

ALBERTA ADVENTIST NEWS

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 1986

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, President of the Alberta Conference, 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, President of Canadian Union Conference, 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. However, the building was too small. In 1979 Bill Kryswaty and his wife donated 3.3 acres of land due east of Smoky Lake.

Pastor Dave Friesen was the cornerstone of the church building project. His brother, John Friesen, a carpenter, was hired to show the volunteers how to build. He lived in a trailer on the site. "After the hole for the foundation was dug, we knelt down and dedicated the work and the building to God, and it was beautiful," Pastor Friesen said. "The formwork was done, concrete poured, floor joists put in

place. When the men were busy in the fall work, the ladies pounded nails into the plywood floor. When it was time to sheath the roof the call went out, but it was combining season and the crop had to be brought in. The Lord brought snow and rain and the men had lots of time for the building."

The electrical work was volunteer as were many of the other trades. The congregation worked all winter and by the spring of 1982 had the main worship area dry walled, painted, finished and carpeted. It took till the spring of 1983 to finish the basement. There are three small rooms for the children, a kitchen and a lunch recreation area. Work was on and off as money and time were available.

Health Professionals' Retreat Held

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LCCX

Please remember the special LCCX Offering (Local Conference Church Extension offering) coming up on November 29, 1986. The Ponoka Church will be the recipient of this conference-wide offering to help them with their new church building. We realize this is coinciding with the big Project CUC financial undertaking; however, we do not want the Ponoka Church to suffer because of the fact that their LCCX offering was scheduled for this time.

Plans are for Ponoka to start building this fall and closing in the building for finishing during this winter.

Plan your giving now that we might have a large offering for them. Thank you!

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.

The day commenced with Sabbath School. A special audio-visual feature depicting the history of the Red Deer Church gave us an opportunity to reminisce about the past progress of our church in the Red Deer community.

Pastor Henry Bartsch conducted a well-prepared lesson study on total commitment of ourselves to our God.

An inspiring message for the worship service, "Praise and Hallelulah," was brought to us by Pastor Herb Larsen, our president of the Alberta Conference. After this encouraging message, everyone gathered together at the Red Deer Adventist Academy for a scrumptious 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 with exuberant joy.

Dr. Larry Shipowick presented a very interesting history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church which was formerly organized in 1926 with a membership of 17. In 1942 near the Burnt Lake District School a house of worship was built where a few more members gathered, and in 1962 a new church was built in the downtown area of Red Deer.

This festive afternoon

event proceeded on with encouraging speeches by politicians and dignitaries including Mayor Bob McGhee, Gordon Towers, MP, Nigel Pengelly, MLA, Stockwell Day, MLA, and John Oldring, MLA. Pastors Gary DeBoer, Treasurer of the SDA Church in Canada, and Herb Larsen, President of Alberta Conference, gave us encouraging speeches to continue shining as the lighthouse of the city of Red Deer and community. The closing prayer was by Pastor Les Saylor under whose leadership the project was initiated.

The congregation was also enriched with meditation in music by the Red Deer Adventist Academy Choir and many other people.

Special acknowledgement was made to Dr. Ken Hubbard, Financial Board Chairman, and Bob Gudwer of Shanna Developments, contractor of the church building.

The Red Deer Church membership has taken real strides the past few years. At the end of 1977 the church membership stood at 95, 1979 at 130, 1981 at 170, 1983 at 232, and at the end of 1985 it was 252 members. 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 Saylor and others looking on.

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Conference Committee Notes

• A call has been extended to Pastor Clarence Baptiste of Yorkton, Saskatchewan to be the pastor of the West Edmonton Church. The Baptists have accepted the call and will be moving to Edmonton by the end of October, 1986. The Baptists have three sons.

• Pastor Gary Hodder has been asked to pastor the Sylvan Lake and Rocky Mountain House churches. He is presently completing his Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University and will be taking up his new responsibilities the end of December, 1986.

• Calls were made for pastors to serve the Olds-

Acme district and the Grande Prairie church but the pastors being called did not accept. Presently the Conference Executive Committee members and officers of the conference are preparing calls for other pastors to fill these positions.

• Pastor Harold Ohlmann, his wife Elaine and family have taken up residence in our mission station in Yellowknife, NWT. Brother Ohlmann just completed his theology training at CUC and will be in charge of the pastoral-evangelistic outreach for Yellowknife and the Northern Arctic.

• Guest speaker for the

special service to organize the new group in North Red Deer was Elder Glen Maxson, Secretary of the Canadian Union Conference. Elder Herb Larsen, President of Alberta Conference, led out in the business of organizing the group into a company.

Twenty-four people were charter members of this new conference company. Their desire is to reach out in north Red Deer in evangelism and to soon be organized into a full-fledged church.

• The Alberta Conference is showing a 6.48% increase in tithes thus far in 1986. God will bless His work and those who are faithful in their tithes and offerings.

You & Me & Harvest 90!

Alberta's objective for HARVEST 90 is to baptize 1,990 precious and wonderful people during the years 1985 through 1990; therefore, our slogan is "1990 by 1990." Up to this time we have baptized 350 of the 1,990. We have 1,640 baptisms to achieve between now and 1990. This will average approximately 500 baptisms a year until the end of HARVEST 90. Thus far this year, up to September 30, 1986, we have baptized 209 super wonderful people.

Ellen White gives the church, each one of us, some divine counsel: "We should now feel the responsibility of laboring with intense earnestness to impart to others the truth that God has given for this time. We cannot be too much in earnest....all are now deciding their eternal destiny. Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time, the nearness of the day when human probation shall be ended." 6T, p. 16.

We need to break down the walls which separate the church from the people outside. There must be contact between Christians and the world, the taking of the things of God and interpreting them to those who need to know.

This demands a distinctive quality of life from the Christian, both individually and corporately. It requires a friendliness and fellowship which attracts. By education, by services, by moral integrity, by worship, by community living, by speech, by personal friendship, and in a thousand other ways, conscious and unconscious.

