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## Blessed Quietness



"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." *Psalms 46:10.*

Only God know how much we occasionally need solitude. We need to give our souls time to become calm in quiet, holy places. The rushing wheels of life must be brought to a stop so that we can hear a message from the silence of the stars, the silence of the night, the silence of the sea, and the quietness of God. The wheels of industry groan as they turn on their

axles, but the stars in their courses wheel their way through the heavens without a sound. There is healing power in the purposeful stillness of the desert or the stars. They have always been the source of man's deepest, most sublime feelings. All great souls have always drawn from these quiet reservoirs.

In the silence of the night we stand in awe before the vast universe. And awe is the taproot of religion. We begin to hear the still small voice of God. We begin to know God. The ranklings of doubt are dissipated. The noisy clamor of ambition is stilled. We cease from self and begin to worship God. And it is only as we adore God that we forget self.

We talk too much. We listen too little. When we are still we begin to learn something about God our Creator. "Religion is the vision of something which stands beyond, behind, and within the passing flux of immediate things," said Alfred North Whitehead.

Knowledge is important and it is also urgent. After we learn in the school of Christ we must pass on this precious knowledge. What if Edison had kept his knowledge to himself? He shared his knowledge, and we have the electric lights. Alexander Graham Bell shared his knowledge, and we have the telephone. Marconi shared his knowledge, and we have the great system of communication that has developed from his contribution. Jesus shared His knowledge of truth and gave us a revelation of His Father.

Let us learn how to be still and cultivate a sense of the Eternal.

E. L. Marley,  
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# The Role of Books

It has been said that the printed page can be a greater witness than the spoken word. How can this be? One advantage to the written word is that the reader cannot argue with it. It stands as a quiet sentinel to truth to be accepted or rejected. Untold thousands trace their first convictions of truth to the printed page. What would we do without it?

Good advice was given to our early leaders to print the truth and distribute it. It was no accident that our first publishing house soon found they could not handle the demand, and other publishing houses were begun. Now we have publishing facilities worldwide, in scores of languages. All of this was done, primarily, on a self-sustaining basis.

At first it was thought we would eventually saturate the demand. But each camp meeting brings us back to the realization that the demand only increases as more and more publications are sold. Scores of new titles are introduced each year. Our basic books that have stood the test of time also continue to sell in greater quantity. Many books of great substance must be dropped out and at a later time customers seek a copy and it cannot be found. How often I have had people say to me, "Why aren't they printing this book any more?" The answer is that titles must be dropped each year to make way for new story books and new authors with stories to tell. One of the most exciting experiences is to read a story arduously put down on paper by an author. How wonderful it would be if thousands of other equally exciting stories could be told, but authors are in short supply.

We in the Northern Union are setting our goals at greater exposure of our books through our ABCs. Another goal is to make the purchase of our books as convenient as possible. New direct mail programs are being readied. New sales programs will be forthcoming. Bookmobile sales routes are being studied. Some areas have but few members, still our goal is to find better ways to serve these areas.

I am pleased with plans that are being studied and I feel confident that these will lead to a greater use of the printed page. I believe the printed page will be the greatest and most widespread influence to reap the final harvest. The pen of inspiration, I believe, verifies this. My deep conviction is that the spiritual growth of the church will coincide with the greater use of the printed page.

We are not hindered today by a lack of books. The disciples and the early church did not have the tools we have. Let us not fail to use the printed word to the fullest. We must not be careless and wait until the flow is cut off, as it is now in some places in our world.

George H. Taggart  
*ABC Coordinator, Northern Union Conference*





## Witnessing—Our Way of Life

\* There are many ways to witness for Christ - this month we list different methods of approach.

**Question** - How do you tell your friends, acquaintances and people in general about your church in just twelve minutes?

**Answer** - Show them the slide-cassette program entitled - IT'S A GOOD FAMILY.

**Question** - What is the story line?

**Answer** - Dan Toffler, a former drug peddler, tells of his new-found faith and introduces viewers to a wide scope of Adventist beliefs and activities, featuring Adventists from around the world.

**Question** - How many slides are in the series?

**Answer** - There are 72 slides and a cassette tape. You will find room in an 80-slide carousel\* to add your own slides, picking local information—of your church, church's address, local minister's name, Adventist broadcasts, etc.

**Question** - How may this audio-visual program be used?

**Answer** - It can be shown at exhibits, fairs, ex-smoker's reunions, hospital waiting rooms, in comparative religion classes, during Bible studies, wherever people are ready to absorb information about our church.

**Question** - How can I obtain this program?

**Answer** - It can be bought for just \$27.50. Order through the Lay Activities Department. The Department of Communication has one program which is available on a loan basis to churches only for use at fairs and exhibits.

**Question** - What equipment is needed to show this program?

**Answer** - A Carousel projector, a tape player and a screen. In case of exhibits and fairs, a rear projection screen is the best.

\* PIERRE - Age is no limit when it comes to witnessing. Octogenarian Henry C. Weber loves to meet people. After getting acquainted and making friends with them he returns for more visits and after a few times takes his tape-player and a cassette tape of George Vandeman's lectures and asks his friends to listen to a tape while he visits. He often leaves literature and when a real interest seems to develop he asks an experienced layman to go with him to give his new friends a demonstration with the Dukane projector and the ENCOUNTER filmstrips.

