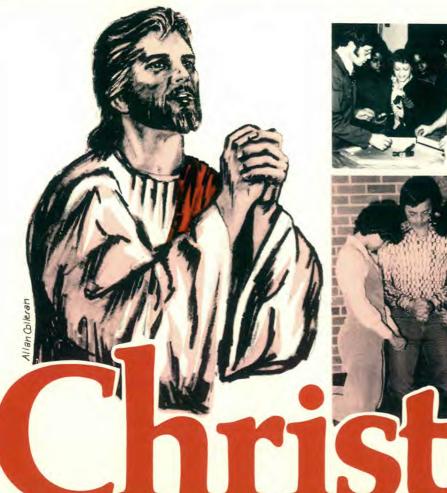
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Christian EDUCATION

...is not expensive it is priceless!

There can be no more important work than the proper education of our youth.



Items from the Canadian Union Office



Christian Education

"The Lord of heaven is looking on to see who is doing the work He would have done for the children and youth." Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, page 42.

Yes, the Lord is looking down from heaven in love upon every member in the Canadian Union to see what each one is doing in behalf of Christian education for youth. That is a very solemnizing thought which has made a tremendous impression on me. What are we doing for our youth? Are we doing all that we should? Thank God for another opportunity to help save our youth.

"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." Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, page 43.

Satan seeks to control the minds of the youth. The Sabbath School and church service are not sufficient to counteract the forces which baffle and confuse. We must have Christian Seventh-day Adventist schools, from elementary, right through college, here in Canada, so God's promise can become reality; "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord." Isaiah 4:13.

Youth are Christ's purchased possession—the heritage of the Lord. He loves them and lived here on earth, then died to save them. Now He ministers in heaven on their behalf.

Brethren and sisters, I invite you to encourage, support, and pray for our youth and Christian education.

L. L. Reile, *President* Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

A Tribute to the Late Melvin Erickson A Former Director of Education for the Canadian Union

Melvin Eddy Erickson was born in Tugaske, Saskatchewan, Canada on April 3, 1918. His mother, Mrs. Alma Erickson, still resides in Saskatchewan. On August 30, 1942, he was married to Lorna Joy Stickle. They had two sons, both married: Lloyd, now living in Lincoln, Newbraska, and Clare, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia. There are two grandchildren.

He received his elementary and high school education in Tugaske. He attended the Moose Jaw Normal School and in 1947 received a B.Th. degree from Canadian Union College, Lacombe, Alberta. He received an M.A. degree with a major in secondary school administration from Syracuse University in 1962, and a Ph.D. in curriculum development from Georgia State University in 1975.

He is the author of an educational game, "Blackout" and two books, "In Tune With God" and "Bible Quizzes." He has authored numerous articles which have appeared in various educational and religious journals. At the time of his

death he was the editor of a journal entitled, "Focus on Education in the Southern Union Conference."

Dr. Erickson served the young people of the church in various areas of North America as a teacher, pastor, youth director, superintendent of education, and in 1970 he joined the Southern Union Conference as Associate Director of Education, a position he has held until the time of his death.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada extends sincere and heart-felt sympathy to Dr. Erickson's family. In addition, appreciation is expressed for the spiritual leadership and encouragement that he gave during his many years of service as a dedicated pastor and educator in Canada.

Dr. Erickson was the Canadian Union Conference Director of Education from 1967-70. The accompanying photo shows him acting in this capacity as he discusses a teachers' convention program with visiting guests.



Standing Left to Right: Elder Larry Smart, former Director of Education for the S.D.A. Church in Canada, Dr. George Akers, Andrews University, I.V.Stonebrook, G. C. Department of Education. Seated Left to Right: Dr. Ruth Murdock, Andrews University, and Pastor Melvin 'rickson.

MFC Program Accredited by Patti A. Hansen

LOMA LINDA, CA—Loma Linda University's graduate program in Marriage and Family Counseling has received provisional accreditation from the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors (AAMFC).

Classes in Marriage and Family Counseling begin each September. Prospective students are required to have a Bachelor's Degree in a behavioral science or a strong background in behavioral sciences, in addition to other entrance requirements.

Learn to Live

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." Psalms 107:8, 15, 21, 31.

King David, himself the author of many Psalms, was generous in his praise to the Lord. God had done something for him because he sensed his need, and cried unto the Lord Who delivered his soul. When his steps had well nigh slipped because he was envious of the foolish and when he saw the prosperity of the wicked, David was shown the destruction that would befall them (Ps. 73); and David learned to live. When he was self-assured, he learned to trust. When proud, he was given lessons in humility. Consideration of self-interest was replaced by concern for others. Realizing that the best things that life in this transient, worldly existence can offer are completely barren and fruitless, David reached out his hands to God. He wanted more than to be "a worm...a reproach of men, and despised of the people." Psalms 22. He wanted a better life than this world could offerand he got it.

David, a man after God's own heart, learned to live a new life, full and free, as God answered his prayer: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me to the way everlasting." Psalms 139:23, 24. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Psalms 51:10.

As Seventh-day Adventists, we sing praises today for God's wonderful works: for the transforming power of the Spirit of Christ in the personal life; for temporal blessings; for specific instruction pertinent to spiritual development and Christian integrity to sustain the believers until Christ returns.

In his time of need, God instructed King David through a prophet. Special instruction has also been given to this remnant church—instruction that will, if heeded, restore in man the lost image of his Maker.

As part of this church's many soulsaving doctrines, we accept such practial programs as health reform, stewardship of



the means entrusted to us, Christian education and active witnessing. To the same extent that the membership accepts and puts into practise God's entire program for our lives, "...we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto the perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of God." Eph. 4:13. Godliness is the goal to be reached. When the individual crucifies self and permits the Spirit of Christ to dwell within the heart and mind (Gal. 2:20), the image of his Maker may be restored in man.

Indeed, the work of redemption and the object of education are one and the same (Ed. 16). This is why the church school program is of primary importance as it complements instruction received at home and at church. The broken cisterns and polluted waters of worldly knowledge, philosophy, self-interest, and way of life contain only the seeds of self-destruction and offer no hope, no life; just death. In the Seventh-day Adventist system of education, we have every advantage on our side in learning to live--not for just a day, but for eternity.

God led the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage to the promised land. In 6T 195 we read, "anyone of the children of the Hebrews who was found in an Egyptian habitation was destroyed.

"This... was written for the instruction of those who should live in the last days. To parents He sends the warning cry: Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God....Establish church schools. Give your children the word of God as the foundation of all their education...and if pupils make it their study in the primary grade below, they will be prepared for the higher grade above."

Yes, if our children are to live today when Satan is seeking whom he may devour, they must learn to live in Christ who alone is the source of our life and who gives it full and free for all eternity.

As in Samuel's day, our church schools still serve "as barriers against the wide-spreading corruption...provide for the mental and spiritual welfare of the youth, and...promote the prosperity of the nation by furnishing it with men qualified to act in the fear of God as leaders and counsellors." Ed. 46. Truely, Christian education plays a major role in the growth of this church through the dual evangelistic roles of keeping our children in the church and by preparing them to evangelize the world.

As I write, the record playing in the living room brings this assurance, "It is no secret what God can do; what He's done for others, He'll do for you." May our support of Christian education be such that "When Christ Who is our life, shall appear, then shall (we and our children) also appear with Him in glory." Col. 3:4 paraphrased. Let's learn to live; not for today-Eternity is on its way; Let's learn to live the total span Of life God wants to give to man. He will produce His image true Within the hearts of all that do Not seek their will, but His alone. Let's march steadfastly t'ward our home. In heaven's mansions for the bless'd We and our children shall find rest If on this earth we have remained From worldly influence unstained. Homes, schools, and churches now combine

To find true life fore'er in Thine.

A sincere word of appreciation is in order for our entire Canada-wide church membership for its growing support of Christian education. Church school students, their parents, teachers, and pastors, kindly accept a double portion of our expression of appreaciation.

