

Featuring *SDA Education in Canada*

"Nothing Is of Greater Importance . . ."

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Spirit of Prophecy statements keep coming to my mind, causing a major concern which is not of easy solution. Please consider thoughtfully with me the subject of my care—*CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*. Here is one of the statements that keeps presenting itself to me: "*NOTHING IS OF GREATER IMPORTANCE THAN THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.*" — C.T. 165.

Inspiration Speaking . . .

What does the above quotation mean? Is it relevant today, in Canada? Yes, it means exactly what it says. Inspiration is speaking. Nothing is more important "than the education of our children and young people." Absolutely *NOTHING!* There is much that seems so important — so much to attract our attention and demand our time. For example, what dominates our conversation? How arduously do we work long hours to secure food and things (clothes, house, car)! The statement from the pen of inspiration is true in Canada today, and says: "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people". We do well to consider it seriously and apply ourselves eagerly to the task.

The counsel continues, "The church should arouse and manifest a deep interest in this work; for now as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death."

It is *our youth* that are so important! You have noticed that children and young people are mentioned. This includes all youth of our church — every one of them, from the cradle roll age right up through college. All are entitled to and should receive a Christian education. God loves each one and has made provision for their salvation. You and I are responsible, for we read further: "God has appointed the church as a watchman, to have a jealous care over the youth and children." "No amount of labour in this line (working for the masses around us and the work in foreign fields) can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth."

All the Treasures of Wisdom . . .

The chief function of education is to know Jesus Christ, for in Him "are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Col. 2:3). In our Seventh-day Adventist Christian schools the student has the opportunity of becoming acquainted with Jesus. Many have had this blessed experience. There have been some sad failures, too. In looking at popular education, one sees impressive institutions where the student can learn about so-called science, philosophy and history, but it all leads away from God and His holy Word. In today's crisis world, we dare not be neutral about Jesus. Our system of Christian education is vitally essential.

Seventh-day Adventist Christian education teaches and believes in the future. It has a hope — a blessed hope — and heaven is its goal. We must see these children and youth in heaven — that is our responsibility. "As a church, as individuals, if we would stand clear in the judgment, we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young people." — C.T. 43.

A Major Challenge!

Christian education is a major doctrine in the church, however it has not been developed in our Union to its full potential. Nor are there as many Canadian students in our Canadian schools as there should be. This is a major challenge to God's Church. It is also our opportunity. Much prayer and study have been devoted to this important subject. We need to develop a strong educational program, this will demand further prayer, study, money and co-operation. It will be impossible to please and accommodate everybody. In working together, we can glorify God.

Senior College Needed

A senior college needs to be developed in Canada. A college with an enrollment of under 500 students usually has serious financial problems. There are many more than 500 eligible, college-aged youth in our Union. In fact there are about that many away from the Union studying now. A college costs

money. There are 2,340 institutions of higher learning (mostly secular) in serious financial trouble. Naturally the question arises, "Can we as a Church afford a Christian college?" Can we afford not to have one? A certain number of our Canadian students will have to study in our fine institutions in the United States, but restrictions are making it increasingly difficult for many. Then, too, some become established where they study and find it almost impossible to return to our Union.

Not all students want, nor require the same kind of an education, nor the same degree. Consequently, we need schools where practical vocational arts, practical trades are taught, so the youth will be prepared for exemplary Christian living in many communities engaged in the regular pursuits of life —

agriculture, manufacturing, business, cooking and household duties

Needs of a College

The college needs academies (both day and boarding) scattered throughout the Union where students may receive a preparation for their college studies. Then, too, there must be a much broader base of elementary (church) schools. Glorious opportunities surround us. What a challenge! How important is all this to you?

"There is no work more important than the education of our youth." — C.T. 46. Then let us arise to comply with our task so we can **FINISH THE WORK**.

Aims and Objectives of Christian Education



By
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In addressing the Ontario Legislature, Education Minister Thomas Wells discussed the aims and objectives of the school system of Ontario. The philosophy was an idealistic one to "prepare young people for life" by reaching their maximum potential as individuals who can "think clearly, feel deeply, and act wisely." He emphasized the importance of the three R's and the development of social skills, adaptability, and the acquiring of right attitudes and "moral standards that will give them direction throughout their lifetimes".

Mr. Wells acknowledged the challenge it presented in a "society whose culture and values are subject to a daily, bewildering bombardment of ideas, images, impressions . . . a society in which nothing is accepted without question." *To meet the challenge, Ontario educators conclude that their best contribution is to "lay a firm foundation of facts and skills . . . sharpen intellectual curiosity and stimulate a thirst for continuous learning."*

This is good as far as it goes, but parents, employers and educators are becoming increasingly aware that **SOMETHING IS LACKING**. Large private schools operated at great personal expense by evangelical Christians are being operated across Canada and more are opening every year. The People's Church, one of the largest most popular protestant churches in Toronto operates its own elementary and secondary school.

Aroused citizens in Halton County, near Toronto, held forums and conducted a country-wide opinion survey which revealed a

high degree of concern with respect to their educational system. Here are some of their concerns:

1. The dominant secularism in our society which is reflected in our public school system.
2. The recommended or required reading of erotic novels which debased human sexuality and degraded human dignity.
3. The emphasis on competition rather than co-operation.
4. The growing anti-authoritarian permissiveness.
5. The atheistic presentation of Evolution as the origin of man and our world.
6. The failure to encourage "bright-normal" students to develop trade skills as options to academic pursuits which lead to professional careers.

From 58% to 82% of those who responded indicated their concern and 54% indicated that they would like to send their children to a school committed to Judaeo-Christian values.

The Ontario Education Act of 1973 states that: "It is the duty of the teacher (c) to inculcate by precept and example respect for religion and principles of Judaeo-Christian morality and the highest regard for truth, justice, loyalty, love of country, humanity, benevolence, sobriety, industry, frugality, purity, temperance, and all other virtues".

Of those who responded to the Halton survey, 53% felt that teachers generally did not fulfill this duty. The Halton Committee appealed to their board of education to "cultivate a re-



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spect in the public educational system for the moral, aesthetic, and religious convictions of those who are committed to the spiritual values and moral absolutes of the Judaeo-Christian world-view . . ." and to present the Biblical view of God's creative acts.

How thankful we can be, as Canadian Seventh-day Adventists, for our own schools, for our Christ-centered textbooks, and for our 233 dedicated teachers who strive to —

1. Impart a knowledge of God as the Creator and Source of all life.
2. Help their students develop an appreciation of Jesus as their Saviour and to acquire right attitudes toward God.
3. To create opportunities for the development of Christian character.

Adventist schools promote academic excellence, the cultivation of health habits in harmony with our health message and we encourage a demonstration of such virtues as kindness, unselfishness, patience, long-suffering and charity to friends, enemies and strangers alike.

We believe that "true success in education, as in everything else is found in keeping the future life in view". — C.T., p. 21.

"Character is the only treasure that we can take from this world to the next". — C.O.L., p. 332.

To restore in man the image of his Creator is the great object of education. Only Christian parents and teachers can do this.

"Where are your children? Are you educating them to discern and escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust? Are you seeking to save their souls, or are you by your neglect aiding in their destruction?" — *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 195.

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I Believe in Children

I believe in children — little ones, big ones, chubby and thin ones. There is faith in their eyes, love in their touch, hope in their attitude. I thrill with them at life's joys, run with them through tall grasses, bow with them in worship, and hold them close in tragedy. I believe in children — the fragile dream of yesterday, life's radiant reality today,

and the vibrant stuff of tomorrow. Yes, I believe in children for wherever I go, to mountain village, industrial center, or open country, I find yesterday's children who were nurtured in the things of Christ at work in the building of the Kingdom of God.

Education Reports from the Conferences

...Newfoundland...

NOTE — Due to the Mail Strike, etc. no report has come from Newfoundland. However, we'll list the schools in operation there.

Bay Roberts School (Lyndale Academy)
Horace Alexander, *Principal*

Lethbridge School (Bay View Academy)
Robert Prouty, *Principal*

Botwood School
James Jeffery, *Principal*

Corner Brook School
Edward Reimche, *Principal*

St. John's Academy
Alex Garland, *Principal*

...Nova Scotia...

The Nova Scotia Educational Explosion

By PASTOR RON MYERS

Halifax will always remember that early December morning in 1917, when most of the city disappeared. Two ships,

the *Imo* and the *Mont Blanc*, collided in the harbour. In one mighty blast, our first church school, opened in 1902, lay in

ruins. It was not until 1928 that the believers in Halifax were able again to offer Christian Education. At this time an ante-

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Nova Scotia — Continued

room was used by ten pupils and one teacher. Improvements came with a move to the basement. Other churches in the area sent their young people and more renovations were necessary until even the kitchen became a classroom.

No story on Adventist education has ever been written without determined dedication on the part of the few. Nova Scotia is no exception. The heart that beat in sympathy for our youth, in dedication and generosity for the cause of education was found in the persons of Melvin and Thelma Boutilier. Having put their hands to the plow they did not look back but made it their business to see that every child of the church had the opportunity of attending church school.

With 45 students under the direction of three teachers it became apparent that another explosion was taking place. The school board, under the direction of Melvin began to envision a modern five-classroom plant with rooms for library, science, art, home economics, industrial arts and a gymnasium-auditorium-kitchen complex. Along with his many duties, he undertook to chair the building committee with a proposed \$175,000.00 project to be completed in 1974. Sister Verena Longard and her finance committee undertook to supply the money. Every wheel from the Union office to the Moncton office to the five local churches (Halifax, Dartmouth, Tantallon, Fox Point, and distant Bridgewater) began to turn. A portion of the land, bought by the conference, on the shore of Sandy Lake was chosen for the site. By the fall of '72 the song of Humphrey Longard's bulldozer could be heard working among the trees excavating foundations. Brother Vern Langill was engaged as contractor and by 1973 the vision began to materialize. The believers prayed, organized work bees, gave money and raised money. The Union Conference and the Local Conference did their best. Principal John Waters, primary teacher Mrs. Carolyn Halyrevich, art instructor Miss Gaylene Roper and language-science teacher MacAllister went beyond the call of duty, to assist with the project.

School opened with 90 students just ten days behind schedule. Distance was overcome by having a four-day week with a longer school day. Students found places to board near the school.

All the problems are not solved at the newly named Sandy Lake Seventh-day Adventist Academy nor is all the needed equipment available. More money must be found, more teachers engaged, more rooms finished but the struggle to advance Christian Education on the East coast of Canada is on. The price is high but it means the future of the church.



Three views of Nova Scotia's Sandy Lake School — 8 spacious classrooms incorporating an open area concept and a large auditorium-gymnasium on a beautiful 75-acre peninsula on Sandy Lake, eight miles from Halifax and Dartmouth.

...New Brunswick...

Schaber Memorial Junior Academy in New Brunswick gets its name from its first dedicated teacher, Mr. Ivan Schaber and his wife, Ruth. The Schabers came from Oshawa to Barnesville in 1956, to establish a school which was to be supported by a church membership of approximately 56. The basement of the small church was modified and "fitted" to house the one-room school. After Christmas that year, the basement was ready for use, and Brother Schaber worked with incessant dedication for the next three years, giving of his time and talents to lay a good foundation for Christian education. It was sad when, because of his failing health, he had to relinquish his noble work and be laid to rest on August 7, 1960, in the little church cemetery just behind the school. But the foundation was well laid and the church and school continued to prosper.

