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From The President's Diary



The Silent, Mysterious Phantom

ARE WE AWARE OF THE PHANTOM which stalks our
 church? Have we seen it? Have we heard it? Have we felt
 its presence? Who is this silent, mysterious phantom?

My trusty Websters says this elusive, will-o'-the-wisp is "a person
 who is little more than an appearance." Scores of church elders and
 pastors, conference administrators and Sabbath School secretaries
 search confidently, yet with apprehension and sometimes in vain for
 that elusive entity, wrapped in humanity, who falls into the mundane
 category of the "missing member."

Who are they and where are they? A few lines of anonymous verse
 in a lighthearted way, states the case.

EXCUSES

Some stay 'way because it's cold,
 And some because it's hot;
 And some because they're getting old,
 And some because they're not.
 Some stay at home to entertain,
 And some to cook the dinner;
 And some because they're good enough,
 And some because they're sinners.
 And some declare they don't enjoy
 The singing of the choir,
 And others 'cause their fellow saint
 Aroused their wrathful ire.
 Some stay at home because they say
 The sermon's long and dry.
 And never does inspire a taste
 For mansions in the sky.

The advent of 1986 is just before us — unsung and untried.
 Wouldn't it be thrilling if every Sabbath School and Church Board

"But let their treasure
be given to God,
and from that moment

GIVING

G.E. Maxson

Editor, Canadian Adventist Messenger

it bears His inscription.
It is sealed with
His immutability."

*The Acts of the Apostles,
pages 344, 345.*

WE SPEAK AND SING OF THE "Spirit of Christmas." We say we celebrate Christmas as the birth of Jesus. We extol the brotherhood of men. We repeat the story of the wisemen and admire them for the gifts of worship they brought to Baby Jesus. We then proceed to really celebrate his birth, Christmas, by giving our gifts one to another in selfish love within our own narrow family circle adulterating the true meaning of giving, worship. We forget the real lesson taught us in God's example of giving.

We celebrate by over-indulging in the gifts of God's bounties at Christmas dinner while the millions of our brothers do not know what it is to have one good meal a day. Thousands will die of starvation over the Christmas holidays, while other millions of God's children have no hope for want of the Bread of Life. God's work languishes because of our giving to ourselves.

Yes, we can celebrate God's giving of Himself. But should we not do it in the proper context of the gift of Jesus by

expressing our gratitude first of all to Him who by giving His Son has introduced us into His family as His sons and daughters? Thus the hurting ones of planet earth will be our brothers and sisters. The little starving ones will become our children.

Yes, let us celebrate Christmas by giving. True giving is worship and it includes:

1. Giving of yourself to God.
2. Recognizing His fatherhood by returning a complete tithe in 1985.
3. By giving more to Jesus than we give to one another.

Here are some of the ways we can celebrate Christmas in 1985 — By giving to:

1. Conference Evangelism
2. Canadian Union College Gideon Fund
3. Educational Endowment Funds
4. Worthy Student Funds
5. Disaster and Famine Relief
6. ADRA-Canada to enlarge its relief operations
7. It Is Written — Canada

Let us share in God's way. As families, let us

make our Christmas giving a worship experience. Let us share of our glorious blessings with the needy and hurting ones of the world.

"Unselfish liberality threw the early church into a transport of joy; for the believers knew that their efforts were helping to send the gospel message to those in darkness. Their benevolence testified that they had not received the grace of God in vain. What could produce such liberality but the sanctification of the Spirit? In the eyes of believers and unbelievers it was a miracle of grace.

"Spiritual prosperity is closely bound up with Christian liberality. The followers of Christ should rejoice in the privilege of revealing in their lives the beneficence of their Redeemer." *The Acts of the Apostles*, pages 344, 345.

When our hearts overflow with love to our Father, giving will be such a joyful experience that once again mankind will hear the angels sing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace to men on whom His favour rests." NIV

GOD PROVIDES

P.A. Parks

Stewardship Director, Canadian Union Conference

WHEN A YOUNG MAN BECOMES INTERESTED in a young lady, one of the questions that the parents of the young lady have in mind is, "What kind of a provider will this young man be? Can he provide the necessities of life that our daughter deserves? Will he provide her with those things that bring security, such as shelter, food, happiness, love?" If the answers to these questions are positive, the parents feel much better about giving their daughter up to the care of the young man.

In like manner, the greatest security that any of us can have is to give ourselves up to the abundant providing care of our Heavenly Father. All that we have is provided for us by our God. As we think of how He cares and provides for our every need, we can only praise Him for all His benefits.

In recognition of our Heavenly Father's continual provision for each of us, we would do well to ask ourselves the question that David asked in Psalms 116:12. "What

World Stewardship Day December 21, 1985

shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" Not only has He provided for all of our material needs, but He has also provided for our eternal salvation. The plan of salvation was formulated with us in mind. It was not some afterthought. Heaven gave its greatest gift for our redemption.

God provides the way through sin and the way to eternal life. Are you tempted? He will deliver. Are you wounded? He will

heal. "Sin defaced and almost obliterated the Divine Image, but Christ came to restore that which had been lost." *Great Controversy*, p. 645.

Are you weak? He will strengthen. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

God has provided the way out of our sinful, earthly dilemma. As we consider all that God has provided for us, now and for eternity, let us show our appreciation by giving thanks and being faithful stewards for Him. Let us give to help share the gospel through our local church, conference and the world. Let us support the spiritual and financial plans of our church.

As we return a faithful tithe and give liberal offerings, we acknowledge our recognition of God's provision and ownership. The final quarter of 1985 is upon us. Before 1985 goes down in history, let's make sure that we render unto the Lord all that He requests. He will always provide for our every need.

UGLY STAINS:

Church-State Entanglement in Canada

D. Douglas Devnich

In 1867, FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONFEDERATION, our forefathers unwittingly delimited the freedom of religion in Canada. Subtly in that time, but overtly in 1985, the Roman Catholic Church has moved to preserve unto itself a special class distinction which has not been available to other religious groups. A deal was struck, the Church and the State have cohabited, and recently in the Ontario Court of Appeal the compromised integrity of both became conspicuous to the public.

Readers of newspapers; viewers of media newscasts in Canada could not have escaped the recent publicity on the controversial proposal in Ontario that the government intends to provide full funding to the Roman Catholic School system. Up until the June 1984 announcement of the Premier of the province, Roman Catholic schools in Ontario were government funded through the elementary level and partially funded for grades 9 and 10. Former Premier William Davis announced the intention to fully fund Roman Catholic schools through grade 13.

Protests from many quarters began to surface. Orangemen, Hindus, public school teachers, Christian school associations, civil liberties groups and many private citizens cried foul, and threatened to take the Government to court for its alleged

violation of equality rights and religious freedom.

Under the new Government headed by Premier David Peterson, the Honourable Ian G. Scott, Attorney General, responded with an initiative to test the funding issue in the Ontario Court of Appeal. A legislative Bill was produced and immediately a reference question was brought to the Court for a determination of its constitutionality.

September 23 marked the beginning of a three-week hearing before five of Ontario's eminent justices. More than a dozen lawyers representing the Government and various entities of the Roman Catholic Church presented arguments to show the constitutional legality of Bill 30. A greater number of lawyers on the other side argued on behalf of various clients in an effort to show that Bill 30 is unconstitutional — it offends the freedom of religion, it infringes the "equality of citizens" provision of the

RC funding major concern facing public board: trustee

By CELIA RUSSELL
Times staff

The extension of funding to separate high schools is the most important and divisive issue facing public school boards, incumbent public school trustees told an all-candidates' meeting Tuesday.

"I think the extension is the worst thing that has happened in the history of public education in Ontario," incumbent Ian Brown told about 75 people at the Whitby Municipal Building.

The millions of dollars the province is funneling into funding Catholic Grades 11 to 13 over the next three years is needed by public boards to maintain quality education, he and other Oshawa and Whitby incumbents stressed.

By January 1987, the Durham Board of Education will lose \$8.7 million of local tax support to the separate system, Brown said.

The loss translates into a three-per-cent increase on taxpayers' mill rates. (Former premier Bill Davis announced the funding extension in 1984, to be phased in a gradual starting this fall.)

has not yet been passed, funding was extended to separate Grade 11 last month.) Although they'll accept public funds, separate high schools only accept non-Catholic students "when space is available," Brown said. "This is a luxury the public board doesn't have."

If full public funding is granted to the Catholic system, all private schools will justifiably want public funds, said John Buchanan, who is seeking re-election in Whitby.

His concern was echoed by several other trustee candidates. They also discussed the desperate need for new schools, particularly in western Durham and the difficulty of convincing the public to pay for them.

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Charter of Rights and Freedoms, it is discriminatory and it is out of keeping with the Charter principle of Canadian multiculturalism.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church also was represented as an intervenor. David B. Thomas, general counsel for the Church, effectively presented key principles of religious freedom as the Church fulfilled its responsibility to be vigilant in preserving religious liberty in Canada.

The issues at stake in this hearing were of major consequence, and the decision of the judges will have a strong impact upon the whole question of Church-State relations and religious freedom in Canada. Here are some of the points that were raised.

1. In 1867 a political compromise was found in order to unite French Roman Catholics and English Protestants into one nation. The *British North America Act* (section 93) guaranteed the rights and privileges of denominational education as they were at the time of the union.
2. Proponents of Bill 30 argued historical

points to claim that the education guarantee, including funding, was intended to cover high school grades, as well as elementary.

3. Opponents of Bill 30 used historical records to show the court that the guarantee for funding in Ontario was only to include grades 1 to 8 or at most Grade 10.
4. The *Constitution Act, 1982* guarantees freedom of conscience and religion and it requires equality for all citizens in matters of religion. The Ontario Government and the Roman Catholic Church asserted that those guarantees cannot adversely affect the prior right of Roman Catholic education. Opposers of extended funding for Roman Catholic Schools maintained that in 1985, freedom of religion and religious equality are of paramount importance in the Constitution and the Government cannot constitutionally provide more Catholic funding than that which is guaranteed in the BNA Act.
5. The Roman Catholic Church claimed in the Court that since 1867, Roman Catholics are in a special class and it is reasonable for the government to regulate funding upward to bring equality between the Roman Catholic school system and the Public School system.
6. The Roman Catholic Church argued that it is a minority in comparison with Protestantism and other faiths combined, and that it is in the Government's right to ameliorate (improve) the conditions of the disadvantaged.
7. No other religious group in Canada is "similarly situated" as is the Roman Catholic church by virtue of the BNA Act, so funding of Catholic schools does not discriminate against any other similarly classified group.
8. In opposition to Bill 30, J.J. Robinette, the distinguished dean of Canadian lawyers, in his submission to the Justices, said that where Roman Catholic ratepayers designate their property taxes for Catholic schools they have an unfair advantage over other ratepayers who cannot assign their taxes to a school system of their choice. This, he said is a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and when monies from the general revenue of governments go to the Roman Catholic school system, it infringes the freedom of conscience of those who would not otherwise choose to support the dogma of Roman Catholicism.
9. Bill 30 provides that unused schools in the Public School system shall be transferred without remuneration to the Catholic school system. There is no provision for a reverse action. Conceivably a Public School could be given to the Roman Catholics and should it become redundant it could be

sold with the proceeds remaining with the Catholic system.

