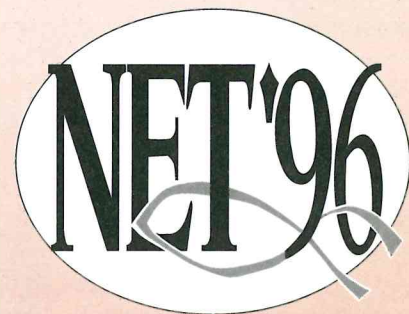


A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

The Corkums Move to Wisconsin

After 20 years in Alberta, the Corkums accepted a call to the Wisconsin Conference where Don will serve as president. The photos below show the Corkums holding gifts they received from the office staff during a farewell dinner held for the couple. Another dinner was also given in which pastors and teachers attended and had a chance to say their goodbyes. The Corkums will be missed for their outstanding contributions in Alberta.

The Editor



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 22 - 29
Women's Ministries Retreat
Foothills Camp

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Calgary Evangelistic Rally
Chinook Winds Adventist Academy
3 - 6 p.m.

May 4
Edmonton Evangelistic Rally
Edmonton Central Church
3 - 6 p.m.

May 11
Central Alberta Evangelistic Rally
College Heights Church
3 - 6 p.m.

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A Farewell Message from the Corkums

Dear Church Family:

As I am sure you have heard by now, my wife and I have accepted a call to the Wisconsin Conference. We have greatly enjoyed our ministry here. Alberta has been home to our family for over twenty years so it is not easy for us to leave. However, after praying about the call, we felt it is God's will that we accept.

We have witnessed the Conference grow from about 5500 members to over 7700 in the years we have been here. We thank God for this growth as well as the congregations formed during that time. We have also had the privilege of seeing many youth commit their lives to Christ and enthusiastically participate in the ministry of the Church.

At this time of transition, I would like to share with you some of the opportunities and challenges that I see facing the Church and, in particular, our Conference.

Opportunities

As we approach the end of the second millennium since Christ's first advent, there is renewed interest and concern in end-time events. This offers our Church an excellent opportunity to share the message God has commissioned us to proclaim. Net '96, the most ambitious evangelistic outreach ever undertaken by our Church in North America, comes at the right time. God needs us to respond zealously at this time.

Youth are wanting to encounter new and dynamic experiences in service. This is illustrated in the student missionary, task force, youth mission outings, and Youth Net programs. This is the hour for our youth to help the Church experience a higher level of commitment to service. This would be in keeping with the prediction about the Elijah people in Malachi 4:6: "And he (Elijah) shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers..." Before the coming of Christ, there is to be a positive response of the present generation to the faith of their fathers.

Many churches are wanting to honor God at this time by demonstrating the character and power of Christ. They are not satisfied with status quo but want to be alive in ministry and vibrant in worship.

Challenges

At every hour of earth's history, God's people have experienced challenges to overcome as they seek to carry out Christ's commission. Here are a few I see right now.

Around the Conference

Calgary Nets 88 Baptisms in Schreven Crusade



This meeting has been a wonderful blessing to me personally," said one young lady. Another: "I never knew such truths from the Scriptures existed until I attended these meetings." These are a couple of the comments that came following four weeks of the Leo Schreven Prophecy Crusade last Fall.

But what followed came primarily as a result of what was done in preparation for the crusade. After an intensive prepara-

tion which included a series of Mark Finley videos entitled *Making Friends for God* and *Fulfilling the Gospel Commission*, 100,000 handbills distributed, 100 TV and 200 radio spots aired, eight overpass banners installed, and an assertive fund-raising campaign launched; the work paid off. On opening night, nearly 1000 people attended including over 500 visitors. So far, 88 have already embraced the Advent Message and have been baptized

with another 20 studying to join very soon.

In spite of the many challenges, things went smoothly and the pastors worked well together. There were many victories in many lives and revival in others. To the area churches that participated in making this experience happen for Calgary, we say thanks. To the various task groups, including prayer ministries, tape ministries, former SDA visitation groups, literature distribution groups, telephone and survey ministry groups, we say thanks to all.

A strong follow-up program is in place to nurture, retrain, and disciple the new believers now rejoicing in the marvellous truths of the Gospel.