A new church was built and the school continued to use the old church building, but it was small and inadequate. In January, 1974, leaders began planning for a new building. A \$150,000 project for a small country church seemed like an impossi-

bility, but Roscoe Kierstead, one of the elders, combined love, faith, and works as he handed them a cheque for \$2,000. Inspired by this example, the members of the committee, led by Ronald O'Dell, made personal commitments totalling \$9,000, and an every-member canvass was organized. Fund-raising efforts included pulp-cutting bees, led by Edward Smith, quilting bees sponsored by Joy Blakney, a walk-a-thon organized by Gordon Houston and sales of various materials.

By the month of May, plans had been approved and using four donated bulldozers, the members began clearing a six-acre plateau opposite the present church and school. Directed by Vern Langill, the conference builder, and using a large amount of donated labour, the church built the large and attractive school and auditorium.

In the words of their pastor, Terrence Davin, "With God, all things are possible, has been demonstrated when the hand of faith reached out and grasped the invisible yet omnipotent hand of One who never fails, the One whose biddings are enablings."



Schaber Memorial building with work in process — four classrooms, principal's office, home economics/kitchen complex and auditorium.



January 6, 1975 — The Moncton school moved from the church basement to this attractive modern building.

Adventures in Faith Offering

SDA Education in Canada Will Be One of the Projects to Benefit from This Offering

By P. W. MANUEL, *Director of Education, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada*

Have you ever watched huge earth-moving machinery pick up tons of rock and earth in one big bite and move it on huge rubber tired wheels to some other spot?

R. G. LeTourneau, the inventive genius behind these monsters, was not only a mechanical wizard, he was also a man of faith. Early in his career he took God into partnership in his business. At an early age, Mr. LeTourneau began paying tithe. Over the protests of his accountants and financial advisers he kept giving God larger and larger portions of the profits until eventually he was keeping only 10% for his own personal needs. He founded a Christian college in Texas, undertook vast missionary projects in Liberia and Peru. His autobiography, *MOVER OF MEN AND MOUNTAINS*, is a thrilling story of his adventure in faith.

On a recent Sunday, I visited LeTour-

neau College and saw first-hand the dedication of students and faculty. There is no church on the campus, but faculty and students worship in nearby churches. I visited one and except for one thing, it would have been difficult to distinguish it from any friendly Adventist worship service. The difference — an appeal for a special offering to buy the pastor a new car. How thankful I was for our divinely inspired system of church organization and finance. Our system of tithing and combined church budgets supports a mission program that circles the globe.

But are we giving merely to support an organization? Like LeTourneau, we must adventure in faith and we must meet the challenge given to us by our Saviour to tell the story of Jesus and His love to all the world. Forty-five million of earth's inhabitants go down to Christless graves for every year His coming is delayed. Think

of these lost millions. Are we doing our part to hasten His coming?

Millions in Canada have never heard of Seventh-day Adventists. Ontario alone has more than one hundred cities and towns still unentered by the Third Angel's Message. Millions in French-speaking Quebec must hear the good news. Every Province of Canada has similar needs. What a challenge to our faith.

To help meet this challenge your church is planning the biggest adventure of its history. In scores of places untouched as yet by the light of salvation the Church plans to move forward with an unprecedented heralding of the message. To finance this, they are counting on your gifts of love.

As we think of the matchless love of Christ surely we can say with Isaac Watts, "were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small, love

so amazing so divine demands my soul, my life, my all."

"Let willing obedience and pure love bind upon the altar every offering that is made to God; for with such sacrifices He is well pleased, while those that are offered grudgingly are an offense to Him". — Vol. 5, pp. 269, 270.

The new Calgary Junior Academy and the Fraser Valley Academy will both benefit from this Adventure in Faith Offering. They are counting on you.

Let us show our faith and love by accepting as our giving guide an amount equal to one week's income. Remember,

"The more we bring to God's treasure house the more we shall have to bring; for He will open doors before us, increasing our substance." — *Our High Calling*, p. 197.

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give".

...Ontario...

Christian Education on the March in Ontario

Reported by NEVILLE GEORGE, *Director of Education, Ontario Conference*

The educational report of the Ontario Conference is one of exciting successes and growth. This has been possible through the leadership of the Ontario Conference Committee.

First, they voted for Andrews University to hold a special in-service training program during the 1973-74 school year for teachers taking degrees and certification. Doctor Liskey and Doctor Bartlett came from Andrews University campus holding many afternoon and evening sessions for the teachers needing these special educational courses. These courses were followed by practice-teaching supervision with these same men. Over 100 hours of college credit was accrued by the teachers taking these courses. Almost all of these teachers have finished their certification program at this time. This was a big help to them and to the conference educational program.

Of course, a number of teachers attended summer school during 1974 with the Conference paying their tuition and fees. This added to these teachers' abilities. One teacher said of his summer school experience, "I'm sure glad I took *Methods in Social Studies*. From that class I got a big, fat notebook full of materials to share with the classes."

In March, 1974, the Conference Committee voted that they would be responsible for hiring only certificated teachers from there on. Consequently, due to their efforts in these several areas the number of certificated degreed teachers in the Ontario

Conference changed from eight in November, 1973, to twenty-four in May of 1975. This leaves only eight teachers yet to get their degrees and subsequently, their certificates.

The Ontario Conference educational program is reaping heaven's blessings due to these efforts to give Christian Education its proper place. The system was necessarily enlarged with six added teachers for the 1974-75 school year and there was a total increase of 65 students at the beginning of the school year. This figure is growing during this school year according to reports from the schools.

St. Catharines opened a new school in September, 1974 and God has blessed their efforts to operate this school.

The Toronto Churches of Scarborough, Toronto East, Toronto West, and Perth are studying and making plans for a second large Christian Education complex in this great city. The Conference is looking forward to giving its assistance to this program as it develops.

Toronto Junior Academy is finding it necessary to study enlargement plans and programs. Windsor has bought a lovely school plant, built a few years ago by the Government, and is enlarging its program. College Park has filled its new plant and may be facing an enlargement program.

Christian Education is on the march in Ontario. Let's thank God and pray for even greater things!



Toronto Junior Academy, dedicated in 1972, has 12 teachers and an enrollment of 262. Toronto has 16 churches with a membership of 3650 and a potential Adventist student enrollment of 850. Conference leaders and pastors met with the constituency February 22, to plan for a million dollar school expansion. It is one of Canada's greatest educational needs.



College Park elementary school with a large enrollment which will soon make it necessary to enlarge the building.



Skip Baker used to sing in the Choir

He used to be the MV leader of the church too. But it didn't give him any answers. So he left.

Are there a few Skip Bakers in your church who are missing? Is there someone to notice that the place where they sat is empty, someone to do something about it?

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Outstanding Educational Facilities

By LLOYD ERICKSON, *Director of Education, Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference*

The constituents of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference have been greatly blessed by possessing outstanding educational facilities. As a whole, the school buildings are second to none in Canada. It is the desire of each teacher and school board member to use these exceptional facilities to the glory of God.

Yorkton Junior Academy has been rebuilt following its destruction by storm in September of 1973. This school, built in 1968 now has carpeted classrooms and a beautifully tiled auditorium. Since its founding the number of students has climbed from 6 to 31.

The Saskatoon Junior Academy auditorium was recently remodelled with beautiful red drapes. Plans are also in operation for a fenced-in playground with new equipment.

The patrons of Curtis-Horne School in Regina are currently giving study to adding an auditorium gymnasium to their school. Teachers and students will welcome this addition which will be a real asset to the program of the school and churches.

Red River Valley Junior Academy in Winnipeg has enjoyed tremendous growth this school year. Currently 61 students are attending classes. The School Board is presently starting plans to expand the facilities and staff. Within the near future they hope to build additional classrooms, learning center and gymnasium change rooms.

In spite of the progress being made the challenges are many. The greatest need is for every church member truly to believe and practice the Doctrines of Christian Education. Each boy and girl in Manitoba-Saskatchewan should be obtaining the heaven-ordained form of education. This means (1) That where schools are presently in operation every youth in the church should be in attendance and (2) wherever there are five or six students a school should be started.

In faith let's accept God's counsel — for the sake of your boy or girl.



Yorkton (top) and Saskatoon Junior (bottom) Academies — Typical of the excellent school plants in Manitoba-Saskatchewan.

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not. This is the first lesson to be learned.

— Thomas Henry Huxley



Seventh-day Adventist Education in Alberta

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Children are God's greatest blessing to the home. What are they really worth to parents, to society, to the church, and to God? Parents will die for them. The Son of God died for them also. Christ says "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Matt. 18:3-6.

This is plain and straightforward language. It places a rather high value, indeed, infinite value, on the child of today who will be the adult of tomorrow; the son and daughter who will be tomorrow's parent; the student who will in turn be the leader in a few short years.

Not only does the Scripture emphasize the worth of children, the heritage of the church, it emphasizes the responsibility of parents and churches in training them in the way they should go. This, the greatest of treasures, must receive our most attentive and careful stewardship of which parents and churches must give an account before the King of the universe. It is my opinion that offence is given to "one of these little ones" when one deliberately refuses to take advantage of all the God-ordained agencies and programs designed to teach His commandments, statutes and judgments.

Today, society as we know it in Canada has been largely shaped and influenced by popular educational systems devoted to technology and materialism. Here flourishes "adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like." This is Scripture quoted from Gal. 5: 19-21. For more complete and up-to-date information, consult your local newspaper.

We live in and are part of a land of wealth without values, a country of ease without virtue, a day of opportunity without purpose all because God has been left out of general educational thinking. The immoral situation of society today is so degraded that it leads one to despair and a full revelation of the width of the gulf between where man is and where he ought to be only serves to drive man further into despondency. With no love shown today and no hope in view for tomorrow, within a one-year period, 1,200 youth under 18 years of age committed suicide in Los Angeles alone.

Thank God that Seventh-day Adventists have something better to offer — church schools, founded upon the firm and everlasting principles of the Word of God.

Thank God that we have in Canada today members, teachers, and churches that support the doctrine of Christian Education.

Believing that there is a God to worship and a faith to exercise, Alberta members had opened three church schools by the time the conference was organized in 1906. The school which was opened in Leduc in 1907 with an initial enrollment of nine has grown, transferred location, and evolved into Canadian Union College.

Within two years of arriving in the Rosebud area in 1908, German-speaking SDA immigrants from North Dakota started a church school. This was accomplished in spite of privations such as spending the first winter in tents and subsisting on frozen potatoes and beef. Some of the first teachers of the church school were C. C. Neufeld, Teddy Roth, A. C. Harder and his

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PEORIA — Peace River students with former teacher Norman McLeod.



The entire school formed a band under David Bell at FAIRVIEW Alberta.



Partial view of large ten-room elementary school at LACOMBE, Alberta.

wife, and Dan Ochs. Mr. Neufeld taught his fifty-five students in German in the morning and in English in the afternoon. From this school have graduated successful farmers and ranchers, businessmen, teachers, pastors, doctors, and missionaries.

