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From The President's Diary



TOP and THINK, you who pass by;
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, you soon shall be.
Then prepare yourself to follow me."

Now these lines of verse appear on a tombstone over in Scotland. A young school boy, under the inspiration of the moment, added two perceptive lines.

"To follow you, I'm not content,

Until I learn which way you went!"

We smile, but the message is inescapable. Our daily decisions, our responses to life situations, our inward aspirations all lead daily to the broad or narrow road.

So, which way shall it be for you or me?

Some years ago in one of the Southern States, the governor visited the State Penitentiary. He interviewed many of the inmates. One after another each provided the governor with several excuses as to why he was there.

"My home environment was to blame, I never had a good education, it was the fault of my wrong companions."

One young man humbly told the governor, "I'm here because I broke the law. It is no one elses fault but my own, and I am paying my debt to society. I trust that someday I will be forgiven for my wrongdoing."

The governor returned to his office, sat down at his desk, and wrote out a pardon for the young man. He appended a personal note to the pardon: "I am pardoning John because I don't want him to stay in that prison and corrupt all those innocent people!"

What is your conversion story like? I have never wrapped my car around a tree, I have never experienced the withdrawal pain of the addict, I have never been thrown out of a tavern, I have never fallen into "deep sin."

Nor have I ever been knocked down on the way to Damascus! But I do stand in utter amazement at the goodness and the power of the Lord in my life. For I had a grandfather who marked my life forever

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HARVESTTIME

"The size of the harvest is determined by many factors; however, no matter how Perry Parks
Stewardship Director, Canadian Union Conference

knowledgeable we might be as a farmer or how hard we work, the result is in God's hand."

NYONE WHO HAS LIVED OR WORKED on a farm knows that the time for harvesting is a most important time. The crew and machines must be ready to go when the crop is ripe. To delay could mean the difference in success or failure as far as the crop is concerned for that year. Harvesttime is an exciting time because it is the end result of a lot of effort, concern, prayer and faith.

The size of the harvest is determined by many factors; however, no matter how knowledgeable we might be as a farmer or how hard we work, the result is in God's hand. We may plant ever so carefully and just at the right time; we may cultivate and care for our crop in all the right ways; we may do our part as faithfully as possible; but we can't make the seed sprout and grow. We can't bring the rain or the warm sunshine, only God can.

When the harvest is complete and stored in a safe place, we need to remember the giver of all gifts by returning unto Him a faithful tithe of all our increase and gifts and offerings according to His abundant blessings.

The Apostle Paul in his second letter to the Corinthian church members gave the following counsel concerning the principles of sowing and reaping:

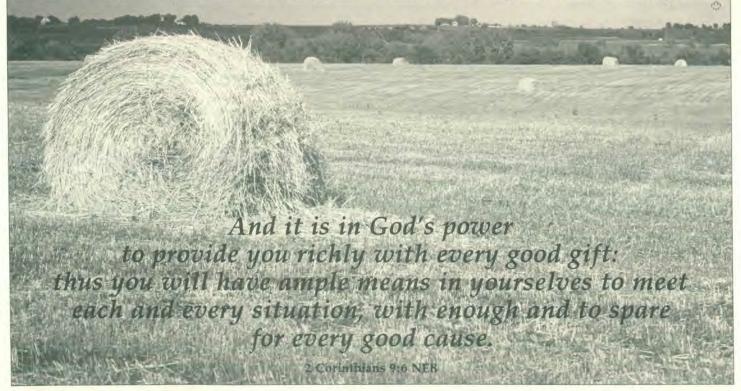
"Remember: sparse sowing, sparse reaping; sow bountifully and you will reap bountifully. Each person should give as he has decided for himself; there should be no reluctance, no sense of compulsion; God loves a cheerful giver. And it is in God's power to provide you richly with every good gift: thus you will have ample means in yourselves to meet each and every situation, with enough and to spare for every good cause. Scripture says of such a man: "He has lavished his gifts on the needy, his benevolence stands fast forever. Now he who provides seed for sowing and bread for food will provide the seed for you to sow; he will multiply it and swell the harvest of your benevolence, and you will always be rich enough to be generous. Through our action such generosity will issue in thanksgiving to God, for as a piece of willing service this is not only a contribution towards the needs of God's people; more than that, it overflows

in a flood of thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 NEB.

Our heavenly Father fills us to overflowing with all His blessings. We may not realize as we should that all these harvest gifts are from Him, but without His care and provision we would have nothing. We are indebted to Him for all these gifts of life.

"The sun which shines upon the earth, and glorifies all nature, the weird, solemn radiance of the moon, the glories of the firmament, spangled with brilliant stars, the showers that refresh the land, and cause vegetation to flourish, the precious things of nature in all their varied richness, the lofty trees, the shrubs and plants, the waving grain, the blue sky, the green earth, the changes of day and night, the renewing seasons, all speak to man of his Creator's love." Counsels on Stewardship, p. 17.

As we think of the harvesttime and the bountiful care of our heavenly Father, let us determine to be faithful in returning an honest tithe and giving our gifts and offerings out of a heart of love and appreciation.



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YOUR LIFE AND HEALTH

After 100 years of continuous publication, Your Life and Health is making some dramatic changes in an effort to improve the magazine's position in the current market.

Beginning with the January, 1985, issue, the magazine will get a new name - Vibrant Life, with the subtitle A Christian Guide for Total Health (see photo). Following extensive study by the Review and Herald's marketing advisory panel, it was agreed that the magazine should capitalize on our uniqueness as Seventh-day Adventists by featuring articles and human-interest stories that convey the benefits of combining a strong faith in God with good health principles. (Vitality, a title that had been chosen earlier for the journal, was discovered to have been registered by a New Jersey health club.) Speaking about the new name, Editor Ralph Blodgett commented, "I feel that the name Vibrant Life really communicates what the new magazine is all about, while the subtitle A Christian Guide for Total Health points out the unique message that Seventh-day Adventists have to offer the world - physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually."

The new publication will contain more articles than ever on marriage and family life, on nutrition and exercise, on prevention, and on the importance of the spiritual side to a total, vibrant lifestyle for the mid-1980's. The first issue, for example, includes the following articles: "Put More Life Into Your

becomes VIBRANT LIFE



Life," "40 Ways to Add Sparkle to Your Marriage," "How to Raise Terrific Kids," "How Safe Are Artificial Sweeteners?" "Is a Vegetarian Diet for You?" and "Nobody Knows I'm Here - A Real-life Drama."

Readers can also look forward to some new regular features, including a column written by Ted Hamilton, M.D., entitled Your Family Doctor. Dr. Hamilton is director of family practice residency at the Florida Adventist Hospital, Orlando, Florida. Also, Larry Yeagley, chaplain at Huguley Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, will write a column known to Vibrant Life readers as The Personal Touch.

The editor of the magazine, Elder Ralph Blodgett (who served as associate editor of These Times for eight years prior to its merger with Signs of the Times) is also the author of the new 1985 Missionary Book of the Year How Will It End?

When the journal was born 100 years ago in 1885, it was called the Pacific Health Journal and Temperance Advocate. The magazine's new name change places Vibrant Life among 97 percent of all U.S. magazines that bear one- and two-word titles.

The new publication, which will be the largest four-colour magazine produced by the denomination, will have its first issue come off the Review and Herald Publishing Association press in mid-December, 1984.

Dedication of Bracebridge Seventh-day **Adventist Church**

June 16, 1984 was a memorable day for the congregation of the Bracebridge Seventhday Adventist Church. It was the day of our Church Dedication. Our Sabbath School was conducted by our Pastor Don Donesky, and Elder Ted Carr and Brother Walter Judge. At the service of divine worship, Elder G.W. Morgan, President of the Ontario Conference, offered an inspiring sermon.

Those participating in the Act of Dedication were Elder G.W. Morgan, Elder P.F. Lemon of the Canadian Union Conference, Pastor D. Donesky, Pastor D. Toop and Elder T. Carr. Elder Lemon gave us a most interesting message.

Following this service, a delicious fellowship lunch was served on tables tastefully decorated with the talented craftsmanship of Bro. Gord Jinkerson and his family. Our former Pastor, Dave Toop, gave a brief talk outlining the activities over the past several years, bringing us to this great day.



He reviewed that three regular visiting Pastors looked after our spiritual needs for many years. Then in 1977, Pastor Dan Hogan accepted the call, driving faithfully each week from Parry Sound where he lived and pastored the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

During these years, we had been worshipping in a rented local church chapel. Two years after Pastor Toop had been with us, we decided that it was time to have a church building of our own. After many difficulties, frustrations and hold-ups, we purchased our present building, which

needed much work in the way of renovations and improvements. This being done by a faithful few, we now enjoy a beautiful sanctuary.

Our present Pastor, Don Donesky and his lovely wife, Jean, came to us in November, 1982 from Thunder Bay.

Due to the sacrificial givings of our members, interest-free loans, a conference subsidy and grant, garage sales and dedication, we thankfully paid off our mortgage in September, 1983.

RECORD NUMBERS JOIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Record numbers of people are joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church, General Conference President Neal C. Wilson reported in his keynote address to the church's 1984 Annual Council.

"Through the first seven quarters of the church's '1,000 Days of Reaping' campaign, nearly 660,000 people have joined," Wilson explained. "The exact figure is 1,034 baptisms per day."



The campaign goal is 1,000 new members per day for 1,000 days beginning during the fall of 1982 and ending at the church's General Conference Session in New Orleans in the summer of 1985. Wilson said the church expects to report more than 1.1 million new members at the New Orleans meeting.

Pointing to areas of strong church growth, Wilson said the Inter-American Division hopes to have a membership of 900,000 by mid-1985. He said the Mexican Union, which had a membership of approximately 20,000 fifteen years ago, will have 200,000 members by the end of 1984. Wilson said the largest union — the East African Union with more than 200,000 members — "has even bigger spiritual objectives before them." He said an additional 13 union conferences have more than 100,000 members — four in the Inter-American Division, two in the Far Eastern Division, two in the North American Division, two in the Africa-Indian Ocean Division and three in the South American Division.

Other highlights of his report included:

 A Seventh-day Adventist "mosque" in the African country of Senegal for former Muslims who have joined the Adventist church.

A new interest in one-to-one and home-to-home evangelization

and witnessing in Spain.

 More than 100,000 visitors have viewed the church's "Living Water" exhibit at the World's Fair in New Orleans.

• New inexpensive publications for mass distribution, including a new condensed paperback edition of the Conflict of the Ages series by Ellen G. White and the 1985 Missionary Book of the Year, *How Will It End? Hope Beyond the Headlines*, by Ralph Blodgett.

 More than 60 ministers of other denominations have joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church since seminar programs began in 1979 in conjunction with distribution of *Ministry* magazine to non-

Adventist clergy.

• Establishment of the Association of Adventist Parents for Drug Free Youth. "So many of us don't want to be contaminated by 'druggies," Wilson said. "God forgive us. We must hear the pleas for help from our young people and our families. We must have this loving ministry of rehabilitation for our youth and older members who are victims of drugs."

 More than 2,000 people recently attended the opening night of an evangelistic series in Turku, Finland, with 1,000 expressing

interest in the church's message.

 More than 300 families are taking Bible studies in an affluent section of Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, during a 90-day

evangelistic crusade.

 Nearly 10,000 people have been baptized in three provinces of the People's Republic of China during the last four years. In still another province 250 people recently were baptized in one ceremony as the result of the work of one woman Bible worker.

• The Federal Communication Commission has granted a construction permit for a powerful shortwave radio station that will beam the Gospel from the Central Pacific island of Guam to 2.5 billion potential listeners, half of the world's population. "The world fields have agreed that the entire General Conference Session Offering will go toward building this shortwave station," Wilson explained. "They have set a goal of \$5 million and a super goal of \$6 million. I am praying for a faith goal of \$7 million."

 The South American Division plans a new building project for every one of the "1,000 Days of Reaping." Holding aloft a four-inch nail, Wilson called it a souvenir from a carpenter in Santiago, Chile, where church members built a new chapel from scratch in 48 hours.

Wilson dedicated the chapel in June 1984.

• Laypeople and church workers plan an "evangelistic invasion" of Sao Paulo, Brazil, in a few weeks with 1,000 series of meetings as part of the "1,000 Days of Reaping."