The church and its members must interest the masses in the Christian gospel.

Christian conversion calls out the individual into conscious cooperation with God in his or her responsibility to play a part in the active purpose of the whole body of the church. Therefore, it must remain part of the church's task of evangelism to call individuals out of the masses of people to conversion to Christ.

"To everyone who becomes a partaker of His grace the Lord appoints a work for others.... Upon the minister of the word, the missionary nurse, the Christian physician, the individual Christian, whether he be merchant or farmer, professional man or mechanic - the responsibility rests upon all. It is our work to reveal to men the gospel of their salvation. MH 148.

A genuine conversion enlightened with the gospel will drive the individual back to identify himself with the masses out of which he has been converted so that he may take his share in the redeeming process.

My dear fellow members, please pray earnestly about what you might do in the redeeming process. There are approximately 3,000 family units in Alberta. What would happen if each family unit, uniting together with God, would bring one family member, a neighbor, a friend to Jesus Christ - 1,990 would be too small of an objective. There is something that each of us can and must do!!!

God bless you.
Elder Herb Larsen

Evangelist Snow's Upcoming Meetings

Elder Vern Snow, Evangelist for Alberta Conference, is presently conducting a series of meetings in the town of Peace River. His next series will be with the Pineridge Church in east Calgary.

In January and February Elder Snow will be in Hanna, and in April and May he will be in St. Albert. He will be conducting a series in the

Far East Division in May and June. Then in September and October he will conduct a series in the Georgia Cumberland Conference.

Pray for the ministry of our conference evangelist. If you are in the area where meetings are to be held, do something! Share your faith and invite your friends to hear the dynamic preaching of Pastor Vern.

Adventist Review Do you like it?

The Alberta Conference is subsidizing the Adventist Review magazine so that every Adventist home in Alberta will receive the special North American Division issue each month.

Are you finding it a blessing to know what your church is doing around the world? Your conference felt the importance of binding the

church membership together through the REVIEW. We trust you read your copy from cover to cover and will want the other issues that will come to your each week.

If you order a year's subscription the price of the once monthly issue will be deducted from the subscription price.

Happy reading!

1986 Annual Week of Sacrifice Offering November 8

Averil Cotton Receives Communication Award



Mrs. Averil Cotton was the recipient of a Communication Secretary award for excellence in service on October 4, 1986, in the Red Deer Church. Elder Herb Larsen, President of the Alberta Conference, presented the award to Mrs. Cotton on the day of the official opening and 60th anniversary of the Red Deer Church.

Mrs. Cotton worked as communication secretary while she and her husband, Pastor Ian Cotton, were in the Peoria Church district and later for the Red Deer Church for a short time after they moved to Red Deer. Many more

newspaper column inches were published in local newspapers and reported to the Alberta Conference Communication Department by Mrs. Cotton than all the communication secretary reports put together. She has been absolutely organized and punctual with carrying on one of the most important jobs in the church organization (public relations) and with her faithful reporting to the Alberta Conference Communication Department.

Thank you, Averil, very, very much for doing a job absolutely well done!

Write to Solicitor General About "Sarasoda"

"Sarasoda" is a low-alcohol beverage which is now being marketed in grocery stores where it is available to children.

Sarasoda is produced by Labatt's and sold as a fruit drink in bottles with a twist top resembling a beer bottle. The beverage contains decimal 9 (.9) per cent alcohol.

To justify the sale of Sarasoda by stating that substances containing alcohol such as vanilla extract, cooking wines and some medications are being sold every day does not negate the harmful influences of this beverage upon children. Children do not purchase these as beverages.

The sale of Sarasoda is a deceptive means of introducing children to the use of alcohol which is recognized as Canada's No. 1 Problem.

When the people speak up, governments sit up and take notice.

I hope that everyone reading this article will write stating his or her reasons for objecting to the sale of Sarasoda to:

The Solicitor General of Alberta

The Hon. Mr. Ken Rostad
Room 127 Legislature Bldg.
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

stating that his personal reply would be appreciated.

“He who gives when he is asked has waited too long.”



Summer Graduation at CUC

Twenty-four students participated in the summer graduation at Canadian Union College on August 7, 1986.

Twelve students, with majors in pre-ministry, elementary education, secondary education, and behavioral science, received bachelor's degrees. Two students earned associate degrees in office administration. Two students, who had previously completed bachelor's degrees at other institutions, were awarded SDA teacher certification. Eight students received master of arts degrees through Loma Linda University.

Donna Cunningham of Prince George, BC was awarded a pair of gold cords in recognition of her high academic achievement.

Pastor Roy Dubyna of Belseker gave the commencement address. He challenged the graduates to "watch your words, watch your work, and watch and pray."

The graduates chose a browsing rack for the library as their class gift. Joan Fortney of College Heights made the presentation to Keith Clouten, head librarian.

The Class of '86, which includes the 29 students who graduated in April, is the largest in the history of CUC.

The summer school program has contributed significantly to the increase in graduates. Reo Ganson, Vice-president for Academic Affairs, prompted expansion of the program when he was named summer school coordinator in 1980. By 1983, a full slate of courses was being offered.

This summer, 24 teachers conducted 41 undergraduate classes. Courses were offered in art, biology, business, computer science, education, English, history, mathematics, nursing, office administration, physical education, psychology, religion, and sociology. Almost half were upper division classes, mostly in education and related areas. The largest class contained 16 students.

Student enrollment, which stood at 67 in 1983, has increased along with course offerings. This summer, 108 students registered. The proportion of eastern and

western students has remained fairly constant, with greater numbers predictably coming from the western provinces.

"In 1980 we took a look at what the needs were and decided to start offering summer school classes," Ganson says. "Looking at the number of students here this summer, it obviously has paid off."

Students also say that their time spent at CUC has been profitable. Jennifer Campbell of Williams Lake, BC, says, "After completing my degree, I now feel better about my position. I have the security of professionalism." When asked if she would use what she learned in her classes, she states, "Yes, very definitely."