\* Are you the timid type? Then why not start with the literature ministry? The principle is to become people-conscious. This means that every contact, whether in person, or through writing, can be made a contact for Christ through the use of truth-filled literature. NEVER MAIL A LETTER TO ANYONE, whether it be a friend, an acquaintance, a non-Adventist relative, or just a business, without enclosing an enrollment card, some booklet (Tucker's for instance) a Scripture promise, and so forth. When you go to the bank, post office, store, and other places in person, why not smile, thank the clerk for his fine service and leave him or her a SIGNS, or other colorful brochure or booklet. Once you get into this habit, you will naturally begin to look for other opportunities of more direct witnessing, because PEOPLE have become your INTEREST.

\* PLATTE - Pastor Dennis Shafter reports continuous activity in witnessing. Members are being trained and every Wednesday night four ladies are teaming up to go from door-to-door, including a newly baptized member. This is the New Testament plan in action, a plan

which, if followed in all of our churches, will bring our message to all the world in our generation.

J. G. Nikkels

## Share Your Faith Through Faith For Today

The following list of FFT program titles and a brief description of each should aid you in telling others about FFT. All programs listed are shown on the date—following the title—via KELO-TV, Sioux Falls, each Saturday at 1:30 p.m. The date (in parenthesis) following each program description refers to the showing via KEVN-TV, Rapid City, each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. If not listed then the program was shown already in previous months.

**THE GOOD SHIP "AMEN"** - September 1 - An aging sea captain with terminal cancer demonstrates the peaceful grace of his years of trusting God. His buoyant hope and perfect peace change the lives of several patients at Westbrook Hospital. (September 30)

**THE SOUND OF LIGHT** - September 8 - A young concert pianist faces the loss of a successful career when her hands are severely injured in a car crash. But at Westbrook Hospital the faith and courage of a blind girl teaches her that God treated her as much more than just a pair of hands. (October 7)

**THE SEEKER** - September 15 - An accomplished surgeon's drive for fame and fortune breaks up his home. His concern over his daughter's reactions drives him from his profession to search for her among the run-aways and possible suicides. (October 14)

**THE ACCIDENT** - September 22 - A young, pregnant housewife faces overwhelming responsibilities after her husband is seriously injured and possibly paralyzed. She threatens to leave her husband until a widowed nurse at Westbrook Hospital shares the intimate details of her own life and points to Christ as her Saviour.

**IT'S OKAY TO CRY** - September 29 - Jenny Jordan was deserted by her husband 10 years ago and has raised her son by herself. She has climbed the ladder of success by hard work, but she's buried her emotions and expressions of love for fear of being hurt. When her son is critically injured and brought to Westbrook Hospital,



she discovers that life and love are both full of risks and rewards.

**WHO SHALL LIVE?** - October 6 - A young husband struggles with an agonizing decision: whether the life of his unborn child is worth protecting when it may cost the life of his wife. Together Nick and Dotti D'Angelo discover that the Christian commitment of marriage involves an earthly reflection of God's unselfish love for us.

**TOUCH OF LOVE** - October 13 - Dr. Paul Diaz has lived in sadness since the death of his wife. The unexpected arrival of a childhood sweetheart to Westbrook Hospital brings new joy and then renewed sorrow as Elena chooses to sacrifice her life in mission service for those she loves.

The following programs are shown only in Rapid City during the month of September.

**RAFAEL IS RUNNING** - September 2 - An illegal alien is haunted by the "demons" of his past until an accident brings him to Westbrook Hospital where he learns from the staff how only Christ can stop a man's frantic running by using a perfect love that casts out fear.

**FIRST THINGS FIRST** - September 9 - The family life and marriage of a teacher are threatened by his obsession with auto racing. After a near fatal car accident, he learns to re-adjust his priorities.

**DISTRESS CALL** - September 16 - R. J. Warner was a pro-football star until he was confined for life in a wheelchair after an injury in a game. After a passable try at coping with his situation, R. J. plunges into hopeless despair—almost ruining the life of a young patient who idolizes him.

**DOOMSDAY WARD** - September 23 - Six anxious men, finding themselves thrown together by circumstances, can only imagine that the end of the world will somehow be like the brush fire raging outside the hospital. But it takes an examination of the Bible prophecy to convince the members of the "Doomsday Ward" that maybe the end of the world won't be as hopeless as they feared.

Department of Communication



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## History of the Aberdeen Church



Front view of Aberdeen church.

It seems that the Adventist message was imported to Aberdeen through some Adventists who arrived from elsewhere. It was in the early 1900's that some believers met in the homes of a Mrs. Jean Mason and Mrs. Elsie McKeon. Apparently they gave a good testimony, because a friend of the group donated a lot at 624 6th Avenue SE for the erection of a church building which was built in 1904.

The group was organized into a church by Elder Graham, who became the church's first pastor. In 1920 Elder A. W. Kuehl started his ministry in Aberdeen, a ministry which lasted for nine years. It was during his stay that Mrs. Sarah Hohensee became a member of the church. As her membership dates from 1921 she is now the oldest surviving member of the Aberdeen congregation. In 1927 Mrs. Hazel Kemper, mother of Elder Paul Kemper, joined the church as well as W. H. Hohensee, Sarah's husband. Mrs. Lillia Fauss, still an active member was added to the church during the ministry of Elder Ira Minner.

For 33 consecutive years the Aberdeen church operated a church school, which has produced a large group of leaders, teachers and ministers for the denomination, as well as some medical doctors.

