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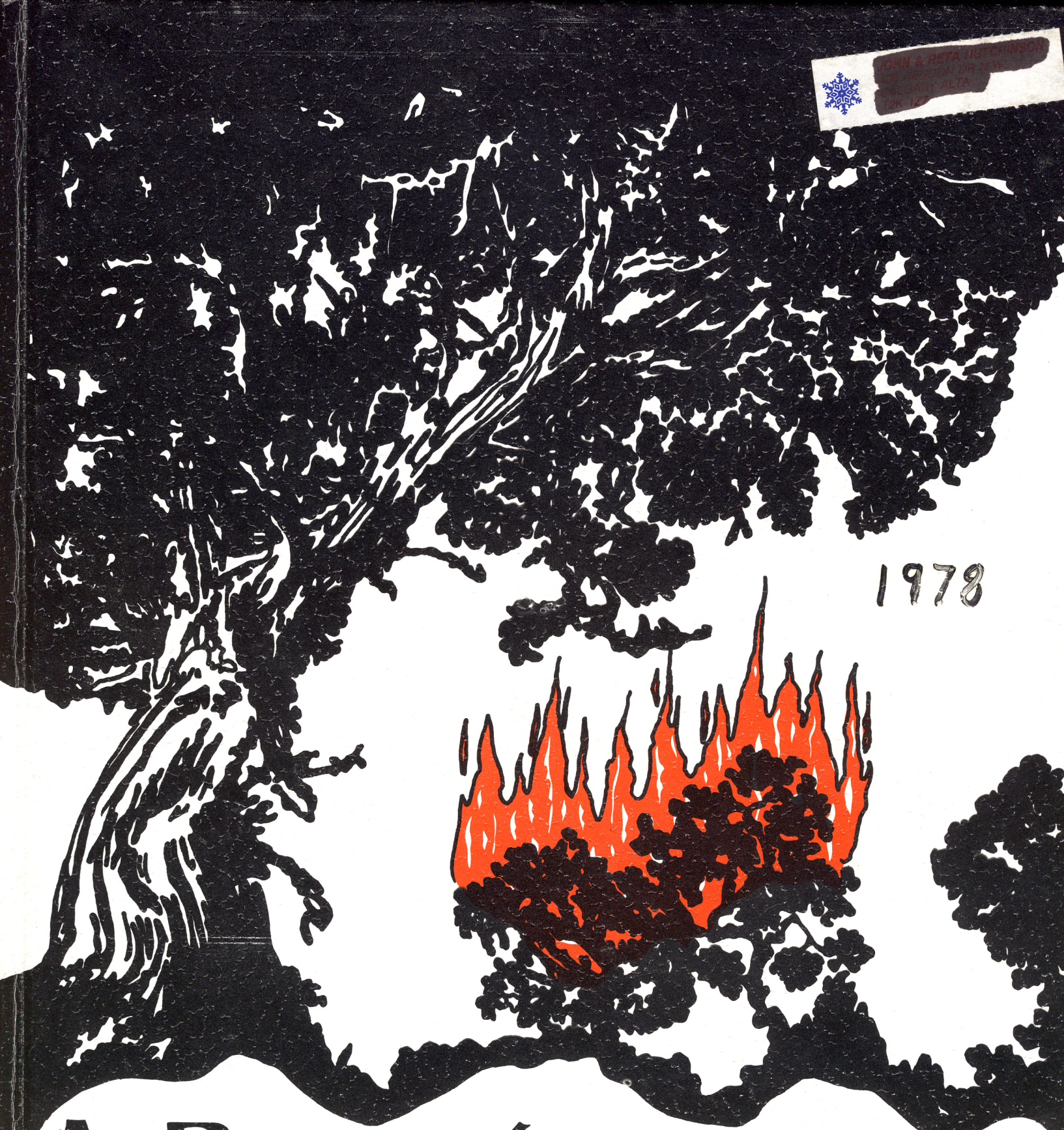

A Burning Bush in the West

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A 30 - YEAR HISTORICAL REVIEW OF BEREAN BIBLE COLLEGE COMMEMORATING THE 30th ANNIVERSARY 1948 - 1978

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SHORT STATEMENT OF CREED

We believe in:

1. The Divine verbal inspiration of the Bible, and in its absolute supremacy and efficacy in all matters of faith and practice, the Authorized Version being used as the basis of our teaching ministry.

2. The one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

3. The Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His miraculous virgin birth; His sinless life; His substitutionary death to make atonement for sin by the shedding of His blood; His bodily resurrection; His ascension into heaven and intercession there for the saints; His personal return for His church at His appearing, and then at His second coming to establish His millenial reign on earth.

4. The personality, Deity, and power of the Holy Spirit, and His work of enlightenment, regeneration, sanctification, and glorification of believers.

5. The direct creation of man, his fall through disobedience, his total depravity and inability to be saved through his own efforts.

6. The salvation of sinners by grace alone through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God who made the complete atonement for sin.

7. The full and free forgiveness of all sins for those who receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.

8. The necessity of regeneration as the initial step for salvation, and that once a person is really born again by the Spirit of God, he shall finally persevere through the grace of God and not be lost.

9. The immediate passing into glory of the souls of believers at their death, and the later resurrection of their bodies. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.

10. The difference between the believing righteous and the unbelieving wicked, the former to be taken with Christ into heavenly glory, the latter who continue in unbelief and impenitence to be drawn by the devil into hell, and finally cast into a lake of fire.

11. The enduement with the power of the Holy Spirit for service to be received by faith; and that the operation of spiritual gifts is necessary to Christian service.

12. The separation of believers from worldly and sinful practices unto a life of Christian influence and service.

13. The obligation of every believer to witness by word and deed to these truths and to the proclamation of the Gospel to all the world.

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Cyril Hutchinson, President of Berean Bible College

Introduction

Forty-two years of responsibility for the Bible school ministry. That is what Rev. Cyril Hutchinson fulfilled in September of 1977!

It was in the autumn of 1935, at the time when the late William Aberhart was called to form the Social Credit Government of the Province of Alberta, that the Bible school work was turned over to his youthful associate, Cyril Hutchinson, and the new principal began what became his life ministry.

Re-organization of the work under the name Berean Bible College occurred in the term of 1948-49 and resulted in a new residence campus.

Along with Bible school, Mr. Hutchinson's long-term responsibility has been radio ministry. Imagine the preparation involved to produce more than 2000 programs!

Berean Bible College and its many friends are very thankful for this kind of God-given leadership.

— Arthur D. Cornell

Foreword

God used a burning bush to get the attention of Moses.

We may also recall other unique manifestations of God. Fire came out of a rock to consume Gideon's cakes; and the shining light of God's glory changed the direction of the life of Saul of Tarsus.

But for this history of Berean Bible College it seemed fitting to draw upon Moses' experience and call it: A Burning Bush in the West.

We do believe that God has used Berean Bible College as a "burning bush" in western Canada, to help many see the reality of God, and to bring them to know Him through the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Over these thirty years hundreds of students have passed through Berean doors. In the classrooms, dormitories and chapel, they have seen the evidence of God at work in the lives of fellow students, and in their own.

Perhaps the staff are less aware of Berean's deep spiritual influence, and have become like Moses who "wist not that his face shone." Therefore it is difficult to communicate the "burning bush" aspect of Berean's history, though it is surely there.

Our duty will involve such items as the dates of various events, the erection of buildings, and the help of many Christian friends. Yet we hope to show how God has been wonderfully at work through the years. To this end we dedicate the task of writing this history.

When Dr. Luke wrote the historical documents that became part of the Bible, it is unlikely that he sought to be particularly "spiritual." But, under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, those factual accounts became a part of the infallible Word. This history of Berean will not attain that distinction. Yet we feel justified in setting forth the information as accurately as possible, trusting the Holy Spirit to reveal therein the evidences of His own divine work.

God's Word tells us that Moses' burning bush was not consumed. This is true of Berean Bible College also. God has mightily sustained its ministry over these many years. Students, staff, board members, and friends, come and go, but God's work goes on.

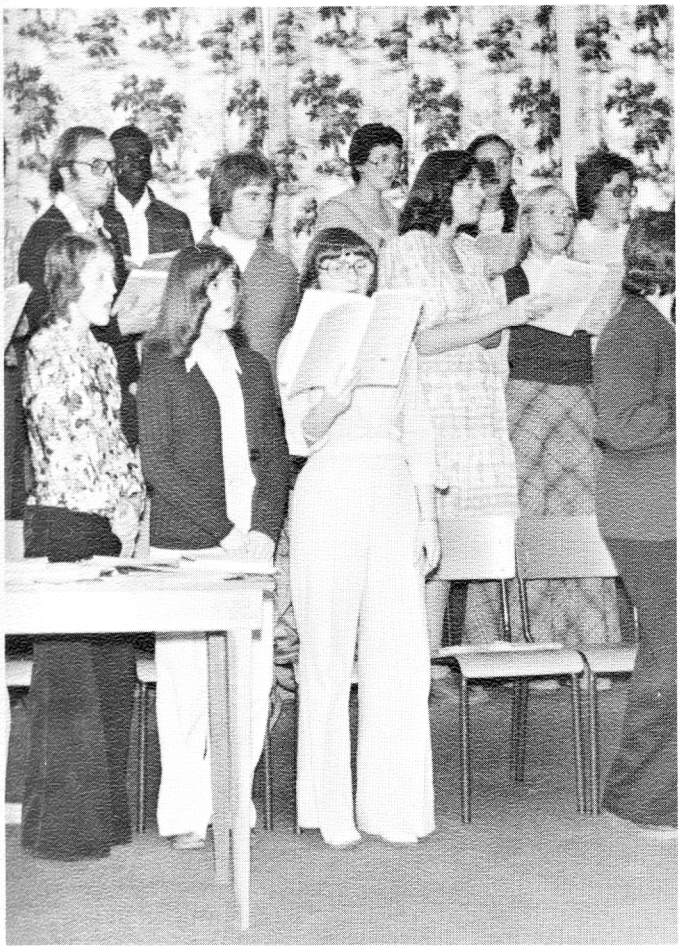
So, we wish to record this history while living witnesses are still with us, and while the questions about our beginnings can be answered accurately. We do so with the earnest desire to give tribute to all of our friends, and to the unfailing grace and care of God. Pray with us that Berean may be His "burning bush" until He comes to gather us home!

Chapter One What GOD Hath Wrought

Principal Rev. A.D. Cornell

Please come in, as we open a door for you, the door to Berean Bible College. We want you to see what the College is like inside. You are in the northwest part of Calgary, Alberta, just east of 4th Street, on 31st Avenue. You have looked at the campus with its various buildings; the dormitories, the administration building and the classrooms. Park your car in the area provided. Now, step inside!

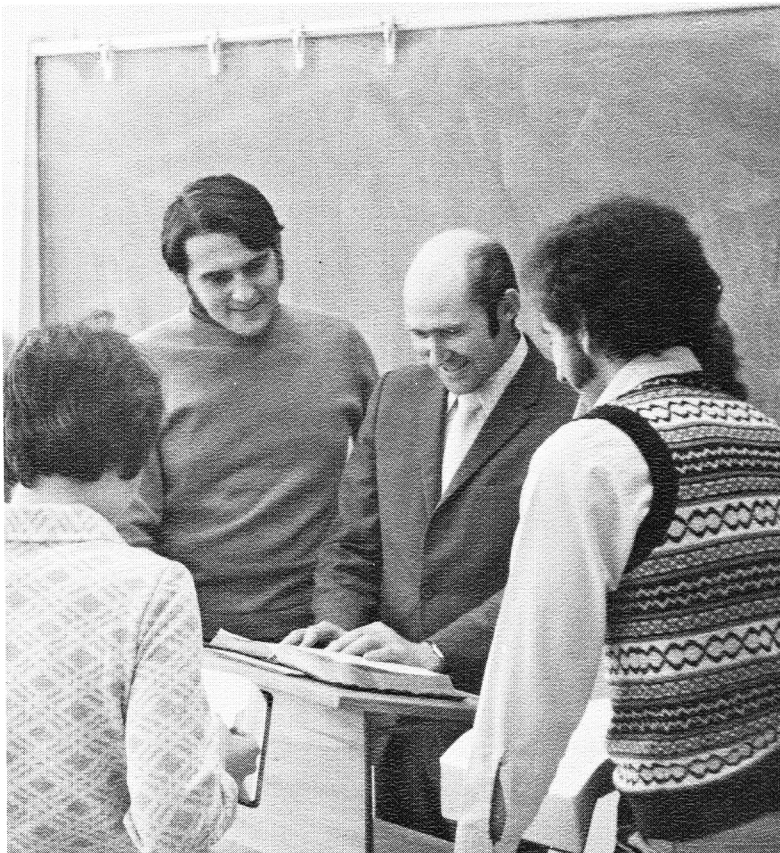
Choir practice
Mr. C.W. Anderson
Director



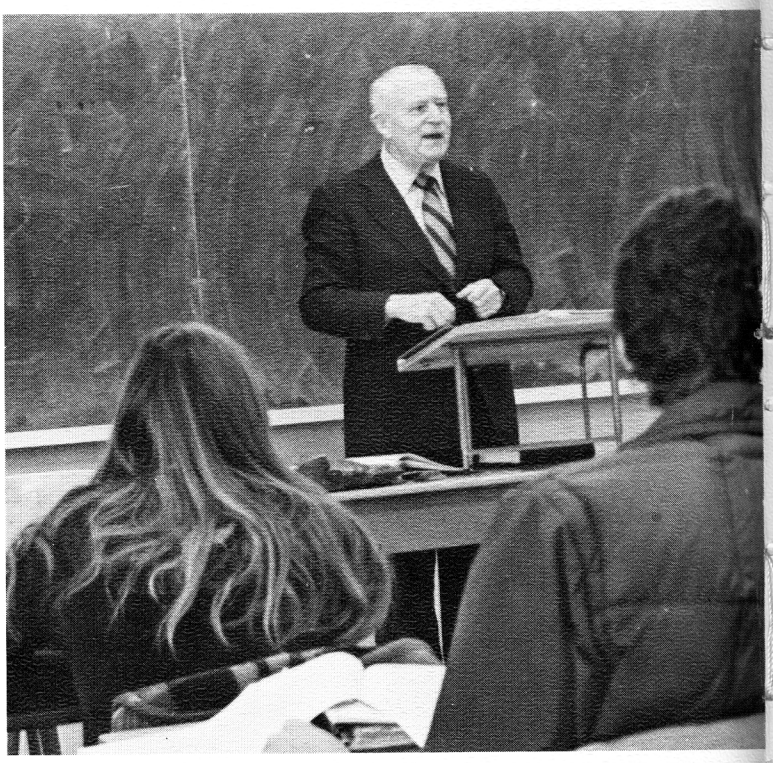
Do you hear something? That great music is one of the choirs singing under the direction of Bill Anderson, the "music man" of the College. Do you hear other rather strange sounds? Other students are practicing, hoping that it will make them perfect some day! Bear with them. As you walk past the closed classroom doors, you will catch the sounds of a teacher's voice, or a student's response to a question. You may hear the sound of laughter as some amusing illustration is shared. Or, if the class is just beginning, you may hear the voice of prayer as teacher and students join in worship together.

Leeanne Brems with accordion

Mr. Kvill with students



As you wait a little longer, you will hear the stir and then the voices and footsteps of eager, hurrying young people. Follow them up to the chapel area. There you will see that it is shared with the library containing thousands of books, catalogued and ready for use in scores of Biblical subjects. But the chapel service will be a source of blessing and inspiration to you, as you join in the hearty singing, the reading of the Word of God, the prayer time, and the personal and practical application of a searching Bible message.