Besides the classes, students point to other aspects of the program that they appreciate.

"The CUC program is open to teachers who are currently teaching," Campbell says. Classes are taught in four three-week sessions, beginning in May. Employed teachers are able to attend the third and fourth sessions and still have some free time left at the end of the summer. Almost one-third of the students this summer were teachers who returned to school to complete degrees or upgrade their skills.

This is seen as an added benefit for other students. "I could learn from classmates who are experienced teachers," says Trudy Fairhurst of Grandforks, BC.

Many students noted the attitude of the faculty. Jean Haggkvist of College Heights says, "The faculty give students individual attention and go out of their way to help. As a student, you matter; you're important to them as a person."

"The faculty are so Christian and caring, and that comes through in their dealings with students," Cunningham says. "They treat each student as someone special."

With testimonies like that, it's obvious that not only is CUC meeting the academic needs of students, it's also fulfilling the purpose of Christian education.

- Shelley Nolan

The Hidden Wounds of A P.K.

(A Preacher's Kid cries out!)

Why? Why was I born? Why should I live? I seem to be more of a headache than a pleasure. I cause my parents to tear each other apart verbally - even if it is over something that I've done at church, like agreeing to be Sabbath School pianist and youth leader. Then when both duties fall on the same day, large arguments ensue.

What is the purpose of living? I can't be myself. After all, I'm an angel - I'm a P.K. (Preacher's Kid). Make that a P.P.K. - perfect pastor's kid. If I do one thing "bad," the whole church is in an uproar. I can't wear jewelry - not that I want to. I can't wear make-up, and I must be polite at all times. Even when some in the church can't keep their big mouths shut. But because I'm a P.K. I'm not allowed to tell them to start their hike to hell.

I also suffer the wounds of my parents. They get

lambasted by "dear saints" (Ha!) who call at all hours of the day or night having some complaint or another. My parents have to take the blame for everything that goes wrong in the church. But do they ever receive any credit when it is their due? No!

Why do I even go to church? Only to support my dad? I may not be perfect but at least I give him his credit when it is due, not like those in this church. And also for my mom. She has to stay up until midnight working for the church. But she never gets paid or thanked - she just has to listen to the endless phone calls from the devils in sheep clothing. But what about my poor brother and sister? What do they do? What do they go through? The hidden wounds there will never be fully realized by anyone.

What purpose is there to

live? Why should I stay around any longer - after all, what can I do? I'm only a P.K. tied to a role I never picked and can never escape from. Why live? But I just can't end it all and give "them" the victory.

I have to stay around. After all, I belong to the church and can't do anything without their permission (when I say the church, I don't mean the conference or my school teachers or my family) - I mean this particular church.

No one will ever know what I've gone through or will go through. But then, who cares? All anyone will think is that I'm feeling sorry for myself and am a cry baby. Perhaps I am, but what difference does it make to anybody - apart from a few close friends. After all, being a P.K. you aren't allowed to favour certain church members over others. I'm a P.K.

PRIDE-CABL CONVENTION

"DRUGS AND YOU: ARE YOU READY FOR THE FACTS"

WHO: Parents, Youth and Professionals

WHERE: Canadian Union College

WHEN: November 21-23
(Registration - November 20, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.)

COST: \$25.00 per Adult \$20.00 per Youth
\$40.00 per Sponsoring Business or Agency

DEADLINE: November 13
(NOTE: After Nov. 13, add \$10.00 to each fee.)

TO REGISTER-CALL OR WRITE TO:

PRIDE-CABL CONVENTION
Box 507
College Heights, AB
T0C 0Z0

(403) 782-6225

Some Workshop Titles Are: An Overview of Canadian Drug Scene
It's Okay to Say No
Parent-Youth Communication
Why are Children From Conservative religious homes more at risk for drug addiction
Adolescent Drug Use: Recognizing Signs and Symptoms

PRIDE - Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education
CABL - Collegiate Adventists for Better Living

PROJECT CUC Report

Approximately 50% of the conference goal of \$900,000 has been reached in cash and covenants as of October 8 for PROJECT CUC. Seven churches have reached or exceeded their objective. Please note the PROJECT CUC Cash Received Weekly Update. We have received \$202,575.05 or 22.5% of the goal in cash.

Almost all churches and companies have now voted to accept their portion of the total conference objective. We certainly do wish to express our appreciation to all the churches who are off and running, especially those who have reached their goal, have gone over the top or getting close to their objective. PROJECT CUC will be successful as we all join together in a team effort of fund-raising.

Remember, we are striving to reach total success of

\$900,000 in cash and covenants by the end of December, 1986. The covenants may be paid during 1987.

The first of September, 1986, four million dollars from all the conferences in Canada, the Canadian Union and General Conference were turned over to the Royal Bank. As of this time the total capital debt of four million with the bank has been paid off. The Royal Bank has cancelled all notes payable to it from CUC and has returned all titles of properties. Therefore, all loans or mortgages against CUC property are clear of any encumbrances.

Parkland Education Advance Corporation (PEAC) is now in the process of turning over two million dollars to CUC in exchange for assets of the press, farm and furniture factory. This two million

will assist CUC in taking care of its other internal debts, such as monies to guarantee trust accounts and owing to church-related creditors.

The assets which PEAC has received from CUC do not include land or buildings. These are assets such as equipment, machinery, inventory, accounts receivable, etc.

We know that you will be very grateful to know that CUC is out of the bank debt. The college is also now operating on a balanced budget.

Will you please pray for the leadership, faculty and students at CUC? We are grateful for what is being done for the fantastic youth of Canada! God bless, and again thank you for your part in PROJECT CUC.

- Herb Larsen

HELP! I have a problem...