"What hath God wrought!" Wilson concluded. "Let's renew our

covenant with God," he said. "Let's review His mighty acts and His ability to save. Let's extol the goodness and greatness of God. Let's be a peculiar people, a called-out people, an instrument in God's hand to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

"Let's respond to God's warnings and exaltation to His people to obey His law," he continued. "Let's recognize the place of true worship and study of God's Word as a path to unity of faith and action that will eliminate so many of the peripheral issues that take up so much of our time and energy. And let's accept God's promise of blessings and rewards for those who observe His covenant."

The Annual Council agenda contains such diverse subjects as reports and proposals on the administration and use of tithe funds, a statement of theological freedom and accountability, the pastoral role of women, the publishing work in North America, Sabbath observance, the role and function of denominational organizations, the President's Review Commission Report — Phase II, and a personnel information data bank, as well as the General Conference's 1985 world budget.



Director of Public Affairs, S.D.A. Church in Canada

GLEANINGS FROM THE WORLD CONGRESS ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



The Pantheon in the historical centre of Rome. Originally a temple dedicated to many deities; built under Agrippa, friend and son-in-law of Augustus in 27 BC.

For a period it served as a Christian church, but is now a monument of history.

Religious people who appreciate their own freedom of conscience and religion must extend that same human right to all others.

This is the overall lesson for one to have learned having attended the Second World Congress on Religious Liberty in Rome. This is the vital message in our time to proclaim within the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada and in all of the world.

Obviously we live in a fractious and fearful world of racial, political and religious antagonisms. The peace of our personal lives is always in danger of becoming shattered. From September 3-6 in Rome nearly 300 participants from all continents of the world consisting of clergymen, lawyers, politicians and other thought leaders decided that if the world is to preserve any semblance of peace at all, it must consider that religious liberty is the basis of that ideal.

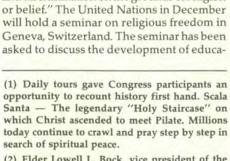
Throughout centuries of time, despotic rulers, totalitarian governments and oppressive religious leaders have used intimidation to destroy religious freedom in order to gain the mind and will of their subjects. This has never been our Creator's way and it never was intended to be a way for mankind. It is an evil above evils and it should not exist in the State, the Church nor in the individual mind.

In his opening comments at the Congress, Dr. B.B. Beach executive secretary of the International Religious Liberty Association said, "Freedom of belief is a human freedom which undergirds all human freedoms and my freedom is not secure unless your religious freedom is secure."

Roland R. Hegstad, editor of *Liberty*: a magazine of religious freedom, added potency to Beach's declaration when he followed-up by exhorting, "Religious Liberty means allowing another person to practice his or her religion even if it is abhorent to me."

One of the principal speakers at the Congress, Kurt Herndl, assistant secretary general of the United Nations for Human Rights reported that since the adoption of its Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations "has undertaken a variety of activities to promote the enjoyment of religious liberty."

Herndl said the United Nations has several important items on its religious liberty agenda. It has commissioned a study on the current dimensions of religious intolerance and discrimination. The special rapporteur has been asked to emphasize "the root causes of religious intolerance and discrimination" and to propose "specific measures that might be adopted to combat intolerance and discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief." The United Nations in December will hold a seminar on religious freedom in Geneva, Switzerland. The seminar has been asked to discuss the development of educa-



⁽²⁾ Elder Lowell L. Bock, vice president of the International Religious Liberty Association, calls the Congress into session. Bock is also general vice-president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.







⁽³⁾ Professor Adam Lopatka, Poland's Chief of Denominational Affairs interprest Religious Freedom in Poland.

tional programs designed to foster religious tolerance.

Bishop Jan Schotte, vice president of the Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace, said Pope John Paul II is concerned about the many subtle forms of discrimination that amount to a practical denial of religious freedom.

Bishop Schotte said Christians in some countries must meet secretly because their religious communities are prohibited, religious workers are forbidden to exercise their ministries, young people cannot enter seminaries, parents cannot give their children religion-based education, workers risk their jobs if they profess their faith, and still others are imprisoned, interned or exiled because of their faith.

"Religious liberty is a radical right," Bishop Schotte said, "because it concerns directly what is particularly essential in the human person, what most fully manifests the dignity of the human person as the seeker of the absolute." He said the "basis of all human rights is the dignity of the human person."

Other speakers and their topics included: Lynn R. Buzzard, executive director of the Christian Legal Society, "The International Law of Human Rights and the Protection of Religious Liberty."

Dr. Fernando Volio Jimenez, former Costa Rican Minister of Foreign Affairs and chairman of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, "Religion and Self-determination in Central America."

Dr. Daniel Nsereko, professor of law at the University of Botswana, "Religion, the State, and the Law in Africa."

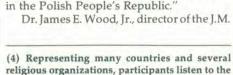
Dr. James B.O. Kio, director of public affairs and communication of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, "Religious Pluralism and Toleration in West Africa."

Dr. Mahinda Palihawadana, professor at Vidoyadaya University in Sri Lanka, "A Buddhist Perspective on Religious Liberty."

Dr. Gerhard Claas, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, "Called to Freedom."

The Honorable D.J. Esquerra-Calvo, director-general of religious affairs in Spain's Ministry of Justice, "Toleration of Religious Pluralism in Spain."

Prof. Adam Lopatka, director of the Office of Church Affairs of the Polish People's Republic, "Freedom of Religion and Belief in the Polish People's Republic."



⁽⁵⁾ Dr. B.B. Beach, Director of Public Affairs at the World Headquarters. Also Secretary-General for the International Religious Liberty Association, gives coordinating direction to the Congress.







presentations.

⁽⁶⁾ Dr. Devnich engages Jeremiah S. Gutman, Esq. in a spirited conversation. Gutman spoke eloquently on behalf of civil liberties at the Congress.

Dawson Institute on Church-State studies, Baylor University, "The Role of Religion in the Advancement of Religious Liberty and World Peace."

He emphasized that tolerance of divergent religious beliefs has not been a characteristic of religion in the past. In fact religious particularities have led to superiorities and the resultant intolerance of others. Innumerable lives have been lost in the name of religion and the spirit of religious intolerance is "the greatest cause of prejudice and social discrimination in the world." Wood appealed for the Christian Church itself to become penitent on the matter and change its own view on religious tolerance. In the broader perspective he concluded, "The religions of the world must realize that to deny religious liberty to any one group is to deny religious freedom to all."

Dr. Robert Maddox, executive director spoke on, "Religion in American Political Elections."

Samuel Rabinove, legal director of the American Jewish Committee emphasized "Religious Freedom for All: A Jewish Perspective."

Jeremiah S. Gutman, president of the New York Civil Liberties Union, "The Liberty of Newer and Unpopular Religions."

Gutman was particularly critical of modern religious right-wing philosophies which seek to impose their moral values on others through government powers. He said, "The religious right is the most important threat to religious liberty in the U.S. and it can lead us closer to World War III." Mr. Gutman reminded the delegates that in a democratic society there is no official truth. There is no correct way to think in a democracy. He warned that the increasingly oppressive spirit directed against the new religions of today may lead to physical and spiritual violence in our time.

Dr. Richard Pierard, Fulbright Professor at the University of Frankfurt added to Gutman's message with his topic, "The New Christian Right and Religious Liberty in America."

Max M. Kampelman, former ambassador and chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, spoke in answer to his question, "Is

There a Future for Western Values and Religious Liberty?"

At the Awards Banquet at the conclusion of the Congress, the International Religious Liberty Association presented its International Religious Liberty Award to the Honourable Giulio Andreotti, Foreign Minister of Italy, for his long-term work on behalf of religious liberty.





(7) The Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Honourable Edward Seaga speaks at the Awards Banquet at the Congress.

(8) L to R: Peter Miller, SDA lawyer from Calgary, David Thomas, SDA lawyer from Oshawa and Douglas Devnich, Public Affairs Director for the Church in Canada consider the challenges presented by the speakers.

The IRLA also presented Awards of Merit to the late Bishop A.A. Leiske, founder and moderator of the American Religious Town Hall Meeting; Roland R. Hegstad, editor of *Liberty* magazine for 25 years; and Dr. Pierre Lanares, former secretary-general of the Association Internationale Pour la Defense de la Liberte Religieuse.

The IRLA also appointed the following to its Committee of Honor: the Honorable Edward Seaga, prime minister of Jamaica; Professor Adam Lopatka, director Poland's Office for Church Affairs; and Professor Fernando Volio Jimenez, former chairman of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

In his address at the Awards Banquet, the Honorable Edward Seaga, prime minister of Jamaica, used Jamaican history to emphasize the importance of religious liberty.

"The final fight against slavery (in Jamaica) was waged by men who belonged to the non-conformist faiths, who themselves had had to fight against religious bigotry. The liberated beliefs which came from their expanded religious thoughts on a God of love made it impossible for them to excuse injustice and cruelty," the prime minister said.

"As the history of the modern world shows abundantly," he concluded, "religious tolerance and enquiring minds have gone together, and they have both been the basis for the democratic freedoms we value today through most of the western world....

"Man's history is, in a sense, a history of his journey into the unknown. In this voyage religion has given him a frame of reference and also, when allied with man's dissenting mind, provided a creative paradox which has pointed the way to the solution of social problems. This alliance has helped man to find that necessary equilibrium between restraint and freedom when new horizons of expanding knowledge put the preservation of our humanity to the test. It has also ultimately undone political tyrannies.

"This is the sense in which religious liberty and human freedom are inseparable. It is this that gives us hope that we can confront the ethical as well as the material problems that the human race confronts on the eve of the 21st Century."

Innumerable lives have been lost in the name of religion and the spirit of religious intolerance is "the greatest cause of prejudice and social discrimination in the world."

Pathfinders Lasso Honours at Calgary Stampede

In a city full of clubs and special interest groups, what do you do to distinguish your churches' activities? That's the challenge Calgary Pathfinder leader Bob Gorbenko faced, and his answer was the Calgary Stampede Parade.

It was no fly-by-night scheme. Bob applied in September of last year to the Stampede Board for the privilege of entering a float in the annual parade. The preliminary plans and drawings were submitted in March, and shortly thereafter Bob received the Stampede Board's OK to start what would be 100 plus hours of manual labour.

Bob found willing helpers not only in his Pathfinder troop but also in Ron Huisman, a Beiseker farmer. Ron not only donated a rack to build the float on but also a tractor to transport the float which depicted the areas of growth to which Pathfinders are dedicated.

After the three-mile parade hike through downtown Calgary, the 13 Pathfinders who took part in the float were undaunted. The banner carriers might have been a little out of breath, but they had captured Honourable Mention in the Youth category with their first float.

No sooner was the parade over than the troop began planning for Stampede '85. With the Pathfinder camporee in Colorado falling but two weeks later, however, Bob thinks the float plans will have to be put on hold till Stampede '86.



Banner carriers Christine Reilly and Lana Taylor lead in the troop while Bob and Gail Gorbenko wave behind.



Float captured Honourable Mention.

Family Baptized Together at Peoria-Smoky

On August 11 the members of the Peoria-Smoky Church gathered by the Smoky River for a very special occasion - a family baptism. The fields of ripening grain and the green, rolling hills provided a perfect setting for this outdoor service as Marty Kandt and LoAnn Huether led the congregation in singing. Pastor Ian Cotton gave a short address, exhorting the church family to show love and support to its newest members. He then led Winnie Shannon, her daughter Melody Pierson and son Kirk into the water where they were immersed as a testimony of their love for their Creator and Redeemer.

Winnie Shannon and her family have been long-time residents in the community and were well acquainted with many of the local church members. Emanuel and Fran Littman maintained a close friendship with the family and encouraged them to take Bible studies. Using the Encounter filmstrips, Pastor Cotton studied with them over a period of two years and during this time they frequently attended the Peoria-Smoky Church. Winnie had long desired to follow her Lord but was anxious to have her children share the same experience. What a thrill it was to see this precious family take their stand together.



Left to right: Kirk Shannon, Winnie Shannon and Melody Pierson, newly baptized members of the Smoky-Peoria Church.

Baptism at **Edmonton Korean Church**



Five people were baptized on September 1, 1984: Hee-Gun Choe, Kyung-Jin Jung, Eun-Kyung Jung, In-Kyk Jung, and Kyung-Shin Yu. Back row is Pastor Sung Woo Park, pastor of the Edmonton Korean Church.