Rev. C. Hutchinson, lecturing

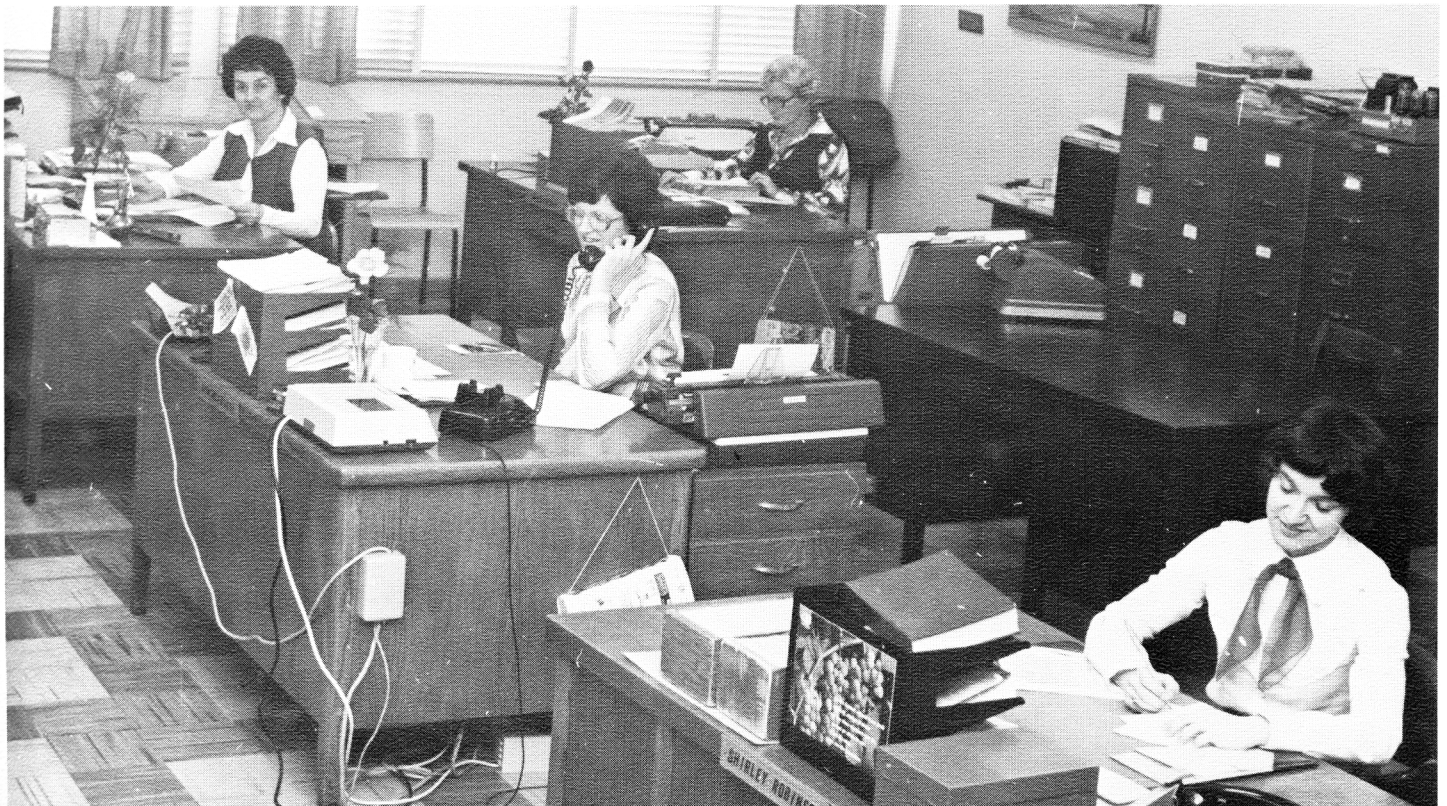
Prayer time in the Chapel, located on the third floor of the Administration Building. Note the expanding library in the background (1975).

If you come on the right days, you will also witness the great times of "Berean Preview" when high school students come for a grand week-end at Berean; or you will meet the parents of the students as they come for "Parents' Days" and join their sons and daughters in the classrooms and chapel times.

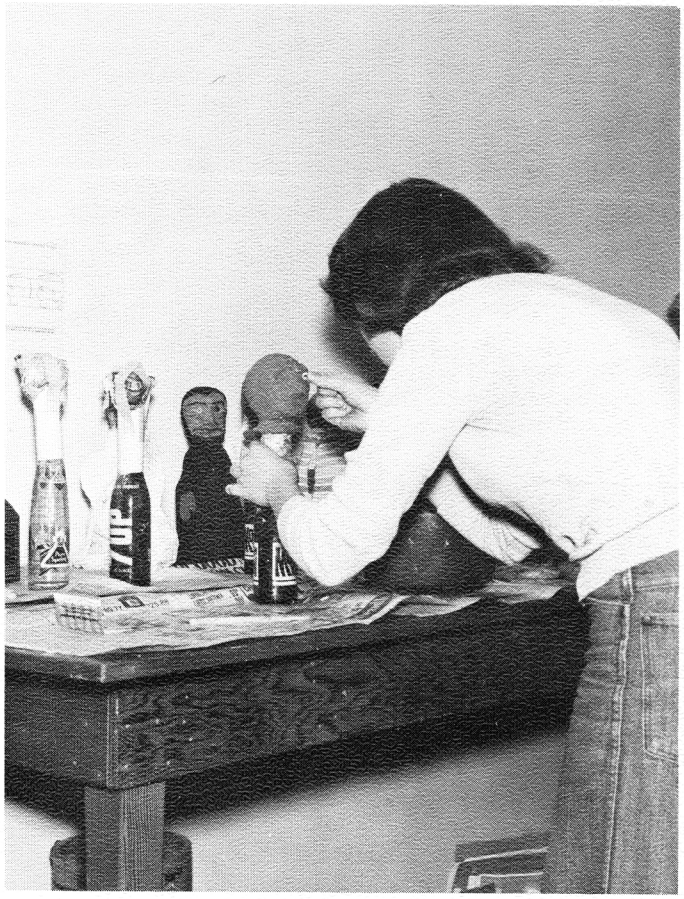
Before you leave the Administration Building, call in at the offices on the second floor and see the main office, equipped with typewriters, filing cabinets, desks, safes, a copying machine, postage meter, adding machine, addressograph and equipment for use in preparing the "Berean Broadcaster" magazine.

Scenes from the 1972 Teen Preview weekend: roller skating, banquet and sports event

Office photo: Secretaries S. Inkpen, E. Street, J. McEachern and S. Robinson

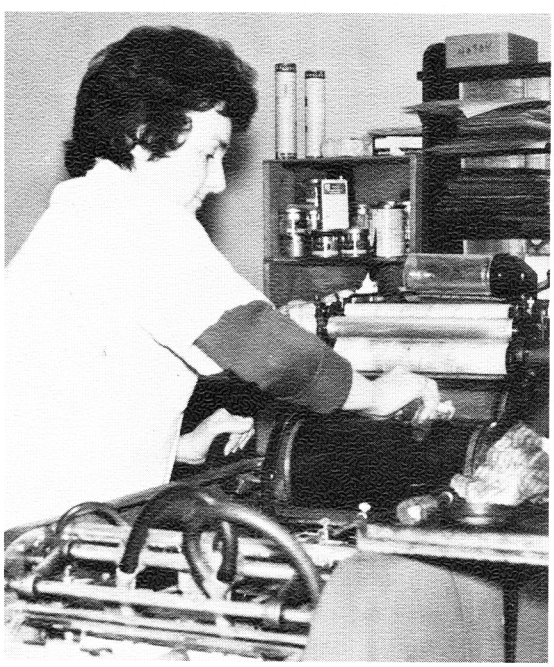


Visit the lower floor to see the print shop, the art room, the dark room for photography work and the spacious projection room, equipped with various projectors and sound equipment. Then step into the music room on the main floor of the classroom building. This is where the choirs practice and on the far side you will see the radio studio, with its microphones, recorders, turntables, the "mixer" and its library of music recorded from all the trios, quartettes, soloists and choirs of past school terms. This is where all the broadcasts from Berean Bible College originate.

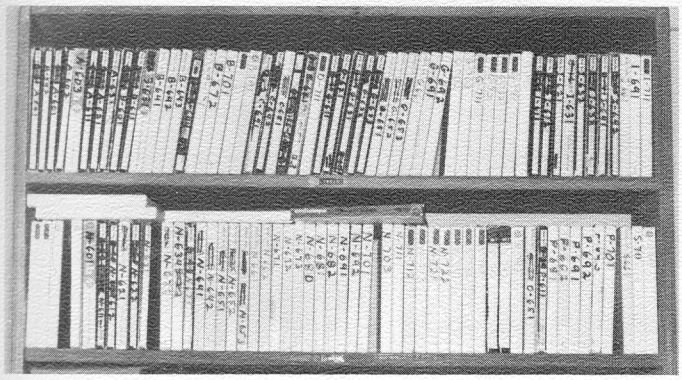


Debbie Riehl putting the finishing touches to a hand puppet in the Art Room, located on the lower floor of the Administration Building, '78.

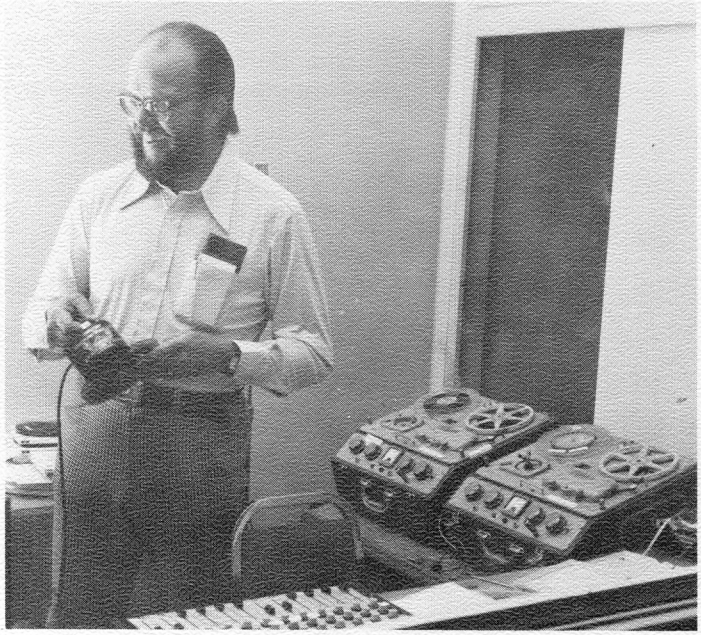
Sylvia Inkpen cleaning the press



Jim Francisco speaking in the Projection Room, located in the NE corner of the Administration Building. Rev. W. Sproule looking on (1977).

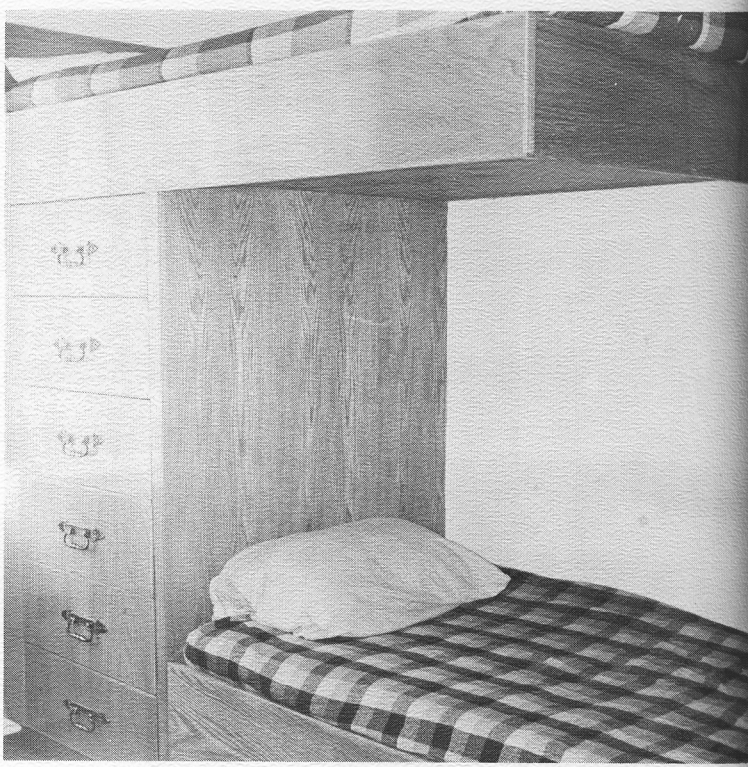


Above: Part of the tape library of various Berean music groups. These tapes are used for the radio broadcasts. Right: C.W. Anderson is erasing a tape in preparation for the FAMILY BIBLE HOUR broadcast. Note the multi-channel mixer and the Revox tape recorder. Both were Alumni projects.



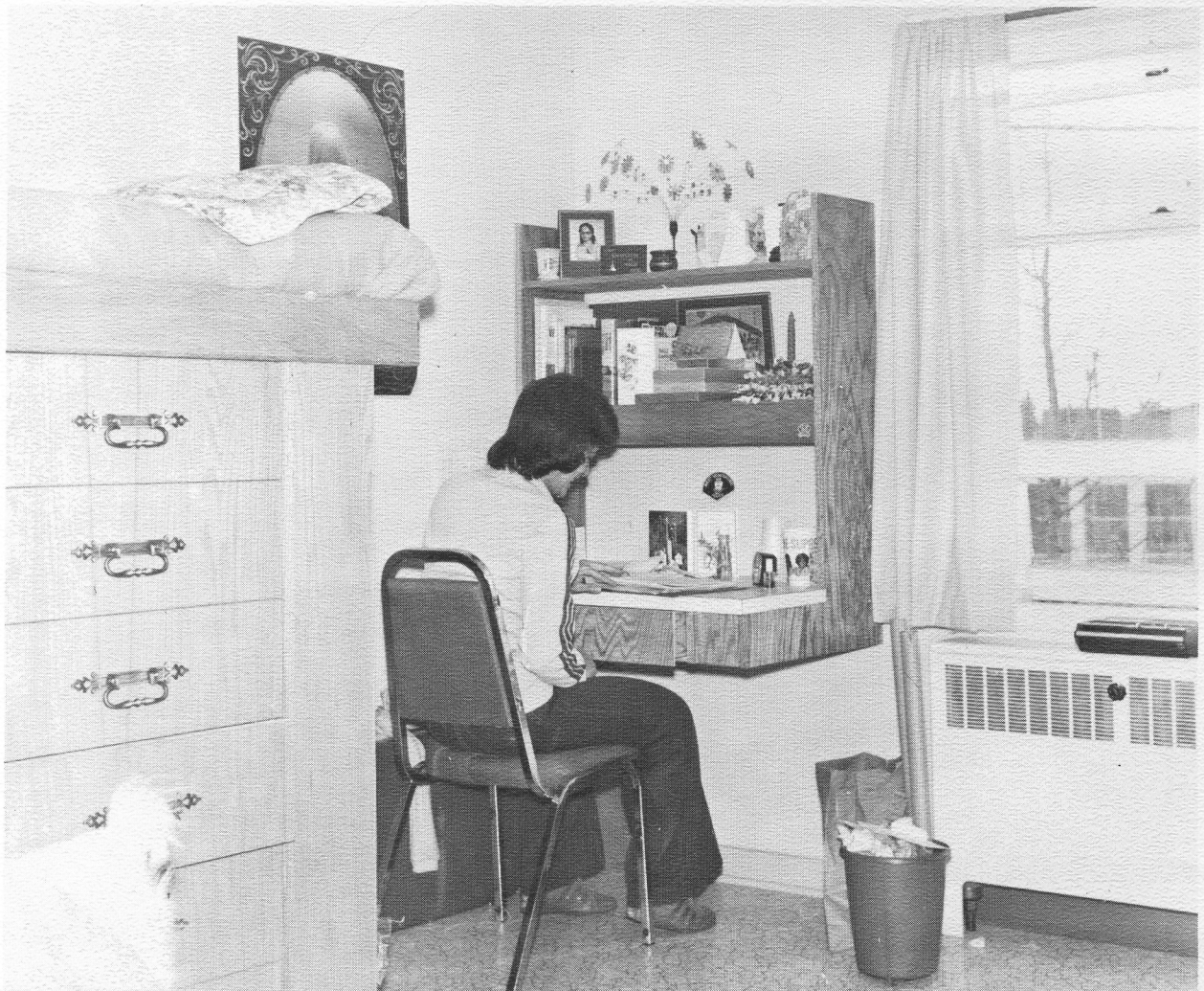
Below: FAMILY BIBLE HOUR recording session Rev.C. Hutchinson radio speaker

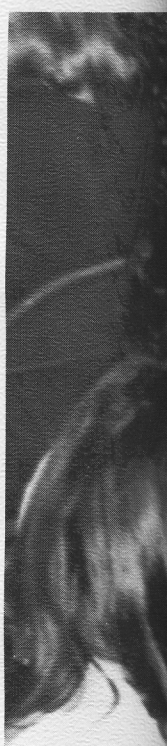
As meal time comes, cross over to the dormitory buildings. Look into the rooms, shared usually by two students. There you will see the sturdy bunk-type beds, with built-in sets of drawers, beautifully finished. Those important study desks are there. The floors are either carpeted or tiled and each door has its lock and key to provide privacy when needed. But come to the dining room on the lower floor. There the men and women sit together six to a table, as the Deans have allotted their places and there they enjoy those fine, home-style and nourishing meals for which Berean is famous.