The Editor



Foreground: Some of those baptized in the crusade

Corkum's Farewell Message continued from page 2

Individuals and groups who believe they serve God better by not supporting the organized church are forming their own groups and organizations. Because of this, the Church is facing the climactic hour of earth's history more fragmented than God would desire. Today is the time for a united thrust, empowered by the Spirit, to complete God's work.

Many church members, especially in North America, are being impacted by a world crazed with the accumulation of things and the thrill of pleasure so that there isn't time to "know" God the way the Bible describes that we should experience Him. As one Bible translates Romans 12:2, "Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold."

Acceptance and faithfulness to the authority of Scripture. Some are becoming influenced by those who downplay the miraculous elements of God's revelation to us. God's voice, rather than man's logic, must govern what we believe about

matters such as creation, the worldwide flood, acceptance of the predictive nature of prophecy and the gospel story.

As Seventh-day Adventists, we believe that "the testimony of Jesus Christ" was given through the prophetic ministry of Ellen White. Christ's counsel and guidance to us through her is important for the Church at this hour. Whether it is the encouragement that we follow the teaching of Christ for simplicity, modesty and temperance in lifestyle or the pitfalls to avoid in last-day false revivals; it is vital we pay heed to these messages at this hour.

Brothers and sisters, my wife and I look forward to spending eternity with you. Let's be faithful at this important hour of earth's history. When Christ comes, may He be able to say to us, "Well done, My good and faithful servants, enter now into the joy of thy Lord."

Don & Phyllis Corkum





Some of the graduates holding VCI manuals.

Alberta First to Hold Revised VCI Course

At the beginning we thought only about 30 would attend the newly revised *Vegetarian Cuisine Instructor's Course*, December 2-5, 1995. So we stepped up our advertising and promotion in the churches and to the public.

The number of registrants increased to 50, then 70, until almost 100 people from all over Alberta called to pre-register for the intensive 30-hour course that would last four days.

Some even came from the border provinces of Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Why these many came? Because more and more people these days want an alternative to the usual meat-based diet and want to learn how to prepare vegetarian meals.

But there was another big factor. They knew that two of Adventism's top nutritionists would be the instructors — Stoy Proctor and Dr. John Scharffenberg — both from the World Adventist Headquarters office.

The program started on Sabbath with the divine worship hour service. After lunch, the instructors led into the Biblical and Spirit of Prophecy aspect of nutrition. From sunset Sabbath to the final hour at 5 pm on Tuesday, the instructors waded into the scientific material with good humour thrown in between.

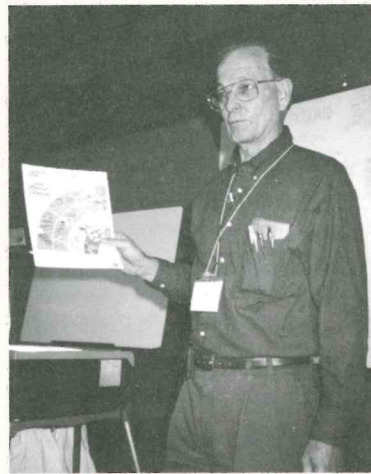
The participants loved every minute — especially when they were divided into four groups for preparing the noon meal each day. Some, including non-Adventists in attendance, realised that vegetarian cuisine cooking could indeed be creative, tasty, and nutritious.

On the last day, a *Vegetarian Cuisine Cookbook* was compiled from submissions by each participant and passed

out to everyone. The participants also met by regions to discuss plans for implementing a VCI cooking school in their communities in preparation for the Net '96 evangelistic initiative.

"It was a lot of material" said one participant, "but now I feel informed and confident to go back to my community and conduct a VCI class."

The Editor



Baptism in Rimbey

It started with a series of meetings called "Good News for Today," led by Pastor Ed Dunn in the Rimbey SDA Church in the fall of 1994. Kelly and Iven St. Denis attended every meeting and then consented to study weekly with Pastor Ed and his wife, Cheryl.

November 11, 1995, was truly "Remembrance Day" for Kelly and Iven when they publicly professed their faith in Jesus by being baptized. They, along with their two little boys, Spencer and Ryan, were accepted with great joy into the fellowship of the Rimbey Church.
Hennie Nickoriuk, Communication Secretary



Adventurer Training Seminar

On November 3-5, the first Adventurer Club Leaders Training Seminar was held at the CUC campus. Ten ladies completed the ten-hour training course presented by Beatrice Hill, Adventurer Club Coordinator for the Gulf States Conference.

