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From The President's Diary



How many magazines there are For sale on every side! They tempt you with their colour schemes, And urge you to subscribe. But we have something far ahead Of what the world can show; A paper coming once a week

The MESSENGER, you know.

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And every MESSENGER that comes,

Brings home the glorious fact, -Our work in Eastern Canada

- 1 Corinthians 4:2

MOREOVER IT IS REQUIRED IN STEWARDS, THAT A MAN BE FOUND FAITHFUL

by Peter Wheatley

Director, Stewardship & Trust Services, B.C. Conference

HE TIME WAS THE 1930'S. It was a fine, warm spring morning. Two young brothers and their father had come to the docks in Montreal to bid the boys' grandmother farewell as she sailed for England. She was returning to her native land to visit relatives and to revisit her husband's grave. He had died just a few years before.

It was a clear day. Just a few weeks before the first real warmth of the sun had broken open the buds on the trees, and now the trees were resplendent in a luxurious green mantle. The excitement of spring was in the air and also in the anticipation of travellers as the departure of the ship neared. As the grandmother went aboard, the ship steward came to take her luggage to her cabin and she went to the railing of the ship to wave goodbye to her son and his two boys.

The father looked around for a spot from where the boys could observe the departure of the vessel. He noticed a ledge near the top of the building in which the gangplank to board the ship was placed. Climbing the inside stairs he led his sons to the door which exited on to the ledge. The ledge was of concrete about three feet in width and circled the building. Cautioning his sons to stay close to the building and behind him the father led them to the front of the building. From here they had an excellent and unobstructed view of

the ship and the deck twenty feet below them.

Catching the attention of the grandmother the three called out fond farewells. The gangplank was removed when the vessel's horn declared the intention of the captain to move his ship away from the dock. The father called to his boys and they began the walk to the doorway. The youngest son's attention was suddenly caught by a schoolmate he saw on the ship. He cupped his hands and called his friend who could not locate the source of the call. Other passengers could and they pointed upwards where the young boy was waving and walking slowly after his father and brother. The youngster should have been paying more attention to where he was walking for disaster was just before him.

It is a very disturbing feeling to see an accident about to occur and be incapable of preventing it or even to warn the one to whom it is about to happen. The passengers on the deck of the ship below could see that the

Is on the upward track! Ontario will do its part, We read with much delight: The truth is preached in Massey To crowds on Sunday night. From Elder Howard comes the His field is full of cheer. St. Lawrence plans to do big In every line this year. We look for notes from Newfoundland, And in St. John's we find They added forty-seven names In nineteen twenty-nine. And nearly every week we read What Maritime has done; In offerings through the Sabbath School, And news of converts won. How much this paper really To each and every one, Throughout the Union Conference Where the work is being done. May we give support that's Pray for workers in their need,

- Mrs. Frank (Carrie) Crump

And rejoice we have a paper

Like the MESSENGER to read!



young boy was about to walk into a large steel beam which was directly in his path. His father and older brother had already manoeuvred their way around it and disappeared through the doorway on its other side. The passengers were transfixed, and watched, unable to tear their eyes away. Continuing to look backwards, and waving to his friends, the young boy was just about to turn his head to the front when he encountered the beam. He staggered as he lost his balance and then fell. The passengers below paled, for the drop from the ledge to the concrete dock below was over forty feet.

At this juncture, let me identify the young boy for you. It was me! All that the ship's passengers saw was a young boy who, as a result of the collision with the steel beam, lurched towards the edge of the ledge and then fell and landed on his bottom with his legs dangling over the edge of the ledge. There must have been a collective sigh of relief from the passengers when the young boy didn't tumble to the concrete below.

Stunned, I remember seeing the incredulous looks of the passengers and then, embarrassed, I quickly scrambled to my feet and raced to the doorway where my father was just coming back to see what delayed me.

The emotions which flooded through me went from absolute fear at what had almost happened to utter relief that it had not happened. I was shaken to my very core but never divulged to my family anything about the incident. Somehow, I suspect that my father felt something was up, but couldn't quite put his finger on it. I have never revealed to anyone before what really happened that day, until this moment that is. As I fell away from the steel beam my motion was to the edge of the ledge and I was about to go over it head first. I remember clearly, distinctly, and it is indelibly etched in my memory, that unseen hands held me and guided my fall so that I did not go over the edge. The pressure of those hands are as real to me today, more than half a century later, as the day it happened. I still have cold sweats as I recall that time which I do periodically.

At the time I was not a Christian and had absolutely no knowledge that there was a God with willing angels to be His hands on this earth. It would be almost forty more years before knowledge would provide understanding of the events that day. During this period I would pass through a long war and have many more encounters with death, but this encounter which I have described is the most soul disturbing and produced the most gratitude towards a merciful, anticipating, and loving God.

It is because of this gratitude that I am able to accept easily my real position in this life as a steward. I have no reason to be alive today, except as my Lord and Master made prior provision for my safety. I have absolutely no illusions, that without the intervention of my Senior Partner, I would not be here today. The depth of my gratitude cannot be properly expressed in any other way than to accept this position, willingly and gratefuly, as His steward. As a matter of fact, I am rather proud of it.

However, this has not always been so. For many years, the majority of my life, I went my own way determined that the true values of this earth could be measured only in the abundance of possessions and the size of the bank account. It is no secret that for the vast majority of people in this life, material standards are the basis of judging success. The same standard, unfortunately, is established in many hearts within the Christian denomination. Therein we have a problem for such an attitude is a stumbling block to our spiritual growth.

In I Chronicles 29:14 we are told "for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee." It comes as a blow to many of us to discover that we possess nothing to

Now, obviously, I can hear someone say, there is a limit to what we can give — and especially if we consider only what we presently possess.

which we have an exclusive right. It is all conditional whether it is a talent, possession, health, time or whatever. These gifts are given to us for a dual purpose — to bring us closer to God, vet at the same time to help others. When we lose sight of this fact then His gifts can form a barrier between God and ourself.

God has prior claim to each of us and also to each of His gifts provided us. Love for our Lord and selfish love of these gifts cannot dwell together in the same heart. Our consecration to Him must be a living principle that leads us to self-denial and selfsacrifice. Heavenly bestowed capabilities and possessions should not be made to serve our selfish interests. For every energy, every endowment, is a talent that should contribute to God's glory by being used exclusively in His service. He has entrusted unusual and priceless talents of every nature to mankind and these should be used wisely and for the greatest possible returns to Him.

We cannot afford to become separated from God. Our talents, therefore, should not be misused. All of our powers - physical, mental and spiritual - belong to Him and are to be expended to the furtherment of His glory. Our stewardship can prosper and grow in its dimension only as we cooperate with heavenly intelligences to ensure that each opportunity is taken for enlarging our partnership with God. This can occur only when we wholly rely upon Him and at all times ensure that He is the Senior Partner in our relationship with Him. As junior partners His interests must be paramount in our thoughts, words and deeds.

Our work, then, as junior partner, is to copy the character of Christ in all phases of our life. Psalm 100:3 states that "it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves." Therefore, to maximize our impact in this life then we must of necessity accept that He who created us is, in fact, the Senior Partner. We will discover that those actions of ours which do not increase the value of our relationship with Him, have no real value in themselves, and are diversionary to that relationship.

As we go through life there comes to each of us opportunities for service to others. All around us are open doors waiting for our ministry. Money, influence, tact, encouragement, time, strength, etc. are gifts which we have and which can be used to honour God as we fulfill our ministry as His steward.

It is when ministering to others that we are most closely allied to God. Our aim and objective, as followers of God, and stewards, is to become Christlike through emulation of His qualities. True religion is proven through the experience of imitation of Him. The judgment of each of us will be based upon our work as stewards. Records of each of us are being kept just for this purpose. It is a good evaluation principle to recapitulate from time to time and determine where we stand with our Lord in our stewardship.

How much do we each owe God? We cannot compute this for we cannot yet conceive the full extent of our debt? Can a price be set on redemption? Is there anything that we are, or possess, that is not His? Then, how do we respond when He asks for the expenditure of ourselves and our possessions? Do we retain them for our own interests or do we follow His example? How better can we prove our relationship with Him than by the way we respond to the needs of others?

Surely it is unreasonable to expect every blessing of God and yet be unwilling to be used by Him? Through Him we can possess all the riches of eternity, but without Him we have only the perishing baubles of this temporal life. The Lord has made the proclamation of His gospel dependent on the dedicated talents and the committed return of tithes and voluntary gifts and offerings of His chosen people. All of us, therefore, have this privilege of sharing in this responsibility according as He has provided

It is becoming increasingly clear that those who live in prosperity are in great danger of losing salvation. It should be evident to us that our greatest pleasure, the path of highest return, is to make a right disposition of the Lord's gifts. Furthermore, an individual's worth is not measured by the position that they occupy, nor by the size of their bank account, but by the Christlike spirit that they manifest in their everyday lives. True riches of this life accumulate to our account only by the expression of genuine

love which we exhibit in our dealings with others.