So many times we have responded to the HELPI but not to every problem. The College Heights Church has openly responded to this question - HELPI! I have a problem with alcohol and or drug abuse. For the past few months a group has been meeting once a week for group support in facing these problems head on. The group is called Alcoholics Victorious - the steps to victory are based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. We also discuss how this problem has made our lives as Adventists unmanageable.

If you are abusing alcohol or drugs or if you are concerned that a family member or friend is having a negative affect on your life because of his/her abuse of alcohol or drugs, you can find help in Alcoholics Victorious. If you have had victory over your alcohol or drug abuse, come and share with us so we can gain a blessing in sharing together your victory.

The Alcoholics Victorious meeting is held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Personal Ministries Room of the College Heights Church.

"Once I have overcome the problem that first brought me into this fellowship, I am confident that my continuing fellowship and search for spiritual understanding will yield even richer benefits."

For more information, you may call Jerry at 342-4484 or 342-6905, or Lois at 782-4861.

The Substance Abuse Committee would like to start a newsletter. Anyone working in the area of drugs/alcohol, interested persons, etc., please send your concerns, information, news articles, information on drugs, experiences, etc., to:

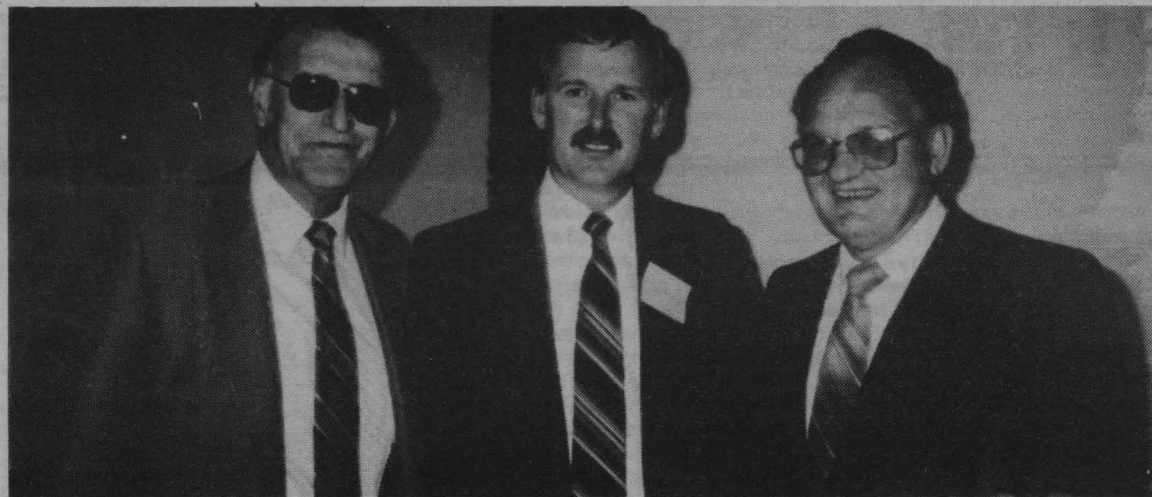
Penny Pazitka, Secretary
Health Dept.
Alta. Conf. of SDA
Box 5007
Red Deer, AB T4N 6A1
We would like to hear from you.

As of October 24, 1986

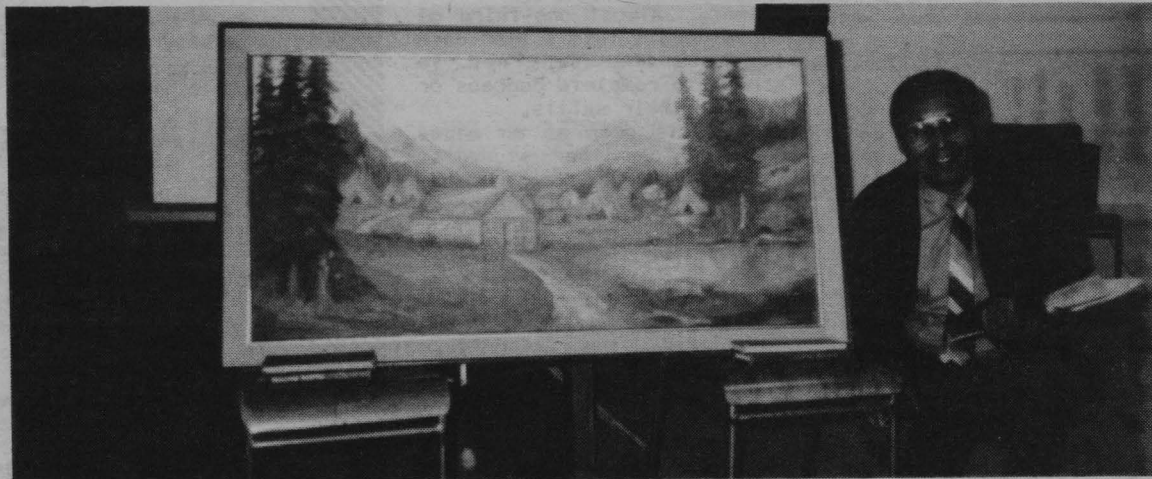
CHURCH NAME	GOAL	RECEIVED	% OF GOAL
Myrnam	251.00	868.00	345.8
Warburg	6,600.00	8,709.88	131.9
Loyalist	6,033.00	7,820.45	129.6
Brule	1,043.00	1,300.00	124.6
Leduc	15,142.00	17,664.81	116.6
Olds	15,429.00	15,429.00	100.0
Rimbey	1,665.00	1,665.00	100.0
Smoky Lake	4,784.00	3,166.00	66.2
Boyle	2,539.00	1,400.00	55.1
Wetaskiwin	6,434.00	3,475.00	54.0
Ryley	6,128.00	3,054.88	49.8
Beauvallon	18,420.00	8,537.00	46.3
High Prairie	468.00	204.00	43.6
Sylvan Lake	15,287.00	5,795.00	37.9
Stettler	14,230.00	5,254.96	36.9
Acme	4,689.00	1,553.50	33.1
Lloydminster	3,346.00	1,079.70	32.3
Sedgewick	20,153.00	6,331.50	31.4
Sherwood Park	27,656.00	8,382.09	30.3
College Heights	141,000.00	36,904.50	26.2
Bonnyville	5,793.00	1,440.00	24.8
Lacombe Community	19,458.00	4,730.00	24.3
Cal-Central	94,297.00	22,234.70	23.6
Conference Church	15,595.00	3,291.03	21.1
Bentley	10,017.00	1,832.50	18.3
Hanna	5,888.00	1,067.35	18.1
Edm-Central	80,115.00	12,264.12	15.3
Grande Prairie	18,662.00	2,700.00	14.5
Medicine Hat	26,065.00	3,355.00	12.9
Innisfree	3,151.00	360.75	11.4
Alberta Beach	3,172.00	321.10	10.1
Cal-Mountain View	22,880.00	2,135.00	9.3
Lethbridge	14,913.00	1,210.00	8.1
Brooks	1,243.00	100.00	8.0
Edm-South	34,760.00	2,716.00	7.8
Red Deer	30,543.00	2,003.23	6.5
Ponoka	15,490.00	612.47	1.0
Cal-Pineridge	23,263.00	791.93	3.4
Beiseker-Level Land	24,442.00	425.09	1.7
Edson	8,845.00	140.99	1.6
Foot Hills	3,030.00	50.00	1.6
Vegreville	6,167.00	100.00	1.6
Peoria-Smoky	24,036.00	100.00	0.4
Cal-Bridgeland	11,800.00	0.00	0.0
Cal-Forest Heights	6,772.00	0.00	0.0
Cal-Korean	3,876.00	0.00	0.0
Drayton Valley	1,626.00	0.00	0.0
Drumheller	6,720.00	0.00	0.0
Edm-Clareview	6,266.00	0.00	0.0
Edm-Korean	1,478.00	0.00	0.0
Edm-Norwood	5,814.00	0.00	0.0
Edm-West	19,400.00	0.00	0.0
Fairview	8,040.00	0.00	0.0
Fort McMurray	7,930.00	0.00	0.0
Maskwachees	1,130.00	0.00	0.0
Northern Lights	3,315.00	0.00	0.0
Peace-River	3,996.00	0.00	0.0
Rocky Mtn House	4,354.00	0.00	0.0
Taber	659.00	0.00	0.0
Yellowknife	3,782.00	0.00	0.0
TOTAL RECEIVED	900,000.00	202,575.05	22.5