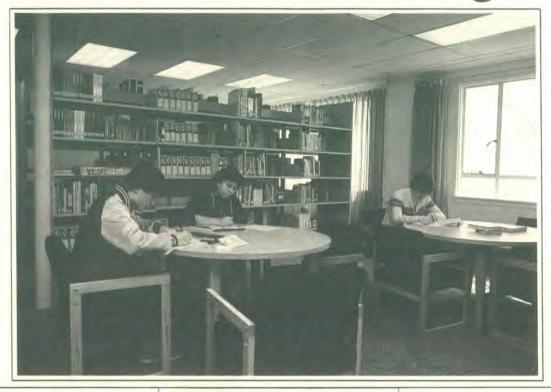
Successful Vacation Bible School at Vegreville



A successful VBS was held at the Vegreville SDA Church. Mrs. Mable Wigley was the director and was assisted by Miss Anne Samograd. Pictured above is the happy group of children and the staff who attended and enjoyed the Bible stories, the singing and the crafts.

CUC LIBRARY

A Modern Efficient Learning Centre



Libraries are often thought of as being housed in tall stone buildings containing dark, musty rows of ancient books. Librarians equally carry the connotation of being tall and stoney faced with dark musty clothes and an ancient finger pressed against tensed lips issuing a sober, stern "shhh"!

In contrast, when one visits the Canadian Union College Library, the above impression is eclipsed by the reality of a busy, modern, efficient learning centre. The two men who operate the library each have a pleasant sense of appropriate humour and work toward their well directed goals with clear progres-

Librarian Keith Clouten came to CUC in 1979 from Avondale College in Australia. He holds a B.A. degree in Secondary Education and a Masters in Library Science. Wendell Buck, assistant librarian joined the CUC Library staff in 1980 and has a Bachelor's degree in English and is working toward a Masters in Library Science. His special area of interest is audio-visual services. The present librarians replaced Mr. Reuben Buhler who retired after 35 years of service in Seventh-day Adventist schools including 21 years as CUC librarian.

The library employs ten students on a part-time basis. The only other full-time library employee is Joyce Wasylyshen, library secretary.

Some of the changes implemented under Mr. Clouten's direction include a modernization of the cataloguing system, addition of

Education majors studying in the Logan Curriculum Centre of Canadian Union College Library.

new shelving, expansion of work areas, provision for the safe storage of heritage items, separation of college and academy sections, and the provision of study areas and equipment.

The library holdings include over 40,000 books, 500 periodicals, 1745 audio visual programs, and a microfiche catalogue system. Although many more books are needed, the library budget limits the number of books added each year to approximately 2000. Modern computerized equipment is used to prepare books for use in the library.

The microfiche facility makes it possible to store large numbers of magazines and books on miniature film. They can then be magnified for reading or photocopying from a TV-like screen. Some of the materials available on microfiche include books from Ellen White's personal library supplied by the General Conference archives, and back issues of periodicals including the complete Review and Herald series, and Seventh-day Adventist yearbooks from as far back as the 1860's.

A very attractive section of the library houses the Logan Curriculum Centre named in appreciation for the valuable gifts of personal books and materials, time, and money, provided by Doctors Virgil and Lillian Logan, distinguished educators now retired in Brandon, Manitoba.

Included in the collection are a host of teaching aids from textbooks to trundle wheels, building blocks to balances. "A lot of fun stuff," comments Mr. Buck. There is also an impressive collection of teaching aids on ancient Egypt including a replica of the Rosetta Stone and samples of actual papyrus. Materials in this collection are used by the College's education students and are booked for nine months out of this school year by Adventist schools in Western Canada. This service may soon be extended to all of Canada.

CUC Library services are not confined to students and teachers alone. Anyone can purchase a card for a fee of \$15. "Current Awareness Service" is a plan where ministers, teachers, and others can register, to receive regularly, copies of the table of content pages from up to twelve magazines of their choice. These copies are sent by mail as soon as magazines arrive so that one can choose the articles of interest for his personal

Perhaps the most important feature of the CUC Library is a place to study quietly. As progressive as this library is, one may still hear an occasional "shhh"!

The way in which the Gideon Club of Canadian Union College will best succeed is illustrated by an ancient Welsh legend: Long ago a wicked tyrant appointed to one of his victims certain mighty labours which were to be done in a given time. If those things were accomplished, the man would enter into great riches and prosperity and enjoy absolute freedom. If he failed, he would be instantly executed.

All the tasks were successfully accomplished except the last one, and the day finally came for its doing. The victim was instructed that in one day — from sunrise to sunset — he was to gather up several bushels of grain that had been flung far and wide over a large field. Every grain was to be collected before sunset or he would be immediately executed.

Just as the sun rose that day he began frantically to gather up the scattered grain, but he soon found it was an impossible

Gideon Club

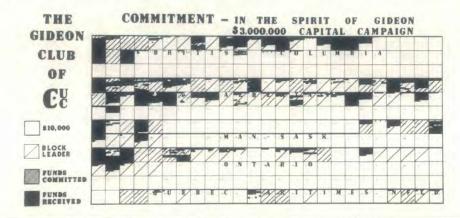
hopeless task. Slumping to the ground, he began to weep.

A tiny ant happened upon the sad scene and saw the man's sorrow. Asking the cause, he heard the story. Then the ant hurried off through the underground passages of his home to spread the news. Soon they came by the hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands, and began to scatter over the field. Other hills of ants caught the spirit, and still others, until hundreds of thousands of ants were coursing all over the great field.

So the tiny ants brought in the wheat, grain by grain. Many little creatures working together did what the one big man could not do. Just as the sun was setting, the upper edge of the rim still barely visible above the horizon, a crippled ant, with several legs missing, came hobbling in with the last grain. Was he important? You know the answer. What some of us do may seem small but put all of us together and we make a gigantic contribution.

You are important to the success of the \$3 million Gideon Club Campaign and the success of the Gideon Club is important to the future of our Canadian youth. Please, mail your contribution today to: Development Office, Canadian Union College, P.O. Box 439, College Heights, AB TOC 0Z0. You will receive a tax deductible receipt.

Sincere thanks to the many individuals who have already joined the Gideon Club. Their combined commitments to the end of September total \$1,163,269 of which \$431,180 has been received in cash.



On October 14, 1984, Frank Jones completed sixty years from the day he arrived on the hilltop in 1924. Except for one year he spent most of those sixty years as head of CUC's maintenance service.

Holding journeyman's papers in plumbing, electrical wiring, gas fitting, and steam boilers, Mr. Jones was highly qualified not only to head the maintenance department but also to teach these skills to the students who worked under his guidance, many of whom have obtained their own trade qualifications.

He not only taught manual skills, but by his example taught that "dedication is your most valuable asset." Students observed in Mr. Jones the personal enjoyment he found in his work.

Even though Frank Jones retired seven years ago, when he was 72, he continues to be a vital part of campus life.

For the past fifteen years he has cared for the cable audio service from the College Heights church and his own home studio to campus and Rosedale Valley homes. At his own expense he has laid 30,000 feet of underground cable and purchased the necessary equipment. This service is especially appreciated by shut-ins and others such as cafeteria staff, who cannot attend services.

Now his line service has expanded to a

Jones Completes Sixty Years at CUC



radio studio with broadcasting students gaining skills in radio programming while providing listening enjoyment to area homes. The expanded service, known as College Heights Broadcasting gives promise of soon going on the air via radio transmitter.

Since the death of his wife, Sadie, in 1980, their son Ormand has chosen to make his home with his father. When asked, Ormand replied that the most important thing he had learned from his father is, "Respect for good workmanship and quality."

Mr. Jones also has a son Leland, a family practice physician in Anchorage, Alaska and a daughter, Margaret Parker, a physical therapist in Apple Valley, California.

Mr. Jones is intimately interested in the future of Canadian Union College, his home and place of work for sixty years. His vision for the campus includes an accredited vocational training program and an increasing spiritual emphasis in every class.

The staff and students of CUC recognize Mr. Jones for his contribution to the strength and stability of CUC.

Mr. Jones' motivation is fittingly described by an anonymous writer who penned, "To give one's self fully is not a duty prescribed by an outmoded superstition, it is a beautiful and thrilling privilege."

Camporee

Pathfinder club leaders are nearing a major checkpoint in preparation for the 1985 North American Camporee at Camp Hale in Colorado. Although most of the clubs have already submitted their registration fees, the first of two application forms must be completed and filed with the conference youth department by December 1.

These applications list the staff and club members intending to go to the camporee and must be accompanied by the first installment of \$28.00 per person toward the total

camp fee of \$78.00.

In August at the second meeting of the full camporee administrative staff it was estimated that up to 20,000 Pathfinders and staff could be expected at the camporee, nearly double the original estimates made in early 1983, says Norm Middag, co-chairman of the event.

Planning for such a major week-long event is requiring substantial preparations, he said. For utilities alone, the services committee must install a large water reservoir and eight-inch water line through the valley.

"We will install a water spigot for every 50 campers and one shower stall and one toilet for every 35 campers," he noted.

Because of the size of the encampment, a tram service will operate around the valley during each day of the camporee. This will be especially valuable for campers with



handicaps.

Every evening the campers will gather at the main assembly area for a program featuring some aspect of the camporee theme: Pathfinders - Adventures in Service.

A giant television screen similar to that which was used at the 1984 Olympics in the Los Angeles arena will make it possible for every camper to see clearly the events happening on a large stage. The stage itself will be formed with four flatbed truck trailers.

"So many activities have been planned for the campers that it is expected that no one will be able to participate in them all during the course of the week," says Ron Stretter, program chairman.

To safeguard the campers a medical centre is being planned, and a 24-hour security

force will patrol the valley.

Most clubs have already begun raising funds to finance their trip. Some are cooperating with other clubs in their conference by

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pooling their transportation funds and hiring buses in which to travel.

Clubs having problems raising funds may look to their conference youth directors for new ideas which may be helpful.

Many more volunteers are yet needed to help make the camporee flow smoothly. Maranatha Flights International members will come prior to the camporee to erect buildings, clear space for campsites and construct bridges. Many more volunteers are needed to staff such services as a camp store, hospitality centre, sanitation facilities and a post office. Others are needed to assist in communication, food service, maintenance, crafts, photography and news writing, security, the medical centre and many other areas of the operation.

"For most Pathfinders this will be a oncein-a-lifetime experience. It will give them a scope of the Adventist church they would probably never otherwise experience," says Middag. "But we will need many volunteers to make the event happen, volunteers who love children and care about their happiness

and spiritual growth."

Anyone who wishes to serve as a volunteer may obtain an application from the local Pathfinder club leader or the conference youth department. Applications should be submitted before the end of 1984 if

Christian Record Introduces Magazine for Adults

Lifeglow, a large-print magazine for adults with a visual impairment, is being released by Christian Record Braille Foundation beginning in December, according to Richard Kaiser, editor of publications.

Issued quarterly, Kaiser says the purpose of Lifeglow is to "brighten, inspire and entertain," and will contain feature articles and stories, a "pen friends" column and a healthwatch corner, all written on an adult level. The cost is free to anyone with a sight

'This is a need which has existed for years, but one that we simply did not have the budget to inaugurate," Kaiser explains. "Now, we feel the time has come to move forward with this much-needed project."

Lifeglow joins a number of other magazines Christian Record produces for the blind on a regular basis, including five in braille, three on flexible disc records and one other large-print journal, Young and Alive, aimed at teenagers.

Adults interested in receiving this free publication may contact Editor, Christian Record Braille Foundation, 4444 South 52nd St., Lincoln, NE 68506.

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Stop and Think

with a call to commit and serve. I had a father who had a happy, pleasant sense of humour, who loved the out of doors, who was kind, considerate, and had a strong right arm. I had a mother who guided with wisdom, helped me with my homework, who guarded the edges of the Sabbath, and who insisted on my going to church school.

Do you know the peace, joy, and happiness that comes when the whole life is yielded to the Lord Jesus? "A person may not be able to tell the exact time or place, or to trace all the circumstances in the process of conversion; but this does not prove him to be unconverted. By an agency as unseen as the wind, Christ is constantly working upon the heart. Little by little, perhaps unconsciously to the receiver, impressions are made that tend to draw the soul to Christ. Suddenly as the Spirit comes with more direct appeal, the soul gladly surrenders itself to Jesus. By many this is called sudden conversion; but it is the result of long wooing by the Spirit of God, — a patient, protracted process." (Desire of Ages, p. 172).