Elder Conrad Hein ministered in Aberdeen during the early thirties when the church school needed more space. Under his direction a school room was added on the east side of the church on 6th Avenue. One of the ministers

aiding Hein was F. Stotz. In 1956, during the pastorate of Elder A. T. Bidwell, the church was moved to a larger site, at the corner of 12th Avenue East and South Dakota Street. During the last two years this building has undergone extensive remodeling in view of the needs of the church school, which was re-opened three years ago.

After Conrad Hein, the following pastors served the congregation: Sam Reile, Harry Davis, Roy Eckerman, John Herr, Don Cospey, A. T. Bidwell, Bernhardt, Robert Kurth, H. E. Preston, James C. Parmele, Everett Calkins, James Neergaard and George Whitsett.

The present pastor is Elder Weldon Treat. The church school teacher is Mrs. Luanne Day. Membership of the Aberdeen church stands at 109 as of January, 1979. With the Leola congregation they serve a large geographical area in the extreme Northeastern corner of South Dakota. The state's third largest city approaches 30,000 in



Map of the Aberdeen area.

population and is located at the crossroads of two important highways, US #281, which leads to Jamestown, North Dakota and US #12, an important trucking route which connects Minnesota with Montana. The city is an important center for agricultural industries, and is the home of Northern State College.

Article #14 of the history of South Dakota's churches was written by Mrs. Sarah Hohensee. The photographs were supplied by the Conference Department of Communication. J.G. Nikkels

## Plainview Academy Reunion 1980

Plainview Academy's 70th anniversary will be celebrated at the school's site in Redfield during June 1980, when the Pheasant Capitol of the World also plans to celebrate an anniversary: it's Centennial.

According to Alumni president, Cleo Anderson, plans are being made to restore the C. M. Babcock Memorial Chapel for use during the celebration. Also plans are under way to build a church in Redfield, which hopefully will be available for use by the alumni at that time.

Writing in the *SUNRISE NEWS*, Dr. Roy Bowes, '35, urges all alumni to start planning now to be present to help celebrate this 70th Anniversary event, and to help alumni reminisce about the lives of C. M. Babcock, the Oss brothers, Harvey Hartman, John Roth, Cord Scriven, Thelma Scriven Barger, Ted and Emil Oswald and others. According to G. Pierson, space will be available on the school grounds for R. V. vehicle parking.

The exact dates for the 1980 Alumni Reunion will be announced later at the 1979 reunion at Flag Mountain Camp at Hill City.





## New Members at Minneapolis First



**Mrs. Ione Horton**

For Mrs. Ione Horton, her baptism and desire to join with the Minneapolis First Seventh-day Adventist Church was evidence of her ever-growing relationship with Christ and her love for truth.

While a young child growing up in Iowa she recalls her grandmother having her read aloud the Bible each day. As a young woman she attended the Nazarene Church. After her marriage and the beginning of her family she stopped attending due to opposition from her husband.

Just a few years ago Ione moved to Minneapolis. With a longing in her heart for making things right between herself and her Heavenly Father, she began attending a local neighborhood church. She enjoyed worshipping in the church again, but felt there was still something missing.

One day Ione received a phone call from her daughter telling her of a wonderful church she had learned about. It was a Sabbath-keeping church who followed the Bible very closely. She asked if there was a church like her daughter described that was close to her. Yes, there was! She began attending the Minneapolis First Church, soon started studying with Pastor Jerry Coyle, and the wonderful truth began to unfold before her. The Bible instructor, Barbara Lokken, concluded the Bible studies and soon Mrs. Horton made her decision for baptism.

When asked what impressed her about the Adventist Church, she replied, "I felt so much at home. The people were so friendly. I felt myself

getting so much more out of the services." God has a wonderful way of leading His children into the ways of His truth. Sometimes it takes a lifetime of living before a decision is made, but the joy and rewards of following the pure and simple truth of God's Word is worth it all.

**Barbara Lokken**  
*Bible Instructor*



**J. C. Cohoes**

My name is J. C. Cohoes. I am 24 years old and a native of St. Paul and the suburbs. After being bored there for 17 years, I left home and have spent the last seven years searching for meaning to my life. In September of 1978 I volunteered to be a research subject for the U.S.D.A. Human Nutrition Laboratory in Grand Forks, North Dakota. During my confinement there (living situation was very controlled) I had the good fortune to be almost constantly exposed to two born-again Christians who were fellow volunteers. It was sometime in October when I prayed for the Holy Spirit and committed myself to Christ.

Now, how did I choose Seventh-day Adventists over any other denomination? One day all four volunteers were discussing which church to go to. We were pretty much required to do group

activity, the reason being that it would be easier to monitor our behavior if we weren't separated. While discussing our choices, one guy (not S.D.A. himself) mentioned the Seventh-day Adventists. He knew nothing about them except that many were vegetarian (as I was) and that they met on Saturday. We never did go to a Seventh-day Adventist Church, but when I left Grand Forks I made a promise to check into it as soon as I got settled.

So one December day I gave Pastor Jerry Coyle a phone call and talked over an hour. Then, on the first Sabbath of 1979 I came to Minneapolis First Seventh-day Adventist Church since it was the nearest to where I was staying. I almost walked out as soon as I came in because everybody looked so different from me—neat and formal. You can't tell by the accompanying picture, but I had long hair and a very casual (some would say scruffy) appearance. But Mrs. Fern Berlin insisted I stay and the next thing I knew her son Bruce had me upstairs in a young adult Sabbath School class. I had planned on saying nothing and leaving when it was over, but it was so good that I soon found myself speaking up. I was asked if I would lead the class discussion the next Sabbath and I said yes. From then on I've studied a lot with Pastor Coyle and Elder Steve McPherson, and have met every week for prayer and talk with a group of young people who really have kept my faith growing. If it weren't for the young people I probably would have dropped out of the church. On April 14 I was baptized.