The course was very informative and inspiring, and those who attended received many ideas and materials to help make their Adventurer Clubs more effective.

Ruth Riffin



Back row: Ruth Riffin, Marilyn McCarty, Donna Boyko, Kathleen Petersen, Colleen Ellis, Rita Yuros, Joan Ison. Front row: Lauren James, Pam Hirschhorn, Beatrice Hill (instructor), Deanne Julien.

Sedgewick Hosts Northeast/Central Rally

The Sedgewick church hosted the Northeast/Central rally on November 3 and 4, with services held in the church, the Community Centre in Killam, the adjacent Senior Centre, and the nearby United Church. Pastor Ron Hyrchuk of Bakersfield, California, preached of the power of Christ through faith and also of caring and forgiveness.

The youth met at the Sedgewick church with Todd Miller,

Youth Director of the Alberta Conference. In the afternoon, they collected food for the Flagstaff Family and Community Services Christmas Sharing Program.

The well-managed food service provided dinner and supper in the Community Centre. The day ended with a recreational evening at the Killam Agriplex.

Glen Carley, Communication Secretary



Youth relax after food drive



Killam warmly welcomed those attending the North East/Central rally





International Sabbath School

November 4, 1995, the members of Edmonton Central church celebrated their 13th annual "International" Sabbath School. About 25 countries or language groups took part in the program by reading, praying, singing or giving some historical facts of their country. A potluck luncheon featuring ethnic foods was served. It was a high day with a wonderful feeling of friendship and fellowship.

Art Cooper, Communication Secretary

Sabbath School Superintendent Glen Hawthorn and his son Gary led the congregation in the singing of "O Canada."



Baptism at Edmonton Central

Sabbath, September 30, 1995, was highlighted by the baptism of Olga Chirka, a former member of Edmonton Central. Pastor Raul Hernandez held studies with Olga and performed the baptismal rite. Olga is shown (photo, left) with pastors Hernandez and Neal as she was being welcomed into church fellowship.

Art Cooper, Communication Secretary

Holy Comforter

*You have moved into me
quietly
carefully
spooled across my thoughts with delicate manoeuvres
ladled your warmth into the palm of my hand
You have held me speechless with the pooling of psalms
at my feet
prised me in the light of Your laughter
You have entered into my place of holy
graced the altar of my heart with God's flame
burning bright in Your eye
gathered ashes from the hearth of my pain
and scattered them wide to retreating winds
You have moved into me
so quietly
so carefully
when the black hour comes
and I lean into the dark
I can hear You breathing
beneath
my skin
by Barbara Mitchell*

One of Alberta's Most Prominent

Monique Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steele of the Pineridge Seventh-day Adventist Church, after three full extensive years of vocal studies at the Patriquin Music Studio, received many first place awards for her outstanding singing ability and Christian performance.



Monique Steele

Monique was honoured by receiving a \$9,000 scholarship from Columbia Union College to further her studies as a music major, preparing her for a concert performance degree in sacred music.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele and Mr. Wayne Patriquin (voice instructor) thank all those who prayerfully supported Monique and Mr. Patriquin while studying and performing throughout Alberta.

Baby Dedications



Sherwood Park — On Sabbath, December 9, 1995 Pastor Jim Burgess, of the Sherwood Park SDA Church, conducted a very special service as Tim and Jo-Anne Dunfield presented their daughter, Rebecca Skye for dedication. After Tim sang a song he had written especially for his daughter's dedication, Pastor Burgess invited him to the pulpit where he preached a farewell sermon to his home church members. Tim, Jo-Anne, Kyle and Rebecca are moving to Willowdale, Ontario, where Tim will take up his new duties with Pastor Dan Jackson in the Willowdale Church as associate pastor. The Sherwood Park church family presented them with a farewell gift certificate which was much appreciated.

Carol Dunfield, Communication Secretary



Edmonton Central — Kayla Robin Jeske was dedicated to the Lord on November 4, 1995, at Edmonton Central church. She is shown with parents Rhonda and Dan, and Pastor Les Neal who performed the ceremony.