The Level Land (Rosebud) school is still operating under the direction of able teachers and with strong support from the church community. Classes are held in a modern, well-constructed school building, located directly across the road from the church. The school is leased from the county.

The Level Land school and church community typifies the four additional schools which serve rural SDA communities in Alberta. They were all built by faith, prayer, and hard work. They all receive excellent support from the members. For example, the Blumenau school which has 100% of the eligible children of the Stettler Church enrolled, always has its accounts paid up and money on hand. Finances come primarily from a continuing investment project based on exotic cattle.

The Peace River area, noted for its vastness, large farms, and hard-working people, has its church schools also. Large-farm operators of the Peoria and Belloy Churches have combined to support a three-room, nine-grade school. They own, drive, and repair a bus that, in spite of the cold, blizzards, and the world's most famous mud, faithfully brings students to school from many miles around.

The Fairview school is a little different in many ways. It is located in the far north land, so to speak, in the upper Peace River area. It is a one-teacher school located in town but serves basically a rural membership. It enjoys the church's moral and financial support and the respect of the entire community. Last but not least, it is the home of the "Joybells," all 17 students, who have sung and testified their way into the hearts of everyone. The school conducts a strong witnessing program.

When we speak of Lacombe, many think that it is synonymous with CUC. That is a good start, but let's not forget the Lacombe SDA Elementary School. This school serves not only the college area but a large rural and farm constituency scattered in all directions across the Central Alberta Parklands. In addition it receives strong support from the Red Deer Church which busses pupils to the school.

Perhaps its beginning was not so auspicious or historically noteworthy, but today, the Lacombe school has an enrollment of nearly 160 in grades 1-8. It has grown a room or two at a time and now provides eight classrooms, office space, library, and storage. The eight dedicated teachers and strong board have an excellent program with high moral and academic standards.

Coralwood Academy, Edmonton, is regarded as one of the best schools within the Canadian Union. A determined and foresighted board with support from the members of the Edmonton area churches and the school teachers, has made quality



EDMONTON'S Coralwood Junior Academy with ten classrooms and auditorium — one of Canada's finest Adventist schools.

education a priority. The facilities have been provided to get the job done.

With the recent completion of ample open-air classroom space and learning activity center, for the primary and junior grades, the school now operates the grade school and academy sections more or less independently. A strong academic program is provided along with physical training, for which a gym is provided, and emphasis on community witnessing and participation in church activities. For a number of years, the students have visited dozens of public and separate schools a year, presenting a Coralwood developed temperance education program.

Calgary is the last of the seven schools to be mentioned. This in no way indicates that it is the least. For many years, the church school supporters have aspired to build a new school. Their prayers and plans are now becoming a reality. By next September, under God's blessing, a new school will be ready for use. The setting is ideal — an area of nearly 20 acres just outside of the city. This was made available by a staunch church school supporter. The school is designed to take advantage of both up-to-date design and teaching practices as well as to fulfill the requirements of a truly Christ-centered approach to education in the interest of training the entire individual, body, soul, and mind, for usefulness in this world and for entrance into the earth made new.

To those many parents, numerous pastors, twenty-eight teachers, and 425 students who combine to make Christian education a vital energizing and soul-saving part of the Alberta Conference program, a sincere "Thank you" and may God continue to bless, to guard, and to guide.

Adventures in Faith Offering

By J. W. WILSON, *President, Alberta Conference*

Every conference president and his executive committee have many cherished dreams for the advancement of the work within their territory. A number of these dreams somehow find themselves beyond the normal scope of the conference financial operation.

Consequently, as frequently happens, these projects are delayed, postponed, or for some other reason, never come to fruition. This, then, is the background setting for the Adventures in Faith giving that will take place during the next few months and up until the 1975 General Conference Session.

This is not an offering. Rather, it is a gift to be dedicated to God's work for projects which under normal circumstances have to wait, possibly for a long period of time, before the funds would be available. Therefore, the success of selected projects all across Canada really depends upon each one of us joyfully accepting this additional opportunity to Adventure in Faith.

And this is just what it means. An exercise of our faith in some way that will help us to find the needed financial support for local conference projects as well as the overseas missions expansion program.

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It is much like a family, saving up for some special project. Money is put aside month by month, being nudged from different sources and through different avenues. Finally the great day arrives when the purchase can be made.

There will be much rejoicing in the conference family when

unbudgeted projects can become a glorious reality.

The extra joy will come from the knowledge that our gift has been instrumental in developing special projects that will, in turn, be the means of bringing the happiness of salvation to many, many others.



Artist's concept of the new \$400,000 Junior Academy for Calgary.



Floor Plan for the proposed New Junior Academy for Calgary.

Gleanings from a Student's Notebook

Silent Bells

Still stands the schoolhouse on the hill
Where children came each day.
The old schoolbell, which now is still,
Once called them from their play.

The teacher thought it was a crime
For students to be late.
He taught that they must be on time,
With books and chalk and slate.

He further said, "You know full well,
For it's our daily rule,
That every time you hear the bell,
You know it's time for school.

"I'll tell you what — we'll have a test,
And learn this vital thing.
A prize to him who answers best:
When will the schoolbell ring?"

Some students wrote for hours that day,
Real masterpieces too,
And all the things they had to say
Were thoughtful, good, and true.

They wrote of why we need the bell
To call us all to school,
Where we can learn our lessons well
And live the golden rule.

Some told how precious is our time,
What treasure in each hour,
How we should make our lives sublime,
And daily grow in power.

The papers then were handed in,
And all but John was through.
Each student thought that he would win,
For what could Johnny do?

Poor John could think of just one thing,
And wrote, when he'd lost hope,
"The only time the bell will ring
Is when you pull the rope."

The teacher read the papers through,
And found, to his surprise,
That Johnny's answer was so true,
That Johnny won the prize.

Now John was right, he did excel
(Please check his horoscope!)
What value has the finest bell
If no one pulls the rope?

However sweet may be its chimes,
However great its spell,
What virtue has its power the times
When no one rings the bell?

To call your church and serve our King
And with our world task cope,
The only time your bell will ring
Is when you pull the rope.

— By A. A. Esteb

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SDA Church Schools Operated in British Columbia

By H. C. WHITE, *Director of Education, British Columbia Conference*

The British Columbia church school system had its beginning with the organizing of a school in Pitt Meadows in 1904, and later becoming the Manson Academy which continued until 1915. A number of schools were established but because of the depression only four remained by 1932 — Vancouver, Rutland, Grandview, and Rest Haven. Since 1936, there has been a steady growth in the number of schools.

Consolidation Introduced

A notable step was taken when consolidation of schools began. In 1964, the *Vernon* and *Grandview* schools amalgamated under the name of the NORTH OKANAGAN JUNIOR ACADEMY. The next step in consolidation was the uniting of the *Vancouver* and *New Westminster* schools in 1965, under the name of the DEER LAKE JUNIOR ACADEMY. In 1968, the *Victoria* and *Rest Haven* schools joined and became known as the VANCOUVER ISLAND ADVENTIST ACADEMY. The latest and biggest consolidation took place in 1971, and organized to take in students from *Chilliwack*, *Mission*, *Abbotsford*, *Aldergrove*, *Langley*, and *White Rock* — the school adopted the name FRASER VALLEY ADVENTIST ACADEMY.

In the past two years more church schools have opened up. In September, 1973, the Trail school began in a former public school building and the Oliver school re-opened. Also, a self-supporting school was established near Lumby. September, 1974, saw the Creston school re-opened. The Vernon Church purchased choice property on the outskirts of the city and put a mobile school on it. They plan to have two rooms operating by next fall.

Plans are underway for more schools next term. The Golden church board met recently and voted to establish a school. Other churches are making tentative plans.

To date, there are 22 schools and 61 teachers. It is anticipated that approximately 70 teachers will serve the British Columbia Conference by next school year.

Fraser Valley Academy

The Fraser Valley Adventist Academy has experienced a steady growth. Enrollment has almost doubled after three years of operation. This year the school has expanded to a senior academy. The increase in enrollment has made it necessary to enlarge the plant.

"Nothing without the divine will", explained Kraig Scott, grade 8 student at Fraser Valley Academy, as he translated the Latin inscription "Nil Sine Nomine" from his design for a school emblem for the new secondary school in the Fraser Valley.

Fraser Valley Academy originated just three years ago in temporary quarters in the Langley area, with four teachers and seventy-nine students. One year later, over 100 students enrolled in a new \$80,000 structure on a seven-acre plot. This structure, built nearly debt free, was to serve the constituency for years to come — it was hoped. Divine will seemed to intervene and the mere 500 member constituency was thrown into a building project, after obtaining committee approvals, on July 25, 1974. At no date did the school seem to have enough funds to finish the buildings which according to contractors could not be built for less than \$150,000. By December, 1974, the school, nearly finished, faced the prospect of borrowing only \$20,000 to finish the project. The board once more decided to postpone

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The new Fraser Valley consolidated school, British Columbia showing in the foreground speech lab equipment donated by the students.



Students back to back, teachers face to face on long range teach in this open area. — Grades 7-10.

borrowing. Principal Date Vanderwerff, project co-ordinator, reporting to the board at that time stated:

- (a) over 2,500 volunteer work hours had saved over \$15,000
- (b) material and specialized labour donations amounted to over \$39,000
- (c) the constituency since July, 1974, had contributed \$52,000 in cash
- (d) other allocations and funds received amounted to \$30,000

With a student population of 152 anxiously waiting for completion of the structure and with a shortage of funds for its completion, the board on December 11, once again decided "Nil Sine Nomine" and waited for Providential guidance. Within a week, over \$6,000 came in. The Fraser Valley Adventist Academy moves on in faith by the motto "Nothing without the divine will".

Faith, work and an enthusiastic student body, rightly proud of this Christian institution will continue in faith until not only the school complex is completed, but also until the next item on the blueprint, the \$150,000 school auditorium gets underway in faith and action.

Fraser Valley Adventist Academy, offers grades 1-12, and



New wing of the new Fraser Valley Academy under construction.

serves churches in the beautiful Fraser Valley region which has a potential constituency of over 1,500 members.

More Student Notebook Gleanings

A Little Child Shall Lead Us

You, little child, with your shining eyes and dimpled cheeks, you can lead us along the pathway to the more abundant life:

We blundering grownups need in our lives the virtues that you have in yours:

The joy and enthusiasm of looking forward to each new day with glorious expectations of wonderful things to come.

The vision that sees the world as a splendid place with good fairies, brave knights, and glistening castles reaching toward the sky.

The radiant curiosity that finds adventure in simple things: the mystery of billowy clouds, the miracle of snowflakes, the magic of growing flowers.

The tolerance that forgets differences as quickly as your child-

ish quarrels are spent, that holds no grudges, that hates never, that loves people for what they are.

The genuineness of being oneself; to be done with sham, pretense, and empty show; to be simple, natural, and sincere.

The courage that rises from defeat and tries again, as you with laughing face rebuild the house of blocks that topples to the floor.

The believing heart that trusts others, knows no fear, and has faith in a Divine Father who watches over His children from the sky.

The contented, trusting mind that at the close of day woos the blessing of childlike slumber.

Little child, we would become like you, that we may find again the Kingdom of Heaven within our hearts.

IF...

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If a child lives with fears, he learns to be apprehensive.