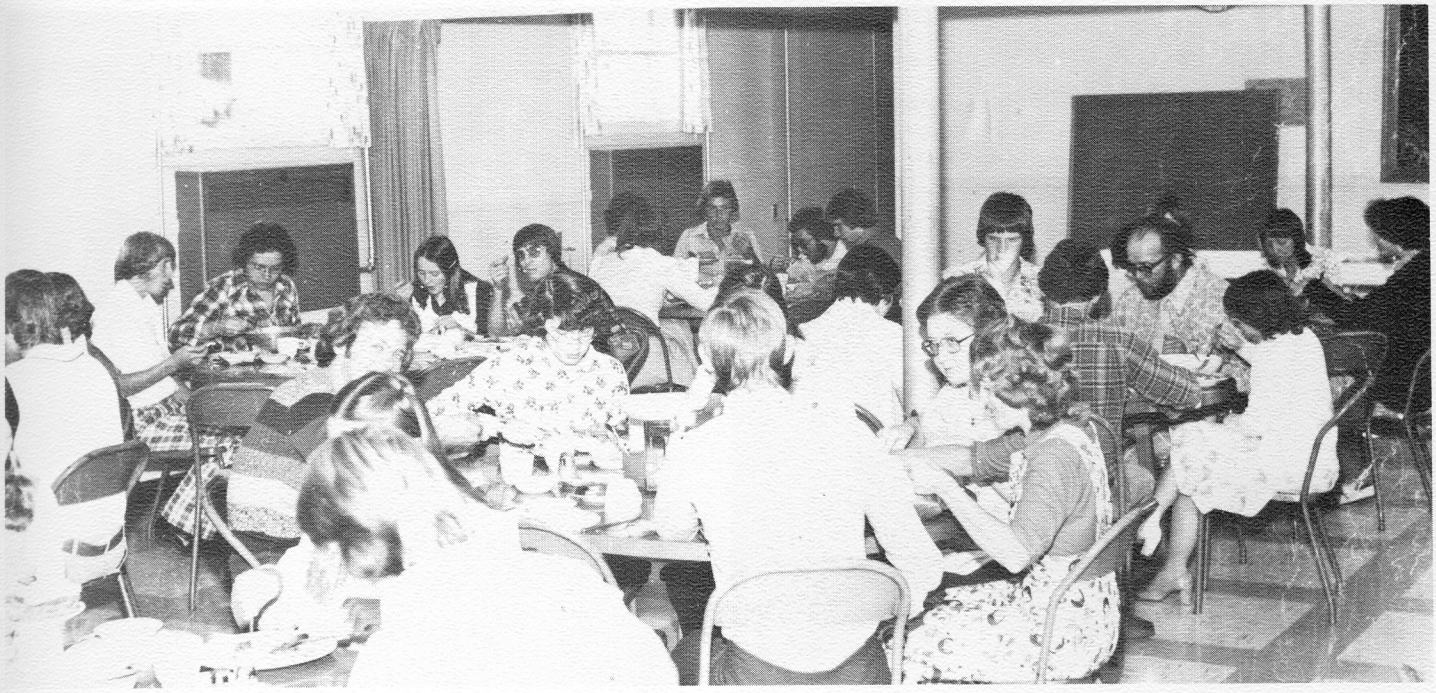


Beautiful wood finished bunk beds.

Janet Trautwein at her study desk. '77

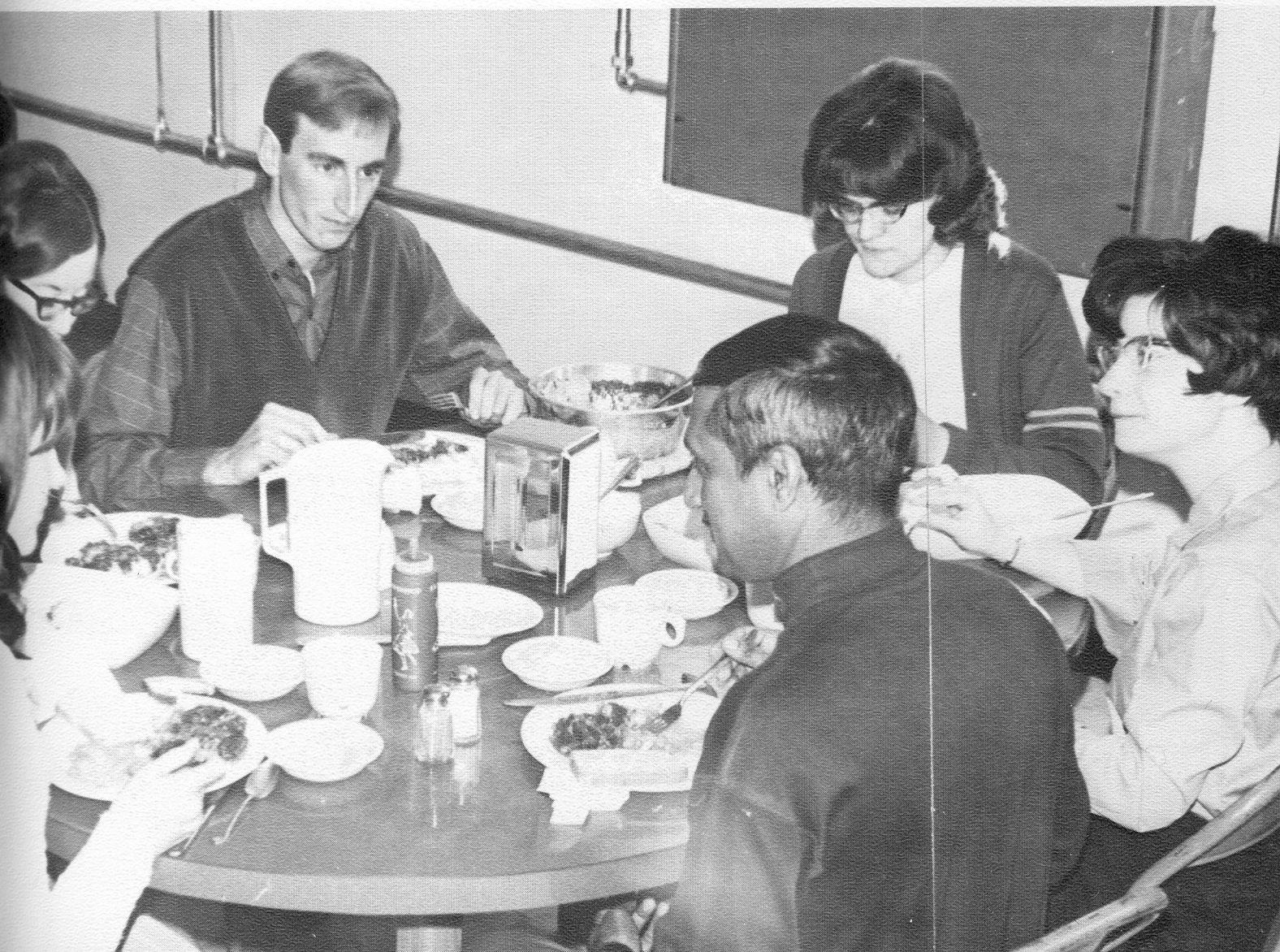


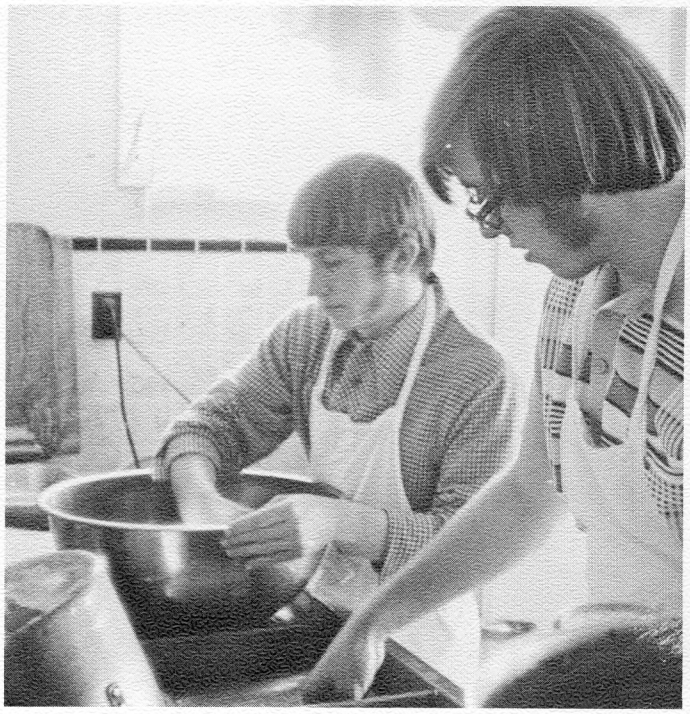




Starting from the lower left: Ruth Rosadiuk, Margaret Woodhead, Martin Carter, Edith Morris, Jean Howard, and Karter Dhillon. '69

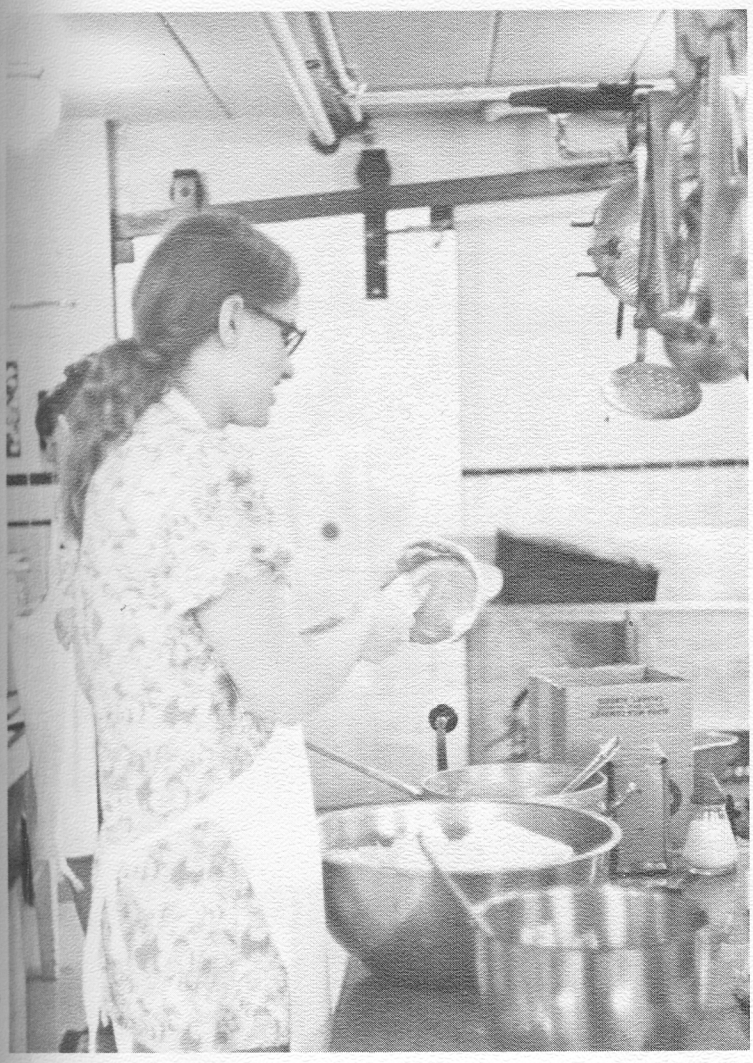
Students enjoying their meal. '77





Look into the kitchen where the faithful cooks are at work. There are the stoves, the mixers, the beverage urns, the toaster, the meat cutter, the meat grinder, the flour and sugar bins and of course, the dish-washing areas, so beloved by students as they do that part of their "gratis" work!

Upper left: Mark Johnson and Elmo Guynup busy with the pots and pans, 1974. Above: Mrs. J. Richardson busy with a hot drink '77. Below: Daryl Fritzke polishing the kitchen floor '74.



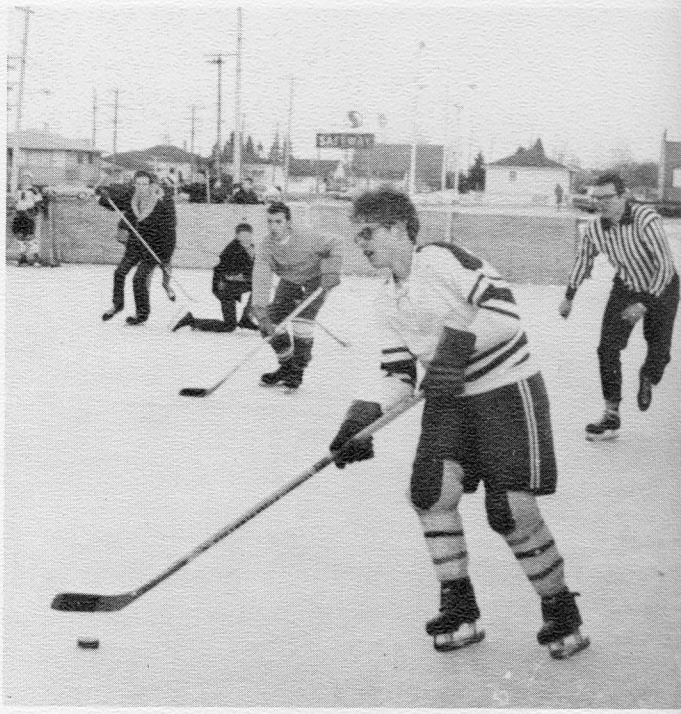
Charlene Toews, cook for the term 1974-75

Don Garratt, our happy gratis worker, '77

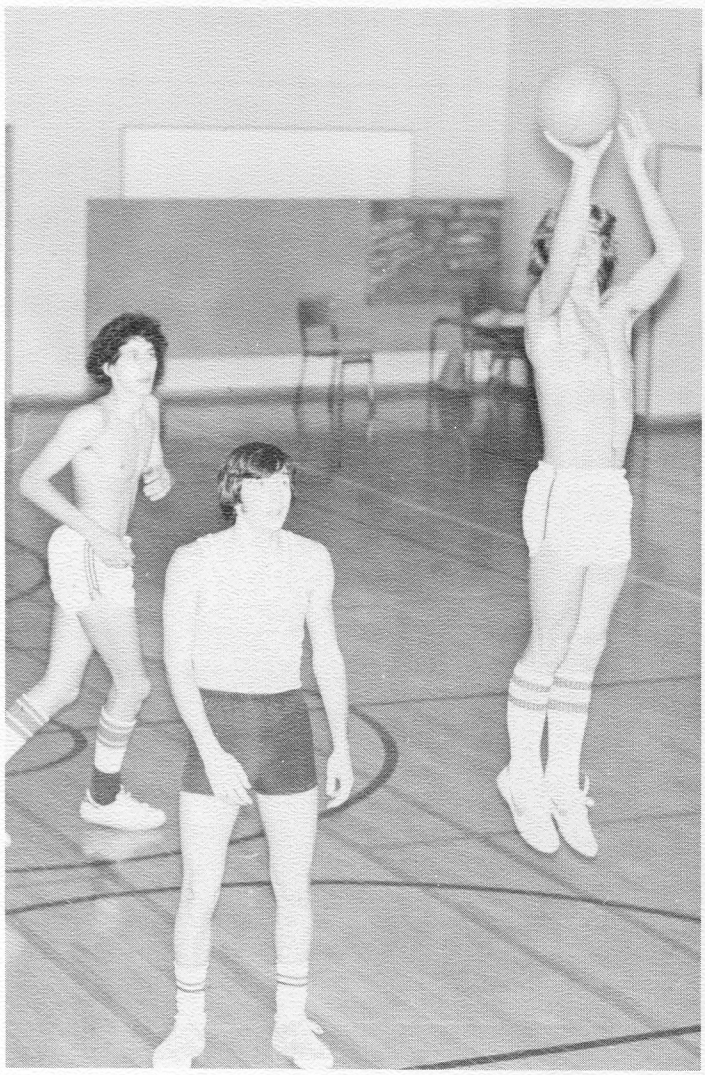
Lyndon Allison cleaning the dryer, '77

After the meal, visit the student lounges provided for the men, the women, and one for mixed company. Near the latter you will see a fully equipped laundry room, with automatic washers and dryers, and down the hall, the music practice rooms. Add to this the guest rooms and the living accommodation for the student Deans, and your tour is

Vergil Epp coming in on goalie Gary Graham, '77. Below: Garrett DeLorme, Dave Hunt and Kevin Francisco play basketball, '77.