Art Cooper, Communication Secretary

Edmonton Central — On Sabbath, September 2, 1995, Master Ryan Smith, son of Darryl and Sara Smith of Edmonton Central church was dedicated to God. Clarence Grosso, head elder of Edmonton Central, performed the service. He stressed that each of us has responsibilities to nurture Ryan. His prayer was that God would bless Ryan's parents and grandparents, and his teachers, to guide him throughout his life.

Art Cooper, Communication Secretary



Hanna — On November 18, 1995, the Seventh-day Adventist church in Hanna was the place of a very happy and spiritual time spent with the church family and friends. Here you see the parents, Rick and Kathy Weich with little Zachary Daniel and Pastor Bill Wigley who dedicated him to the Lord. Little Zachary has been a blessing to the whole church family. May the blessing of God be upon Rick and Kathy and their new son as they raise him up in the love of the Lord.

Bill & Mable Wigley



Edmonton Central—Madison Paisley Hillgardner was dedicated to the Lord on Thanksgiving Sabbath, Oct. 9, 1995. She is shown with her parents Leanne (Popik) and Brad. Pastor Les Neal of Edmonton Central performed the service.

Art Cooper, Communication Secretary



2000 Churches to Host NET '96

NET '96, an evangelistic series to be conducted in Orlando, Florida's Forest Lake Academy 3,000-seat gymnasium, will be uplinked to a satellite five nights a week, October 5 through November 9, 1996. Pastor Mark Finley, speaker of *It is Written* television ministry, will again be the evangelist, and Pastor C.D. Brooks, speaker of *Breath of Life* television ministry, will again conduct the question-and-answer periods during the event. North America's objective is for at least 2,000 churches to be involved in this effort.

Plans are also under consideration for NET '96 to reach other divisions. We just received word that the Inter-American Division has voted to provide equipment for one downlink site in each of its sixty local conferences. Since there is a possibility that even more divisions might also participate, study is under way to provide simultaneous translation channels in French, Spanish, Portuguese, and possibly German.

VISION 2000/NET '96 Evangelistic Rallies

The Conference is planning to hold three Evangelistic Rallies in preparation for the NET '96 satellite crusade with Mark Finley from Orlando, FL. These rallies will feature a personal greeting and report on video from Mark himself. Special speaker for the first rally in Calgary is Elder Glen Aufderhar, president of the Adventist Media Center. Also featured will be soul-winning testimonies, music, and reports on plans for a finished work in Alberta under the banner of VISION 2000. A special offering will be taken for Evangelism in Alberta. The dates for these events are:

April 20, 3-6 pm at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in Calgary
May 4, Edmonton, 3-6 pm
May 11, Central Alberta, 3-6 pm

Women's Retreat Coming in March

Ladies, please mark the weekend of March 22-24 on your calendar! The Alberta Conference Women's Ministries will host a women's retreat at Foothills Camp. Special speaker will be Janet Lui, Prayer Coordinator for the Southern California Conference. Register early since space goes fast. For more information, call Marjory Black (403) 288-0260 or Evangeline at the Conference office (403) 342-5044 ext. 210.

Sabbath School Teachers' Workshop

for Edmonton Central

The last two weekends of September 1995 featured a workshop for Sabbath School teachers and prospective teachers. This excellent workshop was conducted by Pastor Raul Hernandez and emphasized learning and teaching styles and methods. Pastor Raul used videos and small group discussions to identify strengths and weaknesses of the various teaching styles.

Art Cooper, Communication Secretary

The Crawfords and Dubynas Say Goodbye

Ken Crawford served in the Alberta Conference as Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director for eight years. As of the Fall of last year, Ken accepted a call to serve as pastor of the Meadow Glade SDA church in Battleground, Washington. We've appreciated the contributions of Ken and Colleen through the years and wish them God's blessings in their new endeavours for Him.

Roy and June Dubyna first came to Alberta in 1970 serving as a pastor for two years. Later they returned in 1982 and Roy has served as pastor for those years, except for the last three years when



The Crawfords

he served as Conference Trust director. Roy has done much to build up the Trust work in the Conference in such a relatively short time. We wish them heaven's best as they move to Nova Scotia where Roy will serve as pastor of the Halifax SDA church in the Maritime Conference.



The Dubynas