If a child lives with pity, he learns to feel sorry for himself.

If a child lives with jealousy, he learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns to be confident.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to be appreciative.

If a child lives with acceptance, he learns to love.

If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with recognition, he learns to have a goal.

If a child lives with fairness, he learns what justice is.

If a child lives with honesty, he learns what truth is.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith in himself and in those about him

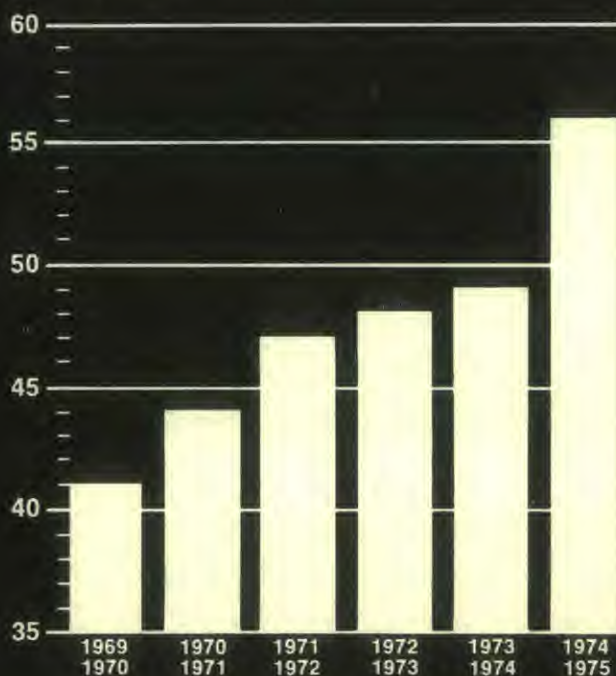
If a child lives with friendliness, he learns that the world is a good place in which to live.

THE WATCHMAN-EXAMINER

Elementary and Secondary Education Report

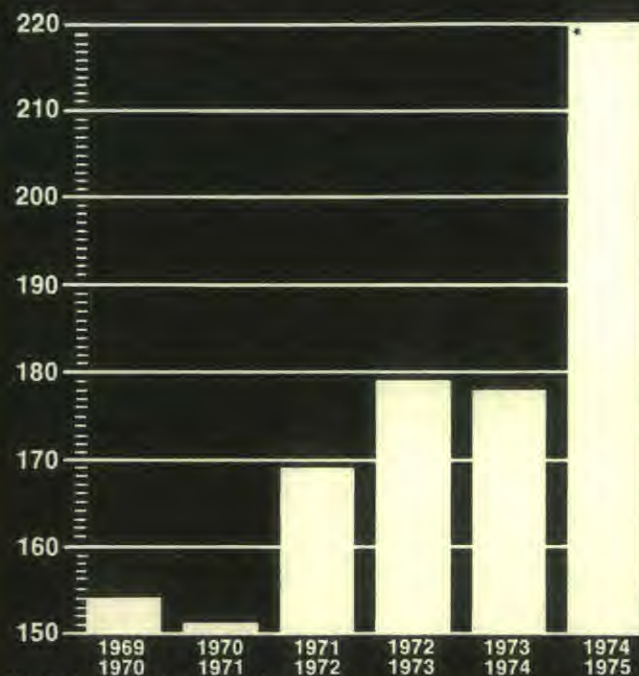
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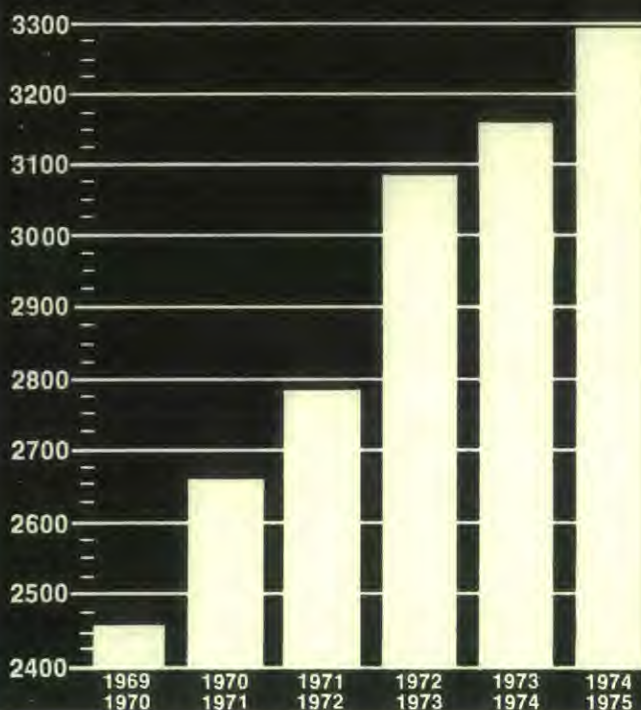
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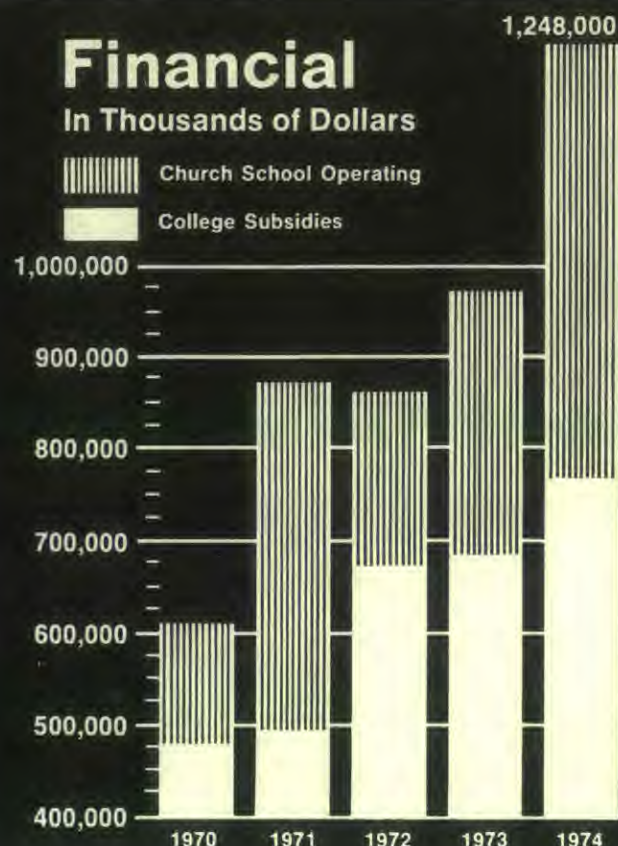
Enrollment

In Thousands



Financial

In Thousands of Dollars



Regular Conference Items

“A Year of Precious Blessing”

C. KLAM, *Treasurer, Canadian Union Conference*

The reports are all in. Figures have been accumulated. Financial and statistical statements have been finished. What a wonderful year 1974 has been for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada! Many previous records have been surpassed. The Church has made substantial growth in membership, tithes and offerings. This growth has developed because —

- a. The Lord has been very good to members of the Church.
- b. The pastors and laity have co-operated in their working and witnessing for the Lord.

While to some, figures may seem uninteresting, yet, I am sure you will be glad to know how your church has prospered. Please consider the following figures carefully:

TITHE RECEIPTS BY CONFERENCES:

Alberta	\$1,314,241.95
British Columbia	1,965,868.94
Manitoba-Saskatchewan	688,141.27
Maritime	316,629.10
Ontario	2,444,422.89
Newfoundland	116,029.69
Quebec	222,494.11
Miscellaneous	6,566.27
	7,074,394.22

PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1973

25.5
17.7
21.6
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SABBATH SCHOOL:

Conference

WEEKLY PER CAPITA

ALBERTA	\$178,101.53
BRITISH COLUMBIA	293,389.49
MANITOBA-SASKATCHEWAN	68,974.95
MARITIME	47,253.31
ONTARIO	201,319.30
NEWFOUNDLAND	15,723.35
QUEBEC	15,462.37

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MEMBERSHIP GAINS:

Conference	Baptisms & Prof. of Faith	Letters Gain of (Loss)	Deaths, Apostacy Missing	Net Gain
Alberta	147	25	69	103
British Columbia	320	130	113	337
Manitoba-Saskatchewan	186	21	54	153
Maritime	98	(6)	47	45
Ontario	738	116	216	638
Newfoundland	51	—	12	39
Quebec	215	42	7	250
Totals	1755	328	518	1565

More figures could be presented, but so as not to tire the reader, I shall refrain from doing so. While we rejoice for blessings received and victories won, there is still so much to do before our Saviour can return. Let us rededicate our lives and our services to a completed task. Will you, with me, in thought, if not in word, repeat one stanza of the song, “A Year of Precious Blessing”.

*“O Church of God's anointed
March on the lost to win
Lead forth thy ranks victorious
Against the hosts of sin;*

*'Till at His throne in glory,
Where angels prostrate fall,
One hallelujah chorus
Shall crown Him, Lord of all.”*

Youth Leaders Par-excellence

By WINSTON C. DE HAVEN, *Youth Director, Canadian Union Conference*

So you come from a small community in Canada and there is little you can do for the Lord? read on, — and you too will be thrilled with the following story.

Innisfree, Alberta is a little town with a population of only 250 people. It was nine years ago that Alice Bancarz decided that something should be done for the boys and girls of Innisfree. Therefore, she started a Story Hour, with fifteen children, which ran from November to May. They met once every week after school. Since that time the number has rapidly increased. In the beginning they rented a hall for \$5.00 each week. However, the second year they began a pre-school Story Hour in addition to the Junior Story Hour and at this time they moved to the United Church social room. For two years they were charged rent for the room and then one day the pastor called Mrs. Bancarz and told her that inasmuch as they were doing more for the children than their Sunday School was doing, — they were not charging them for the use of the social room for as long as she wanted to use it! Surely God is good.

Her helpers in the program include Mrs. Philip Samograd, Mrs. Willma Samograd and Mrs. Lacarria Markowsky. Their programs include Bible stories, character building stories, songs, specials, and nature stories. Also, one of the finest craft pro-

grams anywhere in the world is provided for the boys and girls.

In addition they started a Pathfinder Club with 21 children in 1974. This year they have 63 community children involved in their Story Hour and Pathfinder program.

Our hats are off to Alice Bancarz and her staff who have been so faithful through the years. What a fantastic way to "share your faith."

It is no wonder that Alice Bancarz received the "CITIZEN'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT" in 1972.

It was a pleasure to meet with and become acquainted with these fine people at the Youth Leaders' Convention at Bowden. Their craft display and presentation was absolutely the finest ever. Why not begin this in *your community*? The door may be open for you now. Don't wait for a greater opportunity, — God needs you right where you are. In this way, the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour can soon be taken to the honest in heart all across Canada.

May this thrilling true story from Innisfree inspire *YOU* to become concerned about the boys and girls and young people in your community. Remember, Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

1975	
CANADIAN UNION BAPTISMS	
JANUARY	
B. C.	9
ALBERTA	11
MAN. SASK.	2
ONTARIO	16
QUEBEC	1
MARITIME	
NFLD	
TOTAL TO DATE	39

Newfoundland —

Report from Corner Brook

M. MERCER, *Pastor*

BAPTISM — Another young couple were united in the Lord recently when Brother William Squires took his stand for the remnant church and was baptized. His wife, Linda, was baptized about two years ago. As this story goes through the typewriter, Bill is facing the first real test in his new-found faith. Because of his refusal to work on the Sabbath he has been suspended pending a final decision by the Department of Highway officials, by which he has been employed. Both Bill and his wife, Linda, are seriously thinking of the possibility of attending one of our colleges in September.