Love and gratitude to God must form the very basis of our Christian experience as we reach out to those around us - both within and without the church - with the riches He has entrusted to us. These, as we expend them according to His will, are direct evidence that the grace of Christ motivates us. Are they not, then, a test

"God in His providence is calling His people out from their limited sphere of action, to enter upon greater enterprises. Unlimited effort is demanded at this time when moral darkness is covering the world. Many of God's people are in danger of being ensnared by worldliness and covetousness. They should understand that it is His mercy that multiplies the demands for their means."

of the depth of our sincerity and commitment, and of our love to Him?

"Remember: sparse sowing, sparse reaping; sow bountifully, and you will reap bountifully. Each person should give as he has decided for himself; there should be no reluctance, no sense of compulsion; God loves a cheerful giver." (ii)

A harvest is to a large degree

dependent upon the amount of seed sown. Little seed yields little harvest; more seed yields a better harvest. Good agriculture practice proves this point again and again. With our tithes and offerings we have the advice that these must be given without reluctance and without a sense of compulsion. Why? Because the Lord loves a cheerful giver and anything less than this would not be acceptable to Him.

"And it is God's power to provide you richly with every good gift; thus you will have ample means in yourself to meet each and every situation, with enough and to spare for every good cause." (iii) It is sometimes known to happen that when faced with an opportunity to give that we hesitate to give generously for the fear that we cannot afford it. Yet the above verse indicates clearly that God is able to provide sufficiently for all the requests made upon us for His work.

Now, obviously, I can hear someone say, there is a limit to what we can give - and especially if we consider only what we presently possess. Then, how can we determine the extent to which we can participate in any program? The Servant of the Lord expressed it in this way: "We call upon you who have means to enquire with earnest prayer: What is the extent of the divine claim upon me and my property?" (iv) There we have the answer to our question of how much.

Since all that we possess is His, and since He is the Owner and Senior Partner, then surely the decision about how much is entirely His. As junior partners we need only to determine His will in the matter and then to follow it through. Sometimes, and in fact many times, He might shock us and take our breath away at the amount that He suggests. He is but testing us and permitting us to recognize our self-imposed limitations. Notice this amazing statement: "The Lord has lent means to His people to prove them, to test the depth of their professed love for Him." (v)

There we have it. Each of us have barriers in our personality which impede the working of His will in our lives. Therefore, He loans us means whereby He can test us so as to demonstrate how shallow we might be. Tell me, have you ever considered that your spouse, your children, your

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HE SUNDAY CLOSING ISSUE CONTINUES TO GENERATE SOCIO-POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS DEBATE IN CANADA. RECENTLY IN OTTAWA THE ISSUE EXPLODED WITH A VOLLEY OF HEATED EXCHANGES BETWEEN PROTAGO-NISTS AND ANTAGONISTS. IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS, WE WISH IN THIS ARTICLE TO OFFER SOME SUGGESTIONS WHICH MAY HELP SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS TO INTEL-LIGENTLY PARTICIPATE IN THE FUROR. OF COURSE THE PURPOSE OF ADVENTIST PAR-TICIPATION MUST ALWAYS BE FOCUSED ON USING THE OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST, HIS WORD AND IN DEFENSE OF THE CHURCH.

Our primary concern in the Sunday closing debate is not directed to the commercial aspects but to the

also be ready to show sympathy and understanding of human need and the rights of those who wish to keep

Sunday special in their own way. It may be for religious reasons or for need of pause. Arising out of extensive question of religious freeexposure to this controversy dom. In addition to the adverse effect of Sunday laws on citizens who observe a day of rest and worship other than on Sunday, they

in Canada over the past five years, the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty makes the following observation. There are some employees of businesses which do open on Sundays, who genuinely feel oppressed by having to work on the day that they would like to have off. Some who want the day off for religious reasons simply have not had the courage to stand up for their convictions and assert their right to religious freedom. For these we have limited sympathy. On the other hand, there are those

by Douglas Devnich

Director, Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada



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essentially symbolize state

enforcement of religious

dogma. Sunday laws are a

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one religious belief and

practice over other religious

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religious freedomist cannot

tolerate this entanglement

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assert their defense of re-

ligious freedom, they must

While Seventh-day Ad-

of Church and State.

who have no religion but who want Sunday off for family time and recreation - these are the ones for whom we should have some understanding.

It is assumed today that there are some weaknesses in existing business, labour and employment standards acts which supposedly control the number of hours which businesses may be operative each week. These laws are also premised on protecting workers from over employment. For various reasons present-day business, labour and employment standards laws are not seen as sufficient to reasonably control commerce from excesses.

Unfortunately labour contracts confuse the issue when collective agreements between employers and employee organizations limit the hiring of part-time workers. Thus, regular workers are asked to work overtime when business hours are extended. At the same time labour unions have joined with religious interests to call for the enforcement of Sunday closing. Some view this as hypocritical. If the labour movement is interested in the welfare of the common man, why would it oppose free will Sunday employment? It is suggested that if labour unions would accept that employers may hire parttime workers from time to time, then Sunday shopping might become a non-issue. In fact, Sunday retailing would provide considerable economic help for those who otherwise are totally unemployed.

In view of the circumstances cited, the Department of Public Affairs recommends the following:

(1) Wherever the Sunday closing issue is being debated, the Church should be represented by wellinformed spokesmen. We urge that in specific instances, Church pastors and local conference Public Affairs directors should be consulted in order that our balanced attitude would be expressed.

(2) We may express our concern for reasonable hours of employment for the workers in the retail industry. We can agree that laws should protect workers from unjust requirements of employers. (See James 5:4)

(3) We may also express our concern that in no case should the law inflict a burden on minorities which observe a day for rest and worship other than Sunday.

Freedom of religion should prevent the state from enacting laws which give an advantage to one religious grouping over any other.

(4) We may recommend that the legislature of our provinces should amend existing business, labour and employment standards laws so as to provide appropriate limits in terms of hours per week that businesses may operate. However, the times for those business hours should not be specified as to which day of the week is excluded.

(5) We would agree that labour, business and employment standards laws

may continue to specify the number of hours a regular employee may be obliged to work and beyond that limit, the employer would be allowed, if not obligated, to employ additional or part-time helpers when the hours of operation exceed the limit that any one emplovee may be employed.

Several months ago the Minister of Justice of Canada, in the interest of equality rights, referred the issue of amending provincial hours of business and employment standards legislation to the Uniform Law Conference of Canada. The Law Conference has informed the Department of Public Affairs that it is awaiting guidance from the Attorneys General of the provinces. A recent visit with the Honourable Ian Scott, Attorney General for Ontario, has confirmed that the Attorneys General are awaiting the Supreme Court of Canada decision on the question of the constitutionality of the Ontario Retail Business Holiday's Act. Subsequent to the decision, Mr. Scott has invited the Department of Public Affairs to again be in consultation with him in the development of new laws or amendments to existing laws which would resolve the Sunday closing issue.

The Honourable Mr. Scott is a forward looking and fairminded politician who doubtless will have a leading influence in the development of legislation which regulates hours of business and employment standards.

We encourage our membership in Canada to pray for all law-makers in Canada, so that in their conscientious leadership and in the wisdom of God they may lead Canada forward in the fuller establishment of freedom of conscience and religion. 🌣



Photo by A. Jacenty

MEMBERSHIP AND CONFERENCES RAISE

FOUR MILLION DOLLARS

September 11, 1986 was a momentous day for Canadian Union College. Four million dollars had been forwarded to the Seventh-day Adventist church headquarters by the local conferences. This amount was then paid to the Royal Bank of Canada in Lacombe, Alberta to eliminate the bank indebtedness of the College.

A sincere thank-you is expressed by the College Board, administration, faculty and staff, for the way in which the membership throughout Canada and the local conferences rallied to make these funds available.

All the guarantees and mortgages held by the bank have been returned to the College. Also, the action taken by the College Board to separate the industries from the academic program is proceeding favorably.

Parkland Education Advance Corporation (PEAC) under which the industries will operate, and Canadian Union College, are currently finalizing the transfer of the industries' operating assets and liabilities. The College will retain ownership of the land and buildings and will enter into a rental agreement for these facilities with the PEAC.