10. David B. Thomas informed the Court that Seventh-day Adventists operate the second largest denominational school system on an international basis. He said that the Church appreciates that in Canada it has been free to operate its educational system without government interference. The purpose for the Church's intervention in the hearing was to show its concern for the preservation of this unfettered right in Ontario and Canada.
 11. Thomas did not duplicate arguments respecting funding that were given by others. He addressed the provisions of Bill 30 which require the Roman Catholic schools to hire non-Catholic teachers who become available as students from the public school system transfer to the proposed Roman Catholic secondary schools. Also he addressed the requirement of Bill 30 that Roman Catholic schools must, under certain conditions, allow free access of non-Catholic students.
 12. On the basis of principle, Thomas said that such provisions violate constitutional and Human Rights provisions of freedom of religion. These include the right of religious organizations to preferentially hire workers and admit only persons who will by example and teaching, reflect the objects of the group. Bill 30 takes away denominational rights and could become a precedent for other laws or regulations which would destroy the unique integrity of other religious institutions.
- The Roman Catholic interests in the

hearing did not raise in the court the issue of protecting the church's hiring and access rights. It was claimed that Roman Catholic rights are not prejudicially affected by Bill 30. Yet, the media reported several instances of Roman Catholics who expressed their grave concern that the open access principle would destroy the "catholicity" of their schools.

Such an interesting development has caused some to speculate that perhaps the Roman Catholic Church has agreed to forfeit its religious freedom rights in order to pacify public school teacher opposition to extended funding.

David Thomas reasoned that a concept of forfeiting guaranteed rights such as freedom of religion, in favour of advantages to be gained is repugnant to the meaning of guaranteed rights. He opined that Roman Catholic schools are the mainstay of the Church's integrity. An offer to pay money by one party for the surrender of the other party's integrity is not a proper mode in respect of "rights" provisions in law.

Without question the Roman Catholic School Funding Reference in Ontario is the most significant religious freedom legal case to come before the courts in Canada. The ramifications of the decision to be given by the judges will have a forceful impact on Canada's future in matters of religious liberty. Let us pray for the Appeal Court Justices of Ontario, and all other powers that be, so that justice and equity will be preserved in our land. ☪

[For an interesting review of related prophetic literature read "Liberty of Conscience Threatened", pp 563-581 of *The Great Controversy* by Ellen G. White]

Where Credit is Due . . .



Joe Shewchuck sent us this beautiful photo "MacIntosh Apples" (Kelowna, British Columbia) which we used as our October cover. The credit line was omitted by mistake. Our apologies to the photographer.

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The Silent, Mysterious Phantom

developed an overwhelming compulsion to search out the "phantom"?

The Lord would be pleased if every church had to put chairs in the aisles, if every church had to swarm and if every church took seriously the Harvest 90 program.

1986, with the blessings of the Lord, will be a fabulous year.

You may have a complete copy of the 7 verse poem "Excuses" by writing:

President's Diary,
1148 King Street E.,
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An Appeal from ADRA, Canada

John M. Howard

Executive Director

On THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER, ADRA's, CANADA annual meeting will be held in Oshawa, Ontario.

During the past year, the Lord has blessed the projects that have been funded by the faithfulness of our church members, the Alberta Government and CIDA. For the first six months of this year, our audited statement shows that \$1,024,633.78 has been disbursed already into the field. Since that time there are several hundred thousand dollars that have been received and disbursed as well.

Mexico —

Now that the digging is over in Mexico we have received the report that 7 of our believers died in the tragic earthquake of a few weeks ago. ADRA International was able to send 3,000 blankets plus 80,000 lbs. of food, medicine, and clothes; as well as some tents to help in the situation. Also funds are being received from various parts of Canada that will be channeled into the relief effort and rehabilitation of members in Mexico. In the Northern part of Mexico we have a project that is to provide water for one of the self-supporting colleges in that area.

Many of you know Elder Sergio Moctezuma who has come to various places across Canada to inspire our laity in soul-winning; he is Mr. Soul-Winner himself in the Inter-American Division. While talking to Sergio he told me that he was in Mexico City during the earthquake. While he was in the hotel room, he looked out the window and noticed that the buildings were moving. He decided to run out into the street and when he got to the street he remembered that he had left his passport in the room, so he ran back into the room to get the passport and then on his way out he noticed a lady with her sixteen year old daughter crying for help; he went to them to try and help them and as he was helping them the building fell down and he was buried in rubble. He had his hands up while trying to help the others and he said to me that had he not been trying to help the others he would not have been able to get out; but because he was helping these two people his hands and shoulders and head were outside the rubble and he was able to pull the bricks and rocks off him and get out. He did not want to miss his appointment that he had to preach that

Sabbath, but the brethren insisted that he return home. The Lord did preserve his life. The bruises on his body are healing and he is going forward in courage. It is wonderful to see how the Lord does lead.

At least 150 people were rescued after the earthquake by the Seventh-day Adventist volunteers that are helping in Mexico. These volunteers aided with the rescue and clean-up for eighteen days. Now they are coordinating and feeding the people with the program from ADRA. On Monday following the disaster, ADRA's Latin America Bureau chief, Haroldo Seidl, flew to Mexico to evaluate the needs and lay plans for ADRA's involvement. The plans call for rebuilding at least 50 homes in Ciudad Guzman. However ADRA would like to increase that number to 100 or more provided sufficient funds are donated. Each house will cost approximately \$5,000 US. Adventists and non-Adventists from around the world have already given generously to help with this massive effort. The Euro-African Division sent \$25,000 for immediate relief and has appropriated another \$25,000 to help with reconstruction. The South-Pacific and Trans-European Divisions have contacted ADRA with offers of help. The Pacific Union sent more than \$100,000 along with medicine. Maranatha Flights International has offered to help with reconstruction. In approximately two weeks, newspaper ads and television spots in major cities of the United States will appeal for public support for ADRA's reconstruction plans. Five hundred dollars has already been received at ADRA, CANADA for Mexico.

The Sudan —

The ADRA Sudan staff is, at the present time, feeding 400,000 people on a daily basis. The food that was sent from Canada is being used and much appreciated. We were able to receive approximately \$130,000 from the African Emergency Aid (AEA) matching the \$90,000 given by our members to enable us to buy trucks to transport this food in the Sudan. The situation there according to the last letter we received is that the majority of the people had no seeds left to plant when the rains came this year,

so it will be another year before they can get on their feet. We do hope and pray that funds will become available for the seed that will be needed for them to plant next year. We have made application for money to run a seminar in the Sudan which will enable the farmers to plant their crops effectively. This course will be similar to the one used in British Columbia by Dr. Mittleider on the native Reserve there this past summer. This same type of system is being used in Mexico, and in various parts of Africa and is very successful. It is also being used in many other parts of the world. I know that you will be praying that as these gardening sessions are conducted in the Sudan the people will have an inspiration to plant their own gardens when the next rains do come and that they will indeed be self-sufficient.

This coming year is most probably the last opportunity we will have to enter some of the Moslem countries of Northern Africa. Anything that we will do should be done quickly. We think of Mali where we are looking at a project coming from there shortly, and other countries that we have been unable to enter. I think of Somalia. When last in Ottawa I had a visit with the Ambassador from Somalia and he asked when we were going to come in to build some wells in his country; I inquired about visas. We have no work there; no members, no pastors, not anything. He said to me: "Pastor you come to me and you will have a visas on demand with no cost." We look forward to the time when we can enter many countries.

On the Envoy 100 system that we have in our office, we are able to contact 300 countries by satellite to their telex or communication network. We only have work in approximately 180 of these countries. How thrilling it would be if, through the efforts of our believers, funds would be made available where we could enter all these countries, and people could see that just as Jesus was willing to feed the hungry and heal the sick, that we indeed, as Seventh-day Adventists are not only willing to spread the gospel but we are also willing to provide the necessities of life for people in these developing countries.

While the doors are opening and while the opportunities are there for entering new areas, let us at this festive season of the year, not forget those that are in areas of the world where survival is the most important thing.

BECAUSE SOMEONE CARED

Adam Bujak

Pastor of the Toronto Ukrainian Seventh-day Adventist Church



Adam Bujak

Photo left —
Oswin and Gladys
Struys
Right —
Elna and Willem
Vandergreft.

“It is our privilege to work with
the Spirit of God . . .”

THE SUN WAS NEARLY EVEN WITH THE HORIZON. A bluish to purple haze hung in the depths of the monumental depression of Willowdale, as I drove to the Crawford Adventist Academy Gymnasium for the baptism. As I stopped my car on the red light, time seemed to stand still. But as I drove up to the school, cars were pulling up from every direction and filling up the parking lot steadily.

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Upon entering the school we were greeted by two friendly deacons and four smiling deaconesses from three Toronto Seventh-day Adventist Churches: Immanuel, Filipino and Willowdale, who joined hands in supporting Elder Lawton G. Lowe in a month long evangelistic crusade, one of many held simultaneously throughout Metro.

May 4, 1985 was an exciting day for many individuals, but perhaps, most of all for Sister Gladys Struys, whose husband Oswin, sister Elna and brother-in-law Willem Vandergreft were to be baptized by Pastor Leslie Neal.

None of these individuals would have been rejoicing in the blessed hope, was it not for the faithful member going from door to door and leaving the Ingathering leaflet in every home.

The Struys' were not home when the initial call was made. Upon returning home, Gladys picked up the mail and promptly deposited the Ingathering pamphlet in the garbage can. That night she could not sleep. "I believe it was the Spirit of God guiding me to pick up that leaflet and read it," she says with conviction, as she recalls that night's experience. "I am glad someone cared about us."

It was again the Spirit of God who prompted her to write for the Bible study

guides to Oshawa. That she did, and in response she had the lessons delivered in person by Sister Marjorie Holm of Willowdale. Eager to know the Word of God, Gladys not only studied it for herself but shared what she learned with her husband.

In her desire to know the Bible better, Gladys took the advantage of the ministries of Elders Tucker, Bradford, Vandeman and Feyerabend. Sister Marjorie who was Gladys' first contact with the Seventh-day Adventist Church became by marriage Mrs. Wright and moved out West, but did not forget her friend Gladys. "She used to write long letters from Saskatoon that helped me very much," recalls Gladys.

Meanwhile, Elna and Willem moved to Toronto from Curacao, Dutch West Indies. Both in the Netherlands and in Curacao they belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church. But upon their arrival in Canada, "something kept them back" from joining a local congregation. And then came the wonderful meetings with Elder Lowe. Gladys Struys, grateful that someone cared about her, cared about her family and invited them to the meetings. They came out every night and now all four are finding fulfillment in the activities of the Willowdale congregation, helping with the redecoration, helping others in Bible Study classes

and planning to join one of three existing choirs.

As I write this story, I ponder, where would the Struys' and the Vandergreft's be today, if Sister Marjorie, responsible for their street, did not care about them, or ignored the appeal of the Personal Ministries Leader or "went into hiding" during the Ingathering time. This story illustrates that **INGATHERING IS THE GATHERING OF SOULS AND NOT FUNDS ONLY.**

It is very important that we leave our Ingathering magazines at every home we visit. May this story encourage us to go from door to door. May our conduct inspire confidence and faith in the contacts we make. By our lives let us tell the world that we are sincere Christians walking in the footsteps of Jesus. It is our privilege to work with the Spirit of God in the Ingathering of souls.

A story like the above one can be experienced in every congregation if you:

1. Leave a piece of spiritual literature in every home
2. Endeavour to enroll every contact in a Bible Course
3. Bring back to your pastor or Personal Ministries Leader the names of all those who show an interest in the message.