For those of you to whom I say, "hello," but never have talked to after church, especially you middle-aged and older people, I hope this helps you get to know something about me. I know God has a plan for me and I pray daily for His guidance. Any prayers for me are greatly appreciated, and I urge your support for all the young adults in the church as we carry on the finishing of God's work.

**J.C. Cohoes**

## Duluth Pathfinders March



The Duluth Pathfinder club marched in the 4th of July parade across the bridge in Superior, Wisconsin.

They were smartly dressed in their

uniforms, scarves, white gloves and white helmets designed by Jean Miller, Pathfinder leader.

Carrie Schillinger created banners used to identify the group. These were placed on the sides of a white convertible lent to them by John Bachovchin.

The American and the Christian flags were carried by the club leaders. As the parade progressed the club was met with several rounds of applause. Those who participated and observed were justly proud of these fine young people and their leaders.

**Judy Bachovchin**  
*Communication Secretary*



## Conference History to be Written

In recent weeks the Minnesota Conference administration has come to the conclusion that a comprehensive study and record of the history of the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Minnesota would be not only interesting and illuminating, but very beneficial. We recall the words of Ellen White in which she stated "... We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord had led us, and His teaching in our past history." *Life Sketches*, p. 196 (also in *Testimonies*, volume 9, p. 10; *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 31). There is no question of the marvelous ways in which God has directed His work in this conference since its inception 118 years ago. As we recount His leading, we face the future with confidence and assurance of His divine guidance.

We have requested Dr. Adrian Lauritzen to take this project under his wing. He has kindly consented and will obviously need the help of our constituents, as well as former members residing in other areas throughout the country. This is an exciting project. We would be most grateful for your cooperation. Please note carefully Dr. Lauritzen's article.

R. S. Watts  
President

Do you have anything of remembrance or record that may assist us in studying the historical background of the Minnesota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists? Currently, we are conducting research concerning the growth and progress of Adventism in Minnesota from 1863 (when the conference was organized) to the present. In addition to this historical study we are also in the first stages of setting up an Adventist heritage center. In both endeavors, the gathering of material for the historical perspective, and the organization of a unique Minnesota Conference heritage facility, you can be of great help to us.

For example, perhaps you have in your possession handbills dating back to evangelistic "efforts" of yesteryear, as well as public evangelism up to the present; bulletins of Maplewood Academy during Maple Plain days; photographs of pioneers and early congregations and camp meetings; pictures of church buildings and schools; issues of the Northern Union *Reaper*, as well as the Northern Union *Outlook* after the Northern and Central Union Conference merger terminated; clippings from newspapers or magazines featuring the activities of Seventh-day Adventists in Minnesota;

general information about Minnesotans who have served as denominational workers or laymen in overseas missions or any denominational service anywhere; bulletins of the Hutchinson Theological Seminary—anything that has to do with Minnesota Adventists in the service of their church.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the expanding development of this project. Selective displays will be featured at camp meetings and other stated gatherings, and the collection will be formally housed for study and enjoyment at a selected location in the conference headquarters. To all of you who donate such resources to us, or to you who wish to submit memorabilia on loan, we give you our professional assurance that every item will be accurately catalogued and carefully filed.

If you have any materials of this nature in your possession and are disposed to share them in this way, inform us of this by writing to us, or calling us, or visiting with us at the conference office. You may contact us at Heritage Center, Minnesota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1100 Ford Road, Minnetonka, MN 55343. Our telephone number is (612) 545-8894.

Adrian Lauritzen

## Three Baptized at Dodge Center



Laura McNeilus



Beverly Cady



Amy Beaver

The Dodge Center Church has been growing over the past months, and happy we are for an increase in our church family. Some of our young people who have followed their Lord in baptism are Laura

McNeilus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garwin McNeilus; Beverly Cady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cady, and Amy Beaver, daughter of Mrs. Pat Beaver. What a glorious occasion it is to have our young people choose to take this important step and join the church family officially. Pictured are Laura, Bev and Amy being baptized in baptism by Pastor Clarence McKey, former Dodge Center Pastor, who is now serving the Anoka District.

## Vacation Bible School



The Bemidji Church held a Vacation Bible School from June 18 to 28.

There were 27 in attendance, 20 of whom were non-Adventists. Two of the activities the children enjoyed were the Nature Study Time and the children presenting their pets.



## HERITAGE SINGERS U.S.A.

### In Concert

Tornstrom Auditorium  
(Washington Jr. High on Oak Street)

Brainerd, Minnesota  
Wednesday, August 29  
7:30 p.m.





## He Chose His Father

"Reverence to God and Service to Man" was the aim of the 1979 eighth grade graduating class at Minot's Ella Seyfert Elementary School, which held its exercises May 24. Irvin Clever III, the sole graduate, might have chose other equally appropriate aims but none more meaningful to him, since he has spent his entire life as an Air Force dependent.