A review of the financial operations of the College shows a net gain of \$147,246 for the three months, July to September, 1986. Set out below is a condensed financial statement for the period ended September 30, 1986. The financial statements of the College are being reviewed monthly by a financial committee established by the College Board. This committee is to meet at least nine times per year. It is to review and present to the College Board the annual budget, monthly financial statements, long range financial plans and other matters that may be referred to it by the Board.

All seven conferences have fulfilled their commitment to the CUC debt liquidation plan as is shown in the photo. Left to right -W. Olson, Treasurer of the Alberta Conference; Y. Colas, Treasurer of the Quebec Conference; M. Suiter, Treasurer, Manitoba-Saskatchewan; G. Gray, Treasurer, Ontario; J. Wilson, President, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, G. DeBoer, Treasurer Canadian Union; M. Weststrate, Treasurer of the Maritime Conference; B. Christenson, Newfoundland Treasurer and E. Tetz, Treasurer of British Columbia.

CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE BALANCE SHEET - SEPTEMBER 30, 1986 ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

 Cash, bank & investments
 \$ 1,882,324.00

 Accounts receivable
 1,806,086.00

 Inventories & prepaid expenses
 203,872.00

 \$ 3,892,282.00

FIXED ASSETS

Land, building & equipment \$ 8,717,466.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$12,609,748.00

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

CURRENT LIABILITIES

 Trade accounts
 \$ 115,093.00

 Notes payable – current portion
 323,718.00

 Trust funds
 977,286.00

 Deferred income
 670,385.00

 \$ 2,086,482.00

LONG TERM LIABILITIES

Canadian Union Conference \$571,870.00 Other loans 111,555.00

\$683,425.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$2,769,907.00

NET WORTH

 Opening balance
 \$9,561,197.00

 Reserves
 131,398.00

 Plant fund
 111,414.00

 Income from operations
 158,660.00

\$ 9,839,841.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH

\$12,609,748.00

CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE OPERATING INCOME - SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

INCOME

College and Academy Tuition \$ 588,553.00
Government Grants 153,988.00
Conference Assistance 332,286.00
Other 34,583.00
Rental Properties (house & industries) 103,819.00
\$1,213,229.00

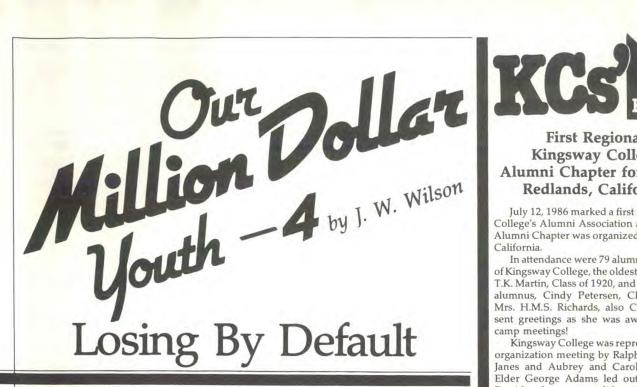
EXPENSES

College and Academy Academic
Non-academic
Auxillary (dorms, cafeteria, etc.)

Operating Gain to September 30, 1986

\$639,935.00
402,718.00
11,916.00
1,054,569.00
\$158,660.00





EUTERONOMY 6:6-9 MOST FORCEFULLY INDI-CATES the primary responsibility of the home in education. No question about it, it is the centre. All other activities exist — spiritual, mental, social and physical — to supplement and aid the family.

Teachers, therefore, are to aid the parents in the educational enterprise. School is an extension of the home which is the

primary agency.

But, when by default, the school becomes the primary agency, for whatever reason, family breakdown, peer pressure, hypnotic mind control of music or TV, then the school has thrust upon it a challenge for which it was not originally intended.

Sometimes the school wins and sometimes it loses. When a teacher, at whatever level, can surpass the influence of a genuine, devoted Christian home, it is another one of God's great miracles

of loving grace.

Unfortunately, however, it seems as though the abuse of the media and music, like a forest fire, is raging out of control. We are told that by the age of 18 most youth have spent more time with

TV than with either the parents or the school.

In the context of television, there are two texts that are so important I will quote for fear they are not looked up in Scripture. The first is Psalm 101:3. "I will set no evil thing before mine eye." And the second, Revelation 22:15, read first verse 14 and then those outside the New Jerusalem, "Whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." The real issues of media and music are that of eternal life, either received or rejected.

It is readily apparent that when the media and music are mishandled, the wonderful, positive effects of the home and the

school are easily neutralized.

As a matter of fact the child's attitude, in most cases, has been shaped before he ever arrives at school. \diamondsuit

First Regional Kingsway College Alumni Chapter formed at Redlands, California

July 12, 1986 marked a first for Kingsway College's Alumni Association as a Regional Alumni Chapter was organized at Redlands,

In attendance were 79 alumni and friends of Kingsway College, the oldest of which was T.K. Martin, Class of 1920, and the youngest alumnus, Cindy Petersen, Class of 1986. Mrs. H.M.S. Richards, also Class of 1920, sent greetings as she was away attending camp meetings!

Kingsway College was represented at the organization meeting by Ralph and Connie Janes and Aubrey and Carolyn Osmond. Elder George Adams led out in worship, President Janes gave a slide presentation as a Kingsway update, Wilf Hillock spoke of how the school and his school friends had figured so positively in his life, and Carolyn Osmond led out in electing officers.

The officers chosen for the new chapter are President, Wilfred Hillock; Vice-President, Donovan Shepard; Secretary, Linda Banks; Treasurer, Jeanene Embleton Buchanan; Address Secretary, Beverly Blackwell Roadruck, and Kingsway Kontact Corres-

pondent, Ruby Hey Hillock.

The chapter organizers requested a project and from the list presented chose to complete the funding of an \$8000 French language laboratory which had been partly funded by Federal Government French language grants. The Kingsway Communications Department is very grateful that this equipment will arrive shortly.

Elder and Mrs. Bradley's Special Gift

Two friends of Kingsway College in attendance at the California meeting decided to do something really special on their own. Elder and Mrs. T.J. Bradley called the school to say that in celebration of their 60th



Melissa Mosier with the new Yamaha Practice Piano.

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Kurt Cao

Kurt Cao has an M.A. in Counselling and is Director of Christian Family Counselling in Oshawa, Ontario.

Family Forum

"You're Crazy If You Think . . . "

Dear Readers,

Over the years millions of people have made decisions to become involved in counselling. Many people express shame and guilt over "needing therapy". Others are stopped from getting help because someone at work may find out, and they would lose their job, or lose a promotion. Some career fields where this fear is real are police work, the ministry of a church, social service work, and corporate executives. There are many others. The stigma of "needing" counselling is a strange one.

We assume the mind and body and accompanying feelings are integrated. But we don't treat them as equally important to good health. Having appendicitis would technically affect the mind somewhat. Losing a leg would severely impact the body, and the mind. Feelings of loss, anger at being crippled, discouragement, change of job pressures, feelings of inadequacy and being "odd" or incomplete, are all present. If the lost leg situation is not physically treated, death could result from bleeding, infection, shock or a number of other trauma-related conditions. So why not treat the connecting mind's trauma? Humanity is only beginning to recognize and make legitimate the mental traumas of divorce, death, verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, rejection by family, and job loss, to name a few. The mind cannot be ignored and left injured any more than the body with a severed leg. Ignoring injury to the mind is to ignore the mind, which is, by the way, the entrance and primary

communication tool of the Holy Spirit.

Counselling or deep psychotherapy is supposed to be a healing journey towards wholeness. You deserve it, and you just might need it.

Some of the primary myths of marriage, personal, and family counselling are;

1. That "you have to be crazy to qualify!"

2. That "you must be crazy if you think I need it!"

3. That it will "take ten years to be successful, and all of your money, and even then only 10% of the clients ever get better."

Let's understand what good, wholesome Christian counselling is all about, or any counselling that is based on the client setting or choosing the goals and being guided or assisted to reach them.

Crazy to qualify? No, not crazy, you're just not satisfied with what life is handing you, and you want to discover what your options are. Your

options may be painful, they may be joyful, or both. You may never have realized that you have a choice in how your life works. Many of us don't see anything wrong with our lives. Great! Don't look for trouble if it's not there. No, look for trouble, and if you don't find it, "Great" again.

If you know someone who lives in a barrel, by choice, or by habit, he may never have enjoyed the wonder of sunlight, snow, travel, reading, walking, and much more. He may feel totally at home in his dark, cramped barrel. But one day he asked himself, "What are these eyes for?", or "What are these legs all about?" Would it be wrong to help him find out, since he had asked you, and you were qualified to help him? No, you would either tell him or show him, or both, and you would be quite successful at it if he was committed to finding out. He may be frightened at the thought of light or walking, but he deserves to be as functional as possible. He may resist some of your suggestions, or he may feel a life full of resentment, anger and hatred to those who told him, as a child, his only life was in this dark barrel, and he had to accept it. Would you help him find and develop the truth? Would you help him know the truth could set him free? Would you allow him to know that your love for him empowered you to be there, for him, like Iesus, and that if he is in Christ, he can be indeed free?