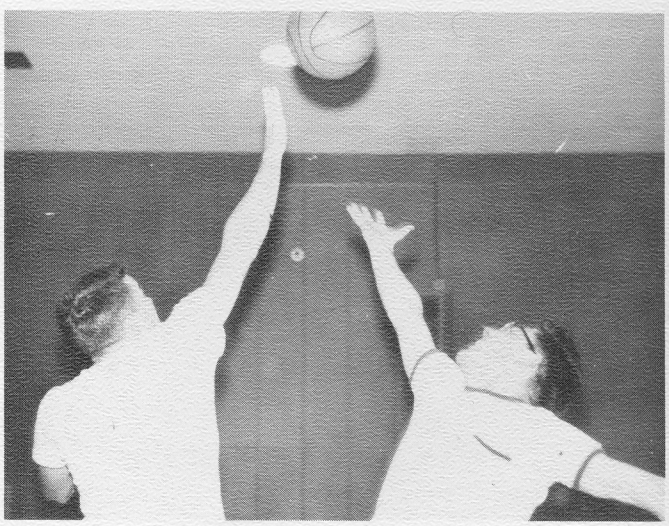


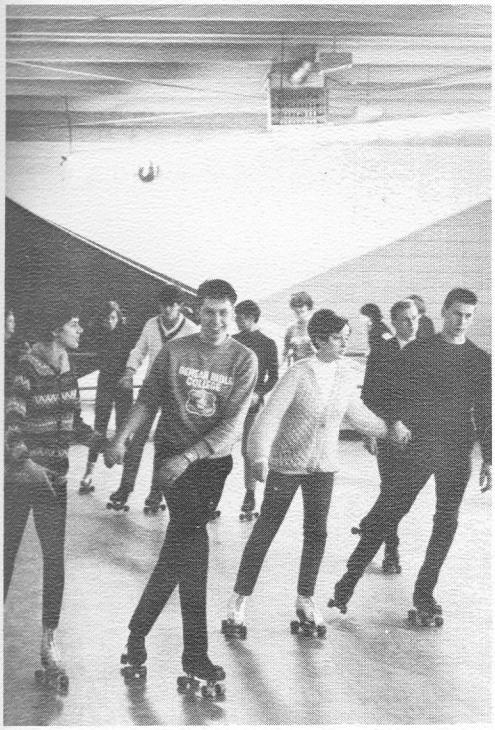
Ron Irwin with puck, '70



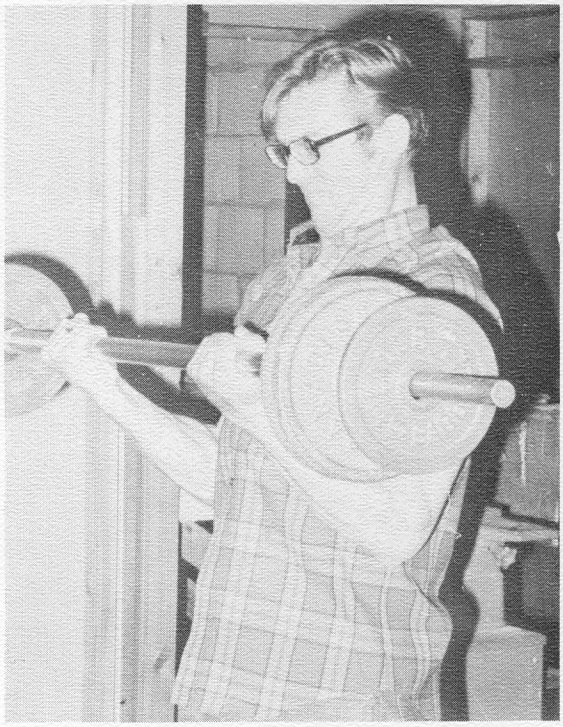
about complete. But don't forget another outside look at the recreation areas for baseball, volleyball, football, and the skating rink; and see also the "workshop" building.

Ken Bender and Don Norton '63





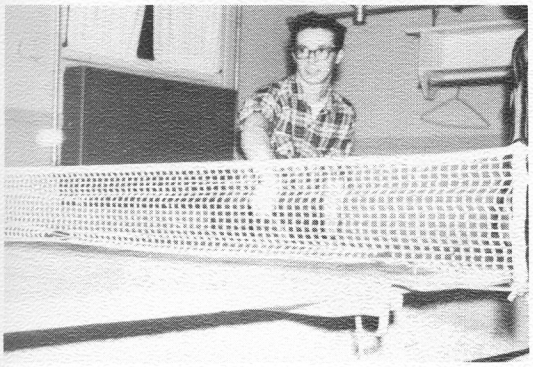
David Lee rollerskating,'69



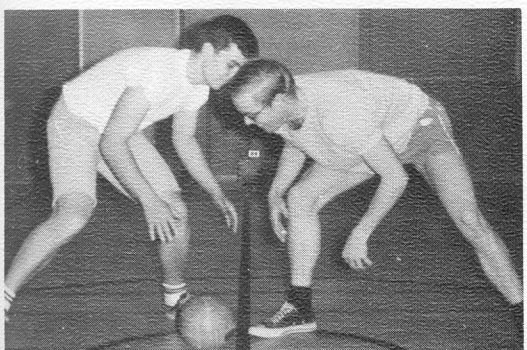
Don Morris keeping fit! '70

Janice Bamber hits the volley ball. Note the jump! 1975

Cecil Cowie bats the ball,'63

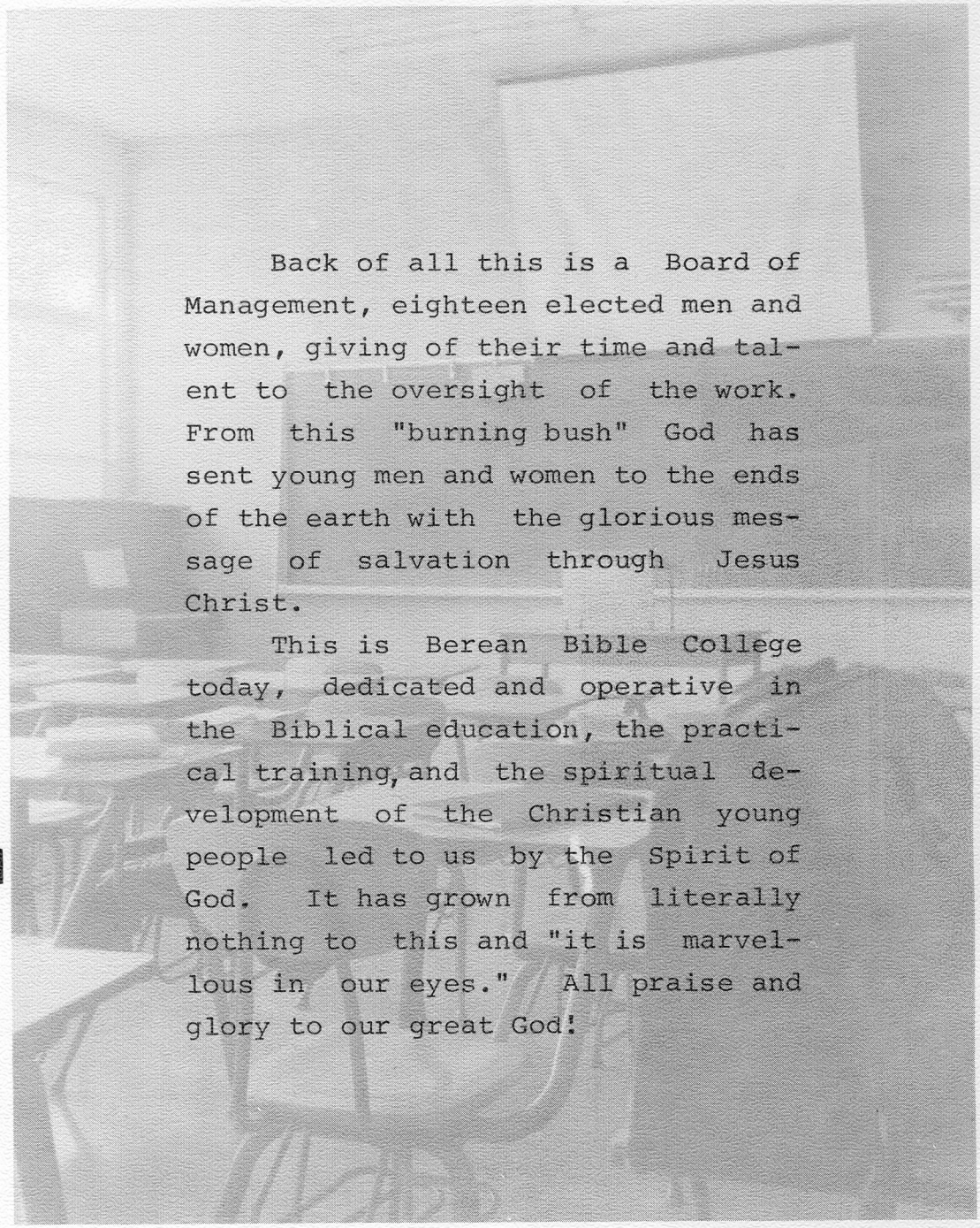


Bryon Seeley, Gary Hillman, '69



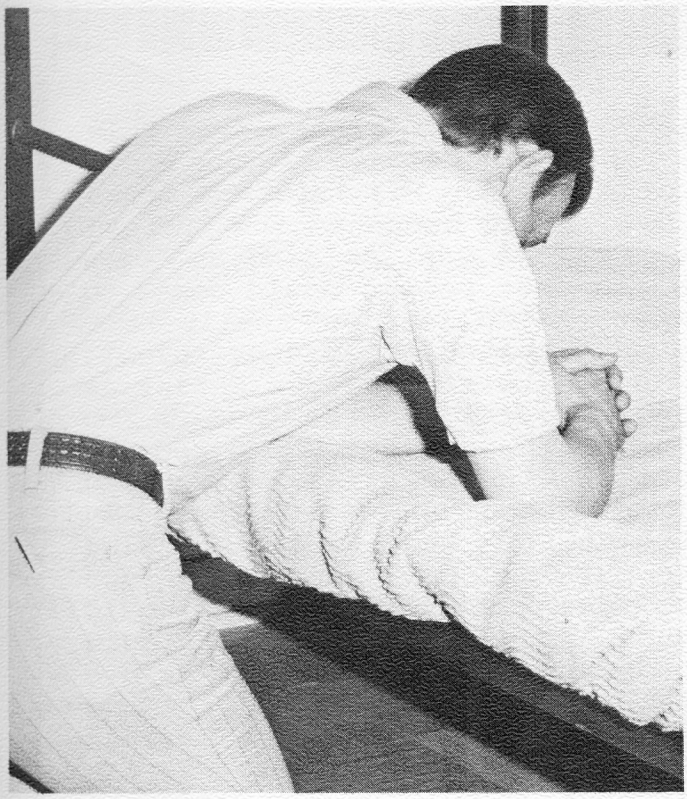
What is Berean Bible College?

It is Studies and Students....

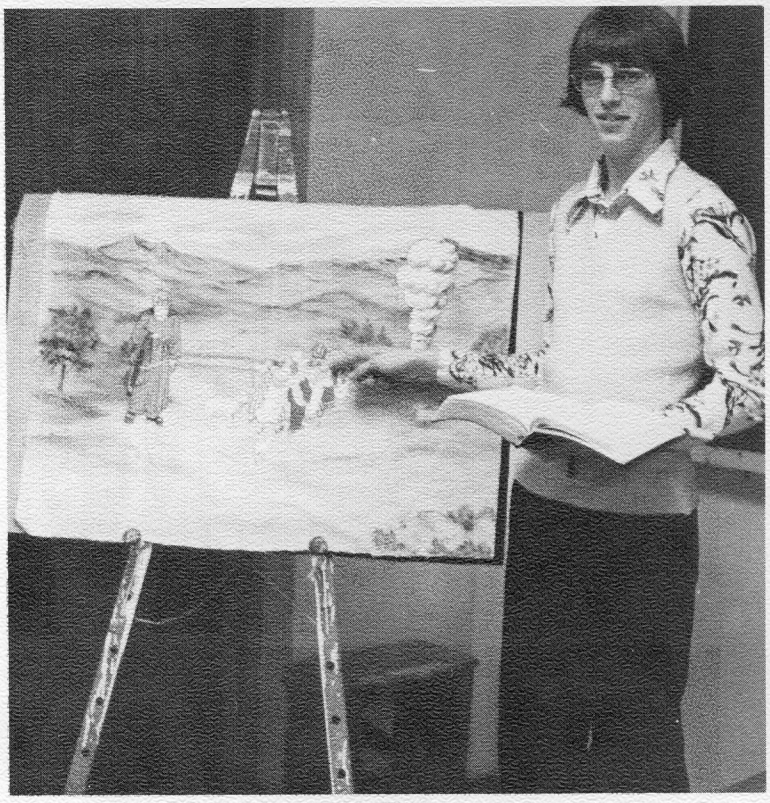


Back of all this is a Board of Management, eighteen elected men and women, giving of their time and talent to the oversight of the work. From this "burning bush" God has sent young men and women to the ends of the earth with the glorious message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

This is Berean Bible College today, dedicated and operative in the Biblical education, the practical training, and the spiritual development of the Christian young people led to us by the Spirit of God. It has grown from literally nothing to this and "it is marvellous in our eyes." All praise and glory to our great God!



Emrie Strohschein, grad of '73



Calvin Kokot teaching a lesson. '77

Dale Snyder, grad of '58, challenging the student body with the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

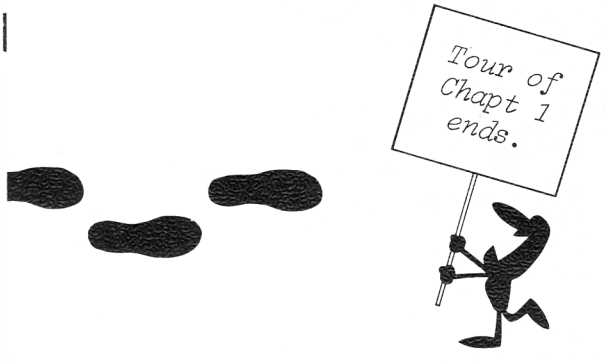
....and Seeking

the Will of God.