Native Ministries Weekend



Guest speakers at Native Ministries Weekend: Glen Maxson, Don Corkum, & Leroy Moore.



Ed Desjarlais displays a picture depicting his dream of seeing a Mission Training Center built for Native people.

An enthusiastic group of about 40 people gathered at College Heights on the weekend of September 5-7 to study ways of more effectively reaching our native people.

Most everyone who attended were working with native people in some way. There were representatives from Oregon, British Columbia, Montana, Saskatchewan, along with representatives from

Alberta. Most of the staff of our school program at Hobbema attended along with the students of Canadian Union College involved in native ministries.

Guest speakers for the weekend included Dr. Leroy Moore, coordinator of native work for the North American Division, and Elder Glen Maxson from the Canadian Union Conference.

Inspiring reports were given regarding the church and the schools on the Hobbema Reserve.

Discussions are continuing as to how we can reach more native people. Where do we get funds for an extended work? We at the Alberta Conference are happy to hear from people interested and concerned for this important work.

Lay Bible Ministry Seminar Held

How many ministers are there in the Alberta Conference? No doubt many people would answer approximately 40; however, at our Lay Bible Ministry Seminar (LBM) it was emphasized that there are about 7,000 ministers in the conference. Not all these 7,000 are supported by tithe funds, of course, but we did learn that every member is a minister. Elder Russell Burrill challenged the approximately 125 pastors and lay people in attendance to involve everyone in the church in some form of ministry.

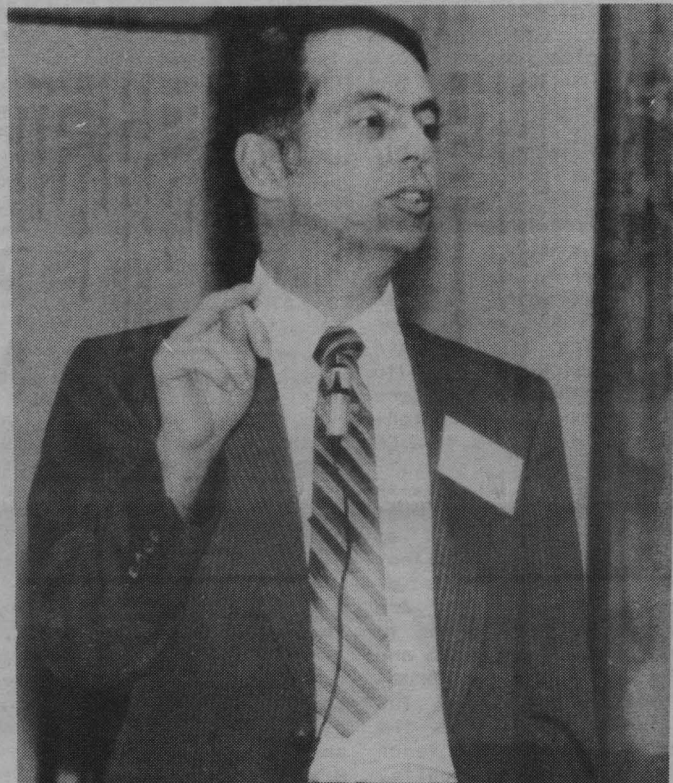
The distinctions that exist today between clergy and laity was not evident in the early church. The concept of paying clergy to do the work of ministry was an erroneous practice that came into the church years after the apostles died. Today we need to restore the ministry to every member with the pastor functioning as a coach, coordinator and leader of the ministers in his charge.