M. Graham Associate Director of Education

A family home is a classroom, You live and grow together, You learn the art of loyalty . . . A port in stormy weather.

Eleanor Fiock



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Park Manor Personal Care Home

Transcona, Manitoba

By A. GEORGE RODGERS, Consultant, Health Care Institutions



Bernard Skoretz, Administrator

An expression of pleasure and surprise escaped us as we negotiated Redondo Street and gazed, for the first time, upon this fine, modern building erected and operating under the auspices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Artistically designed, and rendered all the more attractive by the skillful application of exterior decoration, this beautifully-kept institution, so well maintenanced and thus well preserved, belies its age and inception of a decade ago.

The Board and Administration are to be warmly congratulated upon the acquisition of the site, the architectural concept of the establishment and the philosophy governing an operation "where hope, and health, and healing combine".

Park Manor's administration, conservative and restrained, receded from any comment that would suggest operational superiority over secular institutions charged with a similar task. But through their own personal commitment, and the concerted endeavours of the staff in identification with Adventist philosophy, patient, resident and visitor, alike, will not fail to discover a "difference".

The declared objective of this institution is "to uphold the dignity and worth of each person". In its printed statement on motivation, Park Manor confirms its God-given mission to man: "The philosophy we adopt is the one our Master, Christ, used while He lived among men, He showed sympathy and mercy to all."

Hence, when and where men and women proffer their service in the name of Christ, such dedication must of necessity reveal an institution essentially different from all others.

Park Manor's physical plant, the epitome of good housekeeping, accommodates one hundred beds with a "clinical mix" apportioned as 40% personal care and 60% extended care.

Including part-time workers, 115 professional and non-professional staff, with exemplary patience and kindliness, minister to the diversified needs and demands of both "residents" and "patients", all of whom either have their own doctor or elect the attendance of the staff physician.

Our survey of professional staff yielded an approximation in the categories as indicated: 9 registered nurses; 9 licensed practical nurses; 32 nurse aides and 7 orderlies. The resident-patient-staff ratio would appear adequate and commensurate with established criteria for such facilities. The Director of Nursing upon whom devolves the heavy responsibility of co-ordination, discharges her task with Christian warmth and clinical proficiency.

Among services available are: dietary, occupational therapy, physical therapy, activities of daily living, social services,

and for spiritual comfort and counselling, the office of the chaplain whose services are augmented by visiting clergy of other communions.

As was to be expected, examination of Park Manor's records revealed an institution constantly operating at 100% occupancy with a long waiting list of those wishing to be welcomed within its walls.

In recognition of the commendable contribution to the community, and the fine reputation Park Manor has earned through the years, it is both fitting and most appropriate to recognize the outstanding leadership and dedication of Administrator Bernard Skoretz. He has been employed by the Board, and worked co-operatively with the Directors, ever since Park Manor embarked on its mission of mercy, almost ten years ago. His recent decision, entirely self-initiated, to separate from this discipline for pursuit of other personal plans, constitutes a loss to the organization and creates a vacancy hard to fill. We all wish him well.

May heaven's benediction, as in the past, continue to rest upon this institution and upon all who sojourn, and upon those who selflessly labour within.



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Carved Model of Pitcairn Mission Schooner Offered to Highest Bidder

A carved model of the PITCAIRN, the 1890 Adventist mission schooner that took its name from its destination, is being offered to the highest bidder as a one-of-a-kind souvenir of Pitcairn Island.

Approximately 21 inches in length, the little ship, including the sails, was carved from native woods by John Christian, 83, a direct descendant of Fletcher Christian of MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY fame.

Anyone interested in bidding should send a written bid in a letter to: Pitcairn Ship, c/o Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles, CA 90053. No money should be enclosed with the bid. The person making the highest bid will be notified, and can then send in the amount bid.

Bids must be postmarked by April 30, 1977, and must be received at the Voice of Prophecy by May 10, 1977.

Half of the money received from the sale of this ship model will be sent to John Christian on Pitcairn Island; the

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The PITCAIRN schooner served as a

mission ship to Pitcairn Island and other islands of the South Pacific from 1890 until 1900.





H. C. White, Superintendent of Education

Christian Education in British Columbia Still Growing

Seventh-day Adventists in British Columbia are known for their interest in Christian education. The members realize that this is one of the main reasons for progression in this Conference. In fact, there is no higher form of evangelism in British Columbia and every teacher is regarded as a conference evangelist.

At this very time some new schools are in the planning stage, additional class-rooms are being built, and auditoriums are under construction. Adventist self-supporting schools are also in various stages of development.

Last August, Elder Reile, President of the Canadian Union Conference, and Elders Kaytor, E. F. White, and H. C. White of the local conference, joined Pastor Petr and others at Port Hardy, in the opening of a brand new lovely school near the northern tip of Vancouver Island. Teachers J. Haakmat and E. Simanton are sharing their joys with the students there.

Last summer there was only land in the country near McBride where now there is a beautiful two-room school. Co-operation and ambition brought this school to completion in a very short time. Brother and Sister Wolfgang Hessel are happy to be the teachers there.

As one drives his car through Coutenay to Campbell River, he passes by the Comox Church. Beside this church a new auditorium is being completed. "Plans are underway to use this building for evangelistic meetings, five-day plans," etc., says H. Beavon, the pastor. It is hoped that bush will be cleared soon and a beautiful school erected on the other side of the auditorium. In the meantime, school is conducted in the church basement.

The recently built auditorium at the Fraser Valley Adventist Academy is being used for more than an auditorium. Social Studies classes are being held at the front and Industrial Arts classes at the back. On November 28 a garage sale was conducted at the school. Turnout was so good that over \$2,000 was netted. Work is under-

way to free the auditorium of the above classes. The foundation is being laid for an Industrial Arts Center. Many thanks to D. Vanderwerff, his staff, and others.

The spacious gymnasium at the Okanagan Academy is greatly appreciated. Much use is made for school and church functions. Already an evangelistic crusade has been held in it, resulting in 60 more souls joining the remnant church.

Victoria is in the process of purchasing land between Victoria and Sidney. Plans are being formulated to sell the school in the city and to build a new one in the country. "What an ideal place for a good work program!" reports G. Sandness, Principal.

The Mt. Arrowsmith school, run by the Nanaimo and Port Alberni Churches is to take on a new look. This school is right out among the cows and horses. The land is being purchased by the churches and the school will take on a new look.

Vernon and Grandview are both expanding. Vernon has a lovely new school building with lots of room to grow. Grandview will soon have a new auditorium.

Williams Lake is proud of the new addition to their building. A new auditorium and Industrial Arts Centre signify many good things to come. North of there, we find a completed school at Prince George.

Hazelton is in an area that is considered by some to be out of the way. Yet much activity goes on at the school and professional furniture is being built by students. Charles Smith and Daryl Hall receive much satisfaction as they witness the energies of children being put into something very useful.

Self-supporting schools report good success. We appreciate the closeness with which they work with the Conference. In fact, they are part of the Conference.

Much more could be said about expansion in British Columbia. Bella Coola, Chetwynd, Barriere, Cowichan, Creston,

Deer Lake, Golden, Kamloops, Oliver, Silver Creek, Terrace, Peachland, Penticton, and Lumby have great plans. We are sure there will be much more to report in the near future.

Buildings are only facilities to assist in Christian education. We are far more proud of the consecrated, evangelistic teachers. It is true that Christian education costs. Should we curtail Christian education in British Columbia? Not as long as probation's door is open. It pays by souls being brought into God's kingdom.

"The teacher in his work is dealing with things real, and he should speak of them with all the force and enthusiasm which a knowledge of their reality and importance can inspire."

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Hazelton Church School Conducts Work-Study Learning Program

The Hazelton S.D.A. church school has 30 students in attendance. In grades 1 to 5 there are 7 students who are taught by Mrs. Clara Watrous.