A young man emigrated from Holland, and came to live in the province of Alberta. His name was Bruno deLeeuw. It so happened that Berean Bible College was holding an "Open House" so that people could come to see what the College was really like. Bruno was invited, stayed overnight, and was led to trust Jesus Christ as his Saviour, through the earnest witnessing of the student whose room he shared. By the next fall Bruno was in Bible School, and learned not only the truths of the Bible, but also how to put his new-found knowledge to good use for the Lord. He could often be found on one of the main thoroughfares, giving Gospel tracts to the passers-by.

After graduation from Berean Bible College, he served as a pastor in Innisfail, and then was called by God to the land of Irian Jaya, to carry the Gospel message to completely primitive "Stone-Age" people. There he has carried on a fruitful ministry for his Lord, seeing many of those people transformed by the saving power of the Lord.

Bruno deLeeuw



What did Bruno find as he came to Berean? What is the College like today? We invite you to visit us through these next pages.

Chapter Two **How Did It Begin?**

The schoolteacher was deeply concerned. It seemed as though the words of Charles Dickens, "The times were out of joint," were most applicable. For many young people graduating from the high school of which he was principal, there seemed to be little future. But William Aberhart was also concerned about the spiritual welfare of the Christian young people who had gathered around him as he delivered his prophetic lectures and taught them the deep truths of the Bible and trained them in methods and skills for the service of God.

Mr. William Aberhart, founder of the CALGARY PROPHETIC BIBLE INSTITUTE.

A small group of earnest young men and women gathered to pray. They too were deeply concerned. Upon their hearts was a deep longing for Bible school training. Where could they go? Entrance into the United States where some Bible schools operated was limited in those days. In western Canada those early 1920's saw only very small beginnings here and there, and so they prayed that God would make it possible in some unknown way for them to receive sound Bible school training.

From the vision of the schoolteacher and the prayers of those dedicated young people, came the first moves of the Spirit of God that would eventually result in the ministry of Berean Bible College.

Then the next task was to gather materials that would be the basis of sound Bible courses. Sources included courses from eminent Bible schools a long distance from Calgary, writings

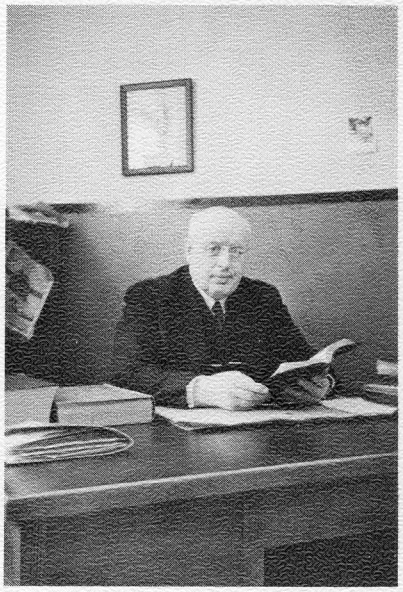
The first EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the CPBI. Names from left to right. Mr. R.W. Scrimgeour, Mr. Harry B. Scrimgeour, Mr. W.W. Silverthorne, Mr. Chas. Pearce Mr. Wm. Aberhart. Mr. Alf Clark, Mr. Noel Hutchinson, Mr. John U. Dick, Mr. Ernest A.K. Hutchinson, Mr. J. Leighton, Mr. Fred A. Battisto, Mr. White, Mr. Art Peacock.

of godly men, and Mr. Aberhart's own amazing Bible knowledge, resulting from a study and analysis of the Word of God itself. The lights burned late many a night as those first Bible courses were put together. One who spent this time and effort was a young man, recently come from his native England and born the second time in the city of Calgary, Cyril Hutchinson, later called by God to become the Principal, and then the President of Berean Bible College.

The first step was to organize evening classes, that young people and older folk could receive the benefit of this gathered knowledge. These were held in Westbourne Baptist Church, but the vision was growing and God was moving. On these pages you will see an historic picture of the group of men who came together as an executive committee for the purpose of building a Bible Institute in the city of Calgary. A site on 8th Ave. West was chosen and in 1927 the building was completed and occupied; and Bible school, with day and evening classes, commenced. Among those who came

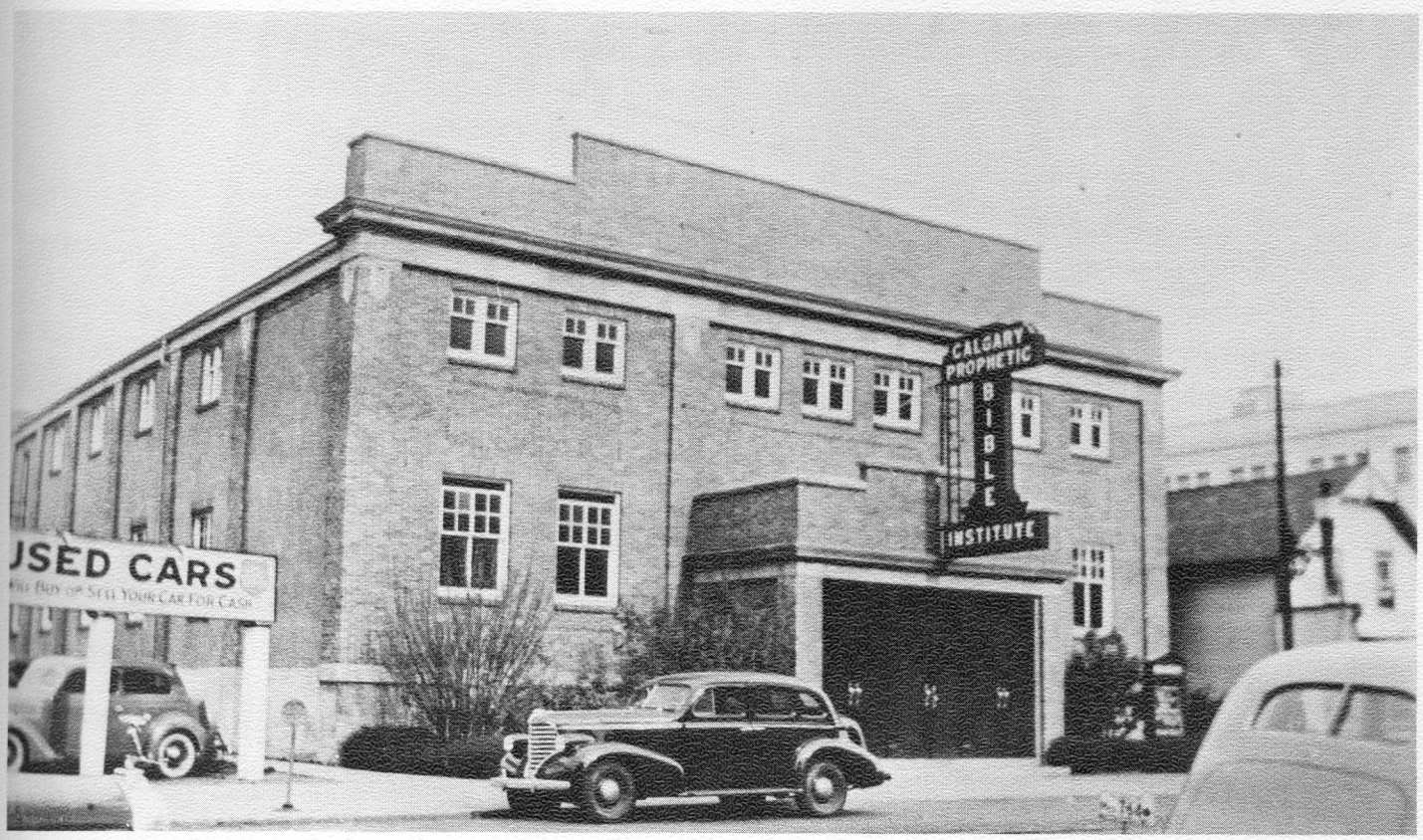
was J. Henry McCulloch, leaving his teaching profession to give his life to the Lord's work. Arthur D. Cornell came from the farm, and both these men later joined the faculty of the Institute.

Changes were coming but these were the roots from which Berean Bible College sprang. In 1943 Mr. William Aberhart was called to his heavenly home, but the Bible school work he began is still carried on.



Mr. William Aberhart in his study

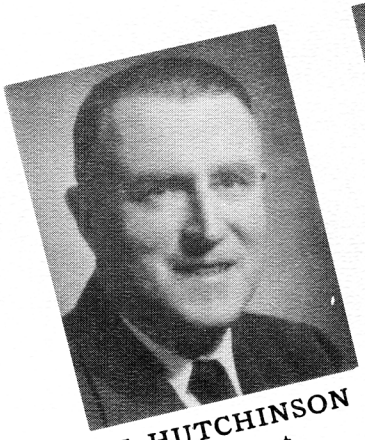
The CALGARY PROPHETIC BIBLE INSTITUTE, located at 516 8th Avenue S.W., Calgary. The building was occupied and classes started in the fall of 1927.



Chapter Three A Bible College Is Born

Berean Bible College owes a debt of gratitude to those who nourished and cultivated the "roots" of Bible school work in the city of Calgary. We have taken time to enumerate these and to give honour where honour is due. But the "roots" must grow and change and bear many "fruits" for God. In the fall of 1948 several very important changes were evidently necessary. There was clearly a great need for dormitories to house the students, and this called for a move to the suburbs where land was available. There was also a growing missionary emphasis and with it the need for new policies and organization. The basic unwavering position on the vital truths of the Word of God remained unchanged and is maintained without compromise to this day.

The name given to the yearbook of 1948 was adopted as the new name of the College, "Berean Bible College" and a significant insignia was added, bearing the motto "Christ for all" and the Latin inscription "Littera Scripta Manet," "The Written Word Remains." This inscription epitomized the stand of Berean Bible College, founded on nothing but the Word of God, infallible and miraculously preserved in every detail.



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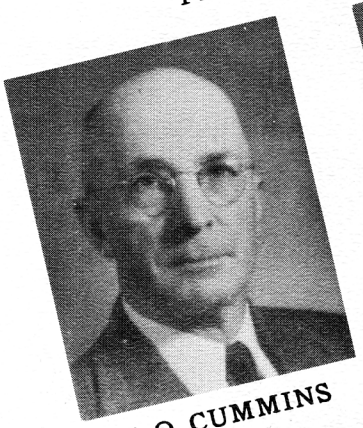

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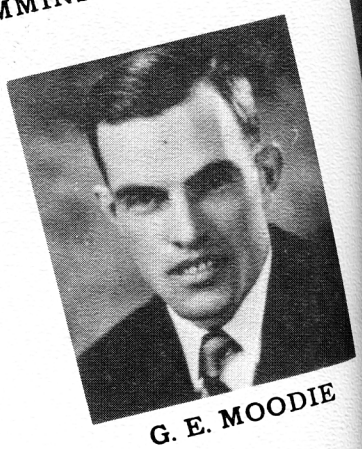

G. E. MOODIE

A fifteen member Board of Management was formed of men and women from various walks of life with their services given voluntarily to this new venture. At the same time a voting congregation, composed of interested Christian men and women was gathered so that the Board of Management could be democratically elected from year to year.

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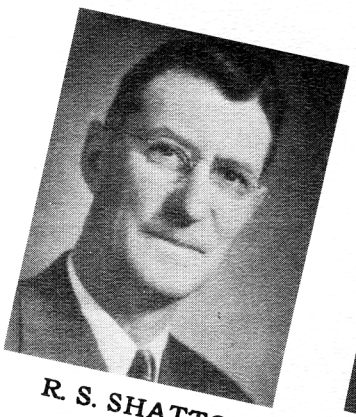

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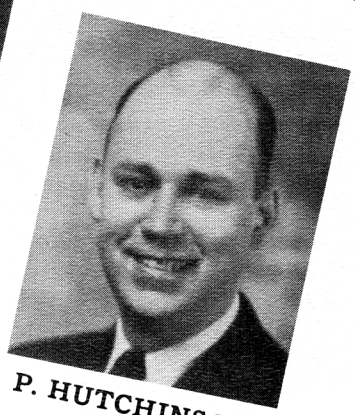
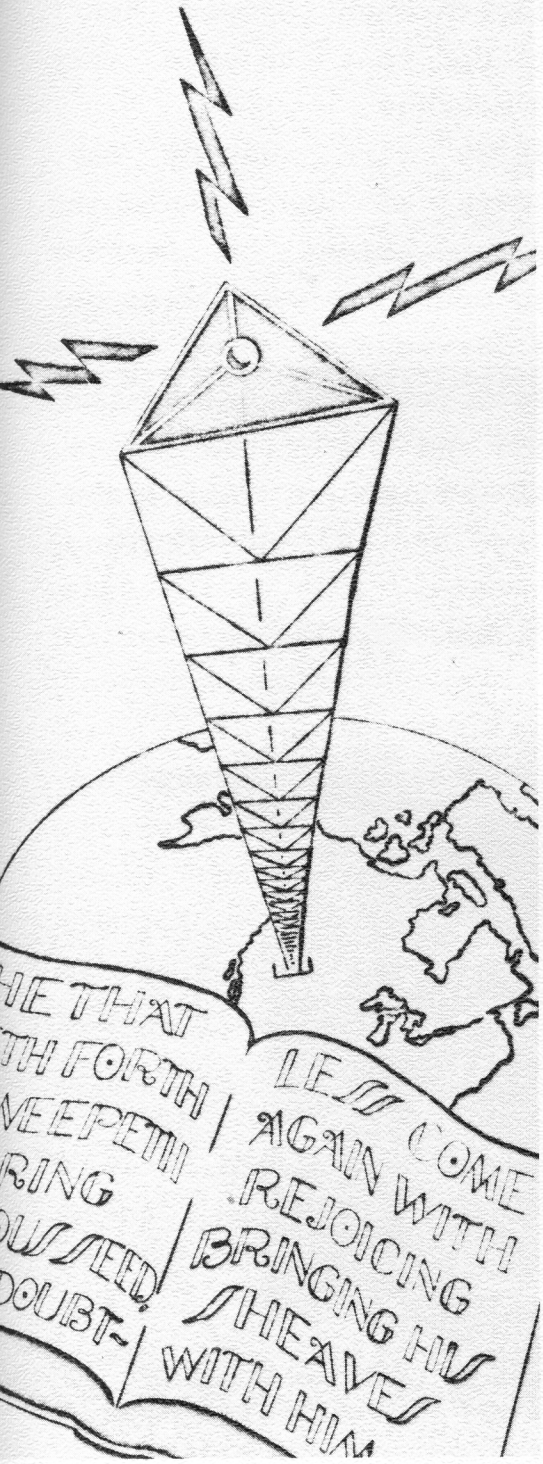


P. HUTCHINSON

With the prayerful financial backing of some of God's people, broadcasting was begun on a weekly basis over two local radio stations. The Sunday morning broadcast was in the nature of a half-hour Bible study. The late afternoon broadcast was "The Family goes to Church," with a children's story by Miss Mary Macomber, a short study on science as compared with the Bible, a variety of music and a Bible message. Organ and piano music was gladly provided by Mrs. Esther Gilbert, Miss Chrissie Goode, and Mr. Ken Baer. The preacher was Rev. Cyril Hutchinson, then appointed as the Principal of the new College.

"The Family goes to Church" one hour broadcast, was aired live from the CJCJ studio (now known as CKXL) each Sunday afternoon starting in the fall of 1948. Persons in the photo from left to right are: Mrs. Esther Gilbert, Miss Chrissie Goode, Rev. Cyril Hutchinson, Rev. Arthur D. Cornell, Miss Mary Macomber, and Rev. J. Henry McCulloch.