Maybe we would think living in a barrel was crazy. But who are we to put someone down for his choices? Who are we not to care enough to get to know this unusual person and tell them what we think? He is a human, with choices to make. Would you refuse to suggest help in order to protect your friendship? Are you afraid of your friends' rejection of your concern? In other words, do your famly members, church members,

and friends have to stay unhealthy in order for you to have friends? If so who then do you really think needs the counselling? I know the barrel man is extreme [at least], but the point is valid. Once he finds out what life can be and is — joys, risks, sorrow, peace, casting burdens on the Lord and resolving them — do you think money or time will be big issues? No. Some clients have said "I didn't think it would do any good. Now, I am alive for the first time in my life." "God led me through the valley of the shadow to His table prepared for me."

Time is a big issue to some clients. Some take years to complete their goals, others only months or weeks. There is no shame in time. Some take longer because they want to do a more thorough job of growth or healing. Others have more to do, and have fewer "others" to support them along the way, so they seek longer counselling because of slower growth opportunities. There are those who were in counselling for a brief time, then they quit, declared themselves well [because they had reached their goals] and couldn't understand why anyone would take six months or two years to reach their goals, as if getting there sooner is better. That is not an issue. The issues are goal differences and ego-strength. The lower the egostrength, the longer the counselling takes.

Someone who has never been allowed their own opinion, or who has been repeatedly called or treated like "scum" or "garbage", or worse (it's not uncommon) since birth, and who cannot therefore decide what they want to do, or how they should feel about it, needs a long time to grow. Usually years. When our parents didn't do it right over the years, for whatever the reason, all that has been learned and ingrained must be unlearned. Then, as with a small child, the new growth begins, slowly and gently. First the self esteem (egostrength) is developed. "God loves me" is a wonderful statement to believe. Then other goals can be approached, such as forgiveness, weight loss, keeping a job, or making friends.

In beginning to pull all of this together, look at it this way: We either survive life, or enjoy life. None of us went to "Mom and Dad School", except in our childhood homes. None

Your power of choice is your power for life itself . . . be a victor, moving through the phases of victim (baby) and survivor (adolescent) to true adulthood with control of your responses to life and your choice to live it humbly and happily . . .

of us went to "Husband and Wife School", except in our childhood homes. None of us went to "How To Be A Grown-up School", except in our childhood homes. So if you don't like the way you or your family is turning out, change it. It's your turn now, to discover what God has really wrought in you. It's your choice. All a counsellor does is care about you in such a way as to provide a discovery of choices and new skills and thoughts for facing and resolving old and new problems. You can walk away from counselling any time. Many do and many don't.

Client's write: "Since starting the 'Family Council' in our home, every

issue has been resolved without hatred and yelling". "All these years we were trying to tell each other we cared, but in different ways. I never understood, until now, that you love me". "We don't fight anymore. We write down what the topic is, we each pray about it, then we talk. We don't all like the results, but we all accept them. We are a family again." Counselling has its payoffs. All of the comments here are based on the understanding that people make choices. People can choose to get help, or refuse to get help. Not all help is from counsellors, and not all counsellors help. "Seek first the kingdom of God ... and all these things will be added unto you." God's kingdom is one of taking responsibility for your life, and choosing. Your power of choice is your power for life itself. All power is given to Jesus. What is He doing with it? Right, He's giving it to you through the Holy Spirit. What are you doing with it? Grab it, use it to choose life. Not as a victim, who chooses to stay helpless, and not as a survivor, who uses all energy just to cope day to day. Be a victor, moving through the phases of victim (baby) and survivor (adolescent) to true adulthood with control of your responses to life and your choice to live it humbly and happily in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Is counselling necessary for everyone? No. Seeking counselling is a sign of strength and wisdom. Many people, having finished counselling, tell others who they feel could benefit, and the word goes out. You may ask "Can't I just have faith and pray, and let God make it better, or give me strength to endure?" Yes, if you trust God, and listen to Him, and do what He tells you. The trouble is, most of us tell God what we want, we don't ask Him what He wants. Then when He tells us, we don't like what we hear so we continue ignoring the directive or blaming someone else for our misery. Counselling helps you face the truth and "the truth shall set you free."

Please send questions or issues to:

"Family Forum" 1148 King Street East Oshawa, Ontario L1H 1H8

All letters will be kept confidential.











Photo above by Allan Colleran

by Jim Weir Church School Teacher, Penticton, British Columbia

Penticton, British Column



LOVE OLDER PEOPLE. Where else can I sit down and hear first-hand accounts of what it was like before my arrival on earth? Where else can I go for experiential knowledge two and three times that of my own?

We come into this life dependent on others to care for our needs and many times we leave this world in the same condition.

Both infancy and old age form a simile with the sunrise and sunset. These are the most beautiful times of the day with a multicolored display of hues and tones. What is more beautiful than an infant's birth with the promise of new life? Truly this would be the sunrise experience. Then there is the sunset to mark the end of the day. What could be a more fitting comparison of an older person, with their wealth of knowledge and experience, especially those who have gained from those experiences and show a remarkable maturity of character. Truly a fitting way to close off a full and useful day. What a vivid scene for those who are willing to stop and take in some of that beauty!

Too often it is the most valuable possessions that are carefully stored in a safe place to collect dust. Like the family Bible that never gets used, our seniors are a goldmine if we would only take the time to converse with them more.

Solomon said, "A hoary head is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life." (Proverbs 16:31. . . R.S.V.) Truly, the glorious sunset



years of life have much to add to society if permitted.

I have worked with older people, sung to them, talked with them, and cried for them. I have taken my church school students to the senior citizens' homes and put on programs for them. More than the music was the enjoyment of having the students come by and talk with them afterwards. We suddenly realized that those were not just faces out there. There were teachers, electricians, musicians, farmers, and a wealth of backgrounds just waiting to communicate with us.

More and more people are reaching older ages due to advances in medicine, more emphasis on physical exercise, and a better diet. These citizens are a precious heritage. Use them, learn from them, communicate with them, and enjoy them. Teach your children to love and respect them

Been on sunshine bands lately? Why not go and adopt a grand-mother? What about that older man who lives all alone on your street? Take him a fresh baked loaf of bread or invite him over for a meal. Then sit down and learn from him what it was like to be alive before you were born. You will be the richer for the experience and he will be the happier.

Could this song be the heart cry of our senior citizens?

SUNSET

Just cause I'm aging fast,
don't count me as useless,
Though you're younger and stronger,
and I'm slowing down,
For while my health still lasts,
I've so much to offer
From the things I have gained
from the past.

(CHORUS):

Like the sun that is setting, in the distant horizon, It's the prettiest part of the day, While my life's silhouetting, deepest colors are rising, Twilight years can show glorious displays.

Although my bair is white

Although my hair is white, my face lined with wrinkles, Though I tend to be shaky and my hearing's not great, You'll know my mind's alright, if you take time to listen, Let's destroy walls that age generates. (CHORUS) So in my sunset years give me due recognition,
Please forgive all mistakes that
I've made in the past,
And please ignore my tears when
I see you are walking,
In the shadows where my footsteps passed.

— Jim Weir 🗘

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Moreover it is Required in Stewards. . .

parents, are only on loan to you. You don't own them; you only can nurture them and the Lord uses these situations to upgrade our spirituality. Praise His name that it is so, but to recognize that this principle is operating in our lives certainly puts a different complexion on our relationship with those near and dear to us.

As time progresses the calls for funds increase exponentially as more and more of humanity find themselves in untenable situations. The starvation in Africa, the violence of earthquakes in Central America, the need of entering funds in areas long closed to us, the needs of brothers and sisters in areas under tyranny, are piled on top of the already heavy load of regular church expenses. How should we look upon these requests? How should we respond to them?

Note these sage thoughts: "It should not be a lamented fact that there are increasing calls to give. God in His providence is calling His people out from their limited sphere of action, to enter upon greater enterprises. Unlimited effort is demanded at this time when moral darkness is covering the world. Many of God's people are in danger of being ensnared by worldliness and covetousness. They should understand that it is His mercy that multiplies the demands for their means. Objects that call benevolence into action must be placed before them, or they cannot pattern after the character of the great Exemplar." (vi)

Might I suggest that you reread the above paragraph at least twice more? Slowly; thoughtfully; savouring the thoughts; contemplating their application and visualizing their impact in your life. These thoughts can be the bridge to open and widen spiritual horizons so that a relationship with our Senior Partner can be deepened and enriched.