In grades 6 to 9 there are 20 students, and also 4 correspondence students in grades 10, 11, and 12, who are taught and supervised by Mr. Daryl Hall and Mrs. Charles Smith. Mr. Smith started the work-study program three years ago.

The school day is divided in half. From 9 a.m. to 12 noon all the students do classroom studies. Then from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. the girls take typing and sewing, and the boys build furniture in the woodwork shop. They built the shop themselves in 1973.

The work and study program is the best thing for any school anywhere. It enables us to do twice the amount of classroom studies in half the amount of time. This is because we aren't sitting at a desk five or six hours a day doing the same things everyday. The work and study program lets us learn other things besides the A.B.C.'s and the 1,2,3,'s.

Please pray for our school so we may continue to be a light to others around us.

Heather Lemky, Student

This woodworking shop shows the Hazelton S.D.A. school work-study program in action.

Students Love Fraser Valley Academy

Fraser Valley Adventist Academy, now in its third year of operation as a senior academy, saw its student enrollment rocket past the 220 mark this year.

Having lived through the expansion projects of the past three years, students have become accustomed to half-heated buildings and classrooms set up under improvised conditions.

To the 600 member constituency, the school stands as a monument of what faith and energetic work and determination can do. The constituency built the \$350,000 school complex debt-free within three years.

Already plans are under way to construct the final phase by adding an industrial education complex. The complex is estimated to cost \$100,000. In faith, the constituency plans to ignore rumors of inflation or depression and build as funds become available. Students and constituency members will be vitally involved in the building and fund raising for this final project at F.V.A.A. Already the Lord has provided over \$34,000. It is hoped that construction of the industrial education complex will begin in March.

Date Vanderwerff, Principal

The following testimony about Christian education was written by Jaxim Kam, a non-S.D.A. student in grade 11 at Fraser Valley Adventist Academy. After graduation from F.V.A.A., Jaxim would like to attend Canadian Union College or Walla Walla College.

When I first stepped in here, the only impression I got was that I enjoyed it—I really enjoyed this school. It still makes me feel that I am in a big family. It is amazing. Everyone is just so nice; they are helpful, sharing, and wonderful.

Under God's directions, everyone is on his way every Saturday going to church, praising God, doing God's work, and sharing life with one another.

Take for example, our school gym project—many people volunteered to work and spent their leisure time doing something for the school under our principal's direction. I really appreciate that when others were enjoying themselves, they were working on the gym even in the cool wind and cold rain.

To me, a stranger, I do not feel strange

here. People seemed to know me already. Everybody is kind and helpful; I can see friendly smiles everywhere.

During lessons it is splendid. Students have a lot of freedom—they sit wherever they like, etc. Teachers' methods are open. They are really teaching, not just giving some knowledge. They consider whether you are learning or not.

Here the school is always training the students' spirit—helping them carry out activities such as with the Community Better Living Committee, Student Association, anti-smoking group, etc. This gives opportunites for the students to try to express themselves, to have organizing experience, and to have training in independence.

School activities such as skating, skiing, and field trips give a lot of enjoyment; encouraging the students.

Honestly, I love F.V.A.A., and I like Canada. It is nice here.

Jaxim Kam

Fraser Valley Adventist Academy showing elementary section, gymnasium, and secondary school section.







Comox Valley Church and school.









Lethbridge Church School

Alberta Supports Christian Education

From Fairview in the north to Lethbridge in the south, Alberta Adventists support Christian education. Fairview, Canada's most northerly S.D.A. church school, is an established school which has recently constructed a new two-room building to adequately house its growing school enrollment. Lethbridge S.D.A. Church School is in its first year of operation. Lethbridge writes: "For years it had been talked about, but talking did not produce a church school. It was not until we decided to form committees and make concrete plans that the Lord blessed our efforts and gave us the incentive to take that first giant step, and initiate a building program. As a result of that faith venture, we now have a thriving eightgrade elementary school, offering a program that includes home economics, auto mechanics, art, music and gymnastics. Our newly-formed tumbling team has already performed at two public programs, and plans on putting on more programs in our surrounding cities.'

Sylvan Lake school, in its second year of operation in a modern school situated in the country has already an enrollment of about fifty pupils studying under three teachers. Other schools are located at Calgary, Leveland, Lacombe, Blumenau—Stettler, Edmonton, and Peoria.

Ronald Sampsel, principal of the Lacombe school reports: "The Lacombe Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School, situated on the campus of Canadian Union College near Lacombe has eight full-time teachers, two part-time teachers, and a student enrollment of 165 students in grades one to eight.

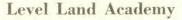
"In addition to the basic subjects the students are offered optional subjects such as band, choir, and tumbling. Excellent progress is being made in these areas.

"The band and choir has presented several programs in the home area. The band has entered the Red Deer Music Festival to be held in mid-March. The choir is planning to visit several of our churches nearby. The director, Dr. C. Wolfe, has also started a beginners' class on string instruments.

"The grade seven and eight tumbling team is very active under the leadership of their instructor, Mr. Gascoyne. They have several performances scheduled for the near future in surrounding towns or cities.

"Our out-of-the-usual warm winter allowed for only a few short months of sliding on the hill immediately west of the school. It has always been a highlight of activities for our students. The melting snow has brought a halt to the sliding.

"Grades one to five worked hard to raise money for a special Valentine Faith for Today offering. The total was \$283.30."



The Level Land Academy, a two room school, is located in the heart of Wheatland County about 12 miles from Beiseker, Alberta.

The grades 7 to 9 classroom has organized a choir known as the New Life Singers. They have performed on several occasions in the church. During the Christmas season they were joined by the other classroon, taught by Mrs. Jackson. The singers walked down the aisle carrying red and white candles. A quiet, reverent atmosphere was thus provided for the commemoration of Christ's birthday. A Men's Quartet, the Hallelujah Chorus on organ and piano, and other items helped to make this a service performed for the glory of God. The New Life Singers visited the Senior Citizen Manor in Acme, where they were gratefully received. A Christmas Cheer Basket was left for each of the residents. The students, teacher Mrs. A, Small, and the pianist, Mrs. Gail Leiske, enjoyed the venture and received a spititual blessing from the visit. They sincerely hope that the listeners also were blessed.

This is only the beginning because sharing your faith grows on you and they plan on another visit soon.

Mrs. A. Small, Principal Level Land Academy



Level Land skating rink activity.



Back row: Left to right-Shelly Lang, Ellen Gieck, Sterling Gimbel, Ryan Leiske, Paul Bugden, Kelly Leiske. Middle row: Kathy Straub, Clara Suelzle, Karen McAfee, Leola Schaber. Front row: Lyndon McAfee, Robin White, Jerry Huether. (Grades 7-9)



Back row: Shawn Huisman, Darrel Huether, Nora Lynn Leiske, Betty Gieck, Larry Lang, Deanna Lang. Front row: Kristine Schaber, Gregory Gramms, Gwenda Gimbel, Cheri-Lynn Huisman, Lana Patzer. (Grades 1—6)



Dedication, Maranatha School, Fairview.



Calgary students raised close to \$1,000 this year through the sale of candles.



Mrs. Deming with Grades 1-3, Peoria.



Maranatha Joybells from Fairview.



The staff at Lacombe S.D.A. Elementary School



Calgary S.D.A. school staff.



Blumenau school band.



Lacombe Grade 1 class just after an accidental paint spill.



Sylvan Lake school family.



Calgary Grade 9 science room, science lab in background.

The Church That Faith Built

Does God still work miracles, and guide even in the church building program, so that a house of prayer can be built free of debt, with less than a twenty-member company?

How often has it been said that man's extremity is God's opportunity? The Edson, Alberta company has found out what this means.

In 1976, Pastor Dan Jackson proposed a church for their fourteen-member company. "No way." "too expensive," "sure, God will help," "impossible," "by faith....," were some of the responses to his suggestion. But the Lord started to act.