The class history, presented by Jeff Lozensky, revealed that Irvin was born while his father was stationed at Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene, Texas. Then there were 3½ years in Bermuda. His formal education was begun in Seeley, California where he attended first grade. A call to Viet Nam made it necessary for the family to return to Texas where his grandparents live. Irvin attended second grade in Abilene. Upon the return of his father from Viet Nam, the family moved to another base near Sacramento, California, where they stayed almost two years, and Irvin attended Orangevale SDA School.

Again it was moving time. This trip took the family of five north to Minot Air Force Base. In the spring of 1975 Irvin entered Minot SDA School and under the guidance of teacher Clarence Flemmer, completed his elementary education. It was during this time that



Irvin Clever III cleans out his desk but displays the one book he will take with him, his Bible.



Irvin shows his teacher, Clarence Flemmer, where he was born in Abilene, Texas.

Minot school adopted the name Ella Seyfert Elementary School. Since Irvin's grandparents could not be present, he invited Mrs. Seyfert to represent them at his graduation.

Choosing "Milestones" as the topic for his address, the speaker of the evening reminded the class that "Winners never quit and quitters never win." Then he admonished the class to remember that "adversity builds character."

Irvin III has developed not only character, but respect and honor for his parents as evidenced that upon being given sole choice of a speaker for his graduation service, he chose his father, Tech. Sgt. Irvin Clever Jr.

"As you set milestones in your life, remember your service to God and your service to your fellow man," cautioned Sgt. Clever. "There is nothing greater. And never forget that the most important milestone is past when we look back on our lives and see that the world is a better and richer place because, by God's help, we have lived in it to the best of our ability."

Phyllis Hehn  
Minot

## It Was Reward Enough

At a church business meeting in April Hurdsfield elder, Harlan Miller, suggested a plan whereby every eligible youth in their church could be sent to summer camp. The membership heartily approved, and in three weeks raised over \$700.00. As a result fourteen were sent to North Dakota's junior and teen camps, including five non-Seventh-day Adventists. In addition, Dianne Miller, Harlan's daughter, went as a counselor.

The Hurdsfield members feel that serving their children in this way is a tremendous soul-winning agency, and next year hope to again send all of their own, but twice as many non-Adventist children! They know the

Lord richly blessed in this project, and the happiness of the children was reward enough.

The faithful Tri-City School bus (Goodrich-Hurdsfield-McClusky) was roused from its summer slumber to transport the children. Dallas Baumbach (8th grade graduate Lori's father) and Harlan Miller took turns driving the 108 miles from Hurdsfield to Northern Lights Camp on beautiful Lake Metigoshe.

Bernice Weisz  
Lay Activities Secretary

## A Day to Remember

A gentle breeze rippled the surface of Brush Lake early Sabbath morning, June 23. The simple melody of birds floated on the cool air. Such was the natural accompaniment to the quiet thrill which filled the hearts of the congregation singing on the shore. It was the occasion of Randy and Sue Bergan's baptism. Their maroon robes were complemented by the graceful, green reeds as they made their way from where their pastor, Lowell Rideout, had lowered them into the water, to the welcome arms of family and friends.

The Bergans entered the final stage of the spiritual journey to this spot when twelve weeks earlier they had attended the Friendship Festival sponsored by the McClusky Seventh-day Adventist Church. At that time they had registered a desire to receive Bible studies.

Soon Pastor and Mrs. Rideout engaged them in studying God's word, building on the background that the Bergans had received from Randy's mother, Cora; from Melvin and Violet Werner, close Adventist friends of the couple; and from Dan and Bertha Hirschhorn (Randy's aunt) who had long sent them *Listen* and *Signs of the Times*. The combination of these and other influences prompted the Bergans to choose membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as their response to Christ's love.

Later that same morning, as part of the worship service held in the church, the Bergans dedicated their two young sons, Clint and Chad, to the Lord.

The family was formally welcomed in the McClusky Church by local elders, Merle Lehmann and Clarence Heitzmann. A potluck dinner in honor of the Bergan family was held afterward so that the joy of the day could be prolonged.

To cap off the celebration occasioned by the baptism the congregation held a singspiration in the afternoon.

Thus singing began and singing ended the Sabbath festivities associated with Randy and Sue's union with the church of Christ. It will be a day to long remember.

Lowell Rideout  
Pastor



# God Called a Journeyman



**Herman and Marilyn Ottschofski, Toni and Randi.**

In 1963 Herman Ottschofski immigrated from Germany to Canada. His English vocabulary extended to Yes and No. Behind, in his Fatherland, he left two brothers, Gerhart and Ullrich, and Franz and Stephany, his parents—all of them Seventh-day Adventists.

In 1979, Herman and his family were

called from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference to pastor the church in Fargo, North Dakota. And what of the intervening sixteen years in the life of this immigrant God called to His ministry?

1963-1966 - Kingsway College, Oshawa, Ontario. He met Marilyn Wallace here, and on August 28 of 1966 they were married. She graduated in '67 as a medical secretary.

1967-1969 - Atlantic Union College. Herman received his B.A. in Theology.

1969-1971 - Andrews University. He received a Master of Divinity degree.

1971-1973 - Pastor of church in Wooster, Massachusetts.

1973-1974 - Pastor in Providence, Rhode Island. Randi Christian was born here.

1974-1976 - Pastor in Middletown, Connecticut. Herman was ordained at the Southern New England Camp Meeting in June of 1976 following the birth of his second son, Toni Paul, in May.