Let's make our calling and election sure.



Winning souls for God.

ADVENTISTS SEND 1,101 **MISSIONARIES**

WASHINGTON (Oct.10) -

The Seventh-day Adventist Church sent out 1,101 missionaries in 1983, according to G. Ralph Thompson, secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in his report to the denominations's 1984 Annual Council.

Of the 655 departures for regular mission service, 286 were new missionaries and 369 were those returning to assignments after furlough. An additional 446 volunteer workers brought the total to 1,101, Thompson said.

The 655 regular missionaries basically are church workers who go from their home country to another country, Thompson explained. Of that number 411 missionaries (62.7 percent) went from the United States and Canada to other parts of the world. Other missionaries were sent from the Far East, Africa, Australia and the South Pacific, Europe, Central and South America, and the Middle East.

"Calls for missionaries continue to come," Thompson added. "As of September 10, 1984, we had a total of 198 calls for regular missionaries - 54 for physicians, 34 for faculty/teachers, 16 for nurses, 14 for departmental, 13 for administrative and the remaining in a variety of categories including other health-related occupations and publishing."

Thompson said the church has an additional 149 requests for volunteer workers in a variety of categories.

The Seventh-day Adventist Institute of World Mission at Andrews University in Michigan "continues to make its mark... in preparing mission appointees for 'cross-cultural' service," Thompson said. "It is fascinating to see how a group of mission appointees at each session arrives as a diverse, non-oriented set of individuals and leave a homogeneous group in just a short time."

The Institute of World Mission reviews the mission of the church and the role of missionaries in the fulfillment of that mission, acquaints newly appointed missionaries with the conditions and problems they will meet in the field, prepares them to relate to diverse prob-

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lems in a tactful and Christian manner. discusses current issues in missions and explains the policies and procedures under which missionaries work.

In a brief report on membership, Thompson said that in the year ending June 30, 1984, the church had a net increase of 255,517 to a world total of 4.261.116.

The Annual Council and related meetings continue through October 18.

ANNUAL COUNCIL RECOMMENDS SIGNIFICANT **CHANGES**

WASHINGTON (Oct. 15) — After discussion over parts of three days, the Annual Council of the Seventhday Adventist Church yesterday voted to recommend significant changes in the church's structure to its 1985 Gen-

eral Conference Session in New Orleans. Significant changes include:

☐ Increased operation latitude and responsibility for the church's North American Division (United States and Canada).

☐ A trimming down of union-conference structure.

☐ A new Church Ministries Department combining the functions of the current Sabbath School, Lay Activities, Youth and Stewardship Departments on conference, union conference and General Conference/division levels.

☐ The planning, creating and implementing of programs will shift to local-church and local-conference levels.

The changes were included in the Report of the church's special Commission on the Role and Function of Denominational Organizations, which surveyed and interviewed laypeople, ministers and church administrators in seven of the church's world divisions during 1983 and 1984.

Francis W. Wernick, General Conference vice-president and chairman of the commission, explained that "the commission report is a response to requests made over a period of years for the church to do something about duplication and proliferation of staff, multiplication of departments and services and duplication of functions and resources."

General Conference President Neal C. Wilson commented, "The amazing thing found by the commission was that the basic opinion on such matters was quite similar around the world. We thought there would be a great differ-

Wilson said he hopes to save up to \$1.25 million per year at the General Conference by reducing duplicative staff. "All cuts will be internal," he said. "They will not affect the outreach of the church.

"The church is expecting something significant to come from this Annual Council." he continued. "Now is the time to respond and to enhance the operation of the church. We must assert leadership on this issue."

Other highlights of the commission

report included:

☐ Church structure "permits both a centralized structure (an authoritative and effective world headquarters with division offices) and a decentralized sharing of administrative and promotional responsibilities with many individuals and organizations on four constituency levels in all parts of the world."

☐ "Fundamental to church unity is the local church, the organized fellowship of individual believers. The conference/mission unites organizationally the churches in a specific geographic area. The union represents a united body of conferences/missions within a larger territory. The General Conference embraces all unions and churches in all parts of the world and joins together the whole worldwide fellowship of believers into a united body.

☐ Union conferences are the "basic constituent blocks of the world church."

☐ "North America, in the Seventhday Adventist setting, is unique. There needs to be a close and continuous relationship between the General Conference and North America. While it is advantageous for North America to have and be perceived to have its own identity, leadership, planning and coordinated evangelism, this role and function must be exercised in close cooperation with, and within, the General Conference."

"Ecclesiological dangers" exist in secular models of government, such as the presidential system. "The Seventhday Adventist Church has a representative form of church government and functions between sessions of the constituency on what can be called the 'committee system,' administrative authority on all levels being vested in the executive committee."

☐ The three basic officers are the president, secretary and treasurer, who all have constitutional authority.

☐ Active lay participation needs to be maximized in church planning and decision-making. Elected lay participation is important on all levels of the church.

☐ The North American Division will continue operating in the same office complex as the General Conference but with facilities arranged to provide visible and functional unity and identity for the division and its staff. The division may produce resources and materials especially suited for its field.

☐ The North American Division Committee on Administration (NADCA) will become the North American Division Committee (NADCOM) with "authority to appoint standing and ad hoc study groups, task forces and commissions that deal mainly with North American Division, unions, conferences and institutions."

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FACTORS AFFECT ADVENTIST BUDGET

WASHINGTON (Oct. 17) — International monetary factors have been pinpointed as major causes of the first decrease in more than 20 years of the world budget of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

William L. Murrill, undertreasurer of

the General Conference of Seventhday Adventists, told the church's Annual Council that the church's 1985 world budget of \$148.7 million is a decrease of \$9.3 million or 6% from the 1984 budget.

Butler added, however, that international monetary factors are not the only cause for concern. "Some of the decrease can be attributed to changes and attitudes taking place within the church. On the total world scene, world mission funds have declined steadily from a high point in 1930 of 33.2% of the tithe dollar to 9.2% at present. Actual dollars have declined since 1980. By contrast, the internal funds used locally and not appearing in the world budget have been fairly constant at about 27 to 28% since 1960.

ADVENTISTS TO VOTE ON ORDINATION OF WOMEN

WASHINGTON (Oct. 16) — The Seventh-day Adventist Church will vote on whether to ordain women to the gospel ministry at its General Conference Session in New Orleans, June 27-July 6, 1985.

The council voted a three-part program leading to the 1985 consideration of ordination of women:

Each of the world divisions of the church is "asked to discuss the issues in preparation for a meeting of representatives from the world divisions" who will meet for four or five days beginning March 26, 1985.

Representatives will include at least two representatives from each of the world divisions of the church.

The report of the March meeting will be presented to the 1985 Spring Meeting (April 3 and 4, 1985) for recommendations to the 1985 General Conference Session.

In addition the church's Biblical Research Institute will send to all delegates to the General Conference Session "a balanced summary of the available theological positions in connection with this subject."

The Annual Council action stated that the "decision of the 1985 General Conference Session will be definitive and should be accepted as such by the

Church worldwide."

General Conference President Neal C. Wilson reviewed recent history concerning the pastoral roles of Adventist women.

"It is clear scripture teaches equality of men and women," Wilson explained. "But we must face the question of whether that equality is one of both status and function." He pointed out that various church studies and actions of the last decade have urged continued study of the role of women in the church and have recognized the role of women in pastoral-evangelistic work with ministerial status.

"The implication of what we have done over the last 10 years is that a time might come to ordain women to the gospel ministry but that the church above all desires unity."

Former General Conference President Robert H. Pierson appealed for study of the Bible and of the Spirit of Prophecy (writings of church founder Ellen G. White), "not of what other churches are doing, not what radical liberals propose, not what proponents of the *status quo* urge. We must find the solution on our knees, and then move ahead as a united church."

The council earlier voted to reaffirm a 1975 Spring Meeting action on the "Role of Women in the Church" and established guidelines for the selection and ordination of women as local-church elders.



NO, IT'S NOT A MASS HOLDUP!

Delegates to the 1984 Annual Council do "stand and reach" as part of the Vascular Invigoration Program for VIP's, an exercise plan developed by the General Conference Health and Temperance Department.

"Sitting in long meetings causes participants to become physically and mentally sluggish," explained Stoy Proctor, an associate in the General Conference Health and Temperance Department. "These exercises stimulate circulation of oxygenated blood and improve alertness and intellectual performance."

To the tune of "Rise, My Soul, and Stretch Thy Wings," delegates participated in the program as a test for possible use of an exercise program at the 1985 General Conference Session in New Orleans.

Ontario

Church Presents Concert in Malton Mall

The concert, scheduled for September 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Westwood Mall in Malton, Ontario was advertised in the "Westwood News", the Shopping Mall newspaper, the Mall billboards, the paper, "Share", which is said to be Canada's largest ethnic newspaper and by the local church members.

At the appointed time, Pastor Haskel Edwards gave the introduction and prayed God's blessings on the evening.

It was gratifying to note the interest as shoppers and visitors listened with rapt attention and some even participated by humming the old familiar gospel songs presented by the Apala-Fox-Guerin Brass Trio.

The presentation featured Brian Walwyn, an eight year old from Malton Church, the Apala-Fox-Guerin Brass Trio, Crawford Adventist Academy, the Liberty Singers, the Patriots and the Redemption Strings.

About two to three hundred pieces of literature and invitations to the Clifton Davis performance for Jesus held at the Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, 1984 were given out to shoppers and interested people.

The evening closed with a grand finale in song by the combined voices of all the artists.

H. Roache

Milton Perkins Called to Assistant Pastorship of Brampton & Orangeville Churches

To the members of the Hamilton Mountain Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Perkins will probably always be known as brother "Milt", his new title of "pastor" having just been attained this past summer from Atlantic Union College.

He has served in many offices in the church, all of which have been carried out with precision and excellence. During the past ten years he has served as teacher in both the Hamilton and Simcoe church schools. Both he and his wife are graduates of Kingsway and Atlantic Union College. Following graduation, brother "Milt" married the former Diane Kaytor. They then moved to Hamiton, where they stayed for a short period and then moved to Michigan, where he was engaged in ministerial work.

Since he was a citizen of the United States he was in the army for two to three years. On returning to Canada in the early 1970's he worked as a laboratory technician at the McMaster University Health Science Centre. From here he was called to teach and be Principal of the Grandview Seventh-day Adventist school in Hamilton.

For the past few years he had been studying for the Ministry, extramurally from Atlantic Union College.

He has served equally as well in the pulpit as in the classroom and has been of invaluable service to Pastor Eric Juriansz. Our church has been blessed with his talents, which he has shared with us so generously. It was with reluctance that we saw him leave us but we are happy that he can now share his gifts with another congregation.

Pastor and Mrs. Perkins have three sons

— Mark, has just started at Kingsway College
and Jason and Seth are still in elementary
school.

We wish them God's blessings and continued guidance as they work for Him in their new field.

Lois Tufford, Comm. Sec.



Pastor and Mrs. Perkins with sons Jason, Mark and Seth.

The Brass Trio



The Liberty Singers

Maranatha IV Seminar



Maranatha 1984 — Group picture of those who attended the eight-day Lay Evangelists Training Seminar held at Kingsway College, Oshawa, from July 13 to July 21 — described by some as "the spiritual highlight of the year." Instructors were Elders J. Espinosa, P. Vincent, L. Carney and Mrs. K. Kuzymaul. Chaplain and coordinator — Elders W. Frazer and E.R. Bacchus, respectively.

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by Elder Fitzroy Maitland Conference Evangelist

from Nov. 3, 1984 to Dec. 1, 1984

203 Bell Ave., Hamilton One Block West of Cochrane Ave. Off King St. E. Time: 7:15 p.m.

Joins Church Through Contact With Health Ministries



Among the several baptized into the Hamilton Mountain S.D.A. Church to date is Stephanie Diemert, a real-estate agent in Hamilton. Prior to her baptism, her association with the Seventhday Adventist Church covered a period of four years and dates back to her contact with Larry Lawson who became acquainted with her when he was looking for a house. Eventually, Stephanie attended a cooking school sponsored by Adventist Health Ministries. Bible studies ensued with Gloria Lawson and she united with the church through Baptism.