A prospective piece of land was purchased. When neighbors objected it was sold at a profit, and two centrally-located subdivision lots were purchased for a better price. This was just prior to the inflationary jump which doubled land prices. The conference generously made an appropriation, and the members pledged. It was not enough, but it was a start.

In March construction began with volunteer work parties. Somehow leaders in various trades seemed to appear on the scene—a foundation man, a subfloor man. a framing man, a furnace man, an electrician, a drywall hanging crew, a finishing drywall crew, carpet layers, finish carpenters. And they all came exactly when needed—no sooner and no later.

Bargains popped up all over the place—a carpet at a fraction of the price, furnace at half-price, experienced trades generously donated, and all lighting at wholesale cost.

During the middle of construction Pastor Dan Jackson was transferred, and a month later Pastor Richard Warman took over the pastoral duties. When he came, so did a number of other people, and when, at Christmas, a dedication date was set for February 19, 1977, things went into high gear.

Dedicated free of debt?

A week before opening, and still \$4,000 short, the members knelt and humbly begged God to see that if be paid. It was a week of testing faith. Everybody had given all they could. They had done their best, and now the rest was up to God.

The night before the dedication, Elder L. L. Reile, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, gave the word to proceed with dedicatory plans.

God honored our faith.

A church of twenty-eight members was organized.

Within one year our prayers are that this new church building will be filled to capacity.

We believe God will continue to work through His members.

Doug Cohrs,

Communication Secretary Edson, Alberta Church

Acme-Beiseker-Level Land-Drumheller Churches in Action

During the early hours of the morning of January 4, 1977, a terrible experience came to the Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bell family of Acme, Alberta. According to Mrs. Bell, the furnace exploded and the house was filled with smoke in just a couple of minutes. The entire family was able to leave the house without any injury. However, they left behind everything they owned in this world and the house was levelled to the ground in a very short time.

Tragedy struck this family a year ago when they lost a son by drowning. When I visited the family the mother said she couldn't cry anymore.

At this point of our conversation I asked Mrs. Bell what she would miss most. She answered, "My deep-freeze." With this information in hand we decided to purchase for them a new deep-freeze. The manager of the Co-Op at Drumheller gave us a discount of \$80.00.

The deep-freeze was delivered to the family, the church members gave \$507.00, which more than paid for it.

Some of the church members decided that we should put something into the freezer. So the food started to come in the form of frozen peas, strawberries, parsnips, corn, carrots, canned peaches, apricots, beets, soup, bagged walnuts, a bag of potatoes, turnips, dinner buns, etc. The total value of the food brought by the members was \$100.00.

The family at the present time has been housed in a spare home on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schulze, members of the Acme Church and close friends of the family.

Pastor Lou Bugden, Acme, Beiseker-Level Land, Drumheller Churches



Side view of the Edson, Alberta Church.

A Happy New Life for Young Shah Pemberton

Shah Pemberton, a young man of 16, was baptized into the Edmonton Ukrainian Church on January 15. Shah was introduced to the church by Brother and Sister Russ Brodyk and their two daughters. They studied with Shah and kept bringing him to church. Finally after a series of studies with the pastor, Shah took his stand for the Lord. Even before he was baptized he applied for admittance to Canadian Union College. He is enjoying his work and studies at C.U.C. immensely.





Beginning of Korean Work in Alberta

-Pastor P. E. Uniat

A Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church of over twenty members has been organized in Edmonton. The congregation meets in the Edmonton Ukrainian Church where the first contact was made with these fine Korean people.

Some months ago, Sister Breslawski got acquainted with a Korean family who had just recently come to Edmonton, This was a Christian family of another denomination, but Sister Breslawski invited them to the Ukrainian S.D.A. Church. In fact, the lady was asked to sing a solo for the divine service, and this is where real action began. Within a month or so, the family had to move on to Toronto and Sister Breslawski, in her friendly way held a farewell party for them. Several Korean families attended this party and acquaintances were made. Sister Breslawski befriended these people and began teaching them the English

language and holding Bible studies with them. The interest grew and some of these people began to attend the church.

In the meantime Brother and Sister Keith Chang arrived in Edmonton from Winnipeg and took a very great interest in these people. A Korean Bible class was organized and every Saturday night the pastor, with Brother Keith Chang translating, studied with this fine group of people.

As the interest in the Word of God grew, a request was made to Elder J. W. Wilson, president of the Alberta Conference, to invite Pastor H. C. Pak of Toronto to hold a series of ten meetings in Edmonton. His stay was increased to twenty days, and night after night Elder Pak brought the Adventist message to the Korean people in a strong and powerful way. The Holy Spirit worked upon the hearts of men and women. Finally on Sunday, February 27, seven precious souls took their stand for the Lord and were baptized.

There is also a group of about ten baptized members living in Calgary. It is hoped that soon the Alberta Conference will be able to procure a Korean worker for these people who have come to make their home in Alberta.



The scene of the fire in Acme, Alberta on January 4, 1977.



On February 26, 1977 these Korean members were organized into the Edmonton Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bell on the day we delivered the deep-freeze to their home.



Pictured above are seven of the individuals who were recently baptized through the ministry of Elder Peter Uniat on the left and Elder H. C. Pak on the right. Sister Jackie Kim, Brother and Sister Eun. Brother and Sister Yoo, Brother and Sister No.

Growing Interest in Christian Education



Jim Eiseman Education Superintendant

Education in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference is progressing at a great rate.

Eight churches are interested in beginning new schools. As of this date, two of these churches are assured of having schools in the fall. There is a good possibility of one or two more schools being in operation by then as well.

Several other churches have made inquiries about starting schools as well. It is our wish that in the near future, each of these churches will have a school.

Things are looking up in our conference and God's people are seeing more and more the need for Adventist Education.

Learning to Live at Saskatoon Jr. Academy



Children of grades one and two enjoying a story from the "listening center."



Students in grades 7-9 class receiving their "practical training". In this case it is painting the classroom.

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STUDENT TRAINING

Now students need to use tools. They need to have practical arts in school. They should fix buildings on the school grounds. They need to learn typing, how to do printing, presswork, and bookbinding. You may want to cultivate land as a farmer. Also, cooking and baking will come in handy for anyone. Sewing and mending are also important. Some people may want to be pastors, elders or missionaries in other lands. You need to know how to spend your money wisely. If you are on God's side all the things you do will prosper.

When Adam and Eve sinned God made them cultivate the land. They pulled weeds and got thorns in their hands. They searched for their food and built their own homes. They did everything by hand in Adam and Eve's time.

As you grow up, you should have good health habits. You should run or do some exhausting exercises that will make your heart stronger. You will likely have a longer life. Smoking and drinking are harmful to the health. Drugs will wreck your body. These all deal with what God wants us to do. We won't make the lives of others sad if we do the right things.

Carlo Stenfors, grade 9 Saskatoon Junior Academy



Grades one to three participating in a prayer circle.



Creative art in the middle grades.

PHYSICAL LABOUR FOR STUDENTS

While at school students should not only use their brains, but have manual training. They should have an opportunity to use tools guided by an experienced workman, or do a little gardening or make some improvement needed by the school. By doing this, the students would learn how to save money and be useful to themselves. Also, while at home, youth should not spend their time idly. They can help their father do something around the house or help their mother with the housework. Proverbs 31 gives some examples of manual training: "She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands." Proverbs 31:13. "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:31.

God wants us to do exercises that will help us learn more and help us to grow to be useful to Him, ourselves, and others. "In God's plan for Israel every family had a home on the land with sufficient ground for tilling. Thus were provided both the means and the incentive for a useful, industrious and self-supporting life." CT 275.

Man's way of exercising is by exerting his body in different kinds of sports from which he is not learning anything. It is said that Satan delights in seeing us exert our bodies and not learn anything useful.