1976-1979 - Pastor in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

In the years since Herman left Germany his father and mother have retired. Gerhart has become a teacher of adult education, and Ullrich is a missionary in Central Africa.

The week before Camp Meeting in North Dakota the pastors worked at endless tasks preparing the Dakota Adventist Academy building complex for the annual occasion. As the days passed, it became generally obvious that Herman was no mean "artist" with a hammer and a saw. There is a reason.

Herman was born in Eisenau, a small German settlement in Rumania. A few months later the family moved to Germany. In Munich he attended Public School and then trade school.

When Herman walked down the gangplank of "Seven Seas," the immigrant vessel, in Montreal harbor in 1963, he carried in his belongings the Certificate of a Journeyman in cabinet making and carpentry. This skill carried him through the days of his education until he received his Master of Divinity from Andrews.

## The Defeat of the "Substitute"



**Scott and Carol Baker, David and Scottie.**

In the fall-of-1969-Columbia Union College-freshman-theology-class there was a name among the enrollees—Scott Baker. Nine years later and 2,000 miles to the northwest the name of Scott Baker was not found with his father, Don's, among the ministerial force of North Dakota.

Somehow, in those nine years of struggling to live and to learn, in Scott abided a growing conviction that the Lord had *not* called him to the ministry.

Lyndon DeWitt had baptized Scott in the cold water that filled the canvas-lined hole in an evangelistic tent. Scott had taken his stand there in Sumter, South Carolina. He was seven and a half.

When he was twelve the "drawing" still persisted. The Ohio Camp Meeting speaker had said, "Who would like to give his life in service for the Lord?"

By 1969, in that CUC freshman

theology class, Scott had made his choice, but its fulfillment lay ahead sixteen years. So in his searchings for a "substitute" he settled upon a B.S. in elementary education from Dickinson State (N.D.). Partnership in a construction business with his brother, Jack, was for the living and the tuition. Scott had become the head of a family of four. In September of 1969 he and Carol (Foss) had been married, and now Scottie was 5 and David 4.

For three months Scott worked toward his goal, but Dickinson State was always a pay check away. That year, 1978, on August 1, Scott's father had a church added to his Dickinson district. "Can you help, son?" he asked. "I need a preacher for Beach."

Scott did more than preach. It was like a horse going home to his stall. He chaired board meetings, and he visited. The more church work he did, the more the construction business failed. Here follows the diary of the defeat of the "substitute":

1979 March 9 - to Minot with dad to hold pulpit exchange meetings for Ray Kelch. Ray and dad are giving up per diem to pay me so I can leave construction. Have sung with dad, operated overhead projection, and visited.

March 22 - night off. Went to Dickinson—business folded. It's a relief.

March 26 - Worker's meeting at

Dakota Adventist Academy. Elder Cumbo said, "Can I give your name to the Committee as pastor for Valley City and Lisbon?" The Committee will meet April 17.

April 14 - arrived in Hot Springs, South Dakota to hold three-week series for Clarence Hoag. Will be speaking on the three Friday nights called youth nights.

April 17 - Elder Cumbo called Carol in Dickinson. Carol called my mother (Peggy). Both of them called me!

April 23 - returned to Dickinson. Carol, her father (Kermit Foss) and I to Valley City househunting. Half the city was flooded.

April 24 - farewell for our family.

April 25 - Carol took Scottie and David to Washington (State) for a month with Grandpa and Grandma Foss. I'm back in Hot Springs to finish series.

May 15 - moved in a U-Haul. Dad and mom helped. She is staying a week to cook and unpack.

May 19 - I preached in my church. The Lord *has* called me, and my cup is full.

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NOTE: Everett Cumbo, North Dakota President, and Don Baker were classmates at the S.D.A. Theological Seminary in Washington D.C., 1950-1951.





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## Past is Motive for Concern for Others

When one visits the Bedford Good Neighbor Community Center they will be greeted by a little Rumanian lady named Letitia Zippen.

Letitia has had a colorful life history which can be matched by few persons and because of her past experiences her life is dedicated to helping others.

Having been born in Rumania, Letitia's home was under both Nazism and Communism. During the war her city was bombed by Hitler's air power and later by the United States Air Force. At one time every house in her block was leveled by bombs except for her house. On another occasion the bombings destroyed every building for blocks except for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She states that after that time the people always fled to the church building for protection during the bombings and it was never hit.

Following the war the Communists took over her country. Her husband, John Zippen, was of German descent which resulted in the police picking up her husband at 2:00 a.m. one morning in 1945 and shipping him to Russia with hundreds of others in cattle cars.

Letitia suffered extreme hardships, and knows what it means to be without food, clothing, heat and the necessities of life. Many times it appeared that she would not survive, but she had a strong faith in God and she feels it is a miracle that she is alive.

"The reason I love helping anyone in need is because I know what it means to have nothing," relates Letitia.

Mrs. Zippen's husband became sick after working in the Russian mines a few years, and he was sent to Germany. Being fearful to go back to Rumania he came to the United States as a displaced person and knowing no English. After a period of time Doctor and Mrs. Gordon Wallace became acquainted with him and after many years of trying to get Letitia out of Rumania, she was finally granted an exit permit.

After a separation of 13 years, Letitia and her husband, John, were united in Colorado in 1958.

After living together for about eight years, he died from cancer.

Letitia moved to the Bedford area with the Wallaces when they moved to Iowa from Boulder, Colorado, in 1970.