Lesson Help Book First Quarter 1986

This book is a section-by-section study of the book of Ephesians. Written by Dr. Mario Veloso, **Prison Papers** is designed to accompany the Sabbath School lessons for the first quarter of 1986.

The epistle to the Ephesians was written by the apostle Paul while under house arrest about A.D. 62. Written to Ephesian believers to foster unity among them, the letter contains valuable counsel for the Christian church today.

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Kurt Cao

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Family Forum

Dear Kurt:

My husband and I divorced two years ago. He has visiting rights with our two children, ages 5 and 7. Once each month he takes them for the entire weekend. Not being a church member, he takes them to places I would not, such as the movies. And, there is no such thing as any semblance of Sabbath keeping. How should I handle this? I do not want to cause any further trouble between us.

CONCERN OVER "OTHER PARENT INFLUENCE" IS INCREASING, both as the "broken home" numbers mount and as the nearness of Christ's return produces more "divided" homes as people take their stands for or against Christ. This is a legitimate concern for you because you are obviously wanting to safeguard your children's eternity.

It can be hard to share our children with a "non-believing" spouse for many reasons. One very strong reason is a fear that the children would rather be with Dad and his "free" spirit than with you and the Lord. I understand this.

Was your husband an Adventist before the divorce? His attitude toward God and the church can range from bitter hostility to "You do your thing and I'll do mine, and we'll let the kids choose."

Your time now with your children serves at least two purposes. First, in a few years the children will be choosing their own ways of worship and beliefs in God. They need your example. Second, how are they to relate to Mom and Dad? Right now they are both pretty much doing what they are being told or guided to do in spiritual and parent/child matters. Now is the time to explore their thoughts, feelings, values and attitudes. Discuss topics about your different life styles that are age appropriate for the children. This is not a contest of who's going to be the better parent. Rather it is "How can I encourage my children's desire for a knowledge of and a faithfulness to God?"

It is essential that you understand that their father may not possess the parenting skills or emotional strength to do anything with the children other than to chat and want them to have a good time during the short visit they have with him. This is his choice. More often than not this makes Mom the "heavy," always making the children clean up, obey, do homework, or do without because the money just isn't there. Don't let this get you down.

Even now the children know who is caring for them. You may have to wait a few years for the return on your investment, but HANG IN THERE! Time after time I have seen the parent who went through the tough times with the children, who does late night laundry, nurses the sick, scrounges for dollars for field trips, and hot lunches, has family worship, drives to church school, cooks, cleans, needs a perm, needs a new coat, needs a dependable car, needs a hug, be the eventual parent the children realize loves them. The result is often the children's assuming for themselves many of that parent's values and beliefs. The eternal impact of that life pays off. Just ask Jesus. He is going to enjoy, forever, the people with whom He has spent His life suffering and rejoicing. Jesus is the One we choose to follow because of His faithfulness through our rough times. So our children may choose the way of the parent who has shown, not with gifts and thrills, faithfulness to the child.

There are times when you are exhausted as a single, working parent. Many are so tired that their emotional and physical

health is at risk. Look around for supportive adults to give you breaks.

Being tired still doesn't change the fact that the children need to be told, "The divorce wasn't your fault. Things are rough right now, but I love you and yes, you have to make your bed." This is a tough time, and so good a time to explore their feelings, fears, and hopes, constantly reassuring them that Jesus and Mom and Dad love them.

What about Dad? You can reduce the stresses of their visits and have significant influence on the visits by avoiding conflicts over scheduling, transportation, money, etc. (avoiding conflict is not always possible). Listen to the children describing their visit, their activities, Daddy's new "friend," etc. Help them to send Dad notes, cards, or anything to let him know they love him and that you are encouraging it. Most adults respond to affection and mutual respect, especially from children.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." It may take years, so don't panic. It is absolutely true that our God's respects for the freedom of choice means there are no guarantees for your children's salvation. However, each has the freedom to choose "... whom he will serve." Don't ever underestimate God's power. God does do "all things" in working for the salvation of an entire family. Be thankful that you have them with you for 28 days of each 30. Focus on your influence and example, praying that God will give you patience and courage to nurture the children. Remember, they know who loves them. They may not show it yet. But, they will.

Send your questions to:

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SOUL WINNING BY IT IS WRITTEN

E. Littman

Coordinator, It Is Written, Canada

IT IS WRITTEN is one of our finest tools of evangelism that is reaching into the homes and hearts everywhere, across borders often where a human representative could not make a contact. The following is a letter, one of many, that was received at the It Is Written office in Oshawa recently.

"Three years ago my husband and I were living two completely separate lives. My husband was not content with his life and was searching for something more. We were Roman Catholics at the time, but did not really have any relationship with the Lord. He turned on the television set one Sunday morning and began watching It Is Written. He was so impressed by you and your message that he continued to watch your program for several weeks before he noticed that it was being brought to him by our local Seventh-day Adventist church. Having lived in ... most of his life, but never having heard of this affiliation, he went to the telephone book and looked to see if there was such a church in our city. To his amazement he found that there was and immediately called to make an appointment

to meet with the Pastor. He found it to be a church who backed up everything according to the Bible. He also contacted a few other church organizations but the Seventh-day Adventists were the only one teaching 100% from the Bible. He then, through much opposition from me, began attending the S.D.A. church. Even despite the fact that I and my seven year old son were on the verge of leaving him because of his decision, he stuck with the Lord and continued to pray for us.

"I am overjoyed to say today that we are now all members of the S.D.A. church. The Lord has led us to Canadian Union College where my husband is studying theology.... The Lord has blessed us tremendously since our decision to come here and we see His love and guidance every day.

"We thank you so much for your It Is Written ministry.... Please remember us in your prayers ... that the Lord may be able to use our family to help in finishing His great work. We thank you again for your love and kindness in bringing forth the true message of God."

Such experiences are repeated many

times and it is that which makes the effort and sacrifice to keep It Is Written on the air so worth while.

It Is Written receives one Sabbath offering for its support in February of each year. For the past three or four years, It Is Written received approximately \$65,000 to \$75,000 in church offerings. For 1985 we budgeted hopefully and in faith for \$77,400. But for some unknown reason the offering in February of 1985 came to only about \$17,000. That is less than .50 per member for the year. This has put It Is Written, Canada in a large financial deficit. Now we know that there are many faithful Seventh-day Adventists that give hundreds and even thousands of dollars to the It Is Written telecast. This means, then that there are thousands of members who never make a donation of any kind to It Is Written.

Dear members of the family of God, when you make your year end accounting and adjustments of your tithes and offerings for the Lord will you please remember just a little extra for It Is Written so that thrilling soul winning experiences can be multiplied one hundred fold?

"I keep in touch."

"I'm a busy person. I have a big family to care for, and another demanding job at the office! So I'm particular about the way I spend my precious spare time. Reading the Adventist Review is a priority, however. I want to know what's going on in the church and what other Adventists are thinking. I also like to keep track of old friends. The Review does all this for me—better than any other magazine could.

"Spiritually, the Review really nourishes me. The articles inspire me and make me think. And the



Vida Minner
Wife, mother of four,
accounting clerk, and student
Denver, Colorado.

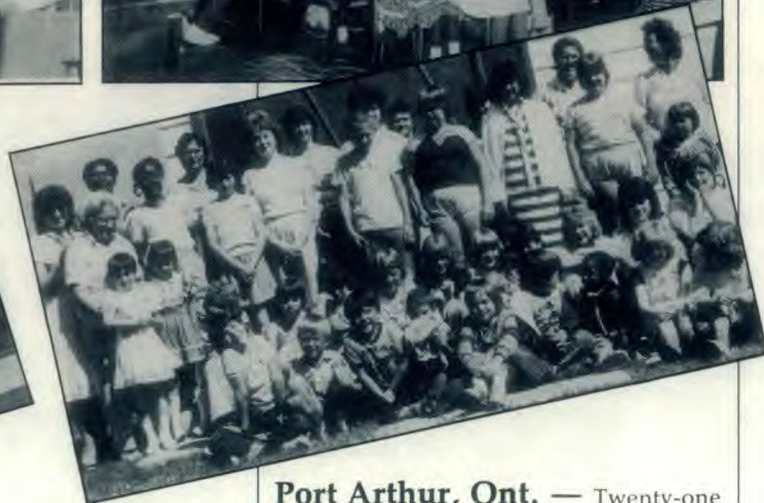
Family Living section provides something helpful and stimulating.

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Vacation Bible School '85



Six Nations, Ont. — Forty-three youth from the Reserve had an unforgettable experience when they attended one week of stories, songs, crafts and surprises. A special program was put on by the Pathfinders. Leader Brenda Ilchuck plans to keep up the spiritual interest with a strong follow-up program.

—Harley Bresce

Ryley, Alta. — More than fifty children kept the leaders and craft teachers very busy for one week in July.

—G.M. Price

Port Arthur, Ont. — Twenty-one children attended and were attentive to the nature stories by Pastor Graham Glover. Each child received a gift at the closing program — a reminder of the happy time at V.B.S.

Hudson Bay, Sask. — Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan Seventh-day Adventist Church was the scene of hectic activity between July 29 and August 1, 1985. The church having only a small membership of 46 was held to be no excuse for a minimum effort, and so we find that 54 children enrolled for Vacation Bible School, 99% of

which were not of Adventist origin.

Many thanks to the adults who strove to present our Lord through the many facets of V.B.S. to the children of this district.

Swan River, Man. — This summer held excitement in the discovery of Jesus for 37 children in Swan River, Manitoba. Attendance was encouraging, as only 3 of the children were Seventh-day Adventists. Child evangelism is well worth the effort put forth.

Waterville, Que. — Gerry Powers led out in the bilingual VBS as she has for the past 13 years and was assisted by Denis Fortin as translator. Dany Bales is shown here with his Primary French-speaking group.

A program was organized for the last day and the parents were invited. Mrs. Powers was approached by a young woman who introduced herself as her former VBS student from 7 or 8 years ago. She said her little sister was now attending VBS. Another lady told of how, when her children received the invitation in the mail, they were excited about being invited back and insisted on attending; they had been there the two previous years.

VBS in Waterville has become a tradition. It is the prayer of its organizers and teachers that many of these children will learn to love and accept Jesus while they are young and impressionable.

—Rose LeBlanc

Sedgewick, Alta. — Record-breaking attendance with 100 young people registered. Patsy Trefz and her staff of 25 were kept busy but also rewarded for a very full week. Appreciation as well as anticipation for next year's program was expressed by the parents.

—Carmen Klinger

Westmount, Que. — Twelve days of contagious enthusiasm for 68 students with their theme "Happy With Jesus." The leaders are embracing the challenge of follow-up programs which continue to interest the graduates. They do so with the knowledge that He who has started the good work with these curious boys and girls will bring it to completion.

—Paulette McLean

Tugaske, Sask. — This was our 28th successive V.B.S. without a break, our first one was in 1958. It was held this year under the general direction of Judy and Carol Foulston. The children were enthusiastic in their response to the songs, lessons, and crafts, as well as other features of our V.B.S.

We consider V.B.S. as well worth the time and effort involved, and would recommend it as a major missionary endeavor for any church.

Barrie, Ont. — Part of the group of 36 happy children and their teachers who enjoyed the VBS this year.