I think God's ways of exercising are best for us. You can get physically fit with man's ways of exercising, but you would not grow up to have a self-supporting life.

Gherardt Williams, grade 7 Saskatoon Junior Academy



The grades 7-9 class is sponsoring a "Crusade Against Drugs" for a health project. This includes selling drug magazines as a fund raising campaign. Some of the students participated in a Drug Education Program held in the Saskatoon Central Church, January 17, 1977. Shown left to right are: Gherardt Williams, Dale Burns, Corporal Dave Wilton (guest speaker), Dawn Williams, Jacque Janzen, Sherree Forsyth.



Cpl, Wilton is from the Detective Squad of Saskatoon City Police Department. Here he is showing the audience the effects and duration of an L.S.D. trip.

Curtis-Horne Junior Academy, Regina, Saskatchewan

E. West, Principal

The students of the Curtis-Horne Jr. Academy, Regina, Saskatchewan, (with an enrolment of 23 students) are pleased to announce their share in the Regina Ingathering program for 1976, in raising \$847.18 (approximately ¼ of the entire church goal) and in distributing approximately 4,000 pamphlets.

Recent results of our students' academic skills in comparison with all Canadian students on a national level, as obtained from the series CANADIAN TEST OF BASIC SKILLS, administered in December, 1976, show the excellence of our educational system.

UPPER ROOM (GRADES 5-9)

Average of all students-83rd percentile (only 17% from the top) Average of students who attended previous to this year-86th percentile (only 14% from top) Average of students attending for the first year-79th percentile.

LOWER ROOM (GRADES 1-4)

Average of all students-69th percentile Students who attended previous to this year-89th percentile (only 11% from top) Students attending for the first year-42nd percentile**

**As you look at these figures, please bear in mind that the students attending church school for the first time have spent only four months in church school and from 3 to 7 years in public school.

In conclusion, we think that we have achieved a very inportant first among possibly all SDA church schools in North America. We are extremely happy that of the total SDA student population attending church, 100% of them are enrolled in our academy.



Curtis-Horne Students.

SASKATOON CHURCH BAND

The Saskatoon Church band has just completed a very successful year. They have played for a number of churches and have been featured throughout the Conference at youth rallies. Besides the full band, variety is added to the program by the performance of instrumental ensembles from within the band, and a singing group.

The band was organized about five years ago by Brother Jim Hunt with twelve members, and now has an average membership from year to year of twenty-five. With music a very important part of worship and praise to God, this group is letting its light shine to others through music and song.

Mrs. J. Hunt

Saskatoon Church Band - Conductor Brother Jim Hunt (far right)

BAPTISM IN THE MOOSE JAW CHURCH

Thank God for His children that move as His Spirit moves them. In the fall of '76 Pastor Freed received a phone call from a young lady requesting to be baptized. Realizing that in order to enter God's kingdom one must be born of water and of the Spirit, Audrey Doege came to the pastor seeking to do God's will. His Spirit has led her all the way. She now rejoices in the blessed hope of our soon-to-return Saviour.



Audrey Doege and Pastor Freed.







Ralph Janes Director of Education

"In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one,..."Ed. p. 30. To the Newfoundland Teachers this presents a collosal challenge. The majority of students attending our schools are from Non-Adventist homes, therefore teachers must be prepared to take advantage of every opportunity to instill in young minds the desire to live a wholesome Christian life. We are thankful for sincere dedicated teachers who are willing to accept this challenge.

Seventh-day Adventist Academy, St John's Newfoundland



The various classroom activities indicate that learning is a pleasant experience.







Items of interest pointed out in the yearly report to the school board by A. Garland, Principal, include the following:

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"Except for the painting of one room, the new addition to the elementary school is all but finished. During the past few months, light, heat and ceilings have been installed; the rooms have been painted and the flooring put down. Many hours of voluntary labor have been put in by the teachers.

"Word came through in February from the Department of Education that the school had been granted shared evaluation status. This is a means whereby the school can award up to 50% of the final examination mark in Grade XI.

"We believe that shared evaluation will make for better teaching and a more valid assessment of the pupils progress.

"During the past year, 150 books have been added to the library.

"There are tentative plans to take the present English room and the former faculty room and make them into a resource center.

"It is encouraging to see the emphasis that is placed in the elementary grades on the Bible classes and Bible-related activities. It is easy to sense the interest and enjoyment experienced by the pupils.

"During our fall Week of Spiritual Emphasis the students and staff experienced some real blessings as Pastor Uffindell introduced us once again to Christ, the Creator.

"Pastor Uffindell has brought us several other chapel talks and plans have been made for him to hold a special Bible class with those pupils who have shown an interest in our message."





R. K. Lehmann, Education Director Maritime Conference

Christian Education for All

In the conditions of modern life the value of trained intelligence is inestimable. Tomorrow the sciences will have moved forward yet another step. Keeping pace will be the triple threat theories of "I don't believe in God;" "God doesn't care about me;" and "I'll never make it anyway." We witness the results in the world's deepening discouragement, disenchantment and lack of sound judgement. Keeping pace then with the rapid proliferation of public institutions disseminating what the world calls knowledge must be a movement among God's people to establish, in every entered area, halls where our young strength may be welded strenuously to make decisions regarding, not only eternal life but the future of the church of the Third Angel's Message in their day. The Maritime Conference has moved and is moving in this direction. During the last two years our number of schools has more that doubled as has the number of Educators. The fact remains that our young people in half of our churches are not experiencing the benefits of Christian Education. Indications are that 80% of these youth fail of ever enthroning Christ in their hearts. This picture should be sobering to Seventh-day Adventists. We dare not rest on past sacrifice and investment.

One of the characteristics of this period of time has been our excessive preoccupation with plans for the future. Herein we do err. Rushing head-long to meet us is an era in which stockpiled worldly knowledge and treasured possessions will bind us in bundles for the burning. Today on an unprecedented scale we must make provision for the acquisition by our youth of sets of customs, structures of belief and behaviour, coupled with the training to be self provident. Movement in any other direction will be found to constitute a vote cast to leave our youth to eternal oblivion. Here then lies our great challenge. How will the stimulated mind of the Seventh-day Adventist Church respond? As for me and my house we will....





Mrs. Johnston's class at the new Saint George S.D.A. School enjoy an experiment in the properties of friction.



Class members of the new Annapolis Valley S.D.A. School explore the globe.



A science experiment turns out well for Mr. May's class at Saint John S.D.A. Elementary.

Successful Five-day Plan in New Minas, Nova Scotia

One hundred and five persons attended a Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking conducted by Pastor John A. Lyons in New Minas, N.S. Of those who faithfully followed the plan through to its conclusion, 72% kicked the habit.

Many long-time smokers were present. Three of these had smoked for over 50 years. An individual who had smoked for 58 years did not have a single cigarette during the entire program. Others in the 30-year class claimed victory.

Brother Ken Hill-physiotherapist

from Dalhousie University—was present for the first evening. Dr. James Rafferty—a local physician—was present for the final session to give counsel and answer questions during an open discussion period.

The program was well-advertised through ads, posters, handbills, and personal invitations. But the best advertising was absolutely free—a news item in the local paper and an interview of Pastor John Lyons on a radio talk-show during prime time. The talk-show brought the most response. The newspaper item came second.

Pastor J. Lyons Communication Secretary



P.F.Lemon President Superintendent of Education



The S.D.A. Church in Operates a Bilingual **Education Program**

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Quebec believes in Christian education. As we have seen God's providences in the past few years in respect to the work of the church in Quebec, our faith is strong and our courage is strengthened. God has provided many evangelistic opportunites and challenges. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is growing rapidly in Quebec.