"The United States is the most wonderful country in the world," declares Letitia. "The first time I entered a super market and my husband said that I could buy anything I wanted, I just couldn't believe it. It seemed like a dream. Daily I thank God for the privilege of being here," she added.

Letitia is a member of the Bedford Seventh-day Adventist Church. She joined the Bucharest



Adventist Church in 1942, and says there are many church members in Rumania despite the hardships they have to endure.

In the recent tornado her mobile home was completely destroyed as well as most of her belongings. Fortunately she was away visiting at the time, and she feels it was providential that her life was not taken.

Should you like to meet this meek and humble lady, stop in at the Good Neighbor Center on Mondays and she will greet you with that winning smile.

## A.B.C.'s Made Plain

A series of meetings was held June 22 to July 21 at the Davenport Church, and portions of the scripture were unfolded by LeRoy Albers. Several souls

- A - Admitted they were sinners
- B - Believed on Christ
- C - Confessed their faith

Davenport members believe sharing your faith with others is the spontaneous outflow of a heart that truly believes.

We praise God for LeRoy Albers, and we learned much from his clear Bible teaching on how to

- A - Aim for souls
- B - Broadcast the truth
- C - Carry your cross

F. Gallagher, *Communication Secretary*





# Strife in Nicaragua

*As told to Halle Crowson  
by Ramon Chow*



**Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Chow**

"The Nicaragua Adventist Hospital is in the hands of the guerillas, and if we were in Nicaragua at this time, we would be like in prison." These words were related by Brother Ramon Chow on the occasion of his visit to Minneapolis with relatives recently. Ramon had been serving for two and a half years as the Business Administrator of the Nicaragua Adventist Hospital at La Trinidad, Nicaragua, near the capitol, Managua. He received his degree in accounting at our school in Columbia, South America. He received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Columbia Union College, and his Master's, with emphasis in school administration, from Andrews University. Ramon and his wife were forced to leave Nicaragua just before the hospital fell into the hands of the guerillas.

At the time of this interview, Ramon mentioned that our hospital is still operating even though it is in the hands of the guerillas. The staff has decreased from seven doctors down to only one at the present time, and it seems that he is not sure of the other personnel at the hospital.

Ramon was very excited as he described the work of the church at the time of the political crisis in Nicaragua. "It was amazing to see our church members on Sabbath. We had more people going out to the village doing missionary work during the crisis than at any other time. We had more people coming from the village to

church. People that we had never seen before. During the crisis the political leader of the village became a regular church attendant, and just two weeks before my wife and I left Nicaragua, two of his daughters were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church," relates Ramon.

Brother Chow remembers one Sabbath morning when the church service was in progress, one of the deacons came and mentioned to him that four people were outside to see the administrator of the hospital. When Brother Chow went outside the church, he found two nurses and two physicians. They introduced themselves as representatives of the National League of Doctors and Nurses in Managua, the capitol city. They were requesting that the Adventist Hospital join all the other hospitals and schools of nursing in the country in a strike against the government at this time. Brother Chow tried to explain the philosophy of the Seventh-day Adventist medical work, and that our motives were different than possibly some of the other institutions. The visitors were not happy about this report, and as they left, they mentioned that the hospital people should reconsider, and that they would expect a reply shortly.

The following day, another visitor showed up in the hospital this time the coordinator of the opposition forces in the village of La Trinidad. Brother Chow, the chaplain, and the head physician listened to her requests. She explained that the following week, the city and the hospital would be taken by the guerillas, and that the hospital would be expected to do exactly as she told them to do. "At that time," continued Brother Chow, "one of her requests was that one of our doctors and two of the nurses should go over to the village and serve in a first aid clinic to take care of the wounded that would be brought in." Brother Chow explained that this would not be possible and that the staff must remain at the hospital to take care of people brought in, and that our policy was to serve and treat the sick regardless of who they might be.

It might be of interest to note that this lady, the leader of the opposition had been attending our church meetings just the Sabbath before the

chaplain had tried to visit her at her home, and was told that she was not at home. Now, she wanted to apologize for not coming to the door when he came to see her. At this point, the conversation turned to religion. After giving a little appeal, the chaplain invited the group to kneel and pray. To everyone's surprise, she accepted and when they finished the prayer, the lady was crying. She didn't have anything else to say, but left immediately. "We never saw the lady anymore," said Brother Chow.

"As the days went by, tension was very high. The buses and trucks were all on strike. People were afraid to drive their cars on the highway because of the fear of being shot or burned, so the patients were not able to get to the hospital from the city. So for the next few days, the out-patients were very few at the clinic. All of the in-patients wanted to go home because of the terrible rumors that were going around. But it was impossible for them to go. They could hear gunfire in the city. We could smell the smoke of burning vehicles. I had one of the doctors come into the office, and he said, 'What next? What are we going to do? Are they going to get us?'" Brother Chow's reply to the doctor was, "Well, we've been praying and so far, God has been very good to us. Let's continue praying." About this time two nurses came in from the city and said, "We just came from the village and they told us very plainly that they are coming to take over the hospital because we would not cooperate with the opposition forces." Again the chaplain and the head doctor and Brother Chow got together to discuss the matter. Everyone was very nervous and wanted to know what to do. The geographical location of the hospital made an escape into the country almost impossible. The highway was blocked on both sides of the hospital, and mountains on the other two sides. The only way out would be by helicopter. All of a sudden, everyone heard a very loud roar. The people looked up, and sure enough, it was a very large helicopter. Was this helicopter coming to rescue the people at the hospital? Or did it belong to the opposition forces?