"John Wesley observed that the more the members of a religious body take their religion seriously, the more they accumulate. And the more they accumulate, the more they tend to become prisoners of their possessions; hence materialistic, and even avaricious. He said he saw no solution for this unless they who earned all they could, and saved all they could, also gave all they could. This means that the desire for acquiring things is good, provided the reason for the 'getting' is that more might be given to build up God's work." (vii)

Continuing with our chapter in Corinthians, let us find the climax of the previous verses: "Scripture says of such a man: 'He has lavished his gifts on the needy, his benevolence stands fast for ever.' Now He who provides seed for sowing and bread for food will provide the seed for you to sow; He will multiply it and swell the harvest of your benevolence, and you will always be rich enough to be generous. Through our action such generosity will issue in thanksgiving to God, for as a piece of willing service this is not only a contribution towards the needs of God's people; more than that, it overflows in a flood of thanksgiving to God." (viii)

Surely this is the motive that we need to have when we consider our role as a steward. Our tithes and offerings are a valuable and vital part of our stewardship for they are the litmus test of the degree of our dedication as Christians. They are also, as stated in Acts 10:4, a memorial for us before God. Surely it is the desire of each one of us to have these memorials in the heavenly sanctuary? All who possess "the spirit of Christ will with cheerful alacrity press their gifts into the Lord's treasury." (RH May 16, 1893) Therefore let us send our treasure before us by using the Lord's goods in such a way as to enhance His work through His church. Let our stewardship be based on gratitude and encompass our whole life - even our possessions that we might be found faithful. \$\triangle\$

(ii) 2 Cor. 9:6, 7 NEB (iii) Ibid V 8 (iv) 5 T 374 (v) 2 T 198

(vi) CS 14/15 (vii) Selected (viii) 2 Cor. 9:9-12 NEB





Canadian Union Revolving Fund

by F. Lloyd Bell

Assistant Treasurer, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

The Canadian Union Revolving Fund continues to be a tremendous blessing to God's church across Canada. Just this week we approved four more loans: two to the British Columbia Conference, one to the Ontario Conference, and one to the Quebec Conference. This brings to 194 churches and church school building projects, or building expansions, in which the Revolving Fund has provided financial assistance.

The work in Canada is growing. More requests for loans are on hand and other projects are in the planning stages. We are in need of additional deposits to the Revolving Fund now to meet these upcoming needs.

Many members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada are finding financial security in the Revolving Fund. At the time of the writing of this article, the total deposits in the Revolving Fund have reached four and one-half million dollars. These funds are loaned out to churches, schools, and conference institutions to help finance capital

The spiritual and financial blessings and advantages of the Revolving Fund are manifold:

- 1. The interest rate paid to the depositors is 7%.
- 2. The money is loaned out to the churches at the low rate of 8%. This is a real saving when money needs to be borrowed for a church project. Bank rates are much higher (13% to 14%).
- 3. When money is left in the Revolving Fund to have the interest compounded, the deposit doubles itself in nine years. But those who need the interest income from their deposits receive a cheque twice each year - June 1, December 1. Those who have \$20,000 or more in the

Revolving Fund, may, if they so desire, receive a monthly interest payment.

- 4. There is no minimum set as to what one can deposit in the fund. At present deposits range from a few hundred to over a hundred thousand
- 5. One can make additional deposits at any time.
- 6. Upon receipt of the deposit, a receipt and a promissory note guaranteeing the security of the deposit are sent out to you.
- 7. Upon notice of 60 days, one can draw out part or all of his or her deposits in the Revolving Fund. So far, no one has ever waited 60 days after making a request for a with-
- 8. Money deposited in the Revolving Fund can be as a simple bank deposit or it can be a trust account with a trust agreement drawn up in which a beneficiary can be named in case of death of the depositor.
- 9. The greatest blessing of the Revolving Fund is that the members of the church can have their money supporting the Lord's work. They have their emergency dollars invested in the Lord's work and thus in a ready position for the coming of the Lord. If Jesus returns before these emergency dollars are needed, the money has not been a lost talent.
- 10. All one needs to do to deposit money in the Revolving Fund is to send in a cheque, money order, bank draft, postal money order, etc., directly to the Revolving Fund of the Seventhday Adventist Church in Canada, 1148 King Street East, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 1H8.

If further information is needed concerning the Revolving Fund, please write to the above address.

WELCOME DR. ROY ADAMS

The First Associate Secretary for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada



In an effort to strengthen support of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Canada for the seven local conferences and 289 churches within its territory, delegates to the recent constituency

meeting voted to ask Dr. Roy Adams to join the staff of the SDA Church in Canada in the newly established position of Associate Secretary and Human Relations.

Dr. Adams is not a stranger to Canadians as he previously pastored churches in Ontario and in Quebec for over six years. Before joining the staff of the SDA Church in Canada, he was the Associate Professor of theology at the SDA Theological Seminary in the Far East Division.

He earned his doctorate degree from Andrews University and he is a professional with a wide variety of experience. Dr. Adams and his wife, Celia, have two children, Kimberly Anne 8, and Dwayne 10 years of age. We welcome them to the staff of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

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KC'S KORNER

wedding anniversary they had chosen to donate \$5000 for a piano for the Music Department. A beautiful new Yamaha Practice Piano arrived in October to the great delight of Music faculty and students. In addition, the donation provided a new set of orchestra bells for the Kingsway College Concert Band. Elder Bradley will be remembered by the Canadian constituency as an Administrator of North York Branson Hospital, but he and his wife will be fondly remembered at Kingsway College for their anniversary gift of love to the school.

The California Chapter is new and enthusiastic and we at Kingsway look forward to a close relationship of friendship and support. \$

Q. At This Time Which Methods are the Most Effective in the Winning of Souls?

Aeschlimann: In the order of efficiency they are:

1. Public meetings held by both pastors and lay members.

2. Bible studies held in homes, mainly by lay members.

3. Baptismal classes in churches, usually on Sabbaths.

4. Relevation Seminars, led by both pastors and lay members. These seminars are spreading rapidly throughout Europe, Australia and South America. In North America this is probably the most effective method for the winning of souls.

Q. Has Any Special Plan Been Prepared for 1987?

Aeschlimann: In the context of Harvest 90 we are suggesting that in 1987 great emphasis be placed to Evangelism Centered in the Church, by the collaboration of pastors and lay members working unitedly, taking as a basis the following statements found in the official Harvest 90 document:

"Recognition of the local church as the center of evangelism, nurture, and training of members for ministry.

"Double the number of members equipped for soul-winning activities according to their spiritual gifts, making every Seventh-day Adventist church a center of training for service."

Q. What is Expected From Each Church?

Aeschlimann: That each church become a center of evangelism and soul winning, through a continuous program of evangelism with the participation of all its members. We recommend that the following activities be implemented in every church:

1. Permanent baptismal classes for adults, young people and children.

2. Revelation Seminars in the church and in the community.

3. Evangelistic campaigns by the pastor.

4. Evangelistic campaigns by lay persons and young people.

5. A plan to indoctrinate and baptize the youth and the children of

QUESTIONS ANSWERS



Interview with Elder Carlos E. Aeschlimann, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association and Coordinator of Harvest 90.

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the church.

6. A plan to recover former members of the church.

7. Hold monthly baptisms, or at least, quarterly.

It is recommended that in each church the following classes function permanently:

1. Baptismal classes to prepare candidates adequately for baptism.

2. Advanced Bible doctrine classes to consolidate the newly-baptized.

3. Missionary training classes.

O. What is Expected of the Pastors?

Aeschlimann: The pastor is the leader and example in evangelization. For this reason we recommend that every pastor throughout the world field conduct at least one evangelistic campaign. We also recommend that every pastor draw up aggressive

plans for the continuation of evangelism in his district or church. But the greatest responsibility of the pastor is to train the largest number possible of lay members in all aspects of evangelism. The Spirit of Prophecy says, "The idea that the ministry must carry all the burdens and do all the work is a great mistake . . . It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of soul winning depends alone upon the minister" (EGW, Christian Service, page 68). The successful pastor is not the one who works hard but alone, but rather is the one who is able to recruit, train and put into action the largest number of members of his congregation. The pastor is like a general who recruits and trains the largest number possible of soldiers. He knows that alone he cannot face the enemy host. So he plans and leads out in the battle, but is assisted by a good number of soldiers, well activated, trained and armed with the very best materials. I want to reemphasize the fact that the truly successful pastor is the one who inspires, trains, and puts to work the largest number of lay persons.