Quebec

Its church school education program is also expanding. Enrollment figures for the last five years show excellent growth. Enrollment has jumped from 27 in 1972-73 to 76 in the 1976-77 school year. Church schools are vital to the total evangelistic thrust of the church organization. They meet the need of Christian education, separate from the philosophies of the world, for a growing church constituency. Church schools serve as evangelistic centers where children and youth are led to accept Jesus as their Saviour and where they learn to witness for Him. Thus, schools reinforce the instruction of the home and of the church and help to inculate S.D.A. philosophy and way of life in the hearts and minds of the young of the church. Church schools also serve as a springboard from which our youth go on to higher education within the S.D.A. school sys-

The S.D.A. Church in Quebec operates a bilingual education program with one section serving the French-speaking constituency. We trust that the growing church school program in the province of Quebec will serve as the beginning step in providing bilingual church workers and leaders, not only for the church in Quebec but throughout Canada and the church's world-wide mission fields also.



'Yes, count us in for Christian education.' Students responding to the question, "How many of you are now baptized members of the S.D.A. Church?



French section students pictured with P. Lemon (center back) and teachers Mr. Erick Cayemitte and Mrs. Suze Pierre-Antoine. (Left and right, back row, respectively)



Mrs. Sylivia Greaves, principal, assists a diligent pupil.



Mrs. Pierre-Antoine helps a student with her français.



Students find the camera to be more interest ing than the social studies class.

1976-77 SCHOOL YEAR REPORT

There are 63 elementary and secondary schools presently operated by the membership of the Canadian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The 3,656 students enrolled are taught by 241 teachers. Five years ago, there were 47 schools, 3,090 students, and 179 teachers.

For elementary school enrolment compared to total church membership, the Canadian Conference now stands fifth amongst the ten union conferences in North America. It stands sixth in academy enrollment (9-12).

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Trumpet Trio



College Tractor with students working

Outdoor Education

March 6 13, 1977 found seventy-six eighth-grade students from all of the Seventh-day Adventist church schools in Ontario congregate for a week of outdoor education at New Camp Frenda on Lake Rosseau near Port Carling. This was a pioneering venture sponsored jointly by the Education and MV Departments. Students travelled anywhere from one hundred and twenty-five to eight hundred and twenty-five miles.

The purpose of this venture was to expose students to a different form of education in a setting of nature. The curriculum included. Camp Craft, Orienteering, Pioneer Life, Art, English, Star Study and Religious Studies. Some students came with the idea that it would be a week of play and were just a little surprised to find they could spend only three to four hours a day in hiking, skiing, tobogganing, snowshoeing, tubing, playing ping-pong or other indoor games.

Everyone had an opportunity to appreciate the fruits of labor. At first some boys felt that scrubbing pots and pans, doing dishes, sweeping floors, cleaning washrooms, and preparing vegetables was work for girls, but before the week was over there were those who volunteered to stay on and work full time in the kitchen if this would enable them to remain for another week at camp.

Students especially appreciated the wholesome food prepared by Mrs. Vlug and her helpers, Miss Ruth Blabey and Mrs. Smith. They also appreciated the morning devotionals by Mr. Hudgins, and the evening vesper hour when Elder Dan Harris discussed the closing events of this earth's history. Mr. Prouty's Camp Craft class was highlighted by an overnight campout; Mr. Hoffman's Art class discovered snow sculpturing to be a unique form of artistic expression; Miss Saliba's English class kept some intriguing diaries of the week's events; Mr. Unger's Orienteering class was challenged by a compass walk; and Elder George's Friday evening thoughts on stars and the trip through the opening in Orion fascinated everyone.

The special music rendered by the students from Toronto Junior Academy, the discussion groups each evening and in Sabbath School, the opportunity to make new friends—these and many other memories will make this week a highlight in the lives of the eighth-grade students of Ontario. The poem written by and delivered by the Sabbath School superintendent, Mr. Bob Prouty, on Sabbath, March 12 sounds a challenge to everyone to hear and respond to the Lord's call.

I trust, dear reader, that your response will be affirmative.

Send Me

From day to day at Keswick camp Through evening chill and morning damp The grade eight groups from T.J.A. From College Park to Thunder Bay, Attended class and did their chores And ventured forth from ice-bound shores. Each evening at the close of day They paused, forgetting work and play And came aside at Vespers Hour To seek the Source of inner power, The pastor spoke of things to be, Of trials, plagues, eternity. The minds of many were impressed; Their hearts were touched; their lives were blessed. But some, indeed, seemed not to hear, Seemed not to feel Christ's coming near. As pastor spoke of things to come, Seemed more concerned with chewing gum,

With talking to their nearby friends, To keep in touch with latest trends But how the Saviour must be grieved To see His Word like this received; For time is short, the work is great And must not, cannot, will not wait. So leave behind self-seeking strife, The careless, prayerless, pride-filled life, And let's resolve this very day To let the Saviour have full sway; Let's I eave this camp with faith restored, With hearts on fire for the Lord. Then when His voice comes asking, lo Whom shall I send and who will go? Let each one answer full and free, "Lord, here am I, send me, send me; Lord, here am I, send me, send me!"

KINGSWAY COLLEGE AWARE OF SOCIAL NEEDS AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

God has created us to be social beings and it is important that this aspect be cared for by the school. Ellen G. White says that "God is the Author of all beauty, Himself a lover of the beautiful, has provided to gratify in His children the love of beauty. He made provision also for their social needs, for the kindly and helpful associations that do so much to cultivate sympathy and to brighten and sweeten life."

Kingsway College is aware of these social needs and has provided, besides work and studies, several social activities which are enjoyed by every student. Regualar activities include Student Association and Saturday night programs and the Intramurals. However, occasionally, special programs such as the Supper Clubs, Open House and a reception provide the variety needed.

The Intramural program provides the student with the opportunity to develop strong and well-balanced bodies. Therefore the physical aspect of the student's life is given the opportunity for developement. Approximately for one and a half hours, five days a week the student body is actively engaged in the Intramural

program. Games such as flag football, volleyball, basketball, cosom hockey, badminton and softball are played during some part of the school year. Ice hockey is a game played by the young men during the winter months.

This year the Student Association has organized many fun activities for the students. At the beginning of the year, the very first activity is the "handshake". This is when all the students have a chance to introduce themselves, shake hands with the new students, talk and make new friends. This is always a great time for both new and old students. When it is time for Fall Frolic the gymnasium is transformed into a "fair". Students set up booths with games, food and prizes. This is a really enjoyable night. for everyone. At the comboil the students gather together in the beautiful valley on the campus. The students join in singing and later have delicious corn that is cooked over the huge fire. After worship a hike is taken through the woods. This can be a really fun night.

Saturday night programs are looked forward to by most students and are greatly appreciated after a long week. They usually consist of a special feature film, skating, musical presentations or Lyceums presented by special guests.

Supper Clubs are Sunday suppers transformed into a special meal with a program of songs and other entertainment put on by the students. Everyone appreciates the great meal prepared and the different atmosphere of the night. The two major social events of the year are Open House and Reception. Open House is a semi-formal evening that is put on by the girls' club and boys' club. As the name implies, the club responsible for the program opens its doors and invites the guests to tour the dormitory. Reception is a formal affair when the young ladies are dressed in long dresses and the young men in their suits and ties. Everyone looks nice on this evening. Tradition calls for corsages, a big hearty meal, great entertainment put on by the students and a special feature film at both of these programs. These programs are remembered for a long time in the future by everyone who attends.

These many social activities give the break needed to the regular schedules of work and studies.



Week of Prayer speakers.



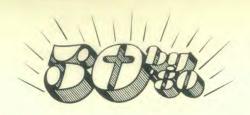
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Kingsway College Student Missionaries



The Pavlovian Experiments



Mr. Wilbert Bresett, Senior Member of College Park Church

Meet Brother Wilbert Bresett, one of the senior members of the College Park Church. In 1942 he and his wife and family moved to Oshawa where he engaged in dairy and mixed farming. In 1948 he joined the Kingsway College (O.M.C.) staff as farm manager, a position he retained until 1963.