Paul Courdray also told us ways that the literature work can be used in mobilizing people for God's work.

If you would like this same program in your church or district, just contact your pastor. He can arrange it for you.



Some of the first Lay Bible Ministers to receive credentials in our conference: Jerry French, Leduc; Ernie Smith, Lacombe; Wyonna and Gerhardt Hertwig, Edmonton; and Donna Atkins, Sylvan Lake.



Russell Burrill of the North American Division Evangelism Institute making one of his presentations.



Paul Courdray, Publishing Director of the SDA Church in Canada, making a presentation at L.B.M. Seminar.

Ponoka LCCX Offering November 29

The Ponoka SDA Church is extending an invitation to all members in the Alberta Conference to have a part in their Church Building Program. For a number of years the Ponoka congregation has been dreaming of the day when they will again be able to enjoy worshipping in a new sanctuary, and that day is fast becoming reality.

About 20 years ago some concerned members from CUC joined hands with several families in the area and the work was officially begun. Years later a small church building became available and was purchased. The building proved adequate until some years ago. Because of deteriorating conditions and not being able to accommodate the membership, it was finally sold. Since that time the Ponoka Church has been meeting in the Woodlands School.

Two school building programs over the last 4-5 years have delayed the possibility of the church building program. We would hope, weather

permitting, that by the time this information reaches you the building will be framed and closed in.

The Ponoka Church fellowship is blessed with many skilled workers and tradesmen, and so our pledge has been to do all the work that we possibly can. Spiraling costs and huge debts in other areas have been discouraging to many, but our mandate is to build as we have the necessary funding and to not enter into any debt.

We are very encouraged to tell you that our anticipated cost is \$150,000. The church will seat 300.

As the date of the offering approaches, we will be sending out further information on our progress.

Again, we are hopeful that on November 29 each one of our members throughout Alberta will help us to see the reality of a new church building in Ponoka.

Your brothers & sisters in the Lord,
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Alberta Family Life Committee Report



A few months ago Arni Skoretz and Dr. Leighton Nischuk of the Alberta Family Life Committee made the following presentation and recommendations to our Conference Executive Committee.

God instituted and created the family. It is the focus and nucleus of the universe and particularly the church. More important, however, is that God instituted the family as the primary provision for the intimate relationships for which the human heart yearns. The family is as old as Eden but we have all witnessed the deterioration of the family unit within our society more and more each year.

Scripture abounds with teaching concerning the family. Ellen White writes prolifically on the subject of family unity, family ministry and family evangelism.

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs and won their confidence. Then He bade them 'Follow Me!' MH 1.

A new theme focusing through the recent SDA literature is around the "The Caring Church." How timely! Our evangelistic thrust should primarily focus on quality care rather than on quantity care. People are interested in coming to and staying with a church that is concerned about and provides help and care with the basic issues and needs in life of which Christ should be that primary focus. It appears from our discussions that our churches do not take this "caring" as seriously as the need indicates. If so, often only so peripherally.

There are four reasons why Family Life Ministry is a must:

1. FAMILIES ARE IN TROUBLE

Families in general including Adventist families are beset with serious

problems. Such problems include: attitudes towards marriage, remarriage and blended families, family violence, parenting inadequacy, escalating divorce rates, one-parent families, poor self-esteem, substance abuse, delinquency, etc.

From the needs survey presently underway throughout our churches in Alberta, the results are disheartening. We truly have neglected the foundation of the church--people--at the expense of other concerns. Our priority must be to begin to take concern and deal with this issue head on immediately.

2. THE FAMILY NEEDS NURTURE AND INSTRUCTION

"The challenge facing the church is to nurture its members, presenting Biblical concepts of marriage, parenting and family living.

Alberta Family Life recommends that every church within the Alberta Conference consider as its primary emphasis the development of local Family Life committees. These committees would deal with the caring and nurturing of the church members and another tool in outreach. The committee members would assist in the educational (prevention mode) and the support (first level of the intervention mode) but would not provide the therapeutic intervention (treatment mode). They would be trained to understand the limitations of treatment for themselves and leave it to those professionally trained and qualified. Education and support is the primary purpose of the local Family Life committees.

3. THE FAMILY SYSTEM REQUIRES A PARTICULAR KIND OF MINISTRY

The church recognizes the need for ministry to families as a whole. Included are: Ministry to the Married; Ministry to the Singles; Ministry to the Youth and Ministry to the Children.

Alberta Family Life recognizes the unique needs of the

family as a "system" and seeks to provide the interaction and support that the family units, as they may be, require.

4. FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY IS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF A CARING CHURCH

With the PRIMARY focus and PRIORITIES dealing with family life issues, this will assist in revitalizing the church and in helping the church maintain its goals to GROW spiritually and physically. As the church reaches out to strengthen its elemental components, individuals and families, it is itself strengthened.

This is the framework that the Alberta Family Life focuses upon. The objectives and strategies become more specific with each goal and time.

We believe it's time for the church to recognize their role in a Caring and Nurturing church. In order for a church to evangelize outward, we need to recognize the reality of what is happening within our church. Ellen White states, "As workers for God, our work is to begin with those nearest. It is to begin in our own home. There is no more important missionary field than this." CG 476.

While we may agree with the above statement, we must accept the reality that so many of our families are not trained to be families or trained to be parents or are trained to understand how to deal with low self-esteem and all the other serious problems they face daily. The State feels that it is the role of the church to teach such items to the community. If the State feels that it is the church's role, then what is the church doing?

The evidence is astounding. If we all pass the buck, nothing tangible is accomplished.

Please help us as we develop this very important ministry in the Alberta Conference.

Concerts Performed



Debbie Nyack and Lori Pappajohn.