Help us locate these MISSING MEMBERS

Ronald Arnburg Jelena Bobesku George Buttler Julia Gordon Arnold Harry Robert Nolan Angela Robinson Anica Stancovic

If you are one of the above named persons or know about any one of them, please call pastor Arthur Zaft - 519-886-7727 or write to Kitchener S.D.A. Church, P.O. Box 1122, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 4G1.

Manitoba-Saskatchewan

New Pastor Welcomed

Larry J. Duffy is the new pastor for the Estevan-Weyburn district in Saskatchewan. Duffy, a 1984 graduate of Canadian Union College, is a native of Woodstock, Ontario. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children: Lisa, 7 and Loury, 3. Duffy is replacing Pastor Ron Sydenham who has left for Andrews University for further study.

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Baptism at Swift Current



After several years of watching the It Is Written telecast, Pauline Dyck attended an evangelistic series in the Swift Current Seventh-day Adventist Church. She continued studying for some time after. During this time she was attending church faithfully. There was rejoicing on August 4 when Pauline was baptized.

Church Elder Ordained



Mt. Royal Seventh-day Adventist Church was the scene for an ordination service for Ron Skopyk, centre, for the office of church elder, Elder Don MacIvor, President of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, led out in the service assisted by Pastor Lee Patterson.

Reader's Digest Reprints Article From These Times

For the sixth time in history, the Reader's Digest has reprinted an article from our own church missionary journal. Signs of the Times editor Ken Holland reports that a story about Northern Ireland entitled "A Love Stronger Than Hate" that appeared in the January, 1984, issue of These Times magazine will appear in a future edition of Reader's Digest.

"To my knowledge no other denominational magazine has ever had articles reprinted in the Reader's Digest," said Holland. "It just underscores the fact that we have some of the best authors writing for our magazine."

Holland said that author George Target was approached by a senior editor from The Digest and asked for permission to reprint the article in an international edition. The editor also asked for a subscription to be sent to him at The Digest, saying he felt it was a "great magazine and good-looking."

Since the merger of Signs of the Times and These Times, Elder Holland and his editorial and design staff have dedicated themselves to the task of producing a quality spiritual magazine. The premier issue in April featured an article on parenting and subsequent issues have had special features on alcoholism in the church and why we need God.

A one year subscription to Signs of the Times is \$7.95 and is available from Signs Order Desk, Pacific Publishing Assn., Box 606, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, L1H 7N4, or through your local Adventist Book Centre.

Vacation Bible School

Approximately 21 Vacation Bible School programs were held in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference this summer. Over 560 non Seventh-day Adventist children were in attendance with approximately 200 regular church children.

Excellent reports have been sent in to the conference from these VBS programs. More than 300 non S.D.A. parents came out to the different final programs held. Many gave farewell offerings to support the programs.

Many churches have regular follow-up programs during the year. Included in this group is the Hill Avenue church in Regina. They contact each VBS attendant several times during the year. Birthday cards, Get-well cards and invitations to functions, as well as to Sabbath School and Church are sent. Many parents have expressed their appreciation for this program.

Evangelism in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference In Elie, Manitoba, the community people helped with the VBS this year as the Portage Church was unable to send enough helpers. This proved to be an excellent outreach for the church in this town and a good relationship between the church and the community was formed.

Following is a list of the places where VBS programs were held: Swan River, Melville, Brandon, Regina, Canora, Quill Lake, Winnipeg, Tugaske, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Hudson Bay, Dauphin, Winnipegosis, Saskatoon (2), Blackstrap, Macrorie,

Yorkton and Elie. The North Battleford district is holding Neighbourhood Bible Club meetings this winter instead.

Many thanks to the willing workers who donated their time and talents to this important work.

1 Hudson Bay VBS group

2 Swan River VBS children all but 4 non-SDA

3 Prayer circle during Blackstrap VBS

4 Children display crafts from Brandon VBS
5 Elie VBS parents viewing children's crafts







Pictorial Highlights of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Camp Meeting

"This is the best camp meeting we've ever had" was the often heard comment at the end of Camp Meeting '84. See you all next year!



Special music from the Conference Office for Blackstrap. (I-r) Pres. MacIvor, Penny Pazitka, Pavla Elkow, Elder Schafer.



The tent goes up the 2nd time at Blackstrap after tearing apart in a storm.



Blackstrap prayer circle prior to evening meetings.



Children's division at Clearlake taught by Mrs. Arlene Atkinson.



Elder J. Blahovich, Chaplain of the Washington Adventist Hospital. Evening speaker for the Blackstrap camp meeting.



Pastor B. Bechthold, with the help of local talent, leads out in youth song service at Clearlake.



Elder G. Williams speaking at Clearlake.



Literature Evangelists' service at Clearlake.



Some found the meetings more interesting than others!

Student Literature Evangelist Encourages Others for this Work

Marcel and Judy St. Germain had a wonderful time in their first venture in the literature ministry. They expressed appreciation to Lawrence Branch, director of the Publishing Department in Alberta, for his support in helping make their venture a success, and to Toni DeCosta, Student Director of the Alberta literature work, for his support. An interesting part of their work this summer was the fact that many times they reaped the rewards of seed that some other literature evangelist had sown the year before, such as, the Teranski brothers. Ron and Randy left a couple of sample books with a woman in Lac La Biche. It took a year for her to finally come to the decision that these books were what she needed for her children, and through the St. Germains she purchased over \$400 worth of books. Some sow the seed that others harvest but all will have a share in the eternal rewards.



Student literature evangelist Marcel St. Germain & his two-year-old son Paul stand with Father Leonard Derome in front of his parish church in Vimy, Alberta. Father Derome had this to say about his church's purchase of *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories:* "These beautiful books will be made available to the families with children in our community, and I know they will help curb the tide of juvenile delinquency so rampant these days."



Head librarian Ron Weir says that these ten volumes of *The Bible Story* are an answer to a need in the community. People were asking for books like these and now are pleased to have this set of books available in the library.

British Columbia

Workshops and Guest Speakers Provided for Teachers at Hope

Hope campground, nestled among the majestic mountains of British Columbia, was the setting for the 1984 BC Teachers' Convention. Seventy-four teachers and their spouses, serving in thirty-one different schools, including seven junior academies and three senior academies, met from August 20-24 to exchange ideas and to gain practical suggestions and inspiration for the task ahead.

Clarence Goertzen, Superintendent of Education; George Schafer, Assistant Superintendent of Education, and Ruth Fritz, temporary classroom supervisor, organized an outstanding program supporting the theme, "Practicing the Presence of Christ."

A New Life Reading Series Workshop, presided over by Judy Ericksen, a consultant from Ginn & Company, and Marion Hartlein, Associate Director of Education for the General Conference, was especially helpful to those working with elementary grades. Teachers from Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan joined their British Columbia colleagues for the one-day workshop.

Several guests participated in the convention, not only to share the relaxation and enjoyment, but also to blend their expertise in specific areas into a package that would benefit teachers. Milton Thorman, Superintendent of Education for central California, convinced many of the relevance of the computer in the classroom. Dr. Graham Heppel, Music Co-ordinator for the British Columbia Conference encouraged teachers in even the smaller schools to introduce their students to the joys of musical expression. Dr. Hartlein led out in discussions on discipline and curriculum in various areas.

Elder Victor Fitch, Education Director for the Canadian Union, stressed the need to continually improve, and presented, once again, Jesus as the Shepherd, Leader, and Master Teacher. Pastor James Campbell, Public Relations representative from Canadian Union College, pointed out some of the needs and goals of the college as well as the programs in continuing education that are available to teachers.

The interaction and relaxation provided in this peaceful atmosphere proved to be enjoyable as well as beneficial. The opportunity for input into next year's agenda left many teachers feeling that even greater gains may be expected for future conventions.

> Joanne Easterbrook, English teacher Fraser Valley Adventist Academy



Principals of BC's three senior academies; left to right: Oliver Lofton Brook, Cariboo, Ken Walton, Okanagan, Ian Cheeseman, Fraser Valley.



BC teachers' in front of lodge.

Lifestyle Line -Radio Talk Show Begins

October 6 was the date for the beginning of the lifestyle program on CJOR which is a local Vancouver radio station. This program has a talk show format and is aimed at reaching Vancouver residents with lifestyle information which will help them to live healthier and happier lives.

Bob Tetz, pastor of the Vancouver Central Church, is the show's host. The format includes interviews by the host of physical and mental health professionals, followed by calls from listeners.

Funded by business people from BC, this radio program could be an opening wedge for closer ties with the people of Vancouver and outlying areas.

Dr. Ron Ruskjer, in charge of health promotion from Branson Hospital, was the show's first guest. Discussing the causes for 100,000 deaths in Canada from the three leading killers (stroke, heart disease, cancer), many of which are preventable, Dr. Ruskjer answered questions from listeners. A 24hour telephone line has been established and an invitation was given to call this number for more information on the topics discussed. From the calls received, the expressions of church members and the staff of the radio station, the program had an excellent beginning.

Dr. Ruskjer was also guest of the popular Vancouver Show. He was given eight minutes' time to discuss health with the TV audience. Following his presentation on TV, Ruskjer spent over an hour at the station discussing health issues with the staff members who had responded to the information he had given.

The president and department managers of CJOR have worked enthusiastically with the Conference representatives and Bob Tetz in planning the show. One of them testified that he had been interested in the program in the beginning but now he is really excited.

"We're really excited also about this opportunity to speak to important issues in the Vancouver area," said Gary B. DeBoer, president of the BC Conference at a briefing session finalizing details for LIFESTYLE LINE, the name of the program.

Bella Coola V.B.S.



Sixty children attended daily. Pictured here is the Kindergarten class with teacher Wendy Danielson.

They're Champions!

Last year, Darin Rowse captured the World Championship WCTC Oration Contest in Chicago. Darin began his speaking career while at Deer Lake Academy, then on to Fraser Valley Academy where he was a senior when he won the World Championship. Carmen Rowse, (Darin's sister) has patterned her world similarly and this summer in Toronto. Carmen became the National Champion for Canada in the WCTU Oration Contest. Carmen is now eligible to compete in the World Championship Contest in Manila in 1985. We salute these two fine young people who represent Christianity and the Seventh-day Adventist Church so remarkably! Darin and Carmen's parents are Norman and Donalda Rowse and are members of the Vancouver Central Seventhday Adventist Church.

Julie Shannon, a student at Deer Lake Academy, became second-place winner in the WCTU Oration contest this summer in Toronto. Her speech, which emphasized the dangers of drinking and driving gave Carmen Rowse, first place winner, some close competition! We're proud of Julie and pay tribute to her witness for her Lord and her church. Julie's mother is Mrs. Anna Shannon and they are members of the Vancouver Central Seventh-day Adventist



Carmen and Darin Rowse and Julie Shannon.

Reaching the People in a Caring and Practical Way



The Free Computerized Stress Test was offered at the Pacific National Exhibition this year under the double gazebo roofed structures. Many dozens of volunteers manned the booth and helped with the construction. The booth will be used from year to year at the fair in Vancouver. Gayle Haeger reports up to 600 stress profiles a day were processed at the Adventist booth. "We felt we needed to focus on one of the greatest problems of our age - stress," said Haeger.

Their Interest Began with Vacation Bible School

The first official function to take place at the new Orchard City Church, just one week after it was opened for service in 1981, was a Vacation Bible School. Brian and Murray Smith were two of the neighbourhood boys who attended. In the spring of 1982 a cooking school was held at the church and Loretta Smith, the boys' mother, attended, then in August the boys were at VBS again. Loretta was present at her second cooking school in the spring of 1983 and the boys attended VBS in August for the third time.

About that time Hubert and Kathleen Bayliss started distributing Signs of the Times near the church and called at the Smith home. Mrs. Smith accepted the Signs and after receiving several copies agreed to take Bible studies in her home. Brother and Sister Bayliss started the studies but when winter came they left for the south and Elder and Mrs. How continued the studies. When the Hows had to leave for a couple of weeks, Pastor King conducted the studies and arranged for the baptism of Loretta, Brian and Murray. Loretta attended her third cooking school at the church in April and May of 1984 and was baptized on July 21.