*[To be continued in next issue.]*



# Why A World Missions Offering

September 8, 1979

The words of Jesus, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come," (Matthew 24:14) speak afresh to each Seventh-day Adventist that the task is unfinished. Each of us stands, facing eternity, with the challenge and responsibility of helping others to know that God loves them, that in Jesus there is hope for the sinner and that Christ is coming soon to put an end to all the misery, strife, war, bloodshed and sin problems.

Tremendous is our responsibility to each person that has not heard the three-angels' messages! We may not be able to go in person farther than our neighbor but through our giving of a portion of that God has shared with us we can go vicariously and help others to know Jesus.

"He supplies men with resources, that by their gifts and

offerings they may keep His work advancing. The one purpose above all others for which God's gifts should be used is the sustaining of workers in the great harvest field." *Testimonies*, volume 6, pages 448, 449. Of what value is our money if it does not fulfill God's purpose in saving souls, in finishing the task so as to hasten the coming of Jesus? "This is to be invested in supporting the missionary work which must be done to fulfill the commission given to them by the Son of God just before He left His disciples." *Evangelism*, pages 249, 250. We have the opportunity of recognizing our dependence and accountability by giving a special offering to world missions on September 8, 1979.

Our mission program is becoming increasingly difficult because of government controls, travel restrictions between countries, uncertain peace con-

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## Obituaries

**HARMS**-Clarence Pearl, was born January 5, 1906 in Reads Landing, Minnesota and passed away July 1, 1979 in Minneapolis. Married in 1927 to Harriet Gillespie, the couple had two children. A fifteen year member of the Minneapolis Northbrook Church, he enjoyed helping to maintain and beautify the facilities. Surviving are his wife; son, Clarence Harms, Jr.; Daughter: Beverly Crofoot and four grandchildren.

Robert McPherson

**JACOBSEN**-Wanda May (McClure), was born September 9, 1905 in Hill City, South Dakota, and passed to her rest on May 6, 1979 at Spearfish, South Dakota. She is survived by her husband, Hans Jacobsen; three sisters and three brothers. Mrs. Jacobsen was a member of the Spearfish Seventh-day Adventist Church. Interment was in the Pineslope Cemetery at Belle Fourche. Services were conducted by Pastor Will Kowarsch.

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Dubuque, Ia	7:39	7:27
Sioux City, IA	8:02	7:50
Duluth, MN	7:51	7:37
International Falls, MN	7:58	7:44
Minneapolis, MN	7:53	7:40
Rochester, MN	7:48	7:36
St. Cloud, MN	7:57	7:44
Bismarck, ND	8:25	8:11
Devils Lake, ND	8:19	8:05
Fargo, ND	8:09	7:56
Williston, ND	8:38	8:24
Huron, SD	8:12	7:59
Pierre, SD	8:20	8:07
Rapid City, SD	7:30	7:18
Sioux Falls, SD	8:05	7:52
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## Territorial Assignment Leads to Bible Studies

Several months ago Conference Lay Activities Director J. G. Nikkels joined Elder Jerry Moon, Mobridge-Bowdle district pastor, and Miss Alma Binder of Bowdle in a Witnessing Orientation program. Together they spent three days studying the Witnessing Manual and visiting former Adventist and interests in Mobridge. One day was spent in going from door-to-door in Hosmer, Alma Binder's assigned territory.

Afterwards the pastor continued his training classes and Alma recruited Mrs. Dena Holweger as a teammate to participate in the prescribed three-month training program. As they visited the homes of Hosmer, a small community of 450 inhabitants, with the Community Religious Survey, they discovered several interests like the elderly couple of which the husband had attended the Adventist church as a boy in Canada until he left home. They found another family that has a married daughter who became an Adventist a few years ago. Some of these interests developed into Bible studies. Pastor Moon describes how one of these "cold-turkey" calls turned into a series of studies.

*"One study began in an unusual way. Dena Holweger and I were interviewing a lady using the Community Religious Survey. She had invited us in and we were seated around the kitchen table, but our hostess seemed ill at ease when we introduced ourselves as Seventh-day Adventists. I began the questions of the survey, but instead of relaxing, she seemed to be growing less at ease the further we progressed with the questions. However, when I moved around the table so that she could read the survey sheet for herself and see exactly what I was writing as she answered the questions, she began to relax and seemed to enjoy the survey. When we came to the questions "Do you regularly read or study the Bible?" and "Do you feel you understand the Bible as you would like to?" she stated candidly that she did not understand the Bible, but she felt she could if she had someone to explain it to her. I felt impressed to stop right there. I told her about the ENCOUNTER filmstrips which explain the Bible and asked her if she would like to see one. She answered "yes" with such an eagerness, that, while Mrs. Holweger completed the survey, I went to the car for the projector. The lady enjoyed the first film very much and invited us back. Now, after four studies, she has started to work on the study guides. We believe she is a sincere seeker for truth."*

Pastor Moon and his team continue the follow-up of all those who were surveyed with a mimeographed summary of the survey results, thus hoping to find additional interests for Bible studies.

The summary prepared after the survey was completed revealed that 100 percent of the people in this village believe there is a God. Yet, 29 percent of the people felt that they did not sufficiently understand the Bible, though 88 percent go to church each week. What a challenge for Seventh-day Adventists to reach out for Christ through the ENCOUNTER WITNESSING PROGRAM.

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