On the weekend of September 19 and 20 three BC church members performed sacred concerts in several churches in Alberta. Deborah Nyack, harpist, Lori Pappajohn, flutist, and Ann Lidstone, psalmist, presented concerts in the Calgary Central SDA Church on Friday evening, September 19; Sabbath afternoon at the College Heights Church with an attendance of approximately 300; and Edmon-

ton South Church on Saturday night, Sept. 20. They also made several appearances at a few other churches.

Deborah Nyack and Lori Pappajohn have performed together as a harp and flute duo since 1976. They have toured BC and parts of the United States as well as appeared together on both radio and television. Ann Lidstone joined Lori and Deborah a year ago.

New SDA Lawyer in Alberta

On Friday, August 8, 1986 Wayne M. Schafer was admitted to the Law Society of Alberta as a Barrister and Solicitor before the honourable Associate Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Tevie H. Miller, at the Law Courts in Edmonton.

Wayne graduated from the University of Saskatchewan Law School in 1985 and completed his articles of clerkship with the law firm of Brownlee Fryett during the last 12 months. He will be practising law as an associate with the Brownlee Fryett law firm in Edmonton.

In attendance at his admission ceremony were his family and friends along with his colleagues at Brownlee Fryett. A reception followed

at Fort Edmonton Park. During the ceremony Associate Chief Justice Miller congratulated Wayne on his many accomplishments leading up to his admission as a barrister and solicitor and challenged him to uphold the high professional and ethical standards expected of a barrister and solicitor in Alberta. As a result of his admission as a barrister and solicitor Wayne will have unique and challenging opportunities to be a blessing to his community, nation and church.

His admission increases to four the number of practising Seventh-day Adventist lawyers in Alberta, including Peter Miller and Mrs. Kay Helmer in Calgary, and Gerald Chipeur in Edmonton.

REVELATION SEMINARS

"The same intensity of desire to save sinners

that marked the life of the Saviour marks the life

of His true follower." T7, 10

Vacation Bible School Reports

Turner Valley Okotoks

The little Foothills SDA Church with a membership of 18 does things in a big way! Their first Vacation Bible School for the year was held in the neighboring town of Turner Valley some fifteen miles away. The enrolment was 26 children and was under the direction of Loretta Fehr and her assistant, Debra Tabaka, along with other good helpers.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the crafts, songs and Bible stories, and they were heard singing "Jesus and Me" as they rode away on their bicycles.

God really blessed this little church with being able to cover the big expense of \$800.00 as it was their first year of having their own supplies.

The highlight of this VBS was a little nature hike where the children got to study God's second book, nature. The program for the parents was a treat for the children, also, and there was a very positive response from the parents saying that they would most definitely send their children back again next year.

The Foothills Church members were very happy and honored to have another VBS three weeks later in their

own town, Okotoks, in the United Church in which they hold their weekly Sabbath School and church services. Twenty-seven non-Adventist and ten Adventist children enjoyed songs, crafts and stories. The leaders and teachers were awed by the quietness of these children.

The parent's night was filled with smiling faces as the children were so excited to have their parents come to see their work and hear them sing and do Bible skits. A survey sheet was passed around and the response was a good one as 100% of the parents want their children attending a Bible Story Hour in the future and want their children to come back again next year.

Sherwood Park

Sherwood Park had a fantastic Vacation Bible School! With a growing attendance from 50 to 93, everyone knows that a great program has to be going on in order for the enrollment to nearly double.

Valerie Cardwell was the leader with Lorna Fowler as the assistant, and there were many teachers and their assistants. Then there were those who provided snack items and those who prayed for the program.

In addition to the 93 VBS children, the leaders were happy to have seven young people over 12 years of age,

not of our church family, who helped with the program.

A special feature attracting the children (and parents alike!) was all the animals that were displayed as part of the "Heaven Scene" in the foyer of the church. A special thank you goes out to Dale Rudd of "Taxidermy by Dale Rudd" for providing the animals for this beautiful scene. Everyone enjoyed the bear, beaver, coyotes, ground squirrel, and baby skunks.

A mansion with Jesus in the doorway and a street of gold that led up to the picture of the Holy City at the front of the sanctuary added greatly to the total display.

Seventy-five children, ages 4-12, baked bread at the same time one day, a unique experience for the children.

God surely blessed this VBS, and Valerie states, "Most of all we want to thank Him for making this VBS a great success."

Medicine Hat Brooks

The Medicine Hat Church held a Vacation Bible School from July 14-18 with an attendance of 81. It was under the leadership of Dee Drought.

Joyce Rose led out in Vacation Bible School in Brooks. The attendance was 38, and it was held also from July 14-18.

Pathfinder Investiture at Wetaskiwin

An investiture service of a Pathfinder group was held in the Wetaskiwin Church and was officiated by Elder Lloyd Janzen. Eighteen were invested into classes and 31 honours were given.



We thank the Lord for saving many of the crops in Alberta.

Werners Celebrate 60th Anniversary



An open house was held on Sunday, August 24, 1986 in honor of Isaac and Lydia Werner's 60th wedding anniversary. Married in Maple Creek, Sask. on November 5, 1926, the Werners farmed at Fox Valley, Sask. until 1951 when they moved to Lacombe so their children could attend Canadian Union College. Besides farming at Lacombe, Mr. Werner worked on various construction jobs and worked for 10 years at Parkland Furniture. He was employed by Lacombe Nursery until his retirement 12 years ago. Now he enjoys gardening. Strawberries are his specialty. Being in his 90th year, Mr. Werner recently fulfilled a life-long dream by taking a trip to the Holy Land and

Greece.

Besides homemaking, Mrs. Werner did housework in the community for 10 years. She was also a member of the church Community Services work in which she was active for years. Baking and cooking are her specialty and many students and friends remember her for it.

The Werners have three children: Mabel Spenst of Lacombe; Duwain of College Place, Wash.; and Vera Wiebe of Abbotsford, BC. They also have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lydia and Isaac Werner celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

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LENNOX - Fred and Irene are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, AMBER DAWN, on May 20, 1986.