Hamilton, Ont. — The majority of these happy children are from non-Adventist homes. They were an enthusiastic group whose parents showed their appreciation by their attendance at the closing program. Ruth Kneller was the director. Plans are underway for next year's V.B.S.

—Lois Tufford

GREETINGS FROM THE LITERATURE EVANGELIST OF CANADA:

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KINGSWAY AERIALS REPAIR CHURCH

The Aerials, Kingsway College's gymnastic team, devoted a full day's work to the Orillia church on Sunday, October 6. A total of 29 students and their two coaches, along with the principal, Ralph Janes left Kingsway at 7:30 on Sunday morning to help repair the church.

Some of the students — both girls and guys — worked with Coach Matusik stripping three layers of shingled roof and a steeple. Others painted walls, doors and radiators, a few varnished desks, and some worked on general clean-up.

Coach Matusik, who had offered his team's help when Keith Heinrich, treasurer of the Ontario Conference, approached Kingsway for assistance, was proud of the willingness and hard work produced by the Aerials.

Christine Froude, a grade 11 member of the team, declared that working on the roof was a combination of danger and excitement — more worthwhile than a day of school. Tina Jinkerson, another member of the team, remarked, "I'd do it again with the team."

When the team came back to school that evening they were exhausted, blistered, and covered with debris but willing to do it again. "It was fun" was the unanimous evaluation.



Kingsway students, Mark Dorion and Christine Froude assisted by Sam Greer.

HELP WANTED!

Second Semester begins January 6. Student jobs are available in many departments.

HELP WANTED COLLEGE WOODWORK

4 student employee positions available as of January 6. Help us build and assemble wood furniture. Age requirement (15) Call Aubrey Osmond 433-1144

I am a grade 11 student in my third year at Kingsway College. My family moved to Oshawa from Shelburne, Ontario in 1982, so that my brother, Don, and I could have a Christian education.

I have worked in the Cafeteria, the Business Office, and a new industry on campus, Ad-A-Day, where they make calendars, desk pads, and other products. While working I have gained experience and knowledge that I wouldn't have received in the public school system. Learning how to work and get along with fellow workers is a great education in itself.

— Donna Curry/Ad-A-Day

HELP WANTED AD-A-DAY

2 student workers needed
1 morning position
1 afternoon position
Call Aubrey Osmond 433-1144

I have learned many things while participating in the work program here at Kingsway College. During my four years I have worked in several different places. There are jobs to fit everyone's abilities here at Kingsway.

This past summer I switched to another off-campus job with Halminen Homes construction. Since starting with them I have been exposed to a variety of professions and I have gotten a pretty good idea of what each involves. This job pays cash and also frees up the campus jobs for younger students.

I believe that a regular work-study program is very beneficial to a teenager. Besides teaching responsibility and giving a teen a sense of independence, it helps develop an idea of what they do and don't



Herman Curbelo — Woodwork



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want to do as a profession. I'll graduate from high school in June and I can truthfully say that what I have learned during my four years here at Kingsway both from textbooks and from my work experiences will stand me in good stead as I continue my education and my life.

— Jere Clarke

HELP WANTED STAIR FACTORY

**2 student part-time positions
available immediately.**

Age requirement (15)

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I have worked at Kingsway College for five years. In grade 9 I worked at the woodwork. For grades 10-12 I worked as a monitor in the Music Department. Now, as a grade 13 student, I am building stairs at our stair factory.

In each of my jobs I have learned a great deal about work responsibility. I am grateful that my Christian education includes a good work programme.

— Michael Anderson/Stair Factory

HELP WANTED KINGSWAY COLLEGE

**2 student maintenance
workers needed.**

Prefer young men with an interest
in industrial arts.

Call Aubrey Osmond 433-1144

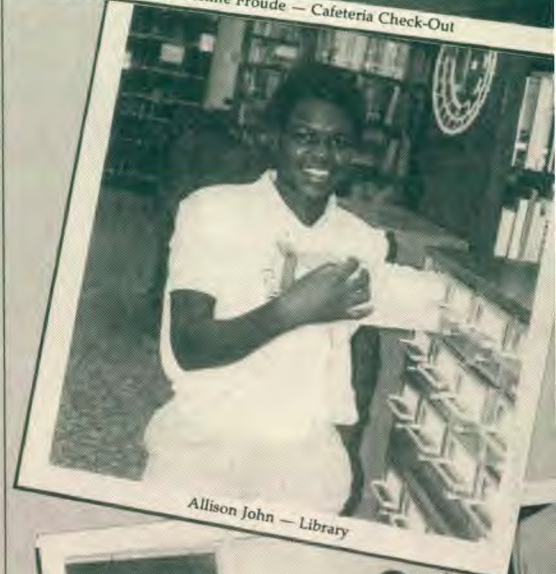
Being here at K.C. has helped me not just spiritually, and intellectually, but also in giving me experience. I am really glad Adventist education includes a work programme. I am a grade 13 student and I have been at Kingsway for 5 years.

Being able to work has given me a lot of first hand experience that I wouldn't have gained in a textbook. For my first 2 years I worked at the Library. In my third year I began working in the Registrar's Office where I really enjoy my job. It has helped me learn to work with people and to be of service to others. Working with other people who are Christians is an advantage I couldn't expect elsewhere. I appreciate work at Kingsway because a job teaches good work responsibility, good attendance, and specific skills.

— Denise Holder/Registrar's Office



Christine Froude — Cafeteria Check-Out



Allison John — Library



Tina Jenne — Bakery



Roxanne Floyd — Woodwork

In Memory of . . .

Leonard

HE WAS DESCRIBED BY FELLOW FISHERMAN as "the nicest guy you could ever meet, someone who would never swear or raise his voice.

And although Leonard Egolf's life was lost during a wild storm on the ocean last April, the memory of a Christian witness has not been forgotten.

"Men I didn't even realize were friends of Leonard's went to the newspaper office to tell the reporters about Leonard. And many of them have spoken to me personally," said Kathy, Leonard's wife.

The story which ran in the Comox District Free Press with a picture of Egolf was entitled, "He was the nicest guy." The story read, "Egolf was a Seventh-day Adventist. As such, the 33-year old fisherman did not leave Port Hardy until after Sabbath was over, Saturday night, although the opening started Saturday at noon and other fishermen would have run out to the grounds the night before."

The newspaper account noted that this halibut fishing trip had been marked by mishaps. First of all, a deckhand had to be taken back to Port Hardy because of pain in his foot from a nail puncture. Another spent five days on the 42-foot wood boat and became so seasick he asked to be taken into harbor.

"For the second time in the short halibut opening Egolf returned to Port Hardy, and

picked up his third deckhand," continued the newspaper account. "By then, Wednesday night, he had two days left of the opening (since he would stop fishing Friday night to observe the Sabbath) and still hadn't caught enough fish to pay expenses."

Egolf had just returned to the Goose Bank Thursday morning when a storm warning was announced. He picked up his gear and left.

"Everything would have been OK, the boat could have handled the weather," said his deckhand, "except the steering chain broke."

Racing to get the survival suits while Egolf nailed down the cockpit cover, the deckhand pulled his on. By the time Egolf could grab his, the boat went over halfway and then rolled completely. The deckhand and Egolf hung on to the suppers, waiting for the rescue.

"It was getting darker, the waves were

"...the nicest guy you could ever meet" Myrna Tetz

getting bigger, and nobody was coming," the deckhand described the night. "I said to Leonard, 'We're both dead.'"

A series of waves knocked them both off the boat and the deckhand drifted until he was picked up at 11 the next morning — more than 16 hours after the boat capsized. Egolf was gone.

Continuing the newspaper account, the reporter explained how other fishermen and relatives described Egolf is hard-working, and "not the kind of guy to take unnecessary chances." He was an experienced salmon and halibut fisherman and had fished commercially since his early teens. He bought his first boat when he was 19 and it was considered very seaworthy.

Now, weeks later, memories linger. A Christian witness. Sabbath keeper. Loyal son. Devoted husband. Loving father. Hard-worker. A man who trusted His God with his life, his family, his future.

The family's closeness helps bear the loss. Leonard married Kathy Jackson in 1982 and they had two children, Jennifer and Johnathan. Len's parents are Fred and Ruby Egolf and his sisters are Dianne Lohff, Shirley and Lyla.

"We wait the return of Jesus when with joy we meet again," said Kathy.

What a life! What a testimony for Christianity! What a pattern to copy! And what a promise for every person to claim!

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS: WEEKLY DAY OF REST

IN NEW BRUNSWICK/P.E.I.

—D. Douglas Devnich

IN FEBRUARY 1985 A PUBLIC AFFAIRS BRIEF respecting *Sunday Closing* was presented to the Government of New Brunswick by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Similar Briefs were submitted to all other provincial governments. The burden of the Brief was that the provincial law forbidding activities on Sunday, which are ordinarily lawful, is a denial of religious freedom. It was strongly recommended in the Brief that if the Government finds it necessary to enact a law to control activities on Sunday for a secular purpose, that law must include a clear exemption for individuals and businesses which by reason of religious conscience observe a day of rest other than Sunday.

New Brunswick has found its way through the competing interest of those who support Sunday Closing and those like Seventh-day Adventists who claim the right to not be discriminated against by reason of observance of another day, by providing for a unique way of exemption.

The New Brunswick *Days of Rest Act, 1985* does prohibit certain kinds of business transactions on "the weekly day of rest" as did the former *Lords' Day Act*. However, the new Act states that in the administration and enforcement of the law, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may designate a board for the purposes of the Act. Further, the Act provides:

Sec. 7(1) Upon application the board may issue a permit exempting from the application of this Act . . .

(c) any person who is prohibited under this Act from working or operating a business or industry on the weekly day of rest and who wishes to work or operate a business or industry on that day because he could not work or operate a business or industry on one of the other days of the week due to the dictates of his conscience or religion.

In the light of our Canadian history in the matter of Sunday

laws, Seventh-day Adventists who champion religious freedom may have a certain sense of satisfaction about the New Brunswick accommodation for Sabbath observers.

There remains, however, an element of concern, in that the New Brunswick solution places the practice of religion in somewhat of a privileged freedom relationship with the law rather than a natural right protected by the law. Eventually, we hope the *Days of Rest Act* would be amended to provide that the Board shall issue an exemption when called upon to do so by reason of conscience or religion.

The Province of Prince Edward Island came closer to the better solution by providing in its new *Day of Rest Act, 1985* that prohibitions on Sunday activities "shall not be taken to prevent on a day of rest the operation of any retail business or the carrying on of the business of his ordinary occupation by a person who on the grounds of conscience or religion observes a day without labour and closes his retail business or refrains from carrying on his ordinary occupation on a day other than that declared to be a day of rest under Section 2" (meaning Sunday).

Alberta Literature Evangelists Witness at Fair

Hundreds of interested fair-goers stopped by the booth in the Dawson Creek, BC Fall Fair entitled "Recipes for a Happy Home."

Some expressed feelings of nostalgia as they examined arrangements of antiques among which were displayed the books of Alberta Literature Evangelists Evelyn Widdicombe and Juanita Pittman. Over 200 children enjoyed carding wool on an antique carding machine. Each child was given a balloon attached to a card advertising our books.

Members of the Dawson Creek SDA Church passed out copies of vegetarian recipes, distributed literature and answered the questions of the curious. Over 300 people were interested enough to fill out entry cards for free book draws and of these more than 90 expressed an interest in buying Christian books for their homes. Eighty-five copies of *Happiness Digest* were distributed along with Signs of the Times and other literature.