Rev. Cyril Hutchinson and Rev. Arthur Cornell at the broadcast mikes, March 1950, at the CFAC studios, Calgary, Alberta.



One serious problem remained. The opening date for the 1948-49 term of Bible school was set for October 25th. While permanent buildings were being erected, where should Bible school be held? Prayer for the supply of this need was wonderfully answered when the people of the Christian and Missionary Alliance gave us the use of their premises centrally located on 13th Avenue West, both during the daytime and also for several evenings each week. This generosity will never be forgotten and we want it written into this history of the College. It was a glowing example of Christian brotherliness and helped Berean Bible College to begin its work as a "burning bush" in western Canada.

Those were difficult but happy days as God gave so many evidences of His presence and care. It was a cold winter. One day Rev. Jimmie Mercer from the southern United States, turned up to speak at the chapel hour, muffled to the eyes in a heavy fur coat he had borrowed. He kept the coat on all through chapel hour! Through him God sent to us a very warm-hearted message.

God was at work, day by day. From those days of heart-searching Bible study and times of fervent prayer, young men and women went out to serve the Saviour at home and abroad. Several young men became pastors in Canada and the United States. Mel Slack was called to India, Ben Strohschein to Africa, and Clarence

The Christian and Missionary Alliance Tabernacle, just east of 8th Street on 13th Ave. S.W., was the temporary quarters of Berean Bible College before the buildings were erected on the present site.

Script insert from the 1949 "The BEREAN" yearbook.

Summer had past; early autumn days had flown; October 25th, the date for classes to begin, was drawing closer; and before us there was one great problem. It was not a problem of whether there would be classes, that was essential; it was not a problem of a teaching staff, the staff of previous years had already been preparing for the opening of the fall term; it was not a problem of student registrations, for registrations were coming in, forming a student body of about one hundred in number. But, where could classes be held! Did God want His young people given instruction in Bible knowledge and training for Christian service? We believe He did. Would God supply the need? Philippians 4:19 says He will; so we called upon Him in prayer.

"Prayer changes things" because God answers prayer. Offers were received from several sources for which we have been most grateful; but the one that seemed to be God's choice for us is centrally located on Thirteenth Avenue West — The Christian and Missionary Alliance Tabernacle. This fine Christian organization opened its doors to us and thus provided ample classroom accommodation and auditorium facilities. Here we have carried on our classes this year.

It has been our pleasure to enjoy the warm Christian fellowship of these good friends as we have shared not only their building, but also the urge to make Christ known throughout the world. Thus we are happy to say, "Thank you, kind friends of the Christian and Missionary Alliance; we do appreciate your Christian hospitality and pray that God will richly bless you in your service for Him."

Norton and John Teibe to India. About the same time Jean Robertson (a faculty member) left for Ethiopia and Evelyn Wilson and Clarence Knapp were called to West Africa. Later, Iona Feckley went to Nigeria.

In this unique way the school was launched wholly in faith. Its financial policy has remained as it began, that the work be supported by the voluntary gifts of God's people as He moves their hearts. It was and is a venture for God. There were some who said that it could not be done or that the enterprise would fall to the ground, but God had other plans. He had already shown His hand of provision and He gave faith to believe that what He had begun He would carry to its completion. With the faith, He gave the vision to seek for a site to be the permanent home of this College. By God's help it was found. In order to take title to the land, the College was incorporated under the Religious Societies Act on March 28th, 1949. A College was born and in a sense this was its birth certificate.

The staff assembling some of those first printed notebooks. Left to right are: Miss Evelyn Kerr, Mr. Henry McCulloch, Miss Mary Macomber, and Miss Chrissie Goode.

Chapter Four 'Building The Walls'

The recounting of those first building days at Berean takes us back in thought to the glorious days of Ezra and Nehemiah, when they also were faced with their building plans and problems. In Ezra 4:13 and 5:8 we read these words; "The walls set up...timber is laid in the walls." As Zerubbabel was building a house for God, so Berean Bible College was built to the glory of God and for the sole purpose of becoming a "burning bush" sending the Gospel light across the world.

Those were gloriously difficult days! Testings of faith were numerous. Through it all, God showed His hand and His presence as the needs were met and progress was never halted. Financial help came in remarkable ways. Receipt number one was for a gift of $50.00 followed by support from people with vision to see the need of the world for the ministry of the young men and women who would be sent by God for sound Bible teaching.

The search for a suitable site began in the wintry days of early 1949. The threesome Executive, Cornell, McCulloch and Hutchinson, rode and tramped to promising areas but finally God pointed the finger to the land between 31st and 32nd Avenue and between 2nd and 4th Streets Northwest, at that time on the north edge of Calgary. Enquiry showed that this land was just being planned as a new housing area by the City of Calgary Land Department with water and sewer lines just drawn on the plans. It was to be put on the market in the spring, but God intervened. The land was sold to us immediately at moderate cost. This virgin land was now ours.

Then other help arrived. Mr. Peter Baptie, a Christian surveyor, volunteered his service. He brought his theolodite and with the help of the aforementioned trio, located the original survey pegs so that we knew exactly the boundaries of our newly-acquired property. While we were busy at the far end of the land, someone stole the "plumb-bob" from the theolodite but Mr. Baptie took this in stride as part of

In the above photo, taken March 3rd, 1949, students and teachers gather on the vacant land marking its purchase. Pictured kneeling (left to right): Eva Shand, George Francisco, Kathleen Stones, Carl Wilson, Bernice Bertsch, and Harry Reynolds. Behind the letters of the College: Don Shatto, Mary Sparr, Dennis Williams, Dolly Wilson, Eugene Beach, Lilly Kary, Claus Goldstrom. Back row: Rev. Cyril Hutchinson, Mrs. Ruth Hutchinson, Rev. Arthur Cornell, Martha Strohschein, Mrs. Estelle Poynter, Mrs. George Anderson, Miss Chrissie Goode, Hellen Kuleskey, Iona Feckley, Phyllis Dye, Bill Stevens, Marion Beacome, Mrs. Eileen Norton, Franklin Wilson, Gerald Newsham, Audrey Mear, Rev. Henry McCulloch, Anne Cirankewitch, Miss Mary Macomber, John Teibe, May Peterson, Irwin Hertzsprung, Graham Clark, Leslie Lonneberg, Melvin Slack, Sim Garriott, Jim Sinclair, Ben Strohschein, Earl Krabsen, Clarence Norton, and Jake Reimer.

the cost of doing the Lord's work.

A short time later, the students and staff travelled from the Alliance Church and stood on the new site giving thanks to God for His gracious provision of the land. Then a sign was erected with the words "FUTURE HOME OF BEREAN BIBLE COLLEGE." It was certainly erected in faith! But God loves to honour those who trust Him. Then came the historic moment when friends gathered to witness the turning of the first sod by Mr. J.O. Cummins, the senior member of the Board of Management. Rev. Ted Martin, of First Nazarene Church represent-

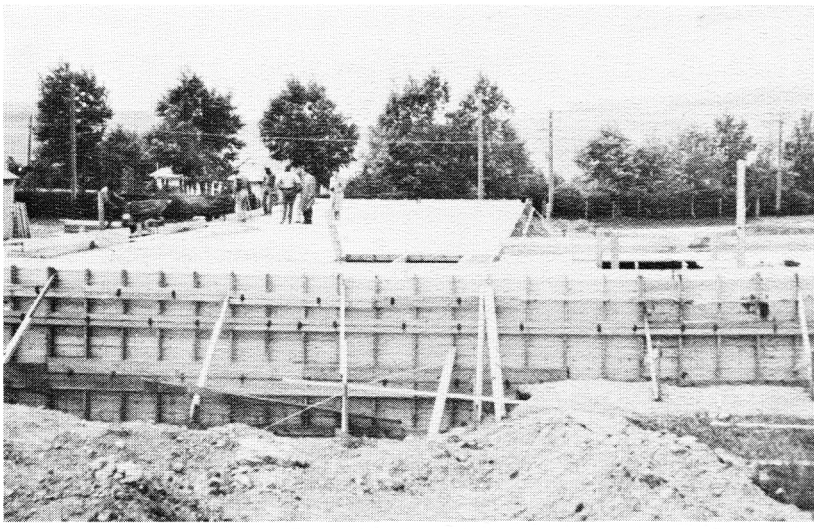
The sod turning ceremony took place on April 28, 1949, at the future sight of Berean Bible College, 4th Street and 32nd Avenue N.W. Mr. Joseph O. Cummins turned the sod as happy spectators looked on. Persons standing in the front row: Rev. J. Henry McCulloch, Alderman Don Mackay, Rev. Ted Martin, Mrs. Muriel McCulloch, Rev. Cyril Hutchinson, Mr. Dick Bittle, and Mrs. Margaret Whiteside. Between Mr. MacKay and Mr. Martin is Mr. Bert Cornell, building construction superintendent for the dormitories and also member of Berean Board of Management.

ed the evangelical churches of the city, and Alderman Donald H. Mackay, manager of radio station CJCJ and later mayor of Calgary, represented the City.

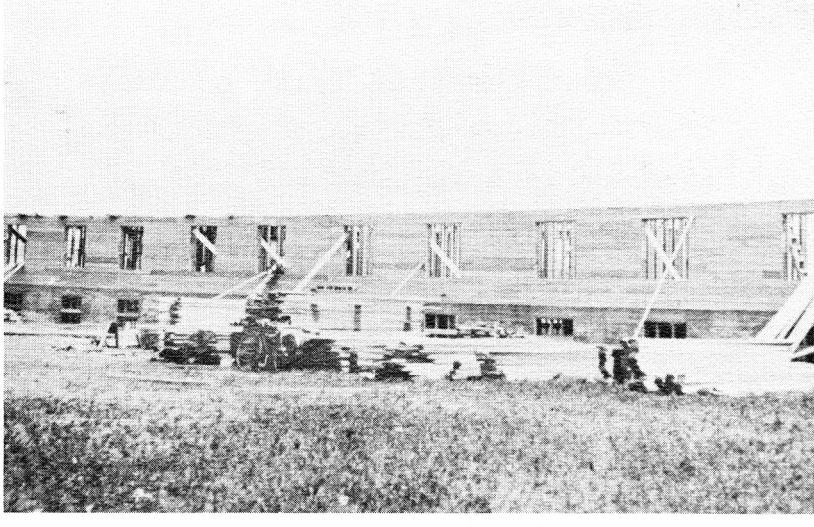
The next volunteer work was done by the Shatto Construction Co. as their men brought the big bulldozer and excavated for the first dormitory building. In the meantime a contract had been let to the construction company head-

Shatto Construction dug the excavation for the main dorm on April 29, 1949. Rev. A. D. Cornell is standing by the bulldozer. Mrs. Cornell is sitting in their 1929 Model A Ford sedan.

ed by Mr. Howard Cornell, the brother of our present Principal, Rev. A. D. Cornell, and soon the walls were set up and the timber was being laid in the walls. Here again, with Howard's consent, a great deal of volunteer work was done. Men gave their time to help lay the floors and heave up the walls. The main floor was built of laminated two by sixes, spiked together, and much of this was done by volunteers. Our backs ached with the bending over to do this but our hearts rejoiced to see the building grow. Some of the ladies did their part as they nailed the insulation batts in place. It was a hive of happy activity! We also want to record the help given to us by Mr. Harvey Burgess, as he scoured the country for lumber at bargain prices and hauled it to us. In heaven he has already found his reward but here on earth we write our sincere thanks.

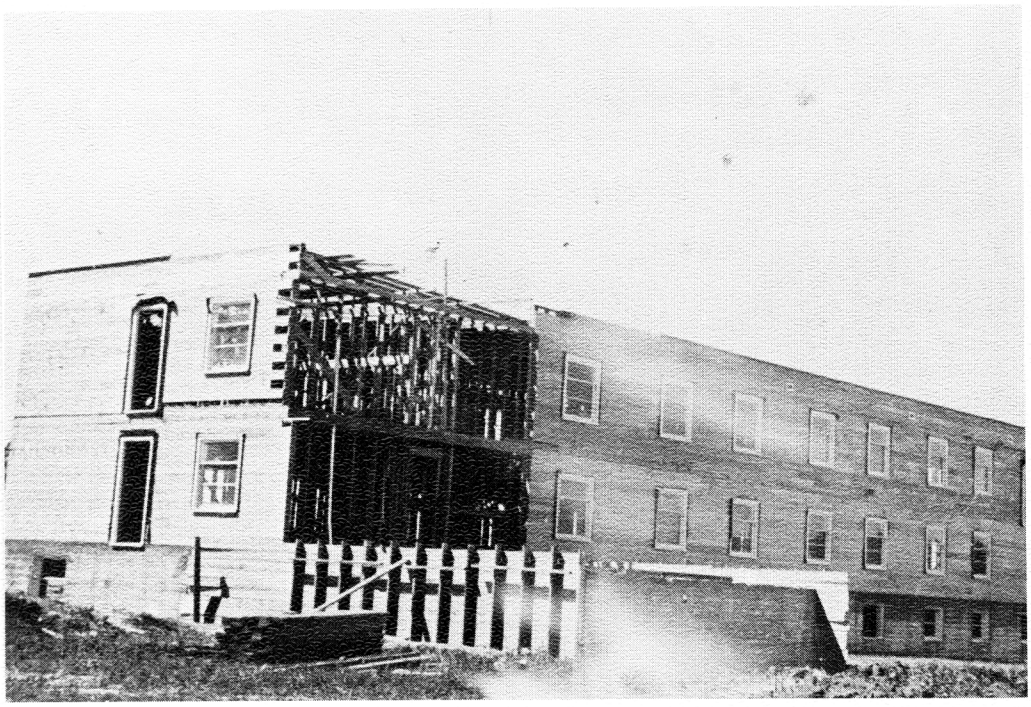


Pouring cement forms for the kitchen and west wing of the dorm. Photo taken looking west toward 4th Street, June 1949.



Lumber piles awaiting the second-story construction. Photo taken summer of 1949.

The west wing, second story ready for roofing. The top floor later mainly housed the men, and the main floor served as the ladies dorm. The basement contained the dining and classroom area. Photo taken during the late summer of 1949.



Furnace room forms in foreground, awaiting installation of the boiler unit.

Construction of upper and lower washroom facilities was delayed due to late shipping of the heating boiler unit. Rev. A.D. Cornell and Mr. G. Moodie later bricked in the open-wall sections, providing a fire wall between the two buildings.

What was that first building like? The walls were up and the windows were in place. The roof was on, again through volunteer help of a Christian man, Mr. Emmanuel Stuckle, affectionately known as "Mannie." His machine steamed and puffed on the campus as it produced all the tar required to cover and seal in the dormitory rooms. We are forever grateful. Later on Arthur Cornell turned himself into a mason and built the north wall of the boiler room with concrete blocks and Gordon Moodie, a Board member, helped to erect the brick chimney. Outside, Harold Larsen with his helper stuccoed all the walls at cost price. The first building was truly a "family" project!

In the fall of 1949 the students moved in and classes began. The top floor was the boys' dormitory. The main floor housed the girls. Here and there were offices, classrooms and dining area, and living quarters for the dormitory Deans. The kitchen was quite unprepared, lacking almost all equipment. Cooking was done over open gas flares until the first stove was connected but Miss Edna Dye (now Mrs. Robert Othen) and Miss Jennie Stones did noble work and the students were fed. There was no ceiling on the dining room and bedroom walls showed the exposed studding with wall board on one side only. There were no doors, the entrance to each room was covered by an improvised curtain.