William Squires

INVESTMENT — About a year ago the Corner Brook Sabbath School Council decided to set an investment goal of \$550.00 for 1974; this was considerably higher

than anything that had been done any time previously.

Before the year had passed the midway point it was very clear that it was not going to be any real problem to realize the set goal. As weeks passed the members were encouraged by their enthusiastic investment leader, Mrs. Ella Mills, to go beyond their objective, and soon the \$1,000.00 figure was being much talked about.

As the chart here indicates, even this amount was met and surpassed by almost two hundred dollars at the close of the year. Shown left to right are those who led out with Sister Mills in making this possible: Brother Edward Reimche, Junior Division Leader; Mrs. Pat Temple, Kindergarten Division Leader; Brother Gus Critchley, Sabbath School Superintendent; Mrs. Goldie Mercer, Primary Division Leader; and Mrs. Ella Mills. Due credit, of course, must be given to all members who had a part in this wonderful achievement for the advancement of the Lord's work, with all glory to Him.

ANNUAL MEETING — The Corner Brook Church's annual meeting revealed



Chart showing Investment goal surpassed by almost \$200.

many encouraging facts. The Clerk's report showed an addition of 37 members to the church for the year. This was largely due to the Field School of Evangelism conducted by Elder Verne Snow in Corner Brook last summer when 32 souls were baptized.

Marked progress was noted by Mrs. Ella Mills, Sabbath School Secretary, in the Sabbath School, both in attendance

as well as in an increase of offerings for foreign missions of \$1,075.00. There was also a marked increase in the daily lesson study plan which speaks well for the study habits of our members.

Mr. Edward Reimche, school principal, presented a very encouraging report on the progress of the church school noting an increase in enrollment as well as an improved spiritual atmosphere amongst the students.

The financial statement by church treasurer, Mrs. Mabel Dingwell, indicated an increase of \$3,492.00 in tithe; \$1,167.00 in offerings to missions. On the church side of the ledger the treasurer's report showed a healthy picture with some \$3,348.00 in the black at the end of the year.

As a token of appreciation for her work during the year, Mrs. Dingwell was presented with a Bible-hymnal set by the pastor on behalf of the church.

With the singing of the doxology, the meeting closed with the members courageously looking forward to another year of progress for the Lord's work in this part of His vineyard.

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Maritime —

A Tribute to Mrs. Melvin Longard

Mrs. Melvin Longard, 69, a faithful member of the Tantallon Church for over forty years, was instantly killed in a car accident while Ingathering on the night of November 6, 1974.

A beloved wife, mother and friend, her loss will be keenly felt at home, in the church, and in the surrounding communities. She was especially active in the Ingathering program each year, where her friendly smile and cheerful disposition won her many friends, who always looked forward to her visits. On this never-to-be-forgotten day, Sister Longard had attended the Dartmouth Church in the morning, and Sabbath School and church service at Tantallon in the afternoon. After church she and Brother Longard took a walk down by the water until the Sabbath hours were past, and it was time to start soliciting, her first for the year. At nine o'clock her husband urged her to quit, but she said, "Just one more house". She failed to reach it. Stepping out to cross the street, she was in collision with a car and died instantly. Scattered on the road, the car and in her purse was fifty-four dollars, the results of her evening's work.

Sister Longard served as church clerk from 1952 to 1961, and as treasurer of the church from 1932 to 1972. She was



Mrs. Melvin Longard

a Sabbath School teacher for twenty years, and at the time of her death was a teacher in the Junior Department. She also took a special interest in the Investment program. Vitally interested in Christian education, she rejoiced to see the building of the Sandy Lake Seventh-day Adventist Academy which opened in September, and loyally supported it. Just a month before the accident she had taken part in an eight mile walk-a-thon in aid of the school, happy to be able to help the boys and girls in their fund-raising project.

In lieu of flowers friends have been invited to make donations to the school in her memory, and to date over \$1,300 has

been received. Donations may be forwarded to Pastor David Crook, 4 Sherbrooke Drive, Rockingham, Halifax, N.S.

The former Elizabeth Mary Kidston, she was born at Goffs, N.S. and was a school teacher before her marriage to Melvin Longard. After marriage they made their home in Timberlea. Left to mourn their loss are her husband Melvin, three daughters, Viola (Mrs. Ben Ganz, Ottawa, Ontario), Mabel (Mrs. Perry Bronsteen, B.C.), and Glenna at home; two sons, Marshall and Humphrey of Timberlea, and eight grandchildren.

In the little cemetery at Tantallon Sister Longard now rests from her labours. By faith we can now look forward to that glad resurrection day when Jesus will come to take His faithful children to a home where changes never come, and loved ones will be united again, never more to part.

"The voice that cried from the cross, 'It is finished,' was heard among the dead. It pierced the walls of sepulchers, and summoned the sleepers to arise. Thus will it be when the voice of Christ shall be heard from heaven. That voice will penetrate the graves, and unbar the tombs, and the dead in Christ shall arise." — "The Desire of Ages," page 787.

Baby Dedication



On January 18 a baby dedication service was held in the North Sydney Church. Participating are: left to right — Mrs. SaraLee Sullivan and Brian; Mrs. Frank Soper, and Heidi; Mr. Frank Soper and Johnathan; and Pastor Aaserude who conducted the service.

Ontario —

NOTICE

Ontario Book and Bible House announces new Sunday hours.

The Bible House will not be open on any Sunday that falls on a holiday week end. Nor will it be open on any Sunday during the months of July and August.

On all other Sundays we are open from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pastors, please announce this in your church bulletins.

Alumni Weekend

Kingsway College

April 25, 26 and 27

Watch for
Further Announcements

New Member Day in Ottawa

What better way to integrate a large group of new members in the church than to let them participate in the Sabbath School leadership, invite them to "old members" homes for Sabbath dinner and finish up with a banquet held in conjunction with the Children's Christmas Party and plays. Well, that is how the Ottawa Church welcomed the nearly 40 new members who joined during the Halvorsen crusade and coinciding with the opening of the lovely new church in this Capital city.

After Divine Service all members were hosted to Sabbath dinner at the homes of old members. The very special fellowship enjoyed at this feast of the Sabbath where prayers and songs were offered around a table in an Adventist home was the highlight of the day for many of the new

members.

The evening festivities began with a Christmas presentation of plays and carols by the small children of the congregation. At intermission a buffet banquet was held where the new members were served first. The entertainment which followed was very enjoyable with the older youth taking part.

Pastor Corkum closed the evening by invoking the Lord's blessing on the assembly and gave special thanks to all who made Members' Day such an unforgettable one.

He remarked on the wonderful potential which the new members offered for future growth of the S.D.A. community in Ottawa, and said he hoped that 1975 would see a need for a second new church in the Capital city of Canada.



Here Sister Amos "takes over" as Sabbath School Superintendent while Sister Pocock in the background led the prayer, and Brother Coussins beside her gave the Secretary's Report.



As many as possible of the new members were encouraged to participate in the "new members' day." Here Sister Coussins conducts an interview and asks "What does being a member of the S.D.A. Church mean to you?" The testimonies given by these new members were very inspiring to the entire congregation.



Here Brother and Sister Wilson tell the two-sided story of their simultaneous conversion and the many "coincidences" which led them to the faith.



To the left —

New members were served first at the buffet supper.

A Quote from President Beck's Letter To the Members of the Ontario Conference Emphasizing the Importance of the ADVENTURES IN FAITH OFFERING

"The ADVENTURES IN FAITH projects chosen by the Conference Committee for the Ontario Conference are two very vital projects if we really plan to finish the work. Kenora is a city of over 10,000 without a Seventh-day Adventist church. At the present time we are sending in 600 copies of the *Signs of the Times* each month to people who reside in the area. From the ADVENTURES IN FAITH offering it is planned that a minister be located in Kenora which is about 300 miles from the nearest pastor. Don't you think it is time we launched out in faith to provide a pastor for a city such as this in 1975? Prospects are bright for opening up the work in this city but we need financial help to bring in personnel and literature to do the job. The second project is opening up a strong Italian work in Toronto. I understand there are over 400,000 Italians in this city and we have no one to reach these people.

"These projects depend entirely on the families of the Ontario Conference. Only by united personal sacrifice can God's work move forward. If each family, during the next eight weeks, will set aside an amount equal to one week's wages, all this and more can be accomplished. The offering will be received on

April 26. However, you need not wait until then to make your donations. For many families, the giving of one week's wages over eight weeks will be a real sacrifice; perhaps the largest you have yet made for God's cause. But, as we come closer to the day of a completed mission here on earth a sacrificial spirit will be an identifying trait among those who have transferred their priorities and possessions into God's hands.

"Some of you may have been laying aside a little amount from month to month, but now is the time to take stock and seriously make your commitment. This ADVENTURES IN FAITH family goal can be met through a weekly or one-time gift. When making your donation, be sure to place it in an offering envelope and write ADVENTURES IN FAITH on the blank space.

"May God bless you and your family as you prayerfully consider this most important decision. I feel confident we can count on each of you to do your best."

Sincerely yours in Christ's service,

E. C. BECK, President
Ontario Conference of SDA

Pastor and Mrs. Smith Return to Africa



Mrs. Grace Christiansen is placing a corsage on Mrs. Smith as Elder P. Moores (left) and Pastor Smith look on. Gifts were presented to the Smiths at a gathering of the Ontario Conference workers.

Pastor and Mrs. Calvin Smith and their family returned to Africa in December of 1974. Pastor Smith began in this conference a new adventure in soul winning which proved fruitful. He conducted "on the job training" for our laymen. Pastor Smith took laymen on house to house surveys and visitation to find new interests. Several churches are still following the program. Let us continue to follow this program that Pastor Smith began. He worked hard and we do not want to see his work stop because he has accepted a call to serve in Africa. Let us hold high the torch for men everywhere to see the light.

E. J. PARCHMENT
Lay Activities Secretary
Ontario Conference

Farewell to Pastor and Mrs. Adams

December 28, 1974 was the last Sabbath for Pastor and Mrs. Roy Adams to serve our church as pastor, counsellor and friend to all. Pastor Adams succeeded Pastor G. Emm in 1970. The church then was located on Bosburn Ave., with a membership of about 150. In 1971 the congregation moved to a larger church on 170 Westwood.

I am happy to say that at the time of Pastor Adam's farewell, the church has grown from 150 to 425, and I say emphatically, Amen.

Pastor and Mrs. Adams were presented with gifts from the members of the church. As Pastor Adams is returning to Andrews University to further his education, we at the Toronto East Church wish them God's blessings. In his response, Pastor Adams assured us that we would hold a very important place of interest in their hearts and prayers. Let us pray for Pastor and Mrs. Adams.



Pastor and Mrs. Adams — Pastor Adams responding to the congregation, thanking them for the gifts, a movie camera, projector and a screen.



