidance of Elders Peter Uniat and Stan Gallant.

John is survived by two brothers: William and Louis; one sister and numerous nephews and nieces. Funeral services were held in the Bonnyville S.D.A. Church followed by the burial ceremony in the St. John United Cemetery in Bonnyville.

Pastor Daniel Rebsomen

WOODKEY — Fred Louis Woodkey was born October 14, 1893 in Poland. In 1896 he moved with his parents to settle in Inglis, Manitoba. Fred committed his young life to Christ and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Also during those years in Inglis he married Ann Liske. They lived in Winnipeg and then in Winfield, B.C. where he lost his wife Ann in 1960. A year later he married Ida Herzog. Fred served the church he loved in many different ways including the position of being a spiritual leader both in the Winfield and the Kelowna areas.

Mourning the loss of their loved one are his wife Ida Herzog Woodkey; one daughter Shirley Formo; one son Lorne; a step-daughter Betty Herman, and two step-sons Ed and Henry Herzog. Also surviving are five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren. Two sisters and one brother are also left to mourn.

Pastor Al Reimche

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