Brother Bresett speaks modestly of any number of former students who have worked under his direction on the school farm. Because of the influence of some of our older members and an encouraging word from them to make something of their lives many young people once thought "useless" by some have become intelligent men working to help others enjoy the benefits Christian fellowship.

As this friendly senior member of the College Park congregation holds little 8-month old Sherri or plays with 7-year old Duane, one can see there is no generation gap here. Sherri and Duane are the children of Mr. and Mrs. David Culmore who live with Mr. Bresett.

M. Marilyn Brown College Park S.D.A. Church



Mr. Bresett with Duane and Sherri.

Maranatha Church Officers' Retreat

A history for Maranatha Church was the officers' retreat at Keswick Adventist Conference Camp, February 18–20, 1977. Thirty-one officers gathered in Kelly Lodge with Pastor Terry McComb for a weekend of devotional talks and planning sessions.

Weather conditions epitomized perfection, so that in between scheduled programs around the fireplace, the group captured worthwhile opportunites to take short excursions outdoors. The glories of nature, mingled with the spiritual emphasis, nourishing menus, and Christian fellowship, clinched the success of a memorable weekend.

Pastor McComb's timely worship on Friday evening was based on the correct arrangement of priorities. One must guard against letting the "urgent" crowd out the "important" private devotions. If we neglect private prayer-time and study of the Bible, we are really saying that we do not need Christ. The pre-breakfast devotional talk on Sabbath traced the need for learning God's Word as a whole and gaining a knowledge of its central theme.

Every Christian has a spiritual gift, as expressed by the apostle Paul in Romans 12: 5,6. During the Sabbath School and service hours, Pastor McComb examined the characteristics of the various gifts. Everyone curiously studied notes to discover his spiritual gift.

On Sabbath afternoon the officers divided into departmental groups to study and plan the year's program. Reports were presented on Sunday. New missionary welfare and social activities were introduced whereby the needs of the church and the community—with

emphasis on the immediate neighborhood—would be systematically discovered and performed. Among other projects, a massive visitation program will soon begin.

With prayer for guidance and willingness to serve, we hope that the light of God's love would shine out from within and dissipate throughout the community.

> Ruby Carrington Communication Secretary Maranatha S.D.A. Church

Burlington Church Holds Vegetarian Smorgasbord

The Burlington Church held a vegetarian smorgasbord on Sunday, January 16 in the East Plains United Church. Over 100 people attended the program and enjoyed the large variety of vegetarian food prepared by the ladies of the church. There was also a cartoon film on nutrition followed by a panel discussion on vegetarianism. The panel included, a dental surgeon, a physician, two nutritionists, a dietitian, and a pastor. This was followed by a question-and-answer period. Also available for sale were health books, vegetarian recipes and food.

As a follow-up to the vegetarian smorgasbord, a cooking school was held from February 13 to February 17. The fee was \$1 per night which included recipes, films, samples and demonstrations.

Betty Roshman and Cicyln Preddie conducted the classes, assisted by the ladies of the church. There was an average attendance of 40 people per night. It was so successful that cooking classes are being conducted the last Monday night of each month.

Susan Vermer

Communication Secretary Burlington S.D.A. Church



One of the Meetings at the officers retreat. The home-like atmosphere added to relaxation.

PRAISING GOD



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R. A. Matthews, *Director Trust Services Canadian Union*

In Acts 2:41–47 we find a description of the spiritual and physical experience of the saints of the church that Christ founded. This should be the description of the remnant church today.

Here is how it reads:

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Those early believers really believed. They were serious about their faith. Our text tells us that these early Christians had everything in common and that they sold their possessions and goods. This does not mean that everyone sold all his possessions and that the apostles took the money and divided it equally among all the believers. It would appear that the money was used according to the needs of the individuals who were carrying on the work of the gospel and doing everything that they possibly could to hasten the coming of the Lord.

May this opportunity be taken to express gratitude to all those who have deposited funds in the Revolving Fund. Many are finding this a good investment. They are pleased that they can have their

money in common, helping to finish the work in Canada. Because of your deposits in the Revolving Fund, it has been possible to lend out well over half a million dollars to our churches in Canada at the low rate of 8½ per cent. This has been a real savings to the church. It would be good if the Revolving Fund could take over all the debts of the church.

The Lord has made provision for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God. Mrs. E. G. White, speaking of how the love of God can transform the life of a rich person, says this, as recorded in the little book titled "Counsels on Stewardship";

"In this way it is possible for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. "And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." — p. 158.

"If the stewards of God do their duty, there is no danger that wealth will increase so rapidly as to prove a snare; for it will be used with practical wisdom and Christlike liberality." — Ibid.

May the Lord bless each one of us that we may have everything in common for the Lord's work. May He so bless us that we shall have everything in readiness for the coming of our Saviour.

Enjoying the Rights of Non-drinkers

We live in an opportune time when for the benefit of all people human rights have become a great focal point of international concern.

Human rights must even go beyond consideration of race, color, sex, and nationality. They must be centered on principles for the well being-physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually-of all people.

This is why the International Temperance Association and its 68 national societies will launch May 16 a continuing project called WATER—World Abstainers To Enjoy Rights.

Alcohol consumption has become drug problem. No. 1 in the world-bringing death, disease, accidents, family discord, divorce, crime, and a host of human ills.

The nondrinker has the right to resist the adverse effects of alcohol consumption, also bringing upon drinker and nondrinker complex problems through association and society relationships.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

MAY 14, 1977 - GERMAN MEETING AT CENTRAL VALLEY JUNIOR ACADEMY, Route 3, Box 2, Wapato, Washington, 98951.

Sabbath School begins at 9:15 a.m.

Pot luck at noon.

Guest speaker Elder Herber Eslinger from Central California.

Bring your German Zions Lieder.

WATER will make a constant appeal to all to limit these problems. Through press, radio, and TV, we are urging a seven-point program:

- That hosts and hostesses show due courtesy when entertaining by providing nonalcoholic beverages—thus avoiding social pressure.
- 2. That all public transport provide seat selection with nondrinking areas—the ultimate objective being to remove alcohol entirely from all such transport.
- That liquor advertising and notices on containers carry a warning against alcohol, indicating its damage on the individual and society.
- That abstainers not be penalized by high insurance caused by drinking and driving and that abstainers automatically have a reduced insurance rate.
- That we alert the community to the necessity of prevention of alcoholism, affecting adversely so many nondrinkers as well as drinkers, through the slogan "Prevent Alcoholism through Abstinence."
- That severe penalties be imposed on any who provide intoxicating liquor to children under legal age and that this legal age be 21.
- That all have the right to pure water and that schools conduct an educational emphasis showing positive alternatives to alcohol as a rewarding way of life.

Thus WATER will be urging all abstainers to appeal for their rights in society for their life and safety and for the benefit of others, in this way also challenging many drinkers to stop and consider their involvement as it relates to others as well as themselves.

Ernest H. J. Steed, Director G. C. Temperance Department

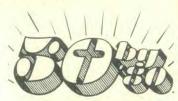
KENNETH LACEY TO CONDUCT REVELATION SEMINAR

Evangelist Kenneth Lacey will conduct an evangelistic seminar in the Langley Seventh-day Adventist Church, 55A Avenue and Brydon Crescent in Langley, B.C., beginning Friday, April 15, and continuing nightly through May 21, Sundays and Mondays excepted.

The program will consist of a travelogue, featuring the British Isles, European countries, and Bible lands, a Biblemarking class, and a series of studies in the Book of Revelation. This program will prove a blessing to members and non-members alike.

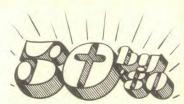
We feel we are very fortunate to have Elder Lacey conduct this series in our area. He has had many years of successful evangelism in the British Isles, British Columbia, and during the past ten years in Oregon and California.