Branson Hospital Farewell To Chairman Philip Moores

By A. GEORGE RODGERS, *Administrator, Branson Hospital*



Branson's Board Room, in honouring Chairmen of the institution, again sustains recognition of outstanding leadership by unveiling of the picture of Elder Philip Moores, Chairman, 1966-74.

On Tuesday evening, January 28, in Branson's Board room, the hospital's directors, medical staff executives and administration, honoured former Chairman of the Board, Philip Moores.

Consequent upon acceptance of his new portfolio, with the denomination's Radio-Television-Film Centre, Newbury Park, California, Elder and Mrs. Moores were accorded appropriate expressions of respect and affection so richly earned during their sojourn in our midst.

Following a dinner, in their honour, Elder Carl Klam, Treasurer, Canadian Union Conference, officiated at the unveiling of a portrait of Elder Moores.

For the past eight years Branson Hospital's corporate course has been charted with meticulous precision and diligent care by Chairman Moores, indispensably aided and supported by the invaluable counsel and concerted effort of the Board.

As Elder and Mrs. Moores leave for California, the Directorate, Medical Staff, Administration and the hospital personnel wish them Godspeed and abundant success and happiness as they accept the exciting challenge in the proclamation of the "Good News" through audio-visual communication.



Mrs. Doris Moores, wife of the Chairman, graciously accepts from Administrator Rodgers, a fragrant expression of the Board's respect and appreciation.



President of Branson's Medical Staff, Dr. Franklin Squires, on behalf of colleagues pays eloquent tribute to Pastor Moores with whom, at Board level, he has worked so co-operatively and meaningfully throughout the past year.

An Invisible Host

An American soldier wounded on a battlefield in the Far East owes his life to the Japanese scientist Kitasato, who isolated the bacillus of tetanus. A Russian soldier saved by a blood transfusion is indebted to Landsteiner, an Austrian. A German is shielded from typhoid fever with the help of a Russian, Metchnikoff. A Dutch marine in the East Indies is protected from malaria because of the experiments of an Italian, Grassi; while a British aviator in North Africa escapes death from surgical infection because a Frenchman, Pasteur, and a German, Koch, elaborated a new technique.

In peace, as in war, we are beneficiaries of knowledge contributed by every nation in the world. Our children are guarded from diphtheria by what a Japanese and a German did; they are protected from smallpox by the work of an Englishman; they are saved from rabies because of a Frenchman; they are cured of pellagra through the researches of an Austrian. From birth to death they are surrounded by an invisible host — the spirits of men who never thought in terms of flags or boundary lines and who never served a lesser loyalty than the welfare of mankind.

RAYMOND B. FOSDICK

Lay Preachers' Institute

By L. M. KRENZLER, *Communications Secretary, Ontario Conference*

A tremendous Lay Preachers' Institute was held in Oshawa for the Ontario Conference January 31-Feb. 2. More than 100 registered and some meetings had 200 attending. The Institute was under the direction of Elder Earl J. Parchment, Lay Activities Secretary for the Conference. This was the second for Ontario, one being held in 1974.

The main thrust this time was the Bible Seminar. Pastor L. G. Lowe, Ministerial Secretary for the Canadian Union Conference, gave several studies on the Bible Seminar. Several laymen had already conducted these with considerable success.

They will be able to do even better now.

One of the main features of the Institute was the personal witnessing program Sabbath afternoon. Space does not permit to tell the stories but we have pictures of some of the people who won souls by their personal witnessing and Bible Studies.

The Portuguese Church presented a program of music and witnessing Sabbath for Vespers.

Visual aids were demonstrated for use in Bible Seminars and Bible Studies. W. E. Kuester, Lay Activities Secretary for the Canadian Union Conference spoke on the

use of the communications media of today and personal visitation.

The Laymen signed a large roster pledging to win nearly 1,000 souls in 1975. The Ontario Conference has wonderful, enthusiastic laymen. They will finish the work here in Ontario. God is pleased with these, but there are many more lay members who should also be on fire for God.

The leaders of the Ontario Conference are proud of their lay-members. They have done, and are doing a great work. God bless them.



Orillia — Mrs. Alleen Ketching (left) and Elaine Smith told about their Bible and Health Seminars from which several were baptized. They are shown here with Pastor E. J. Parchment, the chairman of the meeting.



Mike Gresink from Toronto related an experience of the devil ruffling up a bed in one of the rooms they had rented out.



Stratford — We have no church in this city but Jim Townsend is working to get one.



East Toronto — Rupert Evans won several souls last year and has set a higher goal for 1975.



Perth Avenue — Brother Powell is also a soul-winner with a huge goal in 1975.



South Toronto — Reuben Henry is the Lay Activities Leader for this new church. He is already laying plans for a strong soul-winning program.



Ottawa — Brother Ken Singh (center) is the Lay Activities Leader for Ottawa. He has a real vision for 1975. Already they are operating several Story-hour Programs and a strong visitation program. Brother Andrews witnesses to his friends and also supervised the building of the new church.



College Park, Oshawa — Brother L. Leatherdale had some small Seminars in Bowmanville. Brother E. Wageman assisted him. Some interest was shown and more is planned for 1975.



St. Thomas — Two new converts in St. Thomas, Brethren Wilson and Doug Ross related their experiences in coming into the Adventist Church and their plans for witnessing and soul-winning in 1975.

**Dr. T. R. Connors
Conference Medical Secretary
Takes Keen Interest
In Medical Programs**



Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Connors take a keen interest in the Health program. Dr. Connors is Medical Secretary of the Conference. He is a graduate of Loma Linda University in Dentistry. His office is located in Brampton but he is willing to travel to various parts of the Conference to conduct Health Seminars on weekends. If he cannot meet a request personally, he can usually arrange for another doctor to take the appointment. If your church is interested in a Health Seminar, get in touch with Dr. T. R. Connors, Box 520, Oshawa, Ontario. Your request will be passed on to him.

**PHILIP MOORES, Former President
Ontario Conference of SDA**

**Health Seminars Conducted
By Dr. C. Wheeler**
PHILIP MOORES, *Former President
Ontario Conference*



Dr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler have given much help in Health Seminars. Dr. Wheeler is Administrative Co-ordinator for Medical Affairs at the Branson Hospital and is also Assistant Medical Secretary of the Conference. He is a graduate of Cape Town where he received his MBCHB. He has a Canadian Fellowship of the Royal College of Canada with a specialty in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The Wheelers have two lovely children, Judith 6 and Graham 4. Dr. Wheeler delights to use Medical Missionary work as the right arm of the message. An invitation for his services should be placed at an early date because of the demand for seminars. The doctor will endeavour to arrange for a Health Seminar for your group if possible.

**Adventure for God
With
Your Adventures in Faith
Offering**

Christ Alone

*Strange, fantastic claims abound;
You may hear them all around,
Some have visions, trances, dreams,
Others — cunning, subtle schemes;
Golden plates or "Bluish flame,"
"Cosmic rays" — they're all the same;
One thing common do they share:
(You can tell them anywhere);
Works or money you must pay
Else "no help for you" they say.*

*But when from these frauds we turn,
When for truth and right we yearn;
God will tell you in His Word
That your faintest prayer is heard;
And you'll know there's only one
Who can save "beneath the sun."
All the rest impostors be —
Christ alone can set you free.
He made claims as well. We're sure
His credentials still endure.*

*No impostor raised the dead,
Made the crippled strong instead,
Stilled a storm and calmed a sea,
Set a demon captive free,
Cleansed the leper from his stain,
Gave His life and rose again.
Only one will qualify
To redeem and justify
Christ alone can save from sin,
Trust Him now and enter in.*

Shel Helsley

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What Christ Asks

The best definition of faith that I know is that it is reason grown courageous. Moreover, that is all that Christ ever asked us for, and the reason that He asked us for that was because He wants to use us. He needs our help. It is almost impossible to believe it, but God Almighty wants our help, so Christ tells us. Theoretically or mathematically this is unintelligible, that God should want human help. But this is the bottom of all Christ's teaching. The faith He asks for is not to understand

Him but to follow Him. By that and that alone can man convert the tragedy of human life, full of disappointments, disillusionments, and with so-called death ever looming ahead, into the most glorious field of honor, worthy of the dignity of a son of God. What Christ asks is that we shall try it out. He actually dares us to follow Him. In that way, He says, you shall win the prize in life, for which any man can with perfect reason afford to give everything else. — Wilfred T. Grenfell

A NEW AWAKENING?



Employees of the Pacific Press are pictured above. They are anxious to hasten the return of our Lord and Saviour. The men and women comprising the Pacific Press family have a conviction that the outreach for Christ must be accelerated. So during the 100th Anniversary they gave over \$20,000 to start more than twenty-two evangelistic outreach programs in the western half of the United States, Canada, and Inter-America. The plan is to send 7000 subscriptions to SIGNS OF THE TIMES into selected areas in 28 conferences. Follow-up will be made personally twice during the year, with a series of public meetings to follow.

What would happen should 3500 churches in North America select an area where they would conduct this plan that has "a goal for souls" in it? A new awakening? A giant thrust for God? Why not try it? With God's help, you'll see! Only \$3.75 per name!

To Church Lay Activities Secretary: I would like to help in a greater outreach for God with SIGNS OF THE TIMES. Enclosed is \$ to sponsor number of homes. You select the names. Enclosed is my list of names.

Name

Address

City State Zip

Manitoba-Saskatchewan —

Nutrition Seminar

LILLIAN KEMPert, P.R. Secretary, Henderson Highway SDA Church

In spite of cold weather and blocked roads following a week-end of heavy snow and a mini-blizzard, thirty-seven people attended a home nutrition seminar at West Park Manor on Sunday, January 26. At least 24 of these were not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the group also represented some teenagers, and men.

The program was under the direction of Pastor Mervin Kempert, chaplain-health educator of West Park and Park Manor. Assisting him were his wife, Lillian, Mrs. Ivy James, and Mrs. Jean Kennedy. Mrs. Mary Dreger, food services director for West Park Manor, also helped by assisting in preparation of food samples and general physical arrangements for the program.

The program began at 1:15 and continued until 5:00 p.m., with breaks between the various areas. The areas covered were the philosophy and importance of good nutrition, a balanced diet without meat, stretching your food dollar (emphasizing economy of meatless diet, and sugarless and low-calorie desserts). Excellent use was made of audio-visual aids such as the overhead projector, filmstrip-cassette programs, etc., to enliven the lecture and discussion periods. A lively question-and-answer

period followed the presentation of each area. All present were given free samples of a Loma Linda Food to take home and then invited to taste the food samples that had been prepared previously and during the program.

A good spirit and lively interest was in evidence judging by the many appreciative comments about the food in particular. Most all present purchased the set of mimeographed recipes and several copies of the book *Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley Cookbook* also were sold. At the conclusion, Pastor Kempert invited the audience to evaluate the program objectively and to indicate their interest, if any, in future programs. Twenty of this group indicated they wished to return for follow-up programs, some for weight control program and others on strictly meatless cooking. Plans are being made to do more in these areas in order to cultivate the friendship of all those who were present, plus their friends, showing the beauty of living the more abundant life as they follow Christ in every area of living. Exciting times are just before us in adventuring for Jesus. We need to take advantage of every opportunity.



Mervin Kempert lecturing on advantages of non-meat diet.