Q. What is Expected of the Lay Members?

Aeschlimann: We hope that all lay members will participate in all evangelistic and soul-winning activities. The Spirit of Prophecy gives full support to the missionary calling of lay persons: "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom as a missionary. . . To save souls should be the lifework of everyone who professes Christ" (EGW, Christian Service, pages 10, 11). During 1987 we would like to see thousands of lay members working as preachers, Bible instructors, baptismal class instructors, conducting seminars, offering their homes as centers for witnessing, bringing friends and visitors to the evangelistic meetings, and preparing thousands of candidates for baptism.

Q. What Will be the Result of This Plan in 1987?

Aeschlimann: As a result of the mobilization of pastors and lay members in the churches, we expect to enjoy the most successful year in soul winning in the history of the Seventhday Adventist Church.

Q. At This Rate of Evangelization, When Do You Think the Seventhday Adventist Church Will Reach the Uttermost Parts of the Earth?

Aeschlimann: We have practically reached the ends of the earth already, for there are very few countries where we are not now represented as a church. Nevertheless not only in these countries, but in all the others we must reach the most remote places, advancing state by state, province by province, village by village, and in the cities, suburb by suburb. The greatest challenges before the church are the great oriental religions such as the Buddhists, the Hindus, and the Moslems. Another one of the great challenges is the preaching of the gospel in the most populous nations in the world, such as China, India, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, etc.

Q. What Do You Think is the Formula for Success of Harvest 90?

Aeschlimann: This formula is made up of the following ingredients:

1. That the church on all its levels give definite priority to evangelization.

2. That there be a genuine revival that will lead to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

3. That administrators and departmental persons dedicate a great part of their time and interest to the promotion of evangelism.

4. That workers employed in any phase of the organization view their work as an evangelizing mission

izing mission.

That pastors be leaders in evangelization within their churches.

That the lay members unite with their pastors in evangelization.

7. That evangelism and the winning of souls be a constant and growing work. The Spirit of Prophecy points out:

"The Church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world" (EGW, Christian Service, page 15).

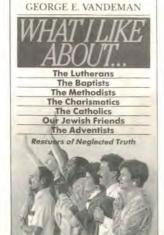
"Evangelistic work, opening the Scriptures to others, warning men and women of what is coming upon the world, is to occupy more and still more of the time of God's servants" (EGW, Evangelism, page 17).

"Let ministers and lay members go forth into the ripening fields. The work of God on this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers" (EGW, Christian Service, pages 67, 68).

Q. What is Your Greatest Dream Concerning Harvest 90?

Aeschlimann: First, That the church experience a great revival which will result in a great explosion of evangelism which will lead definitely to the finishing of the work and the return of Jesus.

Second, That each division, union and local field have the great satisfaction of gaining a great victory in Harvest 90.



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ONTARIO

New Ministerial Staff in the Oshawa College Park Church District



Pastor and Mrs. Doug Pollington joined the pastoral staff in June straight from Canadian Union College. Pastor Pollington became an Adventist after careful study six years ago. His dedication to the Lord's work and his love for his fellowmen have already endeared him to the membership.



Elder and Mrs. Warren Kay came to College Park from successful ministry in Grande Prairie, Alberta, in mid October. They were both brought up in Adventist homes. Elder Kay graduated in 1981 and was ordained last year. His special skills and interests which will be a strength to College Park Church are youth work, spiritual nurture and family ministry.



The Bramalea SDA Church celebrated its first anniversary on September 27. The occasion also marked the second year of the congregation's meeting in Bramalea, which started as the Peel SDA Company. There were then 70 members when the first meeting was held at the Emmanuel United Church on September 22, 1984. The anniversary celebration featured Pastor Gladstone Knight as the guest speaker for the divine hour of worship. An afternoon musical festival included music from the brass ensemble, The Filipino - Canadian Rondalla, soloist Isabel Santos and several others. A social evening completed the anniversary celebration.

MANITOBA/SASKATCHEWAN

Golden Anniversary Celebration



Peter and Louise Gorbenko celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 10, 1986 with a buffet dinner and a program of music and memories hosted by their children in Struan, Saskatchewan. Approximately 150 relatives and friends came to share this happy day with

The couple was married on October 10, 1936 at the Beaver Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church near Struan. They are retired and live on their farm west of Arelee.

They were blessed with four children: Esther Yaceyko, Lloyd, Doug and Bob; and nine grandchildren.

Mountain-Andrews Church **Baptism**



On Sabbath afternoon, June 28, 1986, four young people were baptized at the Mountain-Andrews Church in Winnipeg by Pastor Mervin Kempert. The baptismal candidates were: Sheldon Goodridge, Peter Wiebe, Luzviminda Antonio, and Candice Goodridge. Luz became a member of the Winnipeg Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, while Sheldon, Peter and Candice became members of the Mountain-Andrews Seventh-day Adventist

Missing Persons

We are trying to locate Janice C. Blondell and Anthony C. Blondell who, with their mother, left Dartmouth, N.S. shortly after their baptism on April 12, 1980. Anyone knowing their whereabouts please contact Pastor Barry Hubley, Dartmouth S.D.A. Church, 35 Lakecrest Drive, Dartmouth, N.S. B2X 1X9.

ALBERTA

Red Deer Church Official Opening

Sabbath, October 4, 1986 was a high day for the Red Deer SDA Church, the culmination of many hours of hard work, many fervent prayers and considerable financial sacrifice. The celebration was two-fold: the official opening of the new church and the 60th anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Red Deer community.

An inspiring message for the worship service, "Praise and Halleluiah," was brought to us by Pastor Herb Larsen. After this encouraging message, everyone gathered together at the Red Deer Adventist Academy for a vegetarian luncheon buffet.

In the afternoon the "ribbon-cutting" was by the Red Deer mayor, Bog McGhee, while some 550-600 members and guests looked on.

Dr. Larry Shipowick presented a very interesting history of the church which was organized in 1926 with a membership of 17.

This festive afternoon event proceeded on with encouraging speeches by politicians and dignitaries.

The new church seats 450, and if the growth rate continues the new church will be filled to capacity in a relatively short time.

Pastor Ian Cotton, who took over the ministerial duties of the Red Deer Church 13 months ago, and the members of the Red Deer Church will always have special memories of this Sabbath day and all the praise, honor and glory is given to God Who has led in the past and will continue to lead in the future.

- Sharon Vaneck, Com. Sec.



Pastor Ian Cotton and Red Deer Mayor Bob McGhee, just after ribbon-cutting, with Pastor Les Sayler and others looking on.

Smoky Lake Church Dedication

The Smoky Lake Church held a dedication and open house on Sabbath, September 13, 1986 to mark the beginning of an official church.

Elder Herb Larsen, had the worship service in the morning, and in the afternoon he led out in the organization of the church. A happy congregation lined up to sign as charter members in the record book, and the church officers were officially installed. The Smoky Lake Church was accepted into the sisterhood of SDA churches.

Elder Jim Wilson, brought the dedication message.

There was no church in the area when Conrad and Esther Hackenberg moved to the Smoky Lake district but gradually more members moved into the area. Initially they met in each other's homes, and then in 1978 the group rented the Warspite United Church. In 1979 Bill Krysowaty and his wife donated 3.3 acres of land due east of Smoky Lake.

The church building was finished by volunteer labour under the leadership of Dave and Jack Friesen. This lovely church has three children's rooms and a kitchen and recreation area.



Smoky Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church

Bowetts Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mildred and Roy Bowett were married in Vancouver, B.C. on August 25, 1936.

On July 20, 1986, a dinner hosted by their three children, Reg, Linda and Rosa Lee was held in the CHAJA gym at College Heights, Alberta. The guests were entertained by a program of music and readings.

Both Roy and Mildred are graduates of Canadian Union College and are now involved with the activities of the Alumni Association of C.U.C. and with those of the College Heights Church. May the Lord continue to bless them and give them many more happy years.



Roy and Mildred Bowett in vintage Ford at their golden wedding celebration.

Smoky Lake Baptism



Pictured above, on the occasion of their baptism into the Smoky Lake, Alberta church, on September 13, are, left to right, Jean Ottawa, Roy Ottawa, Chris Littlechilds and Adelle Kondla.

Youth on the Move in Edmonton

The Edmonton South S.D.A. youth share their faith dynamically through personal contact and prayer. Eight more were recently welcomed into the family of God. Pastor H.H. Heghesan can only praise the Lord that the radiance of Christian joy is contagious, as it attracts the old and young to become members of God's growing family.