Loretta is taking an active part in Sabbath School and church services, the boys are in Juniors and Earliteens respectively and are planning on joining Pathfinders.



Shortly after their baptism — Loretta Smith, with sons Murray on her right and Bryan on her left with Norman How, left, and Pastor Harold King, right.

Baptism in Merritt

Laurie and Marie McCallum attended a 5-day Plan in Merritt and then a Revelation Seminar conducted by Elder R.E. Finney, Jr. and Pastor Zinner. They have attended church regularly since then and have studied the Bible intensively. Their baptism marked real personal victories. Their contributions and presence have already made a positive impact on the small company of believers.

Shirley Gillingham was contacted several years ago by Tony Feasey who sold her a copy of *The Great Controversy*. This started a series of events including studies with former pastor, Ole Unruh and then with Pastor Zinner. Significant decisions and victories climaxed with her baptism.

Dulci Brand was first introduced to Adventism by Anne and Ray Nichols. Contact with the church was strengthened when Dulci attended the Revelation Seminar held in November, 1983. Studies continued with Pastor Zinner. She has great hopes and prays for other members of her family.

Friendship of the local members greatly encouraged these individuals in their decision for Christ and for baptism.

Pastor Dirk Zinner



Baptized at Merritt church were O. McNaughten, Dulci Brand, Shirley Gillingham, Marie and Laurie McCallum.

Communication Intern Joins Conference Staff

Paul Richardson, a recent Communication Media graduate from Walla Walla College was named to the Communication Department of the British Columbia Conference early in August.

This new position is being partially sponsored by the General Conference Communication Internship program and by the Canadian Union.

His responsibilities include a monthly publication to the local church communication secretaries, design and layout of advertisements and conference publications, coordinating the production of a weekly radio show in Vancouver with the help of local pastors and church volunteers and other media awareness programs.

Witnessing in Vernon Mall



Daryl Hoover accepts his Stress Profile from computer operator Brian Brucks as Rick Mervyn looks on. These three were among the many volunteers who conducted a computerized stress profile at the Vernon mall.

Special Services at Vernon



Ilde Kosturin, left, Richard and Margie Visscher were baptized highlighting the first day of services in the new Vernon Church. Dedicating their children prior to the baptism were the Visschers with Jonathan and Janel; Brian and Cindy Brucks with Matthew; Carin Archibald with Alex, Amber, and Robert; and Daryl and Avie Hoover with Anthony and Andrew.

V.B.S. in Vernon



Vacation Bible School is great fun, as Jason Reader, Ian Steele, and Christ Harris found out on a pretend nature walk. About 80 children attended VBS at Pleasant Valley Academy, Vernon, B.C.

Vietnamese Refugees Happy in Bella Coola

The Bella Coola SDA church is sponsoring their second refugee family - this time a family of nine from Vietnam. Tam Trong Do and his wife, Vinh, arrived on July 16, 1984 with their four daughters and three sons ages 12-24. A six bedroom house across from the church was rented for them. The oldest son, Binh, and his four sisters speak fairly good English. The six youngest children will be attending the Bella Coola Adventist Boarding Academy during the day.

The Do family spent four years in refugee camps in Thailand before they received permission to immigrate. Because of the size of the family it was difficult to find someone to sponsor them. The Bella Coola church family said they would be the sponsors if other churches would help. A commitment of \$1,400 a month for one year is necessary for food, clothing, rent, fuel and other necessities.

The following is Binh's story of how they

escaped Vietnam.

Tam Do was of Chinese discent. He had a fish sauce business in their village in the South Vietnamese province of Kiengiang, about 240 kilometres south of Saigon. Because Tam's brother had worked in the Republican Government (which made him an "enemy of the people"), Tam also was considered "an enemy of the people". Under the new economic order of the North Vietnamese communist regime, he was not allowed to earn any money in his own business. It was taken from his family, along with their large house and property. Deprived of a means of livelihood, Tam began selling off everything they owned in order

Binh decided that he wouldn't be able to attend University in Saigon because of the worsening conditions so he and his family devised a plan to escape Vietnam. Binh was 19 years old and had just finished high school. He would go to the island of Laison to work as a fisherman and while there he would look for a boat. The police watched his actions closely for a year, suspecting that he might try to escape. When he had saved up enough money to buy a fishing boat for himself he convinced the police that he really wanted to be a fisherman the rest of his life so they let him buy a boat.

The next phase of the plan was to work the boat between Laison and Kiengiang province, where his family was waiting. The police were always along on these trips to make sure Binh wasn't trying to escape. Gradually, they felt confident enough with him to ease their surveillance.

Finally on a warm November night, four years ago, the Do family and many of their relatives left for Thailand. Binh skippered the craft, a wooden vessel only 15 metres long — and the 22 people aboard — along the coast. It would be a three day voyage through pirate infested waters.

Early on the morning of the second day, a

large Thai fishing boat stopped and forced them on board, then took all their belongings. They were allowed back on their boat to continue their journey but, late in the afternoon a second boat stopped them and took their food and water. The next day a third boat came up behind them and shot at Binh with a pistol and rifle. He narrowly escaped being hit and was forced to stop while the fisherman-pirates boarded his boat. They took practically everything the refugees were wearing but left them unharmed. At about 6 p.m. the same day, a fourth boat stopped them and the crew were so enraged to find there was nothing left to steal that they beat Binh and his family. Late that night they reached Songkhla refugee camp on the Thai coast. They decided to spend the night on the beach because they didn't know the Thai language and were afraid of the reception they might get from the police or the camp guards.

In the morning, they went to the police station to give their story and were given a house in the refugee camp. It was about 15' square, of open bamboo design and was to be the home of the Do family for the next seven months.

After seven months they were moved to Panatnikhom, a holding and transit centre for Laotian, Khmer and Vietnamese refugees. They lived there for three and one half years and one month, waiting for a sponsor in any country that would accept them.

This camp held up to 10,000 people and the refugees were not allowed to leave the camp; nor were the missionaries and volunteers from countries all over the world allowed to stay overnight in the camp. Binh worked as a translator at the camp and two of the girls worked as nurses aids in the hospital-clinic.

An older brother and sister are refugees in the USA. He had left vietnam in 1979 and she was allowed to join her brother a year later, but only after she had spent six months in the Philippines to learn English. Eleven days after the Do family arrived in Bella Coola the older sister and her husband drove in from Los Angeles, with the husband's mother, brother and sister. It was the first time in five years that they had seen them.

The Do family found our summer cold, and are apprehensive of what the winter will be like, but they are very, very thankful to be here. They are willing to work and learn so they can fit into the Canadian way of



The Tam Trong Do family, August 1984. Left to right, back row: Binh, Hue, Vinh, Tam, Xuan, Lan and Trang. Front row: Nhan and Minh.

New Life Festival Youth sponsored spiritual emphasis weekend

The second annual NEW LIFE FESTIVAL took place at the Vincent Massey Auditorium in New Westminster during the weekend of September 15. Organized and run by young people, the weekend included guest speakers and a lot of participation from individuals in surrounding churches.

The chairperson for the weekend was Sonja Buchanan from Surrey with Henriette Chabot and Russ Zapotichny as assistants. Secretary was Heather Erho and Wayne Dunbar was the treasurer. These persons also serve as officers of the Lower Mainland Adventist Youth group which has representation from 13 churches in the Fraser Valley.

On Sabbath afternoon a Christian Carousel was offered with five events happening simultaneously. In the auditorium there was a film, in other rooms Ron Nelson gave his personal testimony, Gail Haegar presented "Stress Management," Steve Varro offered some illustrated viewpoints, and Paul Richardson gave some pointers in communi-

Sabbath lunch and an evening snack were provided by participants with an organized menu for both meals attractively and efficiently served. Rae Weir and Rae Blackmore, both of Surrey, coordinated this.



Karen Gerber (left) and Wendy Pauley (right) sing special music at the church service for the NEW LIFE FESTIVAL.



Featured speaker at the NEW LIFE FESTIVAL in New Westminster, Bailey Gillespie (right) from Loma Linda University chats with Dr. Lloyd Miller between meetings.





Elder and Mrs. Glen E. Maxson were honoured at a farewell evening with the ministers, B.C. Conference office staff and others recently.

Glen and Veda Maxson have accepted a call to the Canadian Union Conference where Elder Maxson is the new Executive Secretary for the Union. Replacing P.F. Lemon who is retiring, Maxson takes office with a varied background of denominational service. Most recently, Maxson has been the President of the British Columbia Conference for the past six years. BC camp meeting's TODAY reported on July 27 that "Maxson is recognized as an outstanding administrator, a man with deep spiritual convictions, and a caring person promoting a caring church."

Born in Argentina, Maxson spent the years up to secondary education there. He graduated from Pacific Union College and attended the Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Spanish and English are spoken fluently by both Elder and Mrs. Maxson.

Elder Maxson began his years of service to the church in 1948 as a mission appointee to the Inter-American Division. Besides serving in that field, he spent years in Central and South America in a variety of capacities including pastoring, evangelism, mission president, departmental secretary and Conference and Union president. In 1978 he was called to the Stewardship Department of the Canadian Union where he served for nearly two years before being appointed as president of the British Columbia Conference.

Elder and Mrs. Maxson were honoured at a farewell evening at

Camp Hope with fellow workers from the British Columbia Conference. Tributes, skits, songs and gifts were presented to show the group's affection for their departing leader. More recently the Conference office staff planned a farewell dinner in their honour.

Mrs. Maxson's selfless interest in other people has not gone unnoticed. Her commitment to the ministers' wives and their needs and her provision for special guests has been greatly appreciated.

As the Maxson's serve in another area of the Canadian Union, it is the prayer of their friends in the British Columbia Conference that God will bless and lead in every



Elder and Mrs. Frank White have been honoured recently at a retirement dinner staged in their honour by the staff of the British Columbia conference.

Frank and Helen White, dedicated workers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 29 years, were honoured recently at a retirement lunch by friends from the British Columbia Conference headquarters. During camp meeting, 1984, Elder and Mrs. White were presented with a plaque on which the years of service were inscribed, with Elders G.E. Maxson, G.B. DeBoer, and P.W. Dunham participating in a tribute service.

Frank White began his career in service to his church in 1947 as principal at Vancouver's church school. Following that appointment, the White's moved to Rest Haven for a two-year period where he was principal of the Rest Haven Church school.

In 1959 White was called to be

the manager of the Book and Bible House which position he held for four years.

Between 1963 and 1967, White was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. Three nursing homes were built during that four-year period in Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Swift Current.

Returning to British Columbia in 1967 as Secretary-Treasurer, White continued in that capacity for seven and one-half years. Six church companies were organized, the present Conference office in Abbotsford built, the Mission Conference office sold, and the work was begun in Whitehorse with the Maranatha project establishing a church there.

Because of the expanding work load, White was asked to continue as Treasurer of the British Columbia Conference in 1975 and in 1981 he was asked to continue as treasurer of the Corporation.

During the last few years White has also been more heavily involved in the Trust and Wills Department of the Conference.

Frank and Helen received verbal tributes and gifts during the farewell occasion with the long hours and dedicated services that have been selflessly contributed mentioned repeatedly. Helen has been a capable and valued kindergarten teacher having taught over a 36-year period of time. Her loyal support of her husband's demanding task was not forgotten by those who have worked closely with the White's.

The White's have two daughters, Merrielee Wright of Smoky Lake, Alberta and Heather Switak of Rest Haven.

Frank and Helen are looking forward to many relaxing years of travel, visiting their children, and, as would be expected, serving the church as needed.



Newly elected BC conference president Gary B. DeBoer and wife Alma.

Gary B. DeBoer, treasurer of the British Columbia Conference, was elected President of the Conference replacing Elder Glen E. Maxson during camp meeting this

Effective September 1, DeBoer

assumed presidential duties. De-Boer comes to this post with a background in business management, accounting, engineering and seven years of denominational work. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1982 as a result of his involvement with church administration and local church

Although DeBoer's appointment is probably not historic in Seventh-day Adventism, it is probably indicative of a changing attitude of the membership that administration in the church need not be limited to leaders with pastoral experience.