This is an avenue of witnessing that has great potential. The Lord has blessed this effort with interests in our work that would not have come to light had this group not stepped out in faith to take part in the fair.

Juanita Pittman, *Literature Evangelist for Alberta*



Eva Scobie chatting with interested children, as Nancy Miller (left) and Juanita Pittman (right) look on.

Smoky Lake Baptism

Pictured here is Peter Hollup, baptized Sabbath, June 22 into the Smoky Lake, Alberta Church by Pastor G. Davies, who studied with him after his being invited to church by Esther Hackenberg.



Baby Dedications in Alberta



Mark Kendrick Jacobson was presented for dedication by his parents, Dale and Brenda, on September 14, 1985 in the Sylvan Lake S.D.A. Church. Pastor Lavern Krenzler officiated.



Earl and Doris Litke dedicated their son Jason Mark, and several Sabbaths later, Leighton and Londa Brown (son, Jordan Leigh Forrest) and Dennis and Marilyn Fortney (son, Terrance Ryan) presented their children to the Lord. Pastor Dennis Braun officiated at the services.

Ruby Hodgkinson Wins L.E. Clinic Award

Congratulations went to Mrs. Ruby Hodgkinson, the recipient of the book "Acts of the Apostles," our free draw at camp meeting.

The Publishing Department was very pleased to have an L.E. Clinic for the first time at camp meeting, and many folks expressed delight at our presence there.

Over thirteen-hundred dollars worth of literature were purchased by our church family. The Alberta cash plan program is gaining momentum in our province and by God's help the publishing work will see added thrust as more people get involved.

Lawrence Branch, *Publishing Director Alberta Conference*

Baptism at Sedgewick

Sabbath, June 22, 1985 the Sedgewick S.D.A. Church was happy to welcome into fellowship four young people. Chad Anderson, Matt Anderson, Lorie Jones, and Ryan Trefz publicly showed their decision to serve Christ by their baptism.

It is always a joy to see the youth of the church give their hearts to God.

Carmen Klinger, *Correspondent Sedgewick S.D.A. Church*

Sylvan Lake Baptism



Three girls were baptized in a quiet stream near Leslieville, Alberta. The girls, left to right, are Corianne Bell, Cami Smith and Sandra Bell. They attend the Sylvan Meadows Jr. Academy at Sylvan Lake and were accepted into the Sylvan Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church the day of their baptism, July 6, 1985. They are holding red roses presented to them by their fathers after they were baptized. These girls are the products of Christian homes and a Christian school.

Couple Wed 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Befus were the recipients of hearty congratulations at their 50th wedding anniversary which was celebrated on July 14 in Killam, Alberta. Over 200 people signed the guest book. Pastor Bill Wigley was the emcee. Family members entertained with a short program. A purse of money and a Bible from the community were presented by Mrs. Rita Allan.

Alex and Ruby's children were present as well as friends and relatives from Oregon, Arizona, California, and Montana, as well as B.C. and Saskatchewan.

A beautiful patchwork quilt which was made by daughter, Virginia, was on display. It will be treasured as a family heirloom.



Mr. and Mrs. Alex Befus

Red Deer Church Groundbreaking

A dream approaches reality as shovels scrape into the earth and the formalities of the Red Deer church groundbreaking proceed with speeches from Alberta Conference president Herb Larsen, Pastor Les Sayler and Red Deer Mayor R.G. McGhee. Elder Larsen expressed thankfulness for God's leading, and stressed the importance of the membership working in unity, hand in hand with one another and with the Lord. Pastor Sayler addressed the Mayor, assuring him that although the church was being built in the country, we did not plan to isolate ourselves from the City of Red Deer, where most of our members live, but to continue a positive influence with programs of benefit to the city. Mayor McGhee responded with words of admiration for the undertaking, and a wish for God's blessing, as he looked forward to being with us for the church dedication. The roar of earth-moving machinery scooping out the foundation climaxed the groundbreaking ceremonies, and the dream of a church began to evolve.

In 1981 the membership was 152. As membership increased, the former church became uncomfortably crowded, and in the spring of 1982 it was decided that the church must go. Although it was sold, the members were able to continue using it until February, 1983, when they moved into the gym of the new church school, on land donated for the school and church by Dr. Clifford Tym.

The dream of a new sanctuary intensified as the congregation sat week after week on folding chairs set up on the cement floor.

But lack of a real church hasn't hampered

the members' enthusiasm for soul-winning, and this spring six Revelation Seminars were held simultaneously by the pastor and five members, followed by an evangelistic series. Today, attendance runs close to 300 on an average Sabbath.

And the dream is taking shape. Actual building began on Sunday, August 25, on property beside the school, with friends from far-away places joining the members in an enthusiastic beginning. Mr. & Mrs. Folke Haggkvist from Winfield, B.C.; Mr. & Mrs. Howard Berger from Wilson, Michigan; and Lois Gott, from Florida, are sharing their time and skills to help make Red Deer's dream come true.

One of the foundation blocks of the Red Deer dream is the systematic giving plan, whereby members have made a covenant with the Lord to give, and increase their giving, as He blesses them.

The shape of their dream is a single-story, approximately 18,000 square foot building, seating about 370 in the main sanctuary, plus overflow to increase the capacity to about 450. Locating next door to the school gives them the advantage of use of the Gym and Home Ec Room for social functions.

The energetic, young families comprising the majority of Red Deer's congregation, along with those of mature judgment and experience, are united in the belief that their dream of a beautiful new church in which to worship, and from which to go out on God's errands, is a dream the Lord will bless as they allow His Spirit control.

— Evelyn Trefz
Communication Secretary



Bob Gudwer, contractor, figures out the details as the new Red Deer church begins to take shape.

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New Pastor for Three Churches

It is with pleasure that the three churches: Brandon, Killarney, and Portage la Prairie join the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference Office in welcoming Pastor Raul Hernandez, and his lovely wife and 2 daughters.

Pastor Hernandez is experienced in several areas of pastoral duties such as: Lay training, Youth work, Health Evangelism, and Public Evangelism. His wife, Diana, is a nutritionist and home economist.

Petra and Shiloh, ages 6 and 4, will be the support of this valuable team as they work together for the kingdom of Heaven. We pray that they will find their new way of life in Canada positive and joyous.



The Hernandez family.

Winnipeg Homecoming Slated

Homecoming Weekend is being planned for the August long weekend of 1986 for all former students and teachers of **Winnipeg's Red River Valley Junior Academy** (formerly Winnipeg S.D.A. Academy, formerly Bannerman School) in honour of the current school's 25th Anniversary (1961-1986). The Homecoming Committee is already laying plans for a memorable reunion which will include a Red River Boat Cruise, special Sabbath speakers, social activities, and fellowship for all who attend. The committee has initiated the formation of a mailing list for guest registration. If you have not received your invitation by 31/January/1986, please send your name and address to the Homecoming Committee c/o #1206-15 Kennedy Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3X5 Canada.

Baptism Held at Youth Retreat



Pastor Kempert with Merna and Torres.

The youth of the Winnipeg Central church sponsored a retreat at Falcon Lake Park during the weekend of August 10, 1985. Frendell Reyes led out in the organization assisted by committees of other youth and parents.

On Sabbath afternoon the group had two most rewarding experiences. First, was the dialogue between the youth and the parents on fostering better parent-youth relationships. The second high point of Sabbath afternoon was when two of our youth, Merna Vedoya, and Jose Torres were baptized in Falcon Lake. Both of these young adults came to Canada from the Philippines.

Baptism at Yorkton

The members of the Yorkton Seventh-day Adventist Church witnessed the baptism of three people and voted them in as members of the church. Jeromir Vrba became interested in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy writings. He said the book *The Great Controversy* did it for him. His brother, Krel, referred him to several of our papers and magazines. He is especially fond of *Signs*. He looks forward to it each month. It was the culmination of a long search as he took the step in baptism that Sabbath in August.

Jeri-Mae Astolfi, 13 years old, and 14-year-old Dwight Dreger, who attend our Yorkton Adventist Academy, also dedicated their young lives to God through baptism.



Krel and Jeromir Vrba with Pastor Clarence Baptiste.

Sherbrooke Baptism



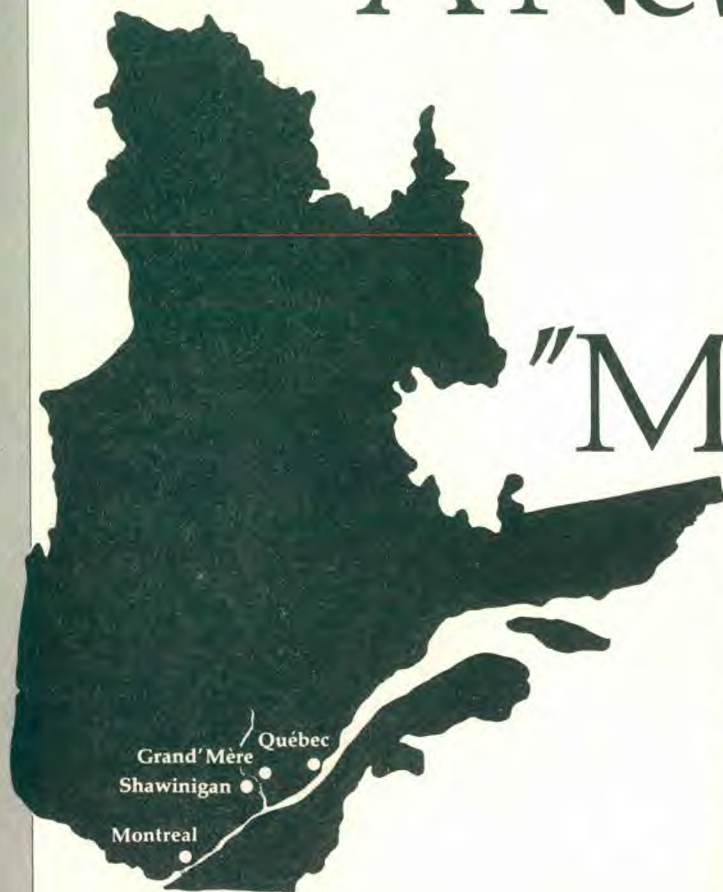
The Sherbrooke Church was recently the scene of a lovely baptism, as Hélène Lemay, took her stand for her Lord. Hélène had been studying the Bible with her brother and his wife, Gerald and Monique Lemay, who are members of the Sherbrooke Church. Pastor Eddy Johnson from Montreal presented the message which was translated into English by Pastor Denis Fortin. Pastor Tom LeBlanc performed the baptism. Left to right: Pastor LeBlanc, Hélène and Monique.

AWR - Update



Adventist World Radio-Asia staff members celebrated on September 11 the commencement of work at the station site on the southwestern coast of Guam. A break in the summer rainy season was just enough to get a bulldozer into the access road area to begin clearing jungle and grass lands for the AWR entry road. The road will stretch 2,368 feet from Guam Highway 2 to the transmitter site on the slope of Mt. Lamlam, the highest point on Guam facing the Philippine Sea.

A New Group of Believers in the "Mauricie" area



JUNE 1, 1985 SAW THE BIRTH of a company of believers in the Grand'Mère-Shawinigan area in Quebec. The church had no members there prior to this group. It all started in March, 1984, when a lay member, Brother Jean-Guy Tremblay, went to visit a French "It Is Written" interest. Bible studies were started with a mother and several of her children, and later the pastor was invited to lead the Bible studies.