Mr. Duncan Forbes with Pastor H.H. Heghesan after his baptism. Centre: Peter Plum and Terry Thompson. Right: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Minogue, Mrs. Coralee Gillis, Neil Rodney Irwin and Dan Taylor being welcomed into the church family.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE STAFF



Frank Skoretz is the newly appointed Superintendent of Education for the British Columbia Conference who, with his wife Elaine (Augustine) have moved into the Abbotsford area from Glendale, California. Skoretz holds a Bachelor of Theology degree from Canadian Union College; a Bachelor of Theology from Potomac University in Washington, D.C.; Master of Divinity from Andrews University; and an M.A. in Education from Loma Linda University. Work appointments include pastoring in Islas de la Bahia, President and Education Secretary of British Honduras, Education and MV Secretary of Costa Rica; and Religion teacher, Guidance director and Vice-Principal of Glendale Adventist Academy. Both Frank and Elaine are Canadians coming from Saskatchewan and British Columbia respectively. They have four children.



Adventist Youth Ministries and Family Life Departments of the BC Conference have a new director. James Gaull and wife Inez and three daughters joined the Conference in July with particular emphasis during the summer months on the summer camp program at Hope. Gaull received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Walla Walla College and Master of Divinity from Andrews University. After serving four years in the United States Air Force, Gaull served as a ministerial intern and pastor in the Oregon Conference.



Charles Brown is the newly appointed Ministerial Director for the British Columbia Conference. Brown is married to Marjorie Jones and they have two children. Pastoral districts served by this family include the Spokane Central Church, several others in the Oregon Conference and more recently the Milton-Freewater Church of the Upper Columbia Conference. Brown holds theology degrees from Walla Walla College and Andrews University with additional study at Fuller Theological University and Andrews University.





Don Tucker, left, has joined the office family as an assistant manager of the Adventist Book Centre. Tucker comes from St. John's Newfoundland where he graduated from St. John's Adventist Academy and worked for a radio station. He attended Walla Walla College and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Administration from that school. Before accepting the invitation to join the ABC, Tucker worked for an advertising firm and a painting contractor as well as the SDA Conference in Newfoundland. He is married to Sandy (Dambitis) and lives in Surrey. Shelley Gibbons is the new secretary in the Literature Evangelism Department. Shelley has worked as secretary in companies in Saskatchewan and Williams Lake, B.C. before moving to Abbotsford.



Karen Johnson is working in the Printing Department being trained as part of work program being sponsored by the B.C. Government.





Lorraine Martin, left, joined the Conference as Associate Education Director specializing in elementary education. Lorraine obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree from Walla Walla College. Work appointments included the Okanagan Adventist Academy, Deer Lake School and various church schools in Alberta. Anna Singbeil, right, is employed at the Conference office as part-time secretary to the Communications and Health Departments. She attended Canadian Union College and attained a Secretarial Arts diploma and has worked for the University of Alberta and the Correctional Service and Immigration Branch of the Federal Government. Anna is married to Clarence Singbeil.

Smithers Baptism



The Smithers SDA Church was the baptismal site for four Hazelton candidates on September 27, 1986. Pastor H. Dawes immersed his two granddaughters, Shawna and Dawna McLeod and their friend, Charisma Procter. Pastor G. Hanson baptized John Blabey. Following the baptism Mrs. Ruth Dawes sang "Jesus Rose of Sharon" then presented each candidate with a red rosebud. Members then welcomed each candidate into church fellowship.

Fifty Years Marked

Norman and Amy White were honoured with a buffet reception on June 15 to mark their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. White were married April 13, 1936 in Victoria. They have resided in various locations on Vancouver Island and the Fraser Valley during those 50 years, including the last seven in the Chilliwack area.

Their daughter and son-in-law, Leona and Ed Taylor, as well as the White's grandchildren, attended the celebration from Los Angeles, California.

Approximately 65 guests were in attendance and enjoyed the entertainment, which included an informal program of music, recitations and reminiscences.

The Caring Church in British Columbia

Hope:

Prince George:

Oakridge Health Fair:



One hundred sixty five attended the yearly Native Indian camp meeting in Hope, B.C. this fall. Port Hardy, Kitwanga, Prince George, Lummi, Vancouver and Alberta were represented by Native believers and interests.

Pioneers in the work for the Native believers provided historical perspectives to the outreach of Natives that goes back to 1906. This information was provided by Clyde and Nancy Gildersleeve, Taylor Morris and Ed Desjarlais. Leroy Moore from the General Conference, explained how the Advent message is especially fitting and sensitive to Native culture. Singers from Port Hardy sang the scriptures in their native language.

Under the theme TO KNOW HIM, the meetings were outreach-oriented, emphasizing personal relationship with Christ.



At a booth in the mall interested persons filled out Stress Profiles. They were encouraged to attend the Stress Program. It was also an opportunity to advertise the Breathe Free Program, the vegetarian cooking class, Christian education and the evangelistic series being held by Ray Halvorson. A similar booth attracted almost 900 at the Salmon Arm Fall Fair. Pastor Norman Manweiler is now preparing the smoking cessation and stress and nutrition classes for the many who signed up.



Eighteen organizations from the City of Vancouver with a health emphasis participated in the second Health A-Fair in the Oakridge Mall sponsored by the Adventist Health Network of the Conference.

Special guest, Chicago Cubs baseball pitcher and four-time Canadian Athlete of the Year, was featured at the Alcohol Drug Education Booth. Fergie Jenkins was brought to Vancouver by the Adventist Health Network, appeared on Dave Barrett's talk show on CJOR, and our LIFESTYLE LINE radio program. Bob Sparenberg, director of the Canadian Institute for the Prevention of Addiction was also present. Here Fergie explains a pledge to a young person which he signs with them to agree to living a drug-free life.

Williams Lake:



The Health Choices booth at the Cariboo Fall Fair in Williams Lake was the most popular booth at the fair. Candace Hegedus interprets a cowboy's printout. Forty church members were involved organized by Sandy Smith, Dorothy Stickle and Dorothy Jones.

Vancouver:



Mike Stapleton, one of 400 SDA volunteers at the Adventist Health Network booth at the PNE in Vancouver, helps fair-goers get weighed before their computerized healthstyle appraisal is completed.

Drug Help Available

Do you need help with youth or family problems resulting from drug, alcohol, or other chemical use?

Well, help is at your fingertips! Just call the divisionwide hotline sponsored by the Association of Adventist Parents for Drug-Free Youth (AAP) and maintained by the Adventist Information Ministries (AIM) in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

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The hotline number for Canada is 1-800-327-1300.

Obituaries

BUNTING — John Algernon Geoffrey was born November 8, 1896 in Enfield, England and emigrated to Canada with his father and three sisters in 1911.

In 1931 he was united in marriage to Betty Seward. They raised four sons and two daughters.

On October 13, 1986 Algie passed to his rest. Mourning his passing are his loving wife Betty; three sons Ted, Dennis and Frank; two daughters, Shirley Faehner and Mavis Olson; 12 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral service was conduced by Pastor S. Yaceyko assisted by Ron Neish. Algie awaits the call of Jesus in the Legion Cemetery.

CAMERON — Vera Van Buskirk, born Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, June 23, 1897; died Loma Linda, CA, September 23, 1986. Vera served the denomination in Canada and California as an accountant and Bible Instructor. Survivors: one niece and many friends.

DUNHILL — Bertha Margaret (Ray) Dunhill was born September 8, 1911 in Passekaeg Ridge, N.B., and passed to her rest on July 19, 1986, after a lengthy illness. She was a member of the Barnesville S.D.A. Church where she often led the singing with her strong, clear voice.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Robert (Ray) Dunhill, a daughter, Joy Totten, and a son, Earl, eleven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one sister, three brothers, and several nieces and nephews.

At the funeral service in the Barnesville Church, Pastor Gill spoke of the love Sister Bertha bestowed upon family and friends.

She rests in the adjoining cemetery awaiting the return of her Beloved Saviour.

DICKSON — Emma Jane (Edgett) Dickson was born in Curreville, New Brunswick in 1895 and passed to her rest on August 28, 1986.

She married Alexander Dickson in 1918 and they continued to be faithful Seventh-day Adventist witnesses. Her husband died in 1948.

She is survived by three children, Sylvia, Ron and Louise; five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

The Hopewell Hill church has been saddened by the loss of a pioneer member but we look forward to the day when she shall rise from Mountain View Cemetery at Lower Cape, N.B., at the Lord's coming.

JOSEPH — Dulcie Georgiana was born on November 4, 1913 in Rangoon, Burma and passed away at her home in Richmond, B.C. on October 5, 1986. She came to Canada with her family in July 1968 and was a faithful member of the Vancouver Central Seventh Day Adventist Church. She is survived by her loving husband Thomas, six daughters Clarice, Margaret, Cynthia, Florence, Elizabeth, Esther and four grandsons.