Please recommend this series to any friends or relatives living in Langley, Surrey, White Rock, or Aldergrove. If you would like them to receive an invita tion handbill, send names and addresses to Elder W. E. Bergey, 15768–99 Avenue, Surrey, B.C. V3R 1J4.





Evangelist, Kenneth Lacey



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Fire Destroys Landmark

Thursday February 3, 1977, fire destroyed the original Pacific Press building at 1117 Castro Street, Oakland California. The fire, according to firemen, could be seen throughout the city. Arson is believed to be the cause.

The two story building, its basement and attic, was built in 1875. Its construction was financed from gifts of money, and the well-known golden offering of Yountville.

When the Pacific Press officially moved its plant to Mountain View, California in 1904, the building left behind on Castro Street never lost its identity. Other business was conducted there after 1904, and in late years it became an apartment house. Yet, it has stood for over 100 years, known to thousands as the Paciific Press building of Oakland. One man still lived there at the time of the fire.

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OBITUARIES

VALIANT-David Joseph Valiant was born December 20, 1937 at Harstone, Ontario. On November 8, 1976 he was struck down on the highway at Villa de Gilles. He had been travelling home to Hillsborough, N.B. from Calgary, Alberta when the accident occurred. His passing on November 27 leaves his wife. Betty, a daughter Vanessa, twelve brothers and sisters to mourn the loss. David and Betty were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Yellowknife, N.W.T. in 1972 among the first fruits of the pioneer work there.

Pastor Bob Lehmann

GOODBRAND-Mrs. Violet Goodbrand, a resident of 157 Main Street East, Ridgetown died, Tuesday, January 25, 1977 in her 81st year.

Surviving is her husband, Howard, a son, Lloyd of Blenheim, two grandchildren, Joy and Howard, One sister, Mrs. L. R. (Olive) Anderson of California also survives.

Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Ridgetown,

Pastor A. Bujak

RUSSELL-Albert Kelland Russell was born, November 7, 1904, on Country Road, Conception Bay. Newfoundland and died at home on Country Road, January 26, 1977.

Left to mourn are his wife Gladys, one brother Ches, one nephew and four nieces.

The funeral service was conducted in the Bay Roberts Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor Glen Wade

BOYKO-Sister Olga Boyko from Winnipeg, Manitoba passed to her rest on February 12, 1977 on her 51st birthday.

She was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church on October 26, 1940.

She leaves to mourn, her husband Peter, son Ken, daughter Marilyn, one grandson, her loving Mother, Mary Koroboylo, and many friends.

Pastor William Kozachenko

WEDDINGS

MENARD-BULLIS

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bullis wish to announce the marriage of their daughter Sandra to Pierre Aime Menard on November 10, 1976 at the Ottawa Church.

After the ceremony, which was officiated by Pastor Lyndon McDowell, refreshments were served and gifts were opened. Pierre and Sandra ask for your prayers as they start out their new life together.

Dennis Wilson

FRANCIS - SKEPPLE

James Manasseh Francis and Shirley Vanessa Skepple were married in the Halifax Church Monday, December 20, 1976 by Pastor Ron Myers. The bride was given away by Vanroy Tobitt the groom's cousin. Maid of honor was Norva Purcell, and best man, Winston Estridge. The parents of the bride and groom were unable to attend, Soloist, Dorine Pierce, sang "Each Step I Take". Reception was held at the Faculty Lounge of the St. Mary's University.

The newly weds, originally from Antiqua, plan to settle in the metro area of Halifax and teach in one of the local schools. May God's blessings attend them as they establish a new Christian home.

Carolyn Pierce Communication Secretary

HODGINS - THORPE

Elder Lawton G. Lowe, Ministerial Secretary for the Canadian Union, united in marriage Brenda Joyce Thorpe and William B. Hodgins on the afternoon of September 5, 1976 in the beautifully decorated St. Thomas Church.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Donna Hodgins and bridesmaids were Mrs. Shirley Fowler and Mrs. Marilyn Queen, sisters of the bride, and Miss Edna Marshall. Bonny Lynn Hodgins, niece of the bride and groom was flowergirl.

The groom's best man was his brother Charles Hodgins and the groomsmen, his brother-in-law, Ernest Dunning and Tim Monteith. Ronnie Thorpe, nephew of the bride, acted as Bible Boy.

Wilfred Freeman was organist and Betty Houghton, cousin of the bride was soloist,

After a short honeymoon in Ontario, the happy couple are making their home in Winni-

Lawton G. Lowe

WILTON-FARROW

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Patrick Wilton are making their home in Calgary, Alberta, following their marriage, in Mission City, B.C.

The bride is the former Brenda Farrow. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Farrow of Abbotsford, B.C., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilton of Red Deer, Alberta. Mrs. Jane Farrow was the bride's only attendant. The best man was Nels Wilcox and the guests were ushered by Don Straub. The master of ceremonies was N. Wilcox, Mrs. D. Clarke was in charge of the guest book.

A. W. Kaytor

SMART-FORSTER

December 19 was the day chosen by Craig Smart of Sidney, B.C. and Marilyn Forster of Vancouver, B.C. to exchange their marriage vows in the Rest Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sidney. Marilyn was attended by her two sisters. Groomsmen were Ken White and Ivan Gimbel, Marsha and Karen Gurney acted as candlelighters. The wedding reception took place in the Sidney Hotel.

Marilyn and Craig have established their new home in Sidney, B.C.

Pastor Alex Ramsay

JACOBSON - PAUL

In a lovely candlelight ceremony Dorothy Lillian Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Paul of Port Hardy, B.C. and Jacob Michael Jacobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jacobson of Alert Bay, B.C. were united in marriage in the Port Hardy S.D.A. Church on November 10, 1976, with Pastor Steve Petr officiating.

Their friends and relatives wish them God's richest blessings as they establish a Christian home in Port Hardy.

> June Martin PR Secretary, Port Hardy Church

MARTIN - OBERY

In an afternoon ceremony on October 10, 1976, Wayne Martin and Virginia Obery were united in marriage in the Vancouver Central Church. Numerous guests joined in the reception in the church auditorium. We wish God's blessing to be upon this newly established

Pastor A. W. Robertson

FERGUSON - MEGAHY

A lovely simple wedding took place in the Bridgeland Seventh-day Adventist Church on July 29, 1976 when Thomas Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ferguson of Calgary and Diane Megahy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Megahy of Edmonton, were united in marriage.

The bride and groom have just recently

accepted Christ as their Saviour.

The cousin of the groom, Wynn Horsley, played the wedding music. The groom prayed the closing prayer for the ceremony

The happy couple left for Sandpoint, Idaho for their honeymoon trip. They will be establishing their new home in Calgary

Calgary Central Church

MILLER - SMITH

On December 28, 1976 Mrs. Josie Smith and Mr. Allan Miller both living in Chatham pledged their lives and love for one another in holy wedlock. The ceremony was conducted by Elder Glendon E. Corkum of Windsor, Mr. Ed Sormin sand "The Wedding Prayer."

Following the wedding in the Chatham Church a reception was held on the lower level of the church. We wish this couple God's choicest blessing and pray that He will ever lead them as they establish a Christian home.

Pastor A Bujak Chatham Church

99th Birthday Celebrated

Thirty-Five friends and relatives gathered at the William Heintz residence in Semans, Saskatchewan on Sept. 19 to congratulate Mrs. Annie Kerbs on her 99th birthday.

Among others, Mrs. Kerbs received telegrams of congratulations from Gov. General and Madame Leger, the Rt. Hon. John Diefenbaker, Premier Allan Blakenev and Prime Minister Trudeau.

Mrs. Kerbs still lives in her own home and enjoys her daily walk during the summer. Due to dimmed eyesight she is no longer able to read her Bible but can repeat many passages of Scripture from memory. She has been a Seventh-day Adventist for more than 40 years and looks forward to the soon coming of Jesus, when old age and dimmed eyesight will be forever banished.

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