Gary and Alma (Schwengler) were married in 1961. They became Adventists 18 years ago because of relatives' loving help during a crisis in their lives. At birth, their son was found to have a congenital heart defect. Wondering why a child so small had to suffer, these relatives led them to Christ and to the Adventist Church. DeBoer has a special feeling for the caring church concept and for one-to-one evangelism.

The DeBoer's have two sons, Gary Jr., in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and Kirk, who has just graduated from Fraser Valley Adventist Academy and who is studying aviation technology this fall.



Elder Everett and Shirley (Miller) Tetz have joined the British Columbia Conference recently from the Pacific Union Conference. Tetz is the new treasurer replacing Gary B. DeBoer.

Everett D. Tetz, formerly Assistant Treasurer of the Pacific Union and Financial Director of the Home Health Education Services with headquarters in Thousand Oaks, California, has assumed his new responsibilities as Treasurer of the British Columbia Conference and Corporation.

Having served in the British Columbia Conference as a pastor, teacher and as ABC manager in the 1950's and 1960's, British Columbia is home for them.

Married to Shirley (Miller), who was born in British Columbia, the Tetz's have two children, Warren and Darel, both of whom are employed in California. They also have two grandchildren.

Next Month in SIGNS

Christmas. It's come a long way - in time, distance, and meaning from the event it supposedly celebrates. The birth in Bethlehem still appears on Christmas cards and in under-the-tree nativity scenes, but somehow we get the impression that the holiday would go on with little change if Jesus had never been

For December, Signs offers you a Christmas sampler. A thoughtful piece by Helmut Thielicke, "Why Celebrate Christmas?" that won't just parade all the worn cliches past you again. Two narratives: "Christ-



mas Help Wanted," and "Blackout on Christmas Eve." The first is almost guaranteed to put a lump in the throat of the most cynical Scrooge, and the second will warm your heart with a vivid example of how Christ's birth makes all of us brothers.

December is more than Christmas. however. So is the December Signs. Look for these articles, too: "Insight and Comfort from the Book of Job," "Intimacy: Don't Leave Home Without It," "One Step From Success," and "Will We Know Our Loved Ones In the Future Life?"

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Hampton, N.B. Church Takes Shape

It was only a few months ago that the officers of the Maritime Conference met with the newly formed group at Hampton for the purpose of organizing a new church.

Since the new Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hampton has been organized it has been a beehive of activity. Jerry Smith, the pastor, Victor Gill, and some of the other members working with them, poured the basement walls, put the floor joists in place, and laid a part of the sub-flooring. Then, on August 27, two families from Maranatha Flights International, a few people from other churches in the Maritimes, and the Maranatha church members really began work in earnest. By Thursday evening, August 30, all the walls were up, the roof was on, and the outside sheeting was in place. Since this date the Maranatha Church under the leadership of Jerry Smith and Pastor Victor Gill continue in the wiring, plumbing, and finishing of this beautiful house of God. Upon completing they are planning a series of evangelistic meetings to introduce the new church to the community.

> Grant Gunter, Director Communications Maritime Conference

Changes in Personnel in the Maritimes

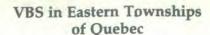
John Lyons, pastor of the North Sydney, Nova Scotia district, received a call from Newfoundland to be pastor of the Cornerbrook Church. Jim Sharp was then called from Newfoundland to pastor the Bridgewater, Fox Point, Nova Scotia district, and Bruce Atkins has moved from Bridgewater to be the pastor in North Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Another change made in the Halifax area was triggered by the decision of Kenneth Corkum who was pastor of the Sandy Lake/ Tantallon district, to go back to Andrews University and complete his doctorate. Glen Corkum, cousin of Kenneth Corkum, who was serving as Conference Evangelist and living in the area of the Sandy Lake Church has filled the vacancy there.

In addition to these we have John Bullock who came with his family from Canadian Union College to work in the Valley and pastor the Digby and New Minas churches.

In the office, located at Moncton, New Brunswick, changes have also been made. Matt Weststrate was asked to join the office staff as assistant treasurer. After Roy Roberts left, Weststrate continued in that position. On August 5, because of Matt's extraordinary ability to handle finances, the committee appointed him as treasurer of the conference.

Roy Uffindell, who is Publishing Director for the Maritimes is moving from Nova Scotia to the Moncton area.



Waterville, Quebec has a tiny English Seventh-day Adventist church nestled in the midst of a French community. This past summer, as it has done for 11 summers, the Waterville church held a Vacation Bible School in the town, and for the second year in a row, it was held in both French and

English.

Led by Gerry Powers, who traces her own introduction to the church to a VBS she attended at age 12, this year's VBS was one of the largest ever. It was attended by 52 children daily, all of whom were from non-Adventist families, with the exceptions of the helpers' children. Rachel Harton and Danielle LeBlanc from the Sherbrooke Church and Mary Waterhouse from Abercorn taught the French classes, and English classes were taught by Gaye Wilson, Gerry Powers and Rose LeBlanc. Donna Powers designed and taught many lovely crafts and assisted by Alethea Wilcox.

A closing program was put on by the children on the final day which was attended

by many of the parents.

Mrs. White calls child evangelism the highest form of evangelism and those of us who worked with these children this past summer are convinced that this is so. May the seeds that were sown grow to produce many workers in His vineyard.

Rose LeBlanc



Church members plus Maranatha volunteers pose in front of the new Hampton church.

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Newfoundland

Lethbridge Baptism



Pastor Curtis Johnson, of the Lethbridge, Nfld. SDA Church, earlier this year led his church into an evangelistic endeavour. At the close of this campaign and after much study, Daphne Stanley, above and Victoria Skiffington were baptized. Pastor Johnson continued studies with several more interested persons.

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Weddings

BEAUSOLEIL - JOHNSON

In a Sabbath afternoon wedding at the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church on September 29, 1984, Dawna Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Johnson of Lacombe, Alberta, was united in marriage to John Beausoleil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moise Beausoleil of Penetang, Ontario. Glenda Johnson and Pastor Brian Leavitt attended the bride and groom.

John and Dawna will be making their home at College Heights where John is pursuing the course in pre-ministry and Dawna is a teacher at CHAJA. A.W. Robertson, Pastor

Calgary Central

ECKERT - SWARTZ

Cori Swartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Swartz of Sherwood Park, Alberta, was united by the writer in marriage with Larry Eckert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eckert, of Warburg, Alberta, on September 2, 1984.

The lovely ceremony took place in the Sherwood Park Church, where the attendants were: Lori Greig, Hayley Swartz, Donna Suezle, Russell Littman and Leslie Zotzman.

The happy couple will be making their home on the family farm near Warburg.

Pastor G. Davies

McCARTY - TROOP

On Sunday, August 26, 1984 Marilyn Troop, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Orval Troop of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, and Linden McCarty, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ken McCarty of Lacombe, Alberta, were united in marriage. The lovely afternoon ceremony was held in the Sylvan Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Brian Leavitt officiating. Attending Marilyn were Colleen Troop and Fay Cherepuschak. Linden had Mitch Williams and Rod Anderson as his attendants. A reception followed in the College Heights Adventist Junior Academy Gym. Linden and Marilyn are residing in Lacombe, Alberta.

MORRISON - KEMPERLE

Many friends and relatives from near and far gathered at the beautiful Bowmanville S.D.A. Church on June 24, 1984, to witness the joining together in holy matrimony of Barbara Lynn Kemperle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kemperle of Oshawa and Peter Leonard Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Morrison of Bowmanville.

The bride and groom were attended by Celia Stenfors and Jeff Robinson, respectively. Other attendants to the bridal pair were Peggy Nix, Drinda Michaud, Richard Morrison and Brian Hampson. Junior attendants were Jacqueline Kemperle, Crystal Stenfors, and Brent Kemperle.

Candle bearers and ushers were Brian Kemperle and Leslie Morrison, Ir.

Pastor C.S. Greene of the Canadian Union Conference officiated at this sacred occasion.

We wish the young couple God's rich blessings.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morrison have made their new home in Oshawa.

NEBBLETT - MORRISON

On June 17, 1984, in the presence of a host of relatives and friends, Shaunielle Ann Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Morrison of Oshawa, Ontario, and Milton E. Nebblett, Jr., son of Elder and Mrs. Milton Nebblett of Washington, D.C., exchanged the sacred vows of matrimony in the College Park S.D.A. Church, Oshawa.

The bride was attended by her sister, Ellinor, Kathryn Bolton, Jude Boyer and Denise Shaw. Supporting the groom was his brother, Dr. Edwin Nebblett, and groomsmen, Richard Morrison, Maurice Miller and Douglas Eaton. Junior attendants were Shaana Gage, Telessa McConaghy and Karla McConaghy. Guests were welcomed by ushers Andrew Hall, Ronald Woodfork, Michael Fenison and Michael Mayne.

Pastor Harry Sackett and Elder Milton Nebblett conducted the very inspiring ceremony.

Milton and Shaunielle have made their home in Orlando, Florida. We wish them God's richest blessings.

POTTS - ROBISON

On August 6, 1984, Nancy Robison daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Robison of 100 Mile House, B.C. and Jeffery Potts, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Potts of Cambridge, Ontario were married in the Williams Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church. The service was conducted by Pastor Walter Bergey of Armstrong, B.C.

The bride was attended by Zsuzsanna Hegedus, Sharryl Ritchey and Lynn Bentsen with Vikki Bentsen as junior bridesmaid.

Attending the groom were Warren Nyack, Loren Agery and Charlie Robison. The junior groomsman was Jeffery Homan.

Jeff and Nancy are living at College Heights, Alberta where they are both continuing their education at Canadian Union College.

TRENCHUK - ANSTEY

July 1, 1984 was a memorable day for Emily Anstey and Gaylend Trenchuk as they united their lives in holy wedlock. The Sherwood Park Church was filled to capacity with delighted relatives and friends as Pastor Ken Wiebe pronounced the couple husband and wife.

The evening reception, held at the Uncas High School near Adrossan, gave well-wishers plenty of opportunity to wish the couple God's blessings on their new home.

The couple will make their home on the Trenchuk farm near Ardrossan.

Pastor Ken Wiebe Sherwood Park Church

VAN ALSTYNE - BARTSCH

Rick Van Alstyne and Sheila Bartsch, both of Lacombe, Alberta were united in marriage at the Canadian Union College Campus Church on July 15, 1984.

Rick and Sheila each had four attendants, and Sheila's two nieces, Trish and Tasha Cardwell, were flower girls. Parents to the nuptials are Pastor and Mrs. Henry Bartsch and Shirley Ryan.

Sheila and Rick are making their home in Lacombe, Alberta. Pastor Henry Bartsch, father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony.

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Births

BELL — Victor and Gail Bell (nee Garner) of Vernon, B.C. are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Kimberly Renée, born August 10, 1984.

BERG — Gerald and Kellie (nee Koronko) are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Jason Gerdel, born on September 21, 1984, at Lacombe, Alberta.

BRUSSÉE — Daphne (nee Powers) and Robert are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, David Peter on June 26 at Oshawa, Ontario.

CURTIS — Clifford and Flora (nee Kahraman) are happy to announce the birth of Susan Rachael Nikolar, on June 19, 1984 at Oshawa, Ontario.

DIEMERT — James Edward Diemert, son of Stephanie and Steve Diemert, was born at Grimsby, Ontario, on August 4 1984

HETLAND — A little sister, Autumn Angela Joy has arrived for Ray Jr., Jason, Bjorn and Karissa. Her parents Ray and JoAnne (nee Gallant) thank God for her arrival.

KANTOR — David and Vickie (nee Kotanko) praise God on the arrival of their second daughter Rebecca, born June 17, 1984, in St. Thomas, and would like to thank everyone for the many prayers extended on their behalf.

LOWRY — Cecil and Valmae are happy to announce the birth of Carolyn Julie, born on September 20, 1984 at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

WECKER — Barry and Alberta Wecker are pleased to announce the birth of Melissa Dawn on September 3, 1984 in Kigali, Rwanda.

YORKE — Doreen and Gosnell Yorke are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Oumari Gosnell, who arrived on August 29, a brother for Chrystal

Obituaries

BURMAN — Edward, January 30, 1900-August 15, 1984. Born in Sandershausen Kreis, Germany. Both his parents died when he was very young, so Edward was raised in an orphanage for fourteen years. It was there he learned the tailoring trade.

A Bible worker introduced him to the Adventist truth, and in 1925 he joined the Seventh-day Adventist church.