The funeral services were conducted at the Richmond Funeral Home and at the graveside by Pastor Bob Tetz assisted by Pastors Jerry Chang and Dirk Zinner. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Burnaby, B.C. KNOPP — Pauline Eisert was born on October 12, 1898 in Poland, and passed to her rest on October 15, 1986 at Surrey, B.C. On February 22, 1922 she married Ed Knopp and five years later they journeyed to Canada where they homesteaded in Manitoba.

Pauline is survived by her husband Ed, her sons John, Ernie, Leonard, Wilfred, Herb and daughters Kathy, Olga, Esther, Anne, Nettie, Ida and Frieda; one brother and two sisters; plus 46 grandchildren and 40 greatgrandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Bob Schaefer assisted by Pastor Bob Bradley. Pastor Jim Gaull gave the eulogy.

LACE — Bertha was born February 29, 1904 at Milton, Mass. She moved to Vancouver, B.C. during Vancouver's boom years of 1900-1910. In 1937 she married Daniel Lace. In the 1970s Bertha Lace came in contact with Dr. James and Madeline Hii, members of the Vancouver Central SDA Church. Through their example and friendship Bertha accepted Christ and was baptized on April 18, 1981.

After several months of illness, Bertha passed to her rest on October 19, 1986 with the firm hope of the resurrection on the day of Christ's return.

A memorial service and interment was conducted on October 25, 1986 by Pastors Bob Tetz and Dirk Zinner.

McCARTY - Ada Lucille Niergarth was born near Toronto, Ontario on September 5, 1906 and passed away on October 6, 1986. On January 18, 1925 she married William Russel McCarty in Marshfield, Oregon. Soon after their marriage they settled on the family farm near Stettler, Alberta where she remained until her death. She is survived by her loving husband Russell; her children Ivis and Ken McCarty, Mervin and Mary McCarty, June Claussen, Marion McCarty, Rolland and Marilyn McCarty, Myrt and Dave Wilson, Rose and Ken Goddard, and lim and Marcia McCarty; 24 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and numerous other relatives and friends.

Twelve of her grandchildren acted as bearers for their beloved grand-mother. Officiating at the service was Pastor Clayton Stanwick of the Stettler S.D.A. Church. Our dear one awaits the call of her Lifegiver from the Red Willow Cemetery.

McCARTY — Kimberley Allison was born April 23, 1982 in Williams Lake B.C. She passed away in Langley, B.C. on September 29, 1986 after a very brief illness. She was four years and five months old. Left to mourn their loss are her devoted parents Larry and Darla (Ritchey) and little sister Kelley, her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ritchey and Mr. and Mrs. Mervin McCarty; her great-grandparents Mrs. Winnifred Ritchey, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCarty, and Mrs. Minnie Smith; two aunts; two uncles; four cousins and many other relatives and friends.

Officiating at the service were Pastors Ron Johnson and Bob Tetz. Kimberley awaits the call of the Lifegiver from the Langley Lawn Cemetery.

MacINTOSH — Milda of Abbotsford passed away on October 11, 1986. Mrs. MacIntosh was born October 3, 1900 in Germany and came to North America with her family to reside in California. Here she married Dr. William MacIntosh. The MacIntosh's spent most of their Canadian stay at Kamloops, B.C. but moved to Abbotsford in 1983.

Mrs. MacIntosh leaves to mourn her husband, Dr. William MacIntosh, one sister and one brother, as well as many friends. The funeral service was conducted in Abbotsford by Pastor Ken Wiebe, and the graveside service in Kamloops by Pastor Gordon Smedley.

Weddings

LEHMANN-LONGARD

On June 8, 1986 Kelly Rose, daughter of George and Geraldine Longard, and Arlo Blaine, son of Pastor and Bob Raydene Lehmann were united in marriage in a beautiful ceremony in the Halifax SDA church. The groom's father conducted the marriage ceremony. Kelly and Arlo are now residing in Red Deer, Alberta.

MALOWANIUK - KORDYSZ

Susan Kordysz, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Kordysz of Windsor, Ontario, and David Malowaniuk, son of Mr. & Mrs. Victor Malowaniuk of Cottam, Ontario were united in marriage on October 12, 1986, at the Windsor Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor Randy Sauder was the officiating minister.

McCARTY-FRANZKE

Robin Carol Franzke and Raymond Kenneth McCarty were married on June 22, 1986 in Sacramento, California. Raymond and Robin became acquainted while attending Pacific Union College.

The ceremony was conducted by Pastor Allen Franzke, the bride's brother.

Robin and Raymond will be making their home in Rancho Cordova, Cal. while Robin attends Sacramento State University to complete her degree in audiology. Raymond will pursue his chosen career as an accountant.

NISCHUK-HARBUZ

On October 19, 1986, Doris Harbuz of Kelowna, B.C. and Clifford Nischuk of Oliver, B.C. were married in the Rutland Church in Kelowna, B.C.

We wish God's richest blessings on the Nischukcs as they establish their new home in Kelowna.

SCHEFFLER-CASEY

On September 25, 1986, Denise Casey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Casey of Williams Lake, B.C. was married to David Scheffler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scheffler also of Williams Lake. The private ceremony took place in the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kelowna, B.C. with Arthur M. Spenst officiating.

God's richest blessings are wished for Denise and Don as they study at Walla Walla College.

UFFINDELL-MacCHESNEY

On August 24, 1986 Sheila, daughter of James and Beatrice MacChesney and Paul, son of Pastor Roy and Penny Uffindell, pledged their love to each other and to God in a beautiful candlelight ceremony in the Halifax SDA church. Pastor Ken Schander officiated and the groom's father had special prayer for the couple.

Paul and Sheila are residing in Halifax.

Births

BOUTILIER — David and Sandy (nee Weatherby) of Glen Haven, Nova Scotia, are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Alina Marie, on Oct. 1, 1986.

FRASER — Ivan and April (nee Boutilier) of Glen Margaret, Nova Scotia, are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Ryan Adam, on June 10, 1986.

MAUSSER — Fred and Brigitte (nee Petschnig) thank God for the birth of their little girl, Amy Brigitte, on October 13, 1986.

McCREERY — born to Alex and Valerie (Shoop) a son on October 4, 1986, at Hazelton, B.C.

POHL — Walter and Sharon (nee Rutz) are thankful to God for their chosen daughter, Melanie Shantel Amanda, born December 3, 1984.

WOMBOLD — Dr. LeRoy and Beverly (nee Nahorney) wish to announce the birth of their first child, Christopher Joel, on October 20, 1986 at St. Louis, Missouri.

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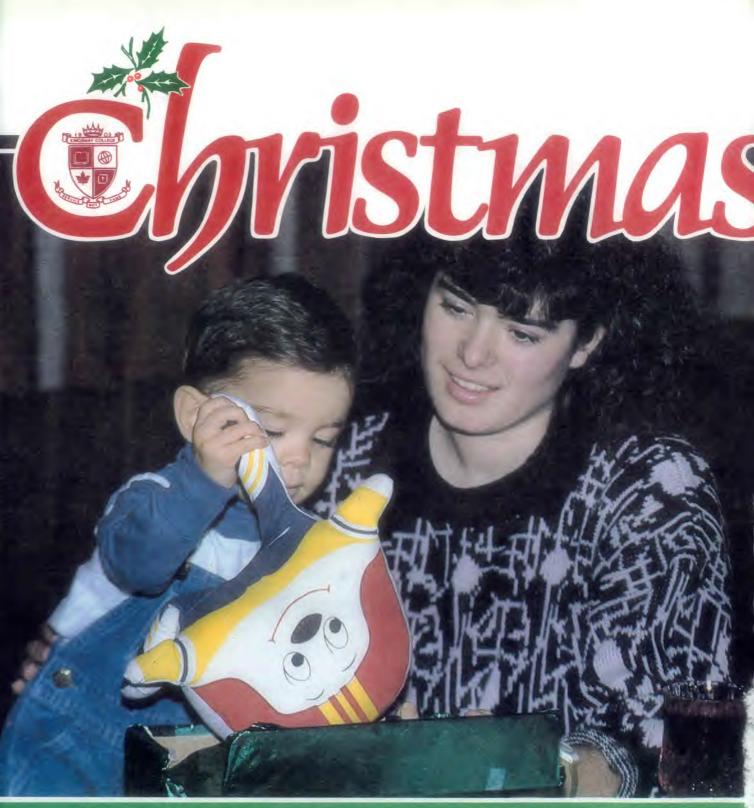
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