In December, 1984, Pastor Pierre Zita decided to hold a Revelation Seminar in the area. An Anglican church was found for a reasonable price and rented, and in February the Seminar was started. With the help of only one Seventh-day Adventist family plus two others who were receiving studies, for support and prospective audience, we had to depend on the work of the Holy Spirit to fill the room. Letters of invitation were mailed to all "It Is Written" names in the surrounding area, and to friends and relatives. Handbills



were distributed, and the meetings were announced in the media.

The first night about 60 visitors attended and during most of the Seminar 40 or more visitors attended.

May 25 was the last day of the Seminar; seven persons were baptized in a ceremony held in Three Rivers as a result of hard work and the help of God's Spirit. After a potluck dinner, diplomas were distributed and personal testimonies were given as all rejoiced in what God had done.

Presently every Sabbath afternoon those seven members and some other persons who are preparing for baptism are meeting to worship God on His holy day in the rented church. We want our light to shine so that others might glorify God.



Carol Zita

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Revelation Seminars — Victoria, B.C. results in the baptism of four precious souls

As a result of a Revelation Seminar held in the Colwood area, by Layman Leonard Becker, Darren English was baptized in the Victoria church Friday evening, June 15, so the members of the Juan de Fuca church could attend.

The faithful witness of a fellow workmate for two years, Harold Bennett, who himself came into the church as a result of the Seminar held by Pastor Wadie Farag, and the Bible studies given by Brad Brousson, Darren made the decision to join God's people. His baptism was conducted by Kelly Schulz, pastor of the Juan de Fuca church, and, as this is Kelly's first assignment as a church pastor, it was also his first baptism.

One lady and two men took their baptismal vows on Sabbath morning, June 16, before a large congregation in the Victoria, B.C. church.

Lisa Sorochinsky's mother is a Seventh-day Adventist, and as a little girl Lisa and mother attended church in Sudbury, Ontario but as she grew into adulthood, Lisa gave up church attendance and wandered away from her early faith.

But the Lord didn't lose sight of Lisa, and when a few months ago a colorful Revelation Seminar invitation came with her mail, she recognized it as a call from the Lord, to "come back home." She responded and attended faithfully the Seminar meetings. What a joy it was to see Lisa renew her faith

and make a commitment to follow the Lord Jesus and join her mother's church.

Sorrows and tragedies often are used by the Lord to turn our attention to Him, and such was the case in the life of Pat Morra who said he was led to read his Bible after the untimely death of his young son and in reading he came across the Sabbath. When a Revelation Seminar brochure came to his door, he was led to attend the meetings. He accepted the Sabbath truth, and has now found peace of heart and mind with the people of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Another young man from a Roman Catholic background was Henry Czerwonda, also saw the advertisement brochure for the Revelation Seminar. He wanted to know more about the Bible so he attended the same meetings as Pat and Lisa, not realizing that the future would bring a vast change in his life.

Henry is studying "Criminology" at Camosun College and is looking for the Lord to direct him in his future place in working for other souls.

These three new members were baptized by Pastor Les Anderson of the Victoria Church; the seminar was conducted by Kelly Schultz and layman Mike Stapleton.

God is moving in these last days upon the hearts of the laymen to take their places alongside of the pastors to bring the Good News to those who walk in darkness.

Kathleen C. Piper

Evangelistic Crusade Yields Baptisms in Grand Forks

Ten precious souls have joined the congregation of the Grand Forks Seventh-day Adventist Church as a result of a 6 week series of meetings conducted by Evangelist Wadie Farag earlier this year.

Joining their brothers and sisters in the remnant church are the following by baptism: John Wood; Liz Crotteau; Roseanna Bader; Margaret Brandly; Charmaine Sandulac; John Oancia; Vicky Varabioff; and Ruth Ukrainetz. By rebaptism: Rob Fairhurst, and by profession of faith: Margaret Falkingham.

Pastor Cliff Drieberg conducted the ceremonies and the membership joyfully give thanks to God for their new brothers and sisters.

50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. George Horne recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception held at the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church.

George and Verna were married in Rouleau, Saskatchewan October 13, 1935.

We thank them for their example of Christian love and wish them the Lord's continued blessing for many years to come.

British Columbia Baptisms



Vancouver Central Seventh-day Adventist Church baptism: Front row, left to right, Pastor Dirk Zinner, Richard Anderson, Joel Talento, David Lippohar, Pastor Jerry Chang. Back row, left to right, Virginia Cabana, Senicio Cabana, Severo Madrid, Pastor Bob Tetz, Ruby Gomez, and Victoria Radovic.



Port Hardy Baptism — On August 24, three precious persons made their commitment through baptism. Left to right, Pastor Osborne Lee, Valerie Lambert, Ernest Little and Norma Esau.



Also on August 24 in Hazelton, B.C. another baptism was conducted. Here Gary Blabey is baptized by Pastor Glen Hansen.

Ordination to the Gospel Ministry

Two young pastors were ordained to the gospel ministry during 1985 in British Columbia. John L. Tucker, pastor of the Osoyoos/Oliver Seventh-day Adventist Churches with father, Laverne E. Tucker of Search telecast officiating with a challenge for his son. Pastor C. Goertzen, father of John's wife, Treva, was also present. The Tucker's have a daughter, Georgiana Ashley.

Terry Sparks completed the Bachelor of Theology degree from Canadian Union College and began his ministry in British Columbia in 1979. Presently Sparks is pastoring the Creston Seventh-day Adventist Church. Terry's wife is Lee-Ann and they have two children Sasha and Jonathan.



Treva and John Tucker (right) kneel during the ordination prayer by Pastor Arthur Spenst. Behind Pastor Spenst (left) is Gary DeBoer and Laverne Tucker, and behind Treva and John is Clarence Goertzen (right).



British Columbia Conference President, Gary DeBoer presents the challenge at the ordination of Terry Sparks to the gospel ministry in Creston, British Columbia.

ONTARIO

Happenings at Hamilton



The members of the Hamilton Mountain S.D.A. Church were privileged to witness the dedication to the Lord of baby Natasha, daughter of Garry and Catherine Poplawski. Pastor Eric Juriansz officiated at this service as well as at the baptisms of Sharon Parks and Rodney Cameron. Robert Satelmayer was baptized by his uncle, Pastor Robert Satelmayer of New York. Lloyd Norsworthy was baptized also. No photo available.

Baptism at Six Nations



Shaena Longboat of Six Nations S.D.A. Church is baptized by Pastor Bresee on July 27. The baptism took place in a borrowed portable baptistry. Now the church is building its own baptistry. Shaena's witness she hopes will inspire others to take this sacred rite.

New Pastor for Muskoka District Churches

In the autumn beauty of the Muskokas, the Bracebridge church members and friends joined together for a combination farewell and welcome dinner for two pastors.

Pastor and Mrs. Don Donesky have retired from the Bracebridge church although Pastor Donesky says he will still be quite active in the north area.

Tom Waluga made a presentation on behalf of the members of a diary and wallet of money. He thanked the Doneskys for their years of devotion and service, wishing them God's blessing.

Tom also welcomed Pastor and Mrs. Duane Anderson and family.

The Andersons will be pastoring the Parry Sound and Bracebridge churches.

Lillian Sterrett

Kingsway College Alumni Association

presents an evening of fellowship, food and fun,
November 30 beginning with Vespers at 4:00 p.m. at College Park Church.
Potluck at 5:30 p.m. in College Park Assembly Room.
Volleyball Tournament at 7:00 p.m. in Kingsway College Gymnasium
Alumni vs. Student Hockey Game at 10:00 p.m.

Fifteen-Year Reunion for Branson Grads

On July 5-7, 1985 ten graduates from the Branson Hospital School of Nursing Class of '70 gathered at the home of Mabel and Melvin Thompson at Killam, Alberta for their 15-year reunion. Those in attendance were Marilyn Jones (Edmonton, AB), Ruth (Hyde) Knopp (Warburg, AB), Mabel (Grovet) Thompson (Killam, AB), Bonnie (Stansal) Welsh (Victoria, BC), Audrey (Gerbrandt) Cliffe (Woking, AB), Karen (Cooper) Hawes (Regina, SK), Nancy (Hall) Girvan (Thornhill, ON), Audrey (McLeod) Wasyluk (Concord, ON), Wendi (Thorne) Paley (Langley, BC), and Jeanette Tkachuk (Vancouver, BC), along with their families.

On Saturday evening they were able to talk with Lillian (Tang) Ng (Pickerington, Ohio) and Mary Lou Hollingsworth (Carlsbad, California) on a conference call.

They had a great time reminiscing and getting acquainted again. They enjoyed sharing letters and pictures from those who were unable to attend. God has richly blessed each member of the Class of '70.



1970 Branson graduates

Baptism is Climax of Brantford Crusade



An evangelistic series held in Brantford, Ontario culminated in a baptism of 16 persons. Pastor Maitland, right, was assisted by Pastor Fred Irish, left and by a Bible worker, Marsha Whitelocke.

Simcoe Church the Scene of Special Services



The Simcoe S.D.A. Church was the scene of a beautiful dedication service when Derek Nathaniel, son of David and Erika Sloan was dedicated to the Lord. Derek's grandfather, Pastor Doug Sloan, played a violin solo accompanied by the infant's uncle, Paul Sloan. The dedicatory address was presented by Pastor Laren Kurtz. Grandparents Leon and Rose Mudge were also present. Another beautiful service at Simcoe was the occasion of the baptism of Nancy Whirrey, right, by Pastor Laren Kurtz.

Korean Church Baptism



Six individuals were baptized on June 22, 1985 at the Ontario Korean Church with Pastor D. Lee officiating (back row, second from left). Church elder Keith Chang (back row, second from right) conducted the home Bible studies.

Peel SDA Company Holds 3rd Baptism



It was a high day for the Peel SDA Company, when five precious souls were buried in the watery grave of baptism to rise in the newness of life. Jess, Susan and Queenie Aspilla; Teresa Lucia Aspilla, Jess' mother; and Ruperto Becbec are the dear people who decided to follow the Lord. These new members, especially the Aspillas, have been led to follow the Master through the influence exerted by Brother Adam Aspilla and also through the combined Bible studies and visits of the pastors, Dr. Corpus and Brother Willie Tortal. The Aspillas also attended the Bible Prophecy Seminar that Pastor Parchment conducted at Brampton. Above all, we thank God for the Holy Spirit who convicts and converts.

North Bay Church Organized

On Sabbath June 15, 1985, the North Bay Company was organized into a Church. This was a very special service for the Company had worshipped for several years in rented churches, but now own their church which is debt free. The Church is located on Highway 11 and is ideally situated at the Nipissing junction.

Elder Lester Carney, the ministerial secretary of the Ontario Conference officiated. At the eleven o'clock service hour, he preached a powerful sermon on the importance of Church organization and fellowship to a packed audience. Elder Carney then invited the charter members of this company to come forward and sign their names on the new church roster. A total of twenty-nine members formed the

nucleus of the new Church. Carl Anderson from Kingsway College rendered a vocal solo. Pastor Ralph Juriansz, the newly appointed pastor of the North Bay, South River and Mattawa district offered the dedicatory prayer.

Several visitors and friends from the district were present and joined the new church members in a fellowship dinner.