Jean Kennedy lecturing on balancing your diet.

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Faithfulness of Our Laity

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

As our laity went forward in faith and prayer, we set a date that our Ingathering be completed and every church reached their goal by October 31. You may ask the reason why? Let us explain. Following the completion of the Ingathering every district pastor began his evangelistic series of meetings in his field. The results — October 29 we had surpassed our conference goal by \$4,671.15 and while men were holding crusades and uplifting Christ to those who came to hear the message, the laity supported the program by attending in the evening and making house calls during the day and

also continuing on with their Ingathering.

As 1974 came to a close, we could not help but praise the Lord because of the faithfulness of our lay members and our ministry as they worked hand in hand together. As we look at the year-end report we rejoice for the accomplishment thus far. Baptisms, yes, 68 souls were baptized from the dates of September 1 to December 15. Ingathering, \$68,896.99 was raised, nearly \$19,000.00 over the goal or surpassing by nearly \$5,000.00 last year's total.

As we visit our laity they feel that 1974

Ingathering has been the easiest they have ever done. I hear them say, "Let us begin early again next year and we won't have to fight the cold weather, nor will we have to stumble in the dark as we have done in the past."

In the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, our people feel much has been accomplished, but as God's children we are not satisfied because the work is not finished and we are still here. Shall we not shoulder the program that leads to victory and pray the prayer together, "EVEN SO COME LORD JESUS."

EDUCATION EMPHASIS WEEKEND

to be held at the Henderson
Highway S.D.A. Church
March 21-23, 1975

GUEST SPEAKER:
DR. W. J. BROWN

Acting Secretary, Department of
Education of the General Con-
ference of Seventh-day Adventists

Friday Evening, 7:30
Dr. W. J. Brown

Sabbath School and Church
Services

Musical M.V. Meeting at 3:30
by the Kingsway College Choir
and Local Talent

Saturday evening — a secular
social program

Sunday morning a pancake break-
fast at 8:30 a.m. in Centennial
Hall, followed by a constituency
meeting.

The ABC's of Prayer and the Piano God Picked Out

A — Ask — Matt. 7:7 "For any gift He has promised, we may ask."

B — Believe — Mark 11:22-24 "Then we are to believe that we receive."

C — Claim — John 11:41 "Then we are to 'return thanks to God that we have received.'"

Our church has an antique pump organ, in need of repairs, and only one person brave enough to play it. The Morden SDA Church indeed needed music. We began by looking for a used organ or piano. My husband called regarding an organ offered for sale by the Church of God, but it had just been sold.

A few days later, I was impressed to claim the promises of God to find a used piano for our church. Claiming Psalm 126:2, "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongues with singing; then said they among the heather, the Lord hath done great things", and Psalm 40:3, "And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God." Then I thanked God that the Morden Church would "serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing," — Psalm 100:2.

That same morning a friend recommended I call her uncle who is a piano tuner, for occasionally he buys pianos to rebuild. I immediately called him, told him of our little church and of our need for a piano, and asked if he had one or knew of one for sale. He said, "No, I'm sorry, I don't." But he went on to say since his own piano did not match their furniture, he had thought about selling it. A neighbour had been asking him for a

month to sell it to her and had offered him a good price for it. He had not been able to part with it since he enjoyed playing this piano more than any piano he had ever owned. It was an old piano, but mechanically sound and had a beautiful tone.

He then offered to look around for a piano for us and said he would call back.

I told him that I knew God had a piano for our church — all we had to do was find it! I thanked him for his time and we said goodbye.

Since Mr. Enns had mentioned his piano, I felt this was the piano for us. Again, I talked to the Lord about it, and put out a fleece. I prayed, "Lord, if this is the piano you have picked out, have Mr. Enns call me back and offer it to us for less than his neighbour offered to buy it. Thank you, amen."

The following afternoon, Mr. Enns did call me back. He did offer his piano to us at a price less than the original offer from his neighbour lady. The Modern SDA Church would be able to 'come before His presence with singing!' But that isn't all of the story.

Mr. Enns told me that he had called his neighbour and told her he would sell her his piano if she still felt that she must have it, but he was strongly impressed to sell it to someone else. She replied, "We don't really need it, for we have purchased the organ from the Church of God."

God's word is sure: "If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:14.

JOANN PARMELE
Morden Church

Alberta —

Good News MV Youth Rally And You Are Welcome

Special Guest —

Elder Morris Venden

Respected and appreciated for
Soul-searching Messages on
Righteousness By Faith

Sabbath, March 22, 1975

at the

Calgary North Stake Centre
5927 Tipton Rd. N.W.

Sponsored by Alberta Conference
MV DEPT.

Calgary SDA School
Calgary Central SDA Church

BRING A FRIEND AND BRING
YOUR LUNCHES, PLENTY OFF-
THE-STREET PARKING.

PROGRAM BEGINS WITH
SABBATH SCHOOL AT 9:40 A.M.
BE ON TIME.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND
DIRECTIONS TO THE CENTRE,
CONTACT YOUR PASTOR OR MV
LEADER.

Yellowknife Baptisms



Mrs. Marjorie Foon (right) and her mother Mrs. Dymterko (left) were baptized at Yellowknife, NWT in December, 1974.

Stepping Out in Faith With March 29 Offering

The Alberta Conference is stepping out in faith with the construction of a new church building in Lloydminster. On March 29 a conference-wide offering will be received for the project.

Lloydminster, virtually unentered prior to the summer of 1974, has been a major focal point for evangelism in the past six months. Challenged by such "new territory" and augmented by an eager team of literature evangelists, Vermilion Church members, and Pastor Les Saylor, Evangelists Karst and Melashenko have seen encouraging developments in Lloydminster. Already weekly Sabbath services are held. A strong Sabbath School program has grown from last summer's Vacation Bible School. A new crusade was launched February 1 with an opening night attendance of 70 non-members.

The thrilling prospects have given birth to the church building plans. It is hoped the church can be completed in 1975.

Members in the Alberta Conference will rejoice for these announcements. Many will respond in a marked manner to the offering opportunity on March 29. Commitments made before or after March 29 should be directed to the Treasury Department of the Alberta Conference, 201-16th Ave., N.E.

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Just as children resemble their parents in a number of characteristics, so God's people are to be distinguished by living on earth just as Jesus lived.

Edmonton South



Rose Zylenko, Julianne Lakusta and Mrs. Ardele Tkachuk who were baptized on January 4, 1975.

Sabbath, January 4, was another high day in the Edmonton, Alberta, area, as the members of the three churches of the city gathered together for a special seven-hour prayer session praying for the

outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon His work in this part of His vineyard.

In the course of the afternoon prayer session, members of Pastor Uniat's churches witnessed a beautiful baptismal service in which three precious souls committed their lives completely to Him, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Left to right in the picture are Rose Zylenko, Julianne Lakusta and Mrs. Ardele Tkachuk who decided to follow their Lord all the way.

We are thankful for faithful laymen who had contributed much in leading these precious folk to the knowledge of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sister Ardele Tkachuk's first contact with the Adventist Church came through the Dial Peace of Mind program conducted by the Lay Activities department of our Edmonton South Church. May the Lord bless these new members of the church as they continue their walk with their Lord.

P. E. UNIAT, Pastor

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... If Christ is abiding in us, our hearts will be full of divine sympathy. The sealed fountains of earnest, Christlike love will be unsealed." — Christ's Object Lessons, page 417.

Northern Dorcas Federation



Mrs. Helen Comm (left) practices some of the listening techniques discussed at Dorcas Federation while Mrs. Ruby Reisinger (right) talks on a topic of her own interest.

Church members in the Peoria-Belloy area of Alberta showed a keen interest in the January 19 Dorcas Federation held at the Peoria Church. As guest speaker for the occasion, Sharon Cliffe, a social worker for the Alberta Government, chose "How to Help People" for her theme.

The Federation aimed at understanding Christ's methods of dealing with people and helping us to pattern our ministry after His example. Instruction and discussion focused on generating an attitude of acceptance towards any individual and then developing the art of listening. To strengthen the effect of her presentations Sharon asked the folk to choose team partners and actually practice listening.

British Columbia —

Rutland News

As It Comes from Africa

Brother and Sister Mervin Kneller send greetings from Monze, Zambia. Mervin is teaching mathematics for his second year in the Rusangu Secondary School and his wife, Eloise, is teaching the children of the college staff. He does the campus electrical work, also.

They have been getting settled bit by bit. One more crate of their possessions had just arrived and two more have yet to make their appearance. Their house is quite comfortable and in the yard they have pawpaw (papaya) trees, lemons, oranges, bananas, guavas, mulberries and even a few peach trees but the birds got most of last year's peach crop. It is a real challenge to keep a supply of vegetables growing because of the water shortage.

During their vacation they visited the neighbouring countries of Botswana and Rhodesia beginning with a weekend at Victoria Falls. They were a magnificent sight and one can walk right along the edge of the gorge with only a few thorn bushes laid at the edge as a barrier — no fine mesh wire fences. At the Wankie Game Park they saw giraffes, buffaloes, elephants, crocodiles, monkeys and all kinds of antelopes. Lying under a tree by the side of the road was a beautiful lioness watching them and occasionally licking her paw. At a Game Reserve in Botswana they saw 80 elephants in a herd and had their first look at a hyena.

They are located two and a half hours from Lusaka, the capital of Zambia, and can go to shop about once in a term. They had the pleasure of visiting the Van Scheiks at Solusi College, also teachers from Canada.

Mervin and Eloise enjoy their work and find it rewarding. They know that Christ is a living presence and in Him they have peace and joy.

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"It will not be long till we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. And in His presence, all the trials and sufferings of this life will be as nothingness. 'Cast not away therefore your confidence . . . Look up, look up, and let your faith continually increase. Let this faith guide you along the narrow path that leads through the gates of the city of God into the great beyond, the wide, unbounded future of glory that is for the redeemed.'" — "Testimonies," Vol. 9, pp. 287, 288.

Five-day Plans



Dr. Adrian demonstrating physical fitness by skipping during time it takes to smoke a cigarette.

Dr. Adrian Hobart demonstrated physical fitness by skipping for the length of time it takes to smoke a cigarette at each of three Five-day Plans in the West Kootenays of B.C. Attendance at the three plans on the opening night was: Trail — 207; Nelson — 28; and Grand Forks — 85. The plans were held in November, 1974, and January, 1975. Dr. Hobart, though not a Seventh-day Adventist, is an avid non-smoker and is also an ex-heavy-weight boxing champion. Dr. Hobart is a personal friend of our SDA chest surgeon in Trail, Dr. Dewane Brueske, who with his wife and daughter Conna, just recently moved from California. Both Dr. Brueske and Dr. Hobart gave excellent and self-sacrificing effort and time to all three Five-day Plans. Scores of folk today are rejoicing to be free from Lady Nicotine!

J. D. BLAKE, *Pastor*

Work Opportunity in Prince Rupert

There is an opening coming up in Prince Rupert for a welder. This is a government job (DOT). The pay is good; housing may be provided. It is a five-day week. Sabbath problems would only develop in case of emergency distress work with the coast guard. This has not occurred within memory. Prince Rupert has a small church. There is real need for active lay help.

Please address all inquiries to the B.C. Conference Communication Department, Box 1000, Abbotsford, B.C.