In 1952 Edward and his wife, Elizabeth, and two young sons, Peter and Edward Jr., came to Canada, where they settled in Winnipeg, where he continued his profession as a master tailor.

Left to mourn his passing is his wife Elizabeth, sons Peter and Edward Jr., and seven grandchildren.

The officiating minister was Pastor Mal Atwood of Sidney, B.C. A memorial service was held in the Victoria church on August 20, 1984.

Kathleen Piper

CLIFTON — Wesley Ewart Clifton was born in Reading, England, on December 5, 1889. He passed away in Kelowna, B.C. on April 2, 1983.

He came to Vancouver in 1912 with his bride, Ethel, who predeceased him in June, 1953. Of this marriage two daughters were born.

After Ethel passed away he went to Victoria to live with his daughter Phyllis. Brother Clifton was baptized by the writer in 1964 in Victoria, B.C.

He leaves his two daughters, Phyllis Koronko and Lily Collins, two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one sister, Florence, in England.

Brother Clifton was cremated and his ashes were interred with his beloved wife at Surrey Centre Cemetery. He awaits the coming of His Saviour whom he loved dearly.

ECKERT — Henry Eckert was born December 6, 1897 in Russia, and fell asleep in Jesus, September 3, 1984 at Kelowna, B.C. Henry, with his parents, came to Manitoba in 1910 and married Wanda in Morden, Manitoba in 1923, after which they accepted Jesus and the Advent message. They were blessed with one son, Walter. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last year.

Surviving Henry are his wife Wanda, his son Walter, one brother, also cousins, nephews and nieces.

Services were held at the Winfield SDA Church, Sunday, September 9, 2 p.m. A graveside service was held on September 10 at the Kelowna City Cemetery.

FLAK — Mr. Alvīn Flak was born October 28, 1925 at Hazinmore, Sask. and died suddenly on July 12, 1984 in Williams Lake, B.C.

He grew up in the Kincaid area then moved to Victoria B.C.

In 1949 he moved to Cache Creek where he married and had four daughters. In 1971 he moved to Penticton where he met Wilda Lee. In 1974 he moved to Okanagan Falls where he married Wilda and acquired 7 stepchildren.

He is survived by his wife Wilda in Williams Lake, his mother Ruth Monsos and one sister, Doris Bradley. He also leaves his daughters Bonny, Beverley, Judy and Andrea, 9 grandchildren and a host of friends and loved ones who will miss him dearly.

GOLTZ — August William Goltz was born on March 21, 1901 in the Millet, Alberta area and passed to his rest on March 26, 1984. In 1941 he married Esther Welke who predeceased him in 1951. Mr. Goltz was an active member of the Leduc S.D.A. Church.

He leaves to mourn his daughter, Jean, four brothers, one sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was conducted at the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist Church by Pastors O.B. Asserude and N. Kozachenko with interment at the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist cemetery where Brother Goltz awaits the glad resurrection morning.

ILCHUK — Mary Ilchuk was born September I, 1894, in the Ukraine and passed away on August 13, 1984 in Lacombe. In 1911 she came to Canada with her family and later that year married Mike Ilchuk who had emigrated to Canada with hundreds of other Ukrainian pioneers in 1908. They homesteaded in the Derwent area for seven years and then moved to Vermilion where they farmed until 1954. Upon retiring, they moved to Vernon, B.C. In 1976 Sister Ilchuk came to Lacombe and lived in her own home until just a month before her death.

She is survived by six children: Nicholas, Martha Dyck, John, Paul, Theodore and Larry; fifteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; a brother, a sister and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastors Ed Teranski and Casey Higgins officiating.

KEATS - William James Keats passed to his rest September 8, 1984 after a lengthy illness. James was born at Bunyan's Cove, Nfld. on January 5, 1911 and settled in Bloomfield, Nfld. where he married and raised a family of four and lived until his passing. Left to mourn are his wife of 50 years, Linda Elizabeth (Peddle), sons Jesse, Weldon, Harvey and daughter Doris Rose; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He also left two sisters and four brothers. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Curtis Johnson, assisted by Pastor David Crook. Interment was in the Seventh-day Adventist cemetery in Lethbridge, Nfld. At peace at last he awaits His Master's call.

MacDOUGALL — Lella Elizabeth MacDougall was born in Ontario on January 28, 1894 and died in Fullerton, California on September 26, 1984. She lived in Oshawa for many years before moving to California. Six children are left to mourn — Marion Bayles, Evelyn Issler, Margaret Fusco, and Kenneth, Keith, and Ronald MacDougall. Interment was in the Melrose Abbey Memorial Park, Anaheim, California.

MEAD — Margaret J. Mead was born in Moosomin, N.W.T. on July 21, 1894 and passed away on September 21, 1984, in Saskatoon.

She became a member of the Seventhday Adventist church ten years ago while living in the Kelowna area.

She leaves two sons, James and Marshall, and a daughter, Helen Tallis.

Funeral services were conducted at the Garden Chapel in Kelowna, B.C., and Mrs. Mead was laid to rest in Lakeview Cemetery to await the coming of the Lord.

Arthur M. Spenst

ROTTACKER — Mrs. Natalie Rottacker passed away in Edmonton on Sunday, August 19, 1984 at the age of 91 years.

She is survived by her husband, William, to whom she was married for 71 years; five sons: Calvin, Russell, Warren, and Leonard; also one daughter Elva Olsson. Four sisters, three brothers and fourteen grandchildren also survive her.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Bob Lehmann, assisted by Pastor Ian Cotton, in the Peoria-Smoky Seventh-day Adventist Church on Thursday, August 23, 1984.

Dolly served her Lord through activities in her local Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years.

SAYLER — Conrad Sayler was born on Feburary 9, 1900 at Harvey, North Dakota. He moved to Canada in 1917 and settled in the Beiseker area of Alberta in 1919 where he farmed for many years.

On October 26, 1922 he united his life with Emily Oelke and they spent 58 precious years together. Four daugthers blessed their home. In 1923 Brother Sayler followed his Lord in baptism and allowed Jesus to be his constant guide.

Brother Sayler passed to his rest on August 8, 1984 after a brief illness. He leaves to mourn his four daughters; Adline Lynn, Doris Roth, Verda Teale, and Lorena Pajon; 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Others mourning his passing are one brother, one sister, many other relatives and friends.

Brother Sayler now rests until Jesus call to life everlasting. Funeral services were at the Creston SDA church, Pastor Terry Sparks officiating. Interment was at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Erickson.

SELTZER — Lloyd Marvin Seltzer was born April 14, 1905 in Iowa and died September 13, 1984 in Portland, Oregon. Elder Seltzer began denominational service in 1927. He served in pastoral and evangelistic posts in Alberta and Manitoba as well as in the United States. He leaves his wife Adrianna, daughter Loanna Lehman, a grandson and one sister.

SHARD — Mary Bridget Delia Shard passed to her rest in Calgary on September 15, 1984 at the age of 102 years. She was born in England on June 2, 1882 and sailed for Canada on April 20, 1912. Eventually she made her way to the Calgary area where she spent the rest of her life. She went to the home of Howard and Irene Dick upon arrival in Calgary. She developed a deep friendship with the Dick family right through four generations. Forty-five years of married life were spent with her husband Fred who predeceased her in 1958.

In 1925 Mrs. Shard was baptized into the fellowship of the Calgary Seventh-day Adventist Church in which she became a very active member.

Sister Shard will long be remembered for her alert mind, her retentive memory and her humorous spirit. Now she rests in Queen's Park in Calgary.

SMITH — Falle Smith was born in Jylland, Denmark, June 16, 1905 and passed away in Surrey, B.C., August 20, 1984. Coming to Canada in 1928 he married Thelma Minchin. In recent years they lived in B.C. and were members of the Surrey Seventh-day Adventist Church. Mourning this loss is a son, Martin, a daughter, Mavis Holstein, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted August 23 by Pastor Peter Fritz in Surrey's Valley View Memorial Gardens with family and church friends attending.

STANSAL — Orin Chester, of Kelowna, passed away suddenly on July 16, 1984 at the age of 86 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Carolina, son Clifford Raymond of Scarborough, Ontario; six daughters, Verna Rose, Marjorie Morwick, Pearl Nickel, Dorothy Smith, Mona May, and Lorraine Munson. His first wife, Francis Louise, and mother of the children predeceased him in 1959. 24 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren were added to his family.

In his early twenties, Mr. Stansal, along with his brothers, sisters and parents became acquainted with the third angels message through the Farnsworth brothers. He has been faithful and supportive of the Lord's work, and counted it a privilege to give to the church. Pastor Dennis Nickel from Lethbridge, a grandson, conducted the service, assisted by Pastor Harold Reimche of Vermon. He is sadly missed by his large family, but we are comforted in knowing he lived close to Jesus and was ready for His call.

STENFORS - Josefiina (Ina) (nee Naukkarinen) was born October 10, 1907 in Parikkala, Finland. She passed away quietly on August 22, 1984 at home in Parry Sound, Ontario. She became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the age of 16. She was one of the very first literature evangelists in Finland and her work took her all over the country especially into Lapland where she spent several years canvassing the far reaches of the North. She married Kaarlo Matti Stenfors in 1934. In 1956 she moved with her family to Canada and lived in Oshawa for many years. She worked at the North York Branson Hospital until her retirement and then moved to Parry Sound, Ontario. She was a faithful member of the Adventist Church and a generous and kind-hearted person who loved her community and was continually active in her work for the Lord.

As a loving mother she will always be fondly remembered by her five children and their families that she leaves to mourn; Anneli Granqvist, Sakari, Mikko, Matti, and Marianne Obery. Her 15 grandchildren also await the return of Jesus to be reunited with their special "Mummo" (Grandma).

As it was her request, a quiet family funeral was held as she was laid to rest in the Lord at Sylvan Acres Cemetery in Parry Sound with Pastor Donesky conducting the services. A memorial service for her friends and loved ones was held in the Parry Sound Adventist Church.

STICKLAND — Peter W. Stickland of Woody Point, Bonne Bay, Newfoundland, passed away September 14, 1984 in his 87th year. He was a long-time member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and held membership in the Corner Brook congregation at the time of his death. He rests from his labours in a cemetery at Shoal Brook, Bonne Bay, where he awaits the "blessed hope."

John A. Lyons

TKACHUK — William Tkachuk was born on September 24, 1905 in Eaglesham, Alberta. He died suddenly on August 6, 1984.

Bill, as he was called by his friends, attended Canadian Junior College, where he made his decision to accept Jesus, a decision he cherished all his life.

On September 6, 1927 he married Marcella Lang who was his loving companion for 57 years. To their union two children were born, Rosaline and David.

Left to cherish his memory are: his loving wife, Marcella; his daughter Rosaline Nahorney; his son David; and seven grandchildren. One great grandson and a sister and brother also survive him.

Brother Tkachuk had a deep concern for the spiritual welfare of his children and their families. He now rests in the hope that at Jesus' lifegiving call he will see all of his family again.

Funeral services were at the Creston SDA church, Pastor Terry Sparks officiating. Interment was at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Erickson. The family awaits the glorious morning of glad reunion.

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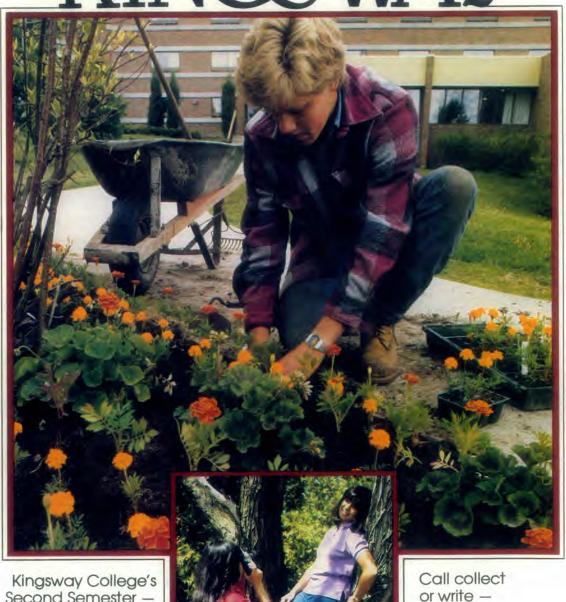
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