The activities of the day were climaxed with a baptism which was conducted in the afternoon, at the First Baptist Church in North Bay. The members of the North Bay Church are happy to join the sisterhood of churches in the Ontario Conference and pledge their allegiance to help finish the work of God in this part of His vineyard.

Virginia Field



North Bay Church members share a happy occasion.

Peel SDA Company Organized As A Church

On September 28, 1985, during the divine worship service, the Peel SDA Company was organized as a church and accepted into the sisterhood of Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Ontario Conference.

Leading in the church organization was Elder G.W. Morgan, then president of the conference. (It was his last official function as president of the Ontario Conference.) Other conference officers present at the occasion, who assisted Elder Morgan was Mr. Keith Heinrich, Elder Carney, and

Elder Jacob Hiebert.

Besides the morning sermon by Elder Morgan, Elder Carney reviewed the fundamental beliefs of the church and also offered the dedicatory prayer. And to signify the members' joining of the Bramalea Seventh-day Adventist Church (the official name now), chartered members signed the scroll before the conference officers and the whole congregation.

Right after the morning service, a sumptuous potluck was held at the cafeteria of the Bramalea Secondary School.

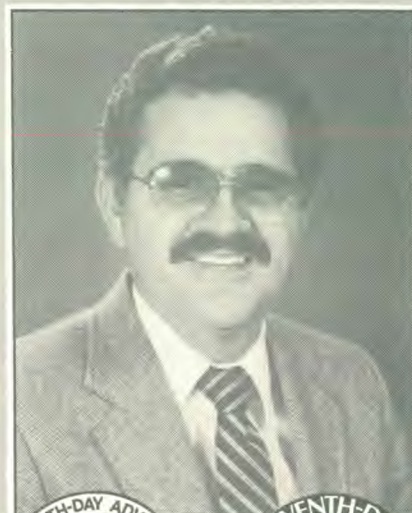


Elder G.W. Morgan presiding at the church organization.



Conference officers, church pastors and elders, and the Happy Christian Singers who rendered special numbers.

THE CHRISTIAN WILL



It is the duty of every Christian to make sure that his will allocates his personal assets in such a way as to provide adequate support for his loved ones, but the responsibility of Christian stewardship extends beyond the family. In recognition of God's ownership and bountiful blessings, there is an obligation to remember in our wills the needs of the larger family of God — the church.

It is only reasonable that the Christian Church must look to its members for funds with which to fulfill its mission. Those who consider themselves partners with God in the salvation of lost mankind will want their worldly goods to be used to aid the kingdom of God both in life and after death.

For the Christian, writing a will is an experience that is deeply spiritual. The Christian's will is the instrument by which he, as God's steward, distributes the goods which God has entrusted to him.

The only way for a person to be sure that his estate will be distributed as he wishes after his death is to have a properly drawn will.

We would be happy to assist in the preparation of a Christian will, trust or annuity. Please call or write to the Ontario Conference Trust Services Department, 1110 King Street East, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7M1, (416) 571-1022.

George Clarke, Director
Trust Services

Heritage Day in Cape Breton

This year is Sydney's two hundredth birthday and North Sydney's centennial.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been a part of that history for 80 years. Congregations have met in: Florence, Sydney Mines, Sydney, and North Sydney.

The Seventh-day Adventist work began in North Sydney with tent meetings, held by Wm. C. Young, and D.J.C. Barrett. The year was 1912. Since then the stories of dedication and personal sacrifice are inspiring.

On Sabbath, August 24, the members and friends of the North Sydney Church remembered their past with a special heritage day program. The program included a heritage display, review of the church's history, period costumes, and special recognition of the oldest member.



Pastor Bruce Atkins and his wife Sylvia presenting flowers to the oldest member of the North Sydney Church, Mrs. Lillian Moores Sr. who is 92 years of age. She was baptized on May 23, 1915.

Health Resource Catalog Ready

Visuals for use in all health outreaches are now pictured together in the new four-color edition of *The Health Connection*.

Published by Narcotics Education, Inc., the 24-page catalog lists films, software, print, and visual aid resources for Church programs on alcohol and drug dependency and general health education handouts.

Included are posters, periodicals, pamphlets, and books for background information and teachers' guides. Self-help guides, bumper stickers, and pathology exhibits are shown.

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Some of the congregation present on Heritage Day in costume.

Youth Alive in the Maritimes!



First Master Guide Invested in Canada Honoured at Pugwash Investiture — The Pugwash Pathfinder Club recently held its Annual Investiture program conducted by Elder Lee Patterson. Both the regular Pathfinder Club under the direction of Laurie Mosher, and the junior Pathfinder Club under the direction of Ann McGiverty, participated in the program. The first Master Guide invested in Canada, Mildred Mosher, centre, was an honoured guest. She was invested in 1934.



Pathfinder Camporee at Pugwash — Active Pathfinder members and leaders assembled at Pugwash Camp in July for a fun-packed weekend. Each group was responsible for a portion of the weekend activity. They also prepared their own meals. Following the Camporee, the Pugwash Pathfinder Group, shown here, joined by the Maritimes Youth Director, headed for Prince Edward Island for a 4-day campout. Beautiful weather, great friends, devoted leadership all combined to make this a fantastic outing. If you don't have a Pathfinder Club in your area, why not start one soon and join in on the fun!

Newfoundland Camporee '85

Unable to send delegates to the Pathfinder Camporee in Colorado, the Newfoundland Mission held their own Pathfinder Camporee on the west coast of the province at Gros Morne National Park. Forty-five eager Pathfinders plus their staff arrived July 10 for four days of fun-filled activities. Five clubs were represented with Pathfinders from every district. The accompanying pictures show a few of the activities.



Our entire group with beautiful Killdevil Mountain in the background.



Flag Raising with our make-shift flag pole.



Bay Roberts Club leading out in Sabbath worship.

Marystown Has Significant Membership Increase



The Lord has blessed the Marystown Church with new members necessitating a major building program. Two Revelation Seminars were conducted recently with thirty persons graduating and six persons baptized. A lay person, Dennis Rogers, left, led out in several of the meetings. Those who had perfect attendance are pictured with him. Nine Pathfinders and two of their counsellors were invested to the Friend class. Another special service was the dedication of the infant daughter of colporteur Herman Mayo and his wife, Ann.

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VOAR has been in operation for over fifty years and is one of the oldest radio stations in Newfoundland. We have been able to retain one of the only 2 non-commercial broadcasting licenses in Canada, and we are in fact the only Radio Station broadcasting Christian music and programs all day, every day. The opportunities that Christian radio provide

are endless, and as a church we should be taking every advantage of what we have. We feel that VOAR should be expanded and used to its fullest extent. It is an evangelistic arm of the church that can be used to reach every home with the message of salvation.

In the past several years VOAR has done much to improve its operation. The studios have been upgraded and an automation system has been installed, but it's not enough. VOAR is operating at the low power of 100 watts, and reaches only the city of St. John's. There are hundreds of small communities along our coast that have not heard the Third Angels Message. With an increase in power we can bring this message to these communities. For the last couple of years plans have been under way to increase VOAR's power to 10,000 watts. With this increase we will be heard by the major portion of Newfoundland's population, and also with

an increase in power comes the future possibility of broadcasting via satellite to all of Canada.

Last January, during gale force winds and freezing winds, VOAR's radio tower was damaged beyond repair, and we were forced to go off the air. Fortunately, because of the help of local radio station VOCI, we were back on the air in just 31 hours, broadcasting from a borrowed tower and transmitter.

VOAR must build a new tower, and now is the time to move ahead on our plans and build towers that can handle the planned power increase. On November 30, your offerings will go to help VOAR with this important project. We ask you to be generous as you support us, both financially with your offerings, and with your prayers.

The Lord has blessed VOAR in the past, and with your help, VOAR will bring many more souls to the Saviour.

Roxanne Reid

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Births

ADAMS — Neil and Barbie (nee Haughland) are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Bradley Neil, on August 29, 1985 in Oshawa, Ontario.

BROSSEUK — Gordon and Mary (nee Radford), of Bella Coala, B.C. praise the Lord for a son, Robert Ryan, born July 17, 1985 at Vancouver, B.C.

CHIPEUR — Gerry and Barb (nee Fowler) of Edmonton, Alberta are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Stephanie Elizabeth, on April 3, 1985.

CROMBIE — Calvin & Louise are happy to announce the birth of their second son, Ryan Conlon Edwin, born August 30, 1985.

CROWE — Bill and Candie Crowe are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Alexandria, on August 20, 1985 in Hamilton, Ontario.

FERGUSON — Bob and Sherrie (nee Coupland) are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Lindsay Leanne, August 27, 1985, in Calgary.

KARTIK — John & Myrene (nee Holm) are thankful for the birth of their son, David John, on October 4, 1985, in Oshawa, Ontario.

LETOURNEAU — Claude and Paula announce the arrival of Amber Michelle by adoption. She was born August 16, 1985.

LIFFORD — David and Dorene announce the birth of Diana Rose August 28, 1985 in Red Deer, Alberta.

LISK — Christina Kelly. Born in Oshawa, Ontario on July 18, 1985. Proud parents are Darwin & Judy (nee Lauzon) Lisk.

POPLAWSKI — Garry and Catherine (nee Barriere) praise God for the safe arrival of a daughter, Natasha Marianne, on February 23, 1985 in Hamilton, Ontario.

Weddings

BIDWELL — SPENST

The lovely afternoon wedding of Violet Vera Spenst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spenst of Prince George, BC and Deane Eric Bidwell, son of Mr. Dewey Bidwell of Athol, Mass. was held at the SDA Church, Barnesville, NB on June 16, 1985. Pastor David Crook performed the ceremony. Deane and Violet will make their home in Athol, Mass. Deane will continue his employment at the Atlantic Union Conference office.

BURNS — PARSONS

August 4, 1985 was the special day chosen by Diane Parsons and Lawrence Burns to become husband and wife. The ceremony was performed by pastor David Crook at the Aldershot SDA Church, St. John's, Nfld.

Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Parsons of St. John's and Lawrence the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burns of Thornhill, Ontario.

Lawrence and Diane are now residing at College Heights, Alberta where Diane is continuing her studies in elementary education at CUC and Lawrence is employed at Parkland Color Press.

GRILL — TAYLOR

Sherry Taylor, daughter of Ross and Jean Taylor of Hamilton, Ontario became the bride of Glen Grill, son of John and Wendy Kay of London, Ontario on September 22, 1985. Glen and Sherry have made their home in Oshawa where Glen is employed at General Motors and Sherry is a secretary in Ajax.

HAMMERMUELLER — RITCHEY

Kimberly Dawn Ritchey and Peter Hans Hammermuller were united in marriage on June 16, 1985.

Kim is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Ritchey and Peter's parents are Mr. & Mrs. J. Hammermuller.

Pastor Jacob Heibert conducted the ceremony at College Park Church in Oshawa.

Peter and Kimberly are now residing in Waterloo, Ontario where Peter teaches at the Paris Church School and Kimberly works in data processing.

HUBLEY — CROOK

Lori Lavonne Crook, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. David Crook of St. John's, Nfld., and Webster Laurie Hubley, son of Mrs. Marion Boutillier of Tantallon, NS became husband and wife at a beautiful candlelight ceremony at the Tantallon SDA Church on July 14, 1985. The bride's father performed the ceremony assisted by Pastor Glen Corkum. They will reside at Tantallon where Webbie is self-employed and Lori is a registered nurse.