MCCARTY - Linden and Marilyn (nee Troop) McCarty announce the birth of their first child, LEE BRANDON, born August 6, 1986 in Red Deer, AB.

WELCH - Nathan and Nancy (nee Sukow) Welch announce the arrival of their first child, HEATHER MICHELLE, born July 23, 1986 in Red Deer.

BIRTHS WEDDINGS

BISHOP - WARD

On August 24, 1986 Angie Ward of Wanham, AB and Darren Bishop of Westbank, BC exchanged vows in a beautiful afternoon service at the College Heights SDA Church. Pastor Brian Leavitt performed the wedding ceremony.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ward of Wanham. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Marshall of Westbank.

Angie and Darren are making their home at College Heights where they are attending Canadian Union College.

GEDDES - SHARMAN

On June 1, 1986 Loreen Sharman and Gary Geddes exchanged wedding vows at College Heights SDA Church. Pastor William Kennedy, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony.

We extend best wishes and God's richest blessings to Lori and Gary as they make their home in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

HERTWIG - WINKLER

Michael Hertwig and Paula Winkler, both of Lacombe, AB, were united in marriage at Lacombe on Sunday, August 31, 1986. The ceremony was conducted by the bride's uncle, Pastor Les Saylor.

We wish Michael and Paula God's blessing as they establish their new home.

KRENZLER - McMILLAN

"As a rainbow brings beauty to our lives, so our love brings the promise of joy" was the theme of the marriage of Pauline McMillan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McMillan of Chetwynd, BC and Rod Krenzler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Krenzler of Lacombe, AB. Ron Wombold presided over the service on July 20, 1986.

Attending the bride was her twin sister, Chrystine, with Shelly Wallace, Laurali Smith and Loretta Krenzler. Delroy Schulze, Dale Krenzler, Conroy Ganson, and Travis Mills attended the groom. A wish for God's blessing and happiness follows this couple as they establish their home in Lacombe.

O'NEIL - KINDOPP

On July 6, 1986 Keesa Kindopp, daughter of Harold and Sharon Kindopp of Calgary, AB became the wife of Darin O'Neil, son of Jerry and Bev O'Neil of Armstrong, BC.

Keesa was attended by her sister Kathy, Renee Smith and Naomi O'Neil. Darin was attended by his brother Kevin as well as Delwyn Dick and Joe Smith. Natasha and Todd Befus served as candlelighters, and Lindsay and Daniel Kindopp as flower girl and Bible boy. Ron Wombold officiated.

Darin and Keesa are residing in Calgary. May God richly bless this new Christian home.

OBITUARIES

BAUMBACH - Katherine Baumbach was born June 26, 1893 in Bowdle, South Dakota and passed away in Bentley, AB July 1, 1986. She moved to Medicine Hat with her parents, Adam and Magdalena Eisman in 1910, and in the same year she married Jacob Baumbach who was her beloved companion until his passing in 1967.

The Baumbachs settled in the Bentley area in 1919. Katherine Baumbach is survived by three sons: Melvin and Herbert of Bentley and Glen of Edmonton; seven daughters: Hilda Galipeau of Marwayne, AB, Viola Richardson and Verna Routh of Edmonton, Anne Salahub of Westrose, AB, Gladys Porcher of Victoria, BC, Doreen of Lacombe, and Diana Wetzel of Calgary.

Pastors Henry Bartsch and James Campbell assured the family of the certainty of the "Blessed Hope" which was so dear to Sister Baumbach.

HUISMAN - Mrs. Annabell Huisman of Lacombe, AB passed away suddenly at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton on August 7, 1986 at the age of 76 years.

In 1967 the Huisman retired from active farming and enjoyed their retirement by helping on their son Ron's farm at Beiseker and spending winters in Arizona.

Predeceased by her husband Klaas in 1977 and one infant son, Mrs. Huisman is survived

by a son Ron and wife Joanne of Beiseker; two grandchildren, Shawn and Cherrie Lynn; a sister, Mrs. May Proud; three brothers, Ralph, Ed, and Bob Simanton; four step-sisters, Mary Dick, Regina Saylor, Dorothy Fisher, Maggie Works; and two step-brothers, Marvin and Ted Oelke.

The funeral service was held in the College Heights Church with Pastors Ron Wombold and James Campbell. Interment was at the Lacombe Fairview Cemetery.

SCHABER - Wilbert Schaber was born November 1, 1916 at Beiseker, AB and passed to his rest September 17, 1986 at Drumheller, AB. In spite of his handicap, Wilbert was a cheerful, trusting person. As a young man he committed his life to the Lord and was baptized in 1933 by Pastor A. V. Rhodes, then president of the Alberta Conference. The last ten years of his life was spent in a nursing home.

Left to mourn are five brothers: Roy and Elmer of Carbon, AB; Clifford of St. Helena, Calif.; Lyle of Vancouver, Wash.; and Ralph of Moberly, Missouri; and three sisters: Iva Grabo of Beiseker; Evelyn Brock of Iron Bridge, Ontario; and Irma Hasz of Coronation, AB.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Roy Dubyna and assisted by Barry Grabo.

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Family Bible Quiz

What Mediterranean island was the site of John's exile? (Revelation 1:9)

Where did Paul first preach after his conversion? (Acts 9:20)

How did the disciples know where to find the upper room? (Mark 14:13)

What did Mary and Joseph offer as a sacrifice at the time of purification? (Luke 2:24)

How many days was Jesus tempted in the wilderness? (Luke 4:2)

What was Melchizedek's title? (Genesis 14:18)

Complete: "For rebellion is as the sin of _____". (I Samuel 15:23)

How did the Israelite spies sent by Moses describe the land of Canaan? (Numbers 13:27)

How old was Sarah when Isaac was conceived? (Genesis 17:17)

What was Gehazi's punishment for his greed? (He was Elisha's servant) (II Kings 5:27)

Deaf Awareness Seminar Held



A part of the group who attended the Deaf Awareness Seminar at College Heights, September 12-14.