Above all this, the boiler had not arrived! A meagre supply of heat came from open gas flares in the basement which then percolated up through the bedrooms a-

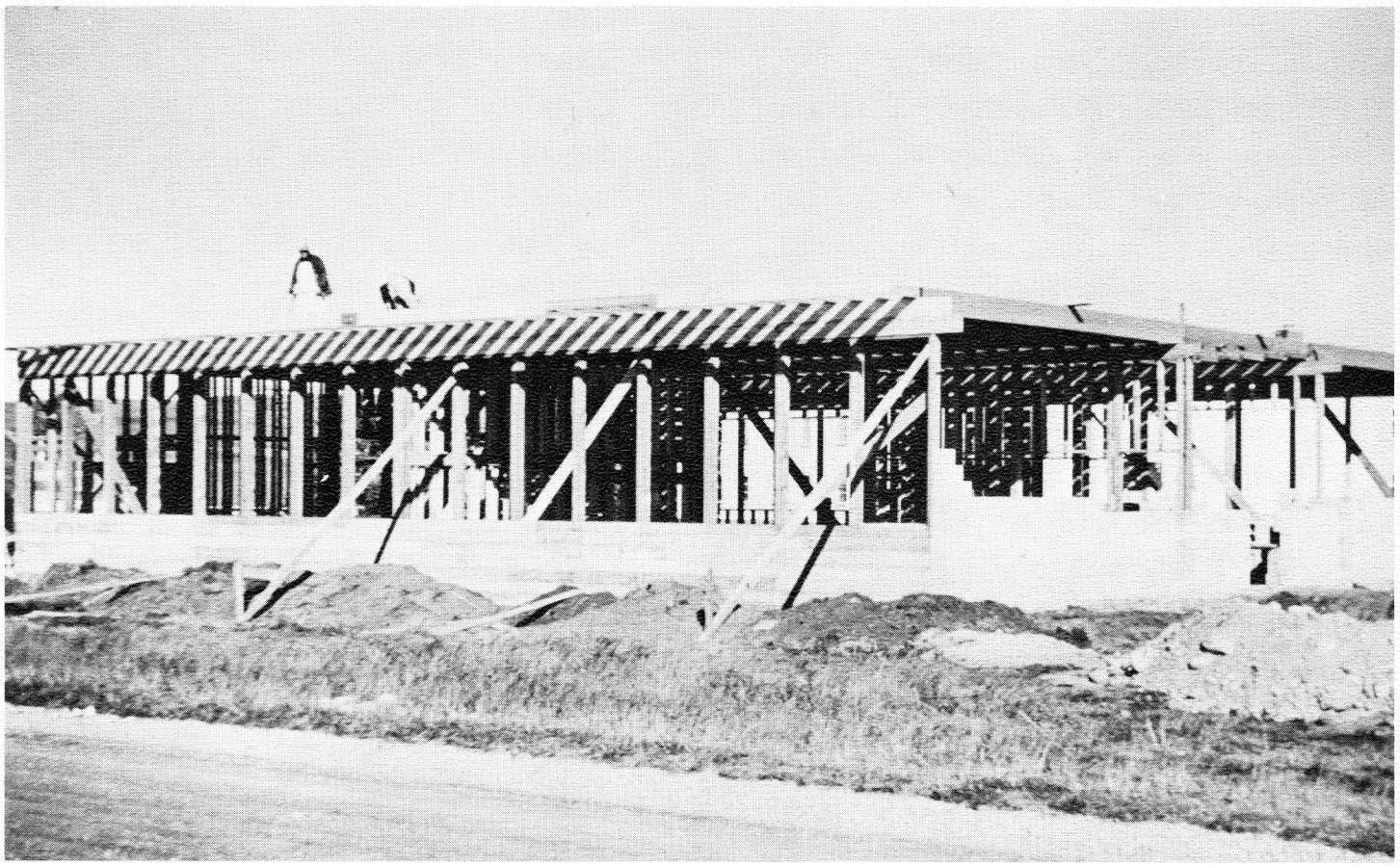
bove. Incidently, Miss Macomber almost backed into one of the flares while busy teaching a class. She was almost Berean's first martyr! The northeast wall of the boiler room was left open and at last across the open prairie came the long awaited boiler. A cheer went up as it came in sight!

But that did not mean immediate heat for the building. A contract had been let for all the heating and plumbing installation and bit by bit the work went on. Part of our sanitary facilities were outside in small sheds. The God of winds and weather gave us one of the mildest winters we have ever experienced, until the first week of January 1950. The cold winds began on the day that heat was first turned on for the north side of the building! Praise God for His care! Finally we were all snug and warm inside the finished walls. All of us were thanking God for the camp-style bunks we had bought and all the dressers, tables and chairs that people had so willingly given, so that the rooms were furnished, even though they were "second hand."

One other matter should be recorded. Notice had come saying that $11,176 would be due Nov.30, mainly for plumbing and heating. Funds were completely inadequate. Yet, through the prayers and interest of God's people the Lord provided. Between board meetings on the 18th and 26th, $7,050 was received, more than $1,000 a day! By the 28th $7,800 was paid; and Dec.1st, Mr. Hutchinson and the treasurer, Mr. McCulloch, mailed the balance of $3,376. They held a "thanksgiving service" over the mailbox! The Berean "burning bush" would not be extinguished.

As the student body grew, we were pressed more and more for dormitory space, classrooms, chapel area and library shelves. Thus in April, 1951 the second dormitory wing was planned and construction was begun. Mr. H.E. Cornell, another brother of our Principal, was in charge of this work and with the assistance of Mr. Frank Kerr and some volunteer help undertook all this construction. This building practically duplicated the first dormitory and eventually housed all the girl students; the first wing becoming the boys' dormitory. Again we express our sincere thanks to the help of God's men and women.

Still the building continued. In 1953-54 a separate classroom building was undertaken, again with brother H.E. Cornell in charge. This gave us four commodious classrooms, each one heated individually and illumin-



Frank Kerr and Bert Cornell roofing the new Classroom Unit. Photo taken by A.D. Cornell on Sept. 28, 1953. Below: Footings being poured for the Administration Building in June 1957

ated with flourescent lights. The original desks were somewhat battered "cast-offs" from the local school board but later the Alumni of the school undertook as one of their projects, the replacement of these by fine new desks for all the classrooms. By this time the old desks were "antiques" and we sold them for much more than they cost us!

In 1957 Canada Safeway Limited approached us concerning the purchase of the eastern part of our land where they wished to build a store. This portion had been planned for staff houses but it appeared that such construction might jeopardize the taxation ex-

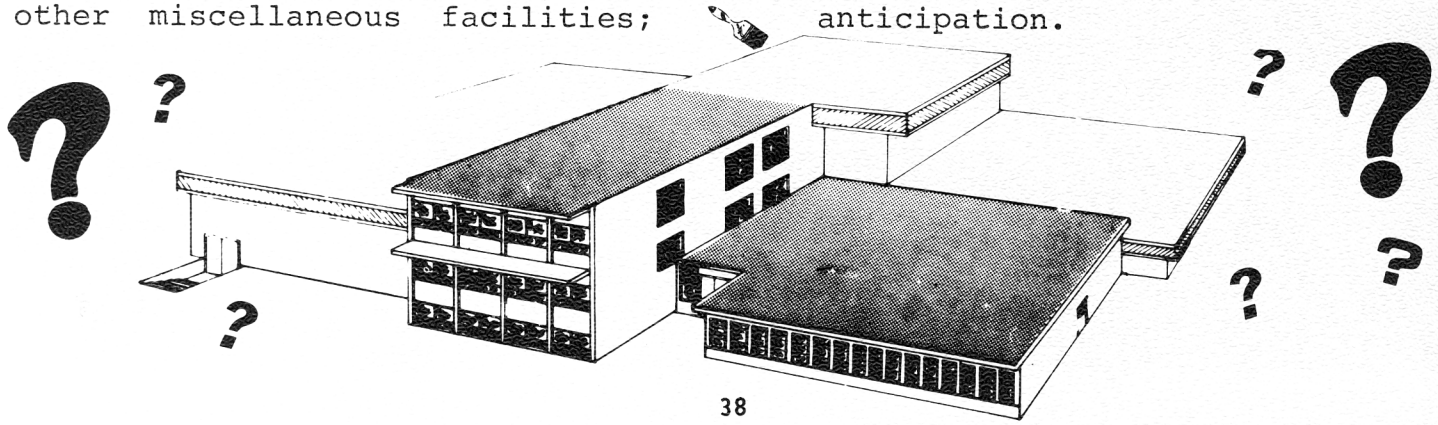
emptions we had received and the Board, with the consent of the Congregation (required by our constitution), decided to sell the land and use the money for the construction of an administration building that would house all the offices, the library, chapel, art room and the print shop. Thus in 1957 the new building was begun, again with H.E. Cornell in charge, a sub-contract being let for block work. At last the office staff was able to move into the new quarters in October 1958, although much work remained to be done. Since that date, almost until the present time, interior finishing work has continued often with the help of the Alumni as they undertook such projects as the projection room, the art room, a seminar room etc. The student body has also helped with donations for the purchase of various items of equipment, together with materials for the chapel ceiling. In due time the library was fitted with book shelves and equipped with tables, chairs and study desks. The multilith offset press was set on a good foundation in the basement area, together with the handpress, the folding machine and the stapler, and the building was in full use. "The walls were up, the timbers were

Steel work being placed in the Administration Building in June '57.

Second-story windows being fitted as the cement block work continues. July 1957

laid in the walls" and the hammers were at rest for awhile. We must, however, mention one other building that was added later. This was a combination of work and repair shop, built not far from the dormitories.

What is next? Plans are now laid for a new chapel in order to provide for the growing library; more classroom and office space; other miscellaneous facilities; and a gymnasium. As God leads, may we be as noble as the people in Nehemiah's day who said, "Let us rise up and build." Later it was said of them: "So built we the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work." God is able, and we look back with thanksgiving, and forward with faith and joyful anticipation.



1949 Jottings

Jan.13 The Board decided to purchase land.

Jan.25 City Council granted our application for land.

Feb.17 I cut out letters to spell BEREAN BIBLE COLLEGE for students to hold up for a land site photo.

Mar.3 Weather was suitable to take the students for a land site photo.

Mar.30 I submitted drawings to the city engineers for the first building.

April 2 The papers of Incorporation arrived, dated March 28, 1949.

April 15 Howard Cornell was approached about doing the construction.

April 21 The Board decided on a campus plan. I laid it out in drawing.

April 26 Peter Baptie did a land survey in order to locate the first building.

April 27 The Cornell brothers laid out the site ready for excavation.

April 28 Today was the sod-turning service.

April 29 The Shatto Construction dug out the basement excavation.

May 9 The building blueprints came.

May 13 We gave the heating contract to the Dunham Company.

May 21 Howard Cornell was engaged as the general contractor.

June 21 We took the cement forms off the basement walls.

Aug.30 The roof is now sealed so today the cement was poured for the basement floor.

Sept.21 No heating boiler yet! We decided we could break a hole in the basement wall to admit it later, so instructed the contractor to proceed with closing in the building.

Sept.24 Gordon Moodie and I began laying cement blocks for the fire walls to separate the heating-washroom unit from the dormitories.

Oct.14 Finished laying the last of the cement blocks today.

Oct.21 The plumbers connected gas flares in the basement to give us temporary heating.

Oct.24 Ken Waddell got temporary lights going. We had 130 people at the opening meeting.

Oct.26 Classes began today.

Nov.10 I finished laying blocks for filling the extra space left around the door after the boiler arrived.

Nov.16 Today Berean received a bill for $10,000 in excess of money on hand.

Nov.19 The Board decided to notify the supporters of the financial need.

Nov.30 Enough money now received to pay off fully the account for $11,176.00. Thanks be to God!

Dec.2 Snow today. Temperature down to 11° F.

Dec.3 Berean ladies put up dormitory curtains today.

Dec.14 The first two of the lady students moved into the dormitory.

from Arthur Cornell's Diary

Chapter Five Chosen Vessels unto the LORD

CHOSEN VESSELS

It is told that a certain church was seeking the services of a minister. The superintendent of the district asked this question: "How big a man do you want?" He probably had in mind that they would want a man of high education, who would require a large salary. The church members replied: "We don't care how big he is, so long as he can reach heaven on his knees." They had the right criteria in mind. The selection and calling of men and women into the Lord's service is a most serious and important matter. A Bible school must have the right, God-called staff. They must be called of God as surely as was the Apostle Paul of whom the Lord said, "He is a chosen vessel unto me." (Acts 9:15) Next to the foundation of an unwavering and uncompromising stand on the infallible Word of God, a Bible school needs men and women called of God to the work, and willing to lay aside personal considerations of money or position.

The scriptural qualifications are given to us. The servants of God must be not only soundly converted but just as completely given to God for life or death. The teachers must have teaching ability, the Spirit-given gift of teaching. The office staff must have good business sense and skills in typing, bookkeeping etc. The administrators must have good rapport with people, an honest reputation, and discernment of the appropriate ways and means. The dormitory deans need just about every Christian gift and grace named in the Book. Every member of the staff must be a man or woman of faith and prayer, a good witness to the faith by life and lip, impregnated with Bible truth, filled with the Spirit, and manifesting the lovely fruit of the Spirit in every life situation.

A high ideal? Yes it is, but it is God's ideal. We thank Him for the men and women He sent to serve at Berean Bible College who have sought to so live to His

1948-49 TEACHING STAFF OF THE BEREAN BIBLE COLLEGE

Cyril Hutchinson
J. Henry McCulloch

Mary M. Macomber
Arthur D. Cornell
Alice Doyle

Wm. J. Laing
Jean Laing
Leslie Lonneberg

Chrissie Goode
Philip Hutchinson
Evelyn Street
(nee Kerr)

glory. In this part of our history book we wish to display photographically the story of the men and women who have served, or who still serve our Lord in this Bible College, men and women who have been called of God to be "his chosen vessels," helping to keep Berean Bible College shining as the "burning bush" God intends it to be. We invite your affectionate and prayerful remembrance of all these dear people, as you enter our "Art Gallery" of God's servants.

Former

J. Henry McCulloch
.1948-1972
Wm. J. Laing
.1948-1965
Alice Doyle
.1948-1965

Jean Laing
.1948-1957
Chrissie Goode
.1948-1955
Leslie Lonneberg
.1948-1955

Faculty

Philip Hutchinson
.1948-1953
Lorne Irwin
.1949-1958
Gordon Moodie
.1949-1957

Members

Irwin Hertzsprung
.1952-1969
Harvey Jaster
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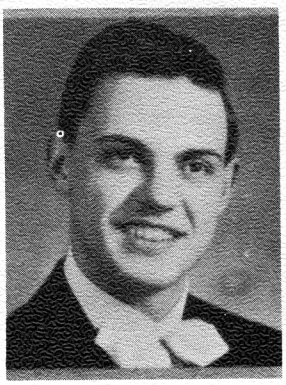
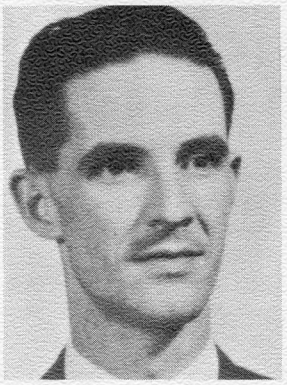
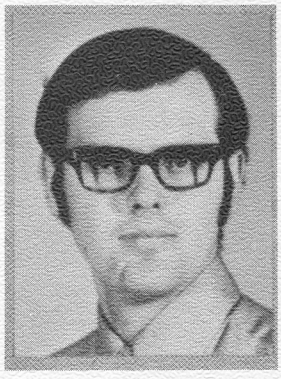




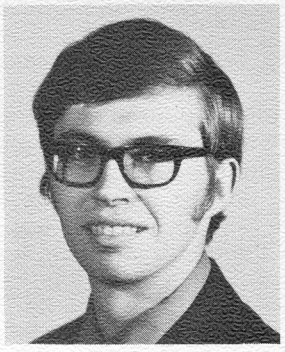
Herb. C. Montgomery
.1953-1958
Louis F. Johnson
.1961-1964
Carson Mitchell
.1961-1964
Charles Stanley
.1963-1969

Edmund Bunn
.1963-1964
Peter Waldin
.1964-1974
Irvin Ellis
.1965-1969
Percy Bromley
.1967-1968

Greta Prihodko
.1967-1968
James T. McNair
.1968-1969
G.A.Hadjiantoniou
.1970-1971
I. Kevin Barker
.1971-1973



Homiletics Class
.Clara Andersen
.Teacher: Wm J. Laing
Keith Fox
.1971-1972
Gary Torhjelm
.1973-1974



Ken Bender
.1969-1975
Winston Sproule
.1975-1976
Norma Bertsch
.1968-1976
Doug Schroeder
.1972-1975

Sketches of Long-Term Faculty

REV. CYRIL HUTCHINSON

- In 1925 he worked with William Aberhart preparing courses to be taught in the evenings at Westbourne Baptist Church, 13th Avenue and 4th Street S.E.
- October 1927 he began teaching at Calgary Prophetic Bible Institute (C.P.B.I.), in the evening course program on comparative religions, called Apologetics 3.
- June 7, 1928, Cyril Hutchinson married Ruth Elizabeth Redden.
- Weekend ministries included travelling to Red Deer and Innisfail alternating pulpits with Ernest C. Manning. Other preaching appointments were taken at Langdon, Gleichen, Strathmore and Calgary.
- In September 1935, Mr. Hutchinson became Principal of C.P.B.I. following William Aberhart's entrance into political life just after the Social Credit's landslide election in August of 1935. As well as being Principal, he took on a full day-time teaching load and a broadcasting ministry.
- In the fall of 1948, Cyril Hutchinson became Principal of Berean Bible College, and in the fall of 1969, he became the President of B.B.C.