KOHNE — PROCTOR

On August 11, 1985, Raymond Kohne and Cathy Proctor exchanged their wedding vows in the Bowmanville SDA Church. The E. Kohnes, parents of Raymond, and the G. Proctors, along with other relatives and a host of friends wished the young couple much happiness as they left on a honeymoon trip to Germany. The will reside at Andrews University where Raymond will continue his studies.

LITTMAN — WOODS

Wendy Woods, daughter of Armand and Roberta Woods of Oshawa, Ontario, and Darren Littman, son of Pastor and Mrs. Elmer Littman, also of Oshawa, Ontario, were united in marriage at the College Park Seventh-day Adventist Church on July 28, 1985. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Elmer Littman, father of the groom. Darren and Wendy are making their home in Oshawa.

MATIKO — THOMPSON

A lovely wedding was solemnized at the Beiseker-Level Land S.D.A. Church on September 8, 1985 when Joan Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Unger of Calgary, Alberta and Everett Matiko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Matiko of Hairy Hill, Alberta were united in marriage. Pastors Don Corkum and Brian Leavitt of Lacombe, Alberta officiated.

Joan and Everett are making their home in Wetaskiwin, Alberta where Everett is employed.

MCDONALD — ROBERTSON

On Sunday July 28, 1985, family members and friends witnessed the uniting together in Holy Matrimony of Beverly Robertson and Alvin McDonald in the Kingsview S.D.A. Church.

Officiating ministers were Pastor Petr of the Kingsview church and Pastor Knight of the Toronto West church.

We wish Beverly and Alvin God's continued blessings.

McLAREN — TRYNCHUK

On Sunday August 4, 1985 friends and family met in the sanctuary of Edmonton Central S.D.A. Church to witness the exchange of wedding vows between Chloe Trynchuk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Trynchuk, and Robert Scott McLaren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLaren.

The service was conducted by Clarence Grosso and the vows were witnessed by Pastor Frank Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaren will be making their home in Edmonton where Robert works as a welder and Chloe will be taking the registered nurse's assistant's program.

PALINKA — CURTIS

A lovely wedding took place on Sunday, June 30, 1985 at Beauvallon, Alberta as Sandra Curtis, daughter of Roy and Ellen Curtis of Oshawa, Ontario, and Archie Palinka, son of Peter and Jennie Palinka of Two Hills, Alberta, took their vows in the presence of relatives and friends.

Sandy and Archie will be residing in St. Paul, Alberta where he is employed by the Alberta Covational Centre as an instructor at Fishing Lake. Sandy completed her B.A. degree at Walla Walla, and both Sandy and Archie plan to resume their education later.

SMITH — BRUCKS

Renée Michelle Brucks, the daughter of Marvin and Sharon Brucks, was united in marriage to Robert Joseph Smith, the son of Harvey and Barb O'Dell on Sunday, July 14 at the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church, College Heights, Alberta. Pastor Ed Teranski performed the ceremony.

Renée and Joe Smith are making their home in Edmonton where they are continuing their education.

SOUTHCOTT — WECKER

Karen Wecker, daughter of Herbert and Miriam Wecker of Regina, was married to David Southcott, son of Watson and Cynthia Southcott of Belfast,

Ireland on July 14, 1985 in the Regina Hill Avenue Church. Pastor Watson Southcott, father of the groom, officiated the ceremony. Karen and Dave have made their home in Regina.

WONG — MAH

The wedding of David K. Gandalf Wong and Carol Shan Wu Mah was held at the Edmonton S.D.A. Central Church on Sunday, September 8 at two o'clock. The service was conducted by Pastor Mel Djikowich. A reception followed in the basement of the church.

YORK — GARDNER

Susan Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gardner of Yorkton, and Lorne York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie York, were united in marriage on August 4, 1985 in the Yorkton Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Lorne and Susan are making their home on the campus at College Heights, Alberta.

Obituaries

ADAMS — Louise was born in Brigus, Newfoundland, June 18, 1896, and died in Kingston, Ontario, July 25, 1985. She is survived by son George and daughter Florence Williams, one brother, eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Les Anderson of Victoria, B.C. from the McCall Brothers Funeral Chapel, and interment is in the Royal Oak Burial Park, Victoria, B.C.

ANDERSON — H.G. Anderson was born in Rochester, Minnesota on April 8, 1897. He came to Saskatchewan where he attended Battleford Academy. In 1921 he married Lydia Baumbach at Maple Creek. He spent his life ministering to the sick in his treatment centres, mostly in British Columbia.

Brother Anderson passed to his rest on February 17, 1985. Surviving him are his loving wife, Lydia, one daughter, Iris Carlson, and seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was laid to rest in the Kelowna Cemetery where he awaits the return of Jesus. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor D.W. Ellis and assisted by the writer. E. Gabel

CREWS — Jessie Crews went to sleep in Christ on Aug. 11, 1985. He was baptized last May 25. He is survived by his loving wife, Eileen; son, Michael; daughters, Melonie and Pat Walters. Burial was at the Lakeside Cemetery in North Sydney, Nova Scotia. Pastors Bruce Atkins and Grant Gunter officiated.

FEHR — John C. Fehr was born May 21, 1918, at Hopefield, Saskatchewan. He married Nettie Wiebe on July 14, 1946 in Aberdeen, Saskatchewan. John and Nettie were blessed with nine beautiful children.

John is survived by his loving wife, Nettie; six sons: Elmer, Norman, Gale, Seymour, Lester, and Lyndon. Three daughters: Nancy Thibault, Gloria Olfert, and Shirley DeWitt. Twenty grandchildren, three brothers and four sisters also survive.

HORNBY — Clara May Hornby was born in Pine River, Quebec on December 14, 1898 and passed away in Windsor, Ontario on September 1, 1985.

In 1920 Clara was married to Angus Hornby and they moved to Oshawa, Ontario.

She leaves to mourn her only daughter Melba, wife of E.L. Anderson, pastor of the Windsor Seventh-day

Adventist Church, also 4 grandchildren, Arlen, Karen, Dale and Karla, two brothers, four sisters and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor William Glenn. She was laid to rest at Victoria Memorial Cemetery, Windsor, Ontario.

MC CREERY — William John McCreery, was born in 1903 at Arden, Manitoba, and died August, 1985 in Swan River. He was a dedicated member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church all of his life. He leaves to mourn: Velma McCreery, his second wife, and his children; Kathy Mazier, Dorothy Connell, Harvey and Russell. Also left to mourn are several grandchildren and nieces, nephews, and three brothers. The funeral service was conducted in Waterhen, Manitoba with Pastors Vaudre Jacques, Perry Melnychenko and Clarence Baptiste. Interment took place at the Waterhen Cemetery.

NELSON — David was born in Belfast, Ireland, on June 13, 1947. He immigrated to Canada with his parents in 1950. At the age of 23 years, he committed his life to Jesus Christ in baptism.

He married Irene Niemeyer in 1973.

David passed away on June 5, 1985. He leaves to mourn his wife Irene, his son David, daughter Alice, his parents, two brothers and a sister.

David will be deeply missed by his loved ones and many friends.

Pastor Fred Irish officiated at the funeral service in Brantford, Ontario.

NEUMANN — Pauline Neumann fell asleep in Christ on July 9, 1985 in Edmonton. Left to mourn her loss were one son, Fred, and five daughters: Erna Greenwall, Martha Adams, Margaret Reich, Esther Debord, and Hertha Litke. There were also 19 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Also left to mourn were two brothers and two sisters.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Mel Djikowich in the Edmonton Central Seventh-day Adventist church. Interment was at Camrose Cemetery.

POLZER — Theresia Dietrich was born in Yugoslavia, December 7, 1912.

She married Joseph Polzer on September 7, 1929. She accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church along with her husband in 1939.

During World War II she endured many hardships. The family immigrated to Germany in 1954, and to the Hamilton area on July 4, 1956.

She passed away on September 2, 1985. She leaves to mourn her husband, five children, ten grand-children, two great-grandchildren, and one sister.

Burial was from the Hamilton Mountain Seventh-day Adventist Church, and interment was at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, where she awaits the call of Jesus.

SAKALA — On Oct. 27, 1984, Emmi Sakala, beloved wife of V. Sakala, passed to her rest at her home in Kelowna.

She was born in Estonia in 1912 and came to Canada with her husband and three children in 1952.

She leaves to mourn her husband, two sons Victor and Elmer and one daughter Asta LaBianca; and one sister.

Pastor Ellis conducted the funeral service after which interment was made in the Kelowna Cemetery.

SCHNEIDER — Emil Schneider was born at Irvine, Alberta on December 3, 1910 and passed quietly to his rest on August 19, at the Calgary Central Hospital. He will be greatly missed by his wife Mary; daughter Dorothy Schreiber; two brothers, one sister, plus numerous other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for Mr. Schneider was held on August 23 at the Medicine Hat Patterson Funeral Home with interment at the Medicine Hat Cemetery.

SMOOK — Jack Smook passed to his rest on September 10, 1985 as a result of a farming accident. He was born in Studburn, Manitoba on May 1, 1920. In June 1948 he married Anne Rudnisky and they settled on Jack's homestead near Fairview, Alberta.

Jack and Anne were active volunteers with Maranatha International. In the spring of 1985 Jack led out in a Revelation Seminar at Hines Creek.

Jack will be sadly missed by his loving wife Anne; two sons, Robert and Harvey; two daughters, Barbara Kitzmann and Darlene Anderson; three grandchildren; one brother and four sisters.

The funeral service was held at the Fairview Seventh-day Adventist Church and was officiated by Pastor Mel Pond and Pastor Olger Aaserude.

STEPHENS — Fred A. was born on Aug. 3, 1904 and passed away in Barrie, Ont. on Aug. 22, 1985. Fred has been a faithful member of the Barrie, Ont. S.D.A. Church since his baptism in November 1973. He is very much missed by his wife, Lillian Taylor; daughter Barbara Clarke and four grandchildren; two sisters and a brother.

Pastors Fred Pearson and H.G. Fischbacher conducted the funeral service which was held on Aug. 24, 1985. Fred was laid to rest at the Newmarket Cemetery where he awaits the coming of his Lord and Saviour.

WILLIAMS — Harold Nathan Williams was born November 28, 1889 in Battle Creek, Michigan, and passed to his rest September 5, 1985 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

He married Ida Cordelia Trout on June 16, 1913. She preceded him in death February 7, 1978. On January 1, 1979, he married Lola Hatfield who survives him.

Elder Williams, an Adventist minister since 1923, served in many places for his Lord and church. From 1928 to 1931 he was president of the Newfoundland Mission where he established the first radio station for the church. This radio station in St. John's, Newfoundland, is still in operation.

Besides his wife, Lola, he is survived by twin sons: Nathan and Harold, two stepdaughters, Madelin Wilson and Shirley Gooch, and five grandchildren.

Services were conducted by his pastor, William Voss, and interment was in Centuries Memorial Park in Shreveport, La.

WOLLMAN — Dale Marion Wollman was born on May 6, 1964 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. On August 30, 1985, Dale passed to her rest in Edmonton, Alta. Dale gave her life to Jesus in 1975. Dale is survived by her loving husband Philip and daughter Melissa Lee; her loving parents Jean and Ernest Cleary of Edmonton; three brothers, one sister and two grandmothers. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Don Corkum and Pastor H.H. Heghesan. The interment took place at Glenwood Memorial Gardens in Sherwood Park, Alberta.

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