A Mountain Top Experience

In Chetwynd when an opportunity to give the church school an extra boost presents itself, the church members are right there to take advantage of it.

When Norman Sawchuk announced that he would make one of his seismic line slashing contracts available for the church school if the men would donate a day or two of labour, he got a satisfying response.

In the snowy dusk of the mornings of November 24 and December 1, skidoos clawed up the mountain hauling chain saws, gas, oil, spare parts and lunches. When the going got too steep, strong hands seized the skidoos and toboggans and hauled them up the slopes. Throughout the days the snarl of chain saws and the crashing of trees was heard across the mountain top.

At lunch time laughing men shared their food with "Spike" and steamed their gloves at the fire, then took up their saws once more to slash their way through another mile of line.

The day was done when darkness made further work impossible and the men loaded their equipment into the toboggans and raced one another to their pickups at the bottom of the mountain.

Total proceeds from the two Sundays' work plus that from some work donated during the intervening week amounted to \$2,300.

B.C. Pathfinders "Share Their Faith"

The Rutland Pathfinders, "The Silver Tip Pathfinder Club", under the able and dedicated direction of Ken Hathaway and Fritz Wirtz, have set a beautiful example of Jesus' command, "Go ye."

During the past few months, they have completely renovated a little church in East Kelowna (unused for some time). The improvements included: a new roof painted inside and out, a new furnace installed, the yard cleaned up, and the outside of the church stuccoed. The approximate cost of their project was \$1,500.

After the church was ready they wondered, "Now, how can we witness even more?" They finally decided on a "Junior Voice of Youth" series. Many Pathfinders took part and it was a real privilege for Elder Bob Tetz and me to be present for the final meetings.

Pastors — please consider a Pathfinder club for your church. If you have only a few juniors, invite community youth to join. You will discover ready and willing assistance for Ingathering, evangelistic meetings, shut-ins, and much more. In addition, you will be giving them church-

centered activity which will surely cause them to continue to be interested and active church members as they grow older.

CONGRATULATIONS to the "Silver Tip Pathfinders"! We are proud of each of you for what you have done.

WINSTON C. DE HAVEN

Youth Director

Canadian Union Conference

Baptism at Prince George



Left to right — Pastor Bob Lehmann, Diane and Ken Knudsen.

December 21, 1974, marks a very happy occasion for members of the Prince George Church. Ken and Diane Knudson were baptized and became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Brother and Sister Knudson moved to Prince George from Calgary, Alberta, during the summer of 1974 and immediately sought out the local SDA Church and began to attend services regularly. They trace their interest in the Third Angel's Message back to Calgary where they had associated with, studied with and taken "Better Living Courses" with Brother and Sister Van Pelt. They early responded to an appeal to study further and make preparation for baptism. Today they rejoice in the Advent hope and already are active in sharing their faith and hope. Sister Knudsen has since returned to Calgary to take part in a leadership course with the aim of returning home to promote better living and happier homes in our city and district.

BOB LEHMANN, *Pastor*

Whatever your special
Conference project is,
support it liberally with
your
**ADVENTURES IN
FAITH OFFERING**

Ingathering Rescues Souls at Home and Overseas

Report for Week Ending January 31, 1975

Conference	Goal	Total Raised Last Year	1975 Raised to Date	% of Goal	Memb.+	Per Capita Raised
Alberta	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 61,008.96*	\$ 65,667.07*	127.3*	4,092	\$15.56
British Columbia	50,000.00	78,572.90*	89,420.91*	178.8*	5,836	15.32
Manitoba-Saskatchewan	50,000.00	65,505.76*	69,466.02*	138.9*	2,812	24.70
Maritime	24,000.00	31,349.20*	31,906.14*	132.9*	1,385	23.04
Newfoundland	9,000.00	23,444.37**	24,754.52**	275.1**	661	37.45#
Ontario	95,000.00	136,210.35*	153,725.68*	161.8*	7,273	21.14
Quebec	6,000.00	11,825.96*	13,104.51**	218.4**	833	15.73
UNION	\$284,000.00	\$407,917.50*	\$446,044.85*	157.1*	22,892	\$19.48

This is our final Ingathering bulletin for this season, and it is with a note of real thankfulness to God for His wonderful guidance and blessing that we draw this campaign to a close. Canada has been richly blessed in a number of ways this year:

1. Newfoundland leads all of North America, and perhaps the world, in per capita.
2. A January 22 letter from Elder C. C. Weis of the General Conference says, "... I noticed further that the Canadian Union is the only union that shows a gain over last year for every conference in the union. . ."
3. The more than \$446,000 is the largest amount ever raised by the Canadian Union. It is a gain over last year of \$38,127.35. Each conference and the union are listed on the General Conference HONOUR ROLL.

IN MEMORIUM: Word reached our office of the recent death of Mrs. Melvin Longard of the Tantallon Church in Nova Scotia. The report said, "She was especially active in our Ingathering program each year . . . About nine o'clock her husband urged her to quit (Ingathering soliciting), but she said, 'Just one more house.' She failed to reach it. Stepping out to cross the street, she was in collision with a car and died instantly. Scattered on the road, the car, and in her purse was fifty-four dollars, the results of her last evening's work."

We here at the union office express our deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of our dear sister who gave her life while faithfully serving her Master. We know there will be souls in the kingdom to witness for this last service on her part.

And so we close this year's campaign on a note of triumph through Christ, and this note of sadness. May God bless the efforts of each person who has participated in this important crusade for souls. Enrollments for FOCUS ON LIVING are still coming in, and we know souls will be in heaven because of your participation.

On behalf of Elder Reile, our Canadian Union president, the other officers, and union staff, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to you for all you have done.

Sincerely,

W. E. Kuester

W. E. KUESTER, Secretary
LAY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

* Over the Top + 1975 basic membership
Silver Vanguard

Brief Wedding Announcements

NEWTON-BUTLER

The marriage of Phyllis Elizabeth Butler, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Butler Botwood, Newfoundland and Eric Murry Newton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Newton of Fox Point, Nova Scotia, took place on July 14, 1974 in the Fox Point Seventh-day Adventist Church. We wish this couple much of God's blessings in the coming years.

Mrs. MAUREEN WESTHAVER
Church Clerk

DAVIS-ADAMS

On July 7, with bright sunshine streaming through the windows into the Kendalwood Church, childhood sweethearts Lorain Joyce

Adams and Jim Gary Davis sealed their romance in holy matrimony.

Jim and Lorain are faithful members of the Kendalwood Church, and we wish them God's blessing as another Christian home is established.

DOROTHY EMM, Communications Secretary
Kendalwood Church

JOSEPH-DHAS

The Sedgwick church was the scene of an Indian wedding on July 14 when Franklin Joseph and Helen Dhas were married.

The bride and her attendants were dressed in the colorful saris of their native country.

Mr. and Mrs. Enjati acted as the bride's

adopted father and mother as both the young people's parents are in India.

JOHN ANDERSON

ZAYACHKOWSKI-TRENCHUK

July 21, Bernadene Trenchuk and Isaac Zayachkowski exchanged their vows at the Beauvallon Church in Alberta. Their vows were not only each for the other, but together they promised to walk with their Lord day by day.

Isaac and Bernadene plan to establish their home in Lacombe, Alberta, where Isaac will continue his education in Theology.

May God go with them.

STAN GALLANT
Lay Activities

OBITUARIES

NIGHTINGALE — Elder R. H. Nightingale, president of the Central Union, passed away in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Monday, March 3, after a lengthy illness.

LAKE — Joyce Mildred Lake was born June 30, 1931 at Beiseker, Alberta and passed away January 21, 1975 at Brooks, Alberta. She received her education at Level Land School before moving to Calgary in 1946. She entered nurses' training there in 1952.

She was converted to Christ and baptized June 29, 1946 and was a member of the Rosebud Seventh-day Adventist Church. She transferred membership to the Cassils church in 1959.

She married Keith Lake on June 20, 1957 and has resided in Duchess since. Joyce was on the staff of Brooks General Hospital for a number of years.

Surviving are her husband Keith; three daughters, Heather, Holly and JoAnn, all of Duchess; also a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted in Brooks after which a motorcade travelled to Rosebud for the interment. Joyce died in faith looking forward to the time when Jesus will soon come.

GERRY KARST

BIGGS — Mrs. Agnes Peters-Biggs was born March 31, 1906 in Baysville, Ontario. She passed quietly to her rest January 7, 1975, just 4 days after having married Jim Biggs.

Sister Peters-Biggs became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1969 having been baptized by Dr. Frank Knutson.

Mourning her passing are her newly-wedded husband and a daughter Mrs. Thompson of Sudbury as well as a brother and three sisters.

She awaits the call on the great resurrection morning of Jesus her Saviour.

Assisting in the service with the writer was Dr. Frank Knutson of North Bay.

PASTOR SMEDLEY
South River

WALSH — On January 31st Mrs. Florence Martha Walsh passed away in the University Hospital London at the age of 72 years. Along with her husband and parents, Brother and Sister Goring, (all now deceased), she had been a member of the London Church until they moved to Toronto late in the thirties and became members of the Odd Street Church. The funeral service was conducted by the writer who turned the minds of all present to that day when all disease, pain and death itself will be forever removed. To the members of her family who mourn the loss of a loved one we extend our sympathy.

PASTOR F. C. J. PEARSE
London Church

ELLIOT — Mr. Edgar Alfred Elliot was born in London, England, on April 25, 1880. He passed to his rest in Victoria on January 31, 1975. He leaves his loving sister, Miss Ethel Elliot. Brother Elliot will be remembered by his many friends in the Victoria Seventh-day Adventist Church for his faithful concern for the success of God's work. May Jesus soon come and reunite us all in the kingdom of heaven.

PASTOR C. S. COOPER

GARDENER — Ralph Gardener was born on September 10, 1927, at Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, and died tragically January 20, 1975. He was married on the 20th of June, 1952, and shortly the couple moved to Oshawa, Ontario, where they spent five and a half years before returning to Newfoundland for another five and a half years. In 1964 they moved to McBride, British Columbia. Ralph made many sincere and life-long friends and will long be remembered for his incredible will to work and for his habitual Bible study — even during lunch hour and break time. Ralph is survived by his wife the former Inez Brown, and six children: David, Dianne, Wendell, Madelin, Jackie and Chris. Also, two brothers, George and William; and three sisters, Mary, Gladys and Blanche. The 84th Psalm, verses 5 through 12 might well be applied to the life of Ralph and was the text of the farewell service at the Lamming Mills Church. He rests in the promise of 1 Thessalonians 4:16, awaiting the life-giving call. Interment was in the McBride cemetery surrounded by the forests and overshadowed by the majestic mountains of the province.

PASTOR BOB LEHMANN

CURTIS — Sister Charlotte Curtis passed to her rest February 3, 1975 at the blessed age of 105 years. Most of her earthly sojourn was in service to her Lord and even in passing, the memory of her lovely Christian Spirit had its influence upon those who knew and loved her. One could not help but bring to mind the many ways in which she had permitted her life to reflect the grace and charm of her Saviour. So, even as we mourn her, we can give thanks for having known her. And as her brothers and sisters in Christ, we determine to perpetuate to reality her fondest hope — the coming of her Saviour. May it be soon.

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