REV. ARTHUR D. CORNELL

- October 1935 to April 1938, he was a student at C.P.B.I. and began teaching in his last term.
- Summer ministries: 1937, evangelism in rural school districts with classmate Larry Dodge.
- 1938, student pastor at the Union Jack School, south of Arrowwood and at Gleichen. 1939, evangelism outreach with Harry Strohschein; later, team pastor along with Bill Laing and Ed Phillips at the Bible Institute Baptist Church (now Bethel). 1940, he worked at A. G. Moodie's farm plus various services and evangelistic campaigns. 1941, he was in evangelism outreach with Manley Hodges and was then called to be the summer pastor at the Red Deer Bible Institute Baptist Church, (now Bethany Baptist).
- Terms 1937-38 until the term of 1940-41 he taught at C.P.B.I.
- Winter of 1941-42 he pastored at Ellscott, Alberta, along with planning and building a small house starting from the standing timber. He moved in on March 28, 1942.
- March 8, 1942 he became engaged to Ethelwyn Mynott and they were married June 16th. They honeymooned that summer on an evangelistic tour!
- April 1943 until September 1946, he pastored at The Edmonton Fundamental Baptist Church.
- October 1945, he began his Bible school ministry: '46-48 at C.P.B.I., 1948 to the present time at Berean Bible College. In the fall of 1969, Arthur Cornell became the Principal of B.B.C.

MISS MARY M. MACOMBER

- October 1936 to April 1940, attended C.P.B.I.
- Taught at C.P.B.I., October 1940 to April 1948.
- In October 1944, Miss Macomber was involved with script writing and producing the "Mary Grey" children's stories for the CFCN Sunday School Adult Bible Class broadcast.
- Summer ministries 1939-1945 -- evangelistic and children's meetings. 1945 into the 1950's she was involved with camp ministry.
- In 1948, she began work at Berean Bible College as teacher and librarian. The library then consisted of 300 books! Miss Macomber continued with the script writing for "Mary Grey" story hour, then heard on CJCJ on the "Family Goes to Church" broadcast.
- Attended Cascade College, Portland, Oregon, beginning the spring quarter of 1961 and graduating with a B.A. in History in 1963. Later she took graduate studies at the University of Oregon in Eugene, receiving an M.A. in History, August 1968.

MRS. M. EVELYN STREET

- 1938, graduated from Garbutt Business College, Calgary, Alberta.
- Started working with the Radio Sunday School Correspondence Department preparing, grading, and marking Bible courses. Each month the Correspondence Department handled between 5,000 and 10,000 enrollees.
- In the fall of 1938, Evelyn Kerr began evening courses at C.P.B.I. and graduated in the spring of 1947.
- September 1940 she began work in the office of C.P.B.I. as secretary. She typed radio scripts for William Aberhart along with bookkeeping and regular secretarial duties.
- In the fall of 1947 she taught Old Testament History at C.P.B.I. in addition to secretarial duties.
- In the fall of 1948, she began teaching at Berean Bible College, held in the Alliance Church, and directed the office at 834 5th Avenue S.W.
- Evelyn Kerr was married to Samuel J. Street on June 10th, 1949.

Deans of Women Deans of Men

Martha and Frank Kerr
.1950-1953

Jean Robertson
.1953-1954

Herbert C. Montgomery
.1953-1958

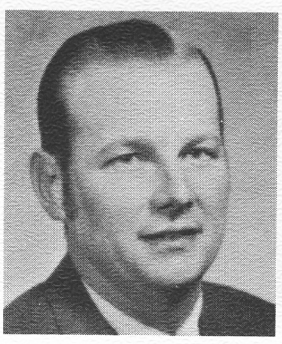
Janet Farnell
.1954-1962

Rudy Schneider
.1958-1961

Rosella Lindsay
.1962-1963

Carson Mitchell
.1961-1963

Ruth Snyder
.1963-1964



Josephine M. Francis
.1964-1966

Grant Williams
.1963-1976

Clara Williams
.1966-1976

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Walter Kokot
.1976-

Lydia Street
.1976-

Cooks

Jennie Stones
.1950-1973

Edna Othen
.(nee Dye)
.1950-1952

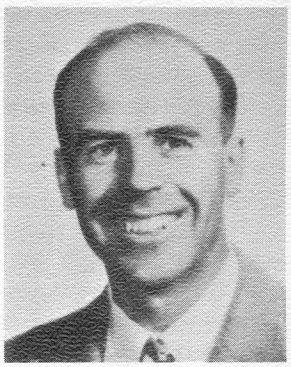
Kathleen Stuckey
.(nee Stones)
.1952-1955

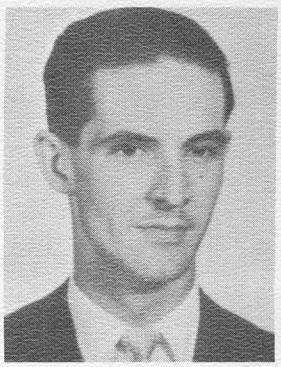
Eileen Stones
.1955-1961

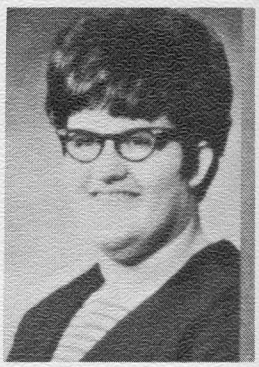
Helen Lindley
.(nee Martin)
.1961-62

Printers

W. Del Stuckey
.1958-1962
Charles Stanley
.1963-1965
Henry Koop
.1965-1967
Janice Lavoie
.1968-1970

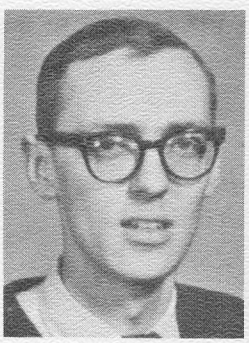






Past Additional Staff

Esther Siemens
.(nee Crayford)
.Secretary
.1952-1955
Paul Furseth
.Promotions
.1955-1969
Nelson Weston
.Business
.1965-1968



Robert Payne
.Business
.1969-1971
Neil Strohschein
.Promotions
.1972-1974
J. Henry McCulloch
.Stewardship
.1972-1974

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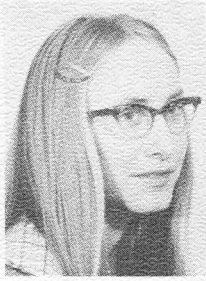

Edith MacKenzie
.1962-1973
Charlene Toews
.1973-1975
Fern Dietz
.1975-1976
Joan Richardson
.1976-

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Carpenters

H. E. (Bert) Cornell
.1950-1955

Joseph O. Cummins
.1955-1957

Frank H. Kerr
.1955-1957

Robert Payne

Jen Stones and Mrs. "Mac."

1977-78 Staff

Mrs. Evelyn Street
.Office Manager
.Bookkeeper
.1948-

Miss Sylvia Inkpen
.Secretary
.April 1958-

Miss Jean McEachern
.Secretary
.Cashier
.April 1965-

Miss Gloria Rachar
.Secretary
.April 1974 to
Sept 1977

Miss Shirley Robinson
.Secretary
.Sept 1977-

Dormitory Deans

Rev. Walter Kokot
.August 1976-
Miss Lydia Street
.August 1976-

Mrs. Joan Richardson
.Cook
.1976-

Rev. George Francisco
.Director of
Development
.August 1976-

1977-78 Faculty

Mrs. Evelyn Street
.1948-
Rev. C. Hutchinson
.1948-69 Principal
.1969- President
Miss Mary Macomber
.1948-
Rev. A.D. Cornell
.1948- Faculty
.1969- Principal
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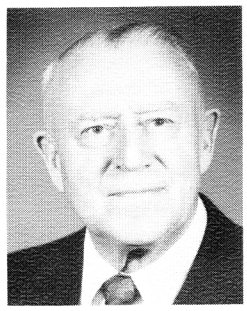
Rev. Dave Anderson
.August 1974-
Mr. Reuben Kvill
.August 1975-
Mr. Garry Francis
.August 1976-



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Part-Time Faculty

Miss Onalee Eppy
.November 1976-
Mrs. Marilyn Taylor
.September 1976-
Mrs. Adrienne Anderson
.October 1968-
Mr. Bill Anderson
.October 1953-

What has this staff produced under the hand of God? In the dormitories, comfortable accommodation with nourishing meals, warm fellowship and spiritualcounselling. In the administration office, well-kept records of each student, impeccable bookkeeping, printing of teaching materials, correspondence with supporters and those interested in Bible college training, planning tours, and editing, layout and mailing of the bi-monthly publication, "Berean Broadcaster." In themusic department, careful and inspiring training of the choirs, individuals wishing to develop a good singing voice and the various duets, trios, quartettes and sextettes. In practical work, the art of personal evangelism, hospital visitation, tract distribution and witness, door-to-door evangelism and service to children's groups and in church departments. In the classrooms, a comprehensive, well taught curriculum covering a three-year Bachelor of Religious Education degree with majors in Theology, Missions and Christian Education; and a two-year General Bible Program, with a good missions emphasis. Also covered are the requirements of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, leading to an ETTA diploma.

As this teaching and training is coordinated with the staff, care is maintained to see that there is no deviation in the slightest from the foundational truths of the Word of God. Safeguards are erected against any infiltration by the apostasy of liberalism. The staff must be united on the Word of God. The doctrinal statement must be signed each year by every member of the Board of Management. Berean Bible College consists of God's "chosen vessels" shining forth His chosen Word.

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1977-78 Board of Management

Top: R.L. Bittle, M.T. Wilson, C. Hutchinson, C.Johnson, S. Pattison, A.D. Cornell. Middle: D. J. Kermick, S. J. Street, M. Macomber, G.E.Moodie, C.L.Norton, D.J.Love. Bottom: M.E.Reese, E. Othen, W.E. Sproule, G.D. Robinson, R. Smith, R.G. Allen.

CHOSEN VESSELS

Honorary Board Members

A. Doyle *J.H.McCulloch*

Chapter Six

The Hand Stretched Out

God never intended that Berean Bible College should become a "Dead Sea." The Dead Sea is dead because it has no outlet. The Jordan River pours into its north end, carrying its burden of silt and dissolved minerals into the "sea" that lies some 1,300 feet below normal sea level, deep in the earth cleft that is part of the great Rift Valley that runs south through a great part of Africa. The water in the Dead Sea evaporates quickly in the heat, leaving uncounted tons of minerals suspended in the water. In that mineral density nothing lives; not a fish, not even a weed. And thus birds do not come to that barren place. It is indeed a "Dead Sea."

God forbid that a Bible school should become such a place! There is danger that it might. Scoffers sometimes say: "You people live in a spiritual ivory tower and don't know what the score is outside of your fenced-in playground." Are they right? A Bible school could become monastic, shut away in a "holier than thou" atmosphere and literally let the rest of the world go to destruction.

It was quite different as far as our Lord was concerned. He received the opposite criticism, when He went to eat with "publicans and sinners." He had a hand stretched out to the needy all around. We read Paul's word also, as he described the Philippian church: "In the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life." That is the work of a "burning bush". Berean is called to this.

Radio

Many of you are aware of the outreach of Berean Bible College. Perhaps the best known is the broadcast outreach over a number of radio stations. Why do we broadcast? First, that a clear Gospel message might be sent out, bringing the good news of salvation within reach of most people in western Canada. Secondly, that Christian people might be taught and inspired by Bible truths and kept up to date with world affairs, especially as they pertain to the fulfillment of prophetic Scriptures. Thirdly, to bring all of the Berean "family" of

supporters into close fellowship with each other. To this end we prepare and broadcast these programs as we have without interruption since Berean Bible College began in 1948. Various radio stations have carried the broadcasts into Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and the State of Washington. For a time the broadcasts also went into the Peace River country and farther north into Alaska. We rejoice to know that men, women and children have found the Saviour through this outreach and many Christians have been cheered and encouraged to press on for the Lord and to train for His service.

Mr. C.W. Anderson, Program producer of the Family Bible Hour Broadcast. 1971

The Berean Radio Studio, with the "Advanced Choir" of 1964 and Rev. Cyril Hutchinson at the mike. In the foreground, note the old CFCN radio control panel. It has since retired.

Publications

The photographs published with this section of the history will tell much of other ways in which Berean Bible College reaches out. Every two months the magazine "The Berean Broadcaster" carries news of God at work, here and elsewhere. There are articles and Bible studies by faculty members, book reviews, testimonies, photographs and a good section containing Alumni news.

Samples of the BEREAN BROADCASTER throughout the years.

Special Days

At the College there are special events each year, such as the "Berean Preview," when high school students and grads come for a "look-see" at the Bible school and enjoy fine Christian fellowship with each other.

"Parents' Days" is another important event when the parents of the students come to share classes and chapel with their sons and daughters. This has been a highlight of the year for many.

Students gathering at the BEREAN PREVIEW weekend in 1972.

Visitation

Other local outreaches have already been mentioned. Student and staff teams carry on house-to-house visitation, hospital visitation and hold occasional street meetings. Other teams conduct services in churches, in skid row missions, or travel to neighbouring towns to hold church services or to assist those churches in visitation outreach through the

1957 Hospital Visitation by Clara Andersen

Below: Jerry Robinson, Wendy Taylor, Gwen Edwards and Allan Plant, are heading out on Hospital Visitation, 1967.

Beverley H. Botheras doing Senior Citizen Home visits during his 1958 term.

Larry Foss speaks at the Saturday night STREET MEETING in front of the Queens Hotel. 1956

Bill Jackson, Arthur Beatty and Bill Rosenkranz are doing personal work following the meeting at the "Third Street East Mission." 1956

town or village. Many other students and staff members teach in Sunday schools or conduct children's classes in public schools or in private homes. There is also a constant distribution of tracts in the shopping centers and an occasional "invasion" of the downtown mall and the University campus.

Bible Club

Annie MacLean in 1956 working with a Bible Club, held in a nearby school.

Outdoor Meetings

Drama presentation on the Eighth Avenue Mall, Calgary, by the 1977 Students.

Donna Husband (1977) talking to a contact following the Drama Presentation.

A 1977 DRAMA TEAM presentation on the center park area of the University of Calgary Narrator: Leeanne Brems; Actors: Budd Phillips, Bryan Adams, and Maxine Barton.

Choir Tours

Then the circle of influence enlarges as the hand is stretched out to areas beyond the local and nearby districts. Each spring the Concert Choir of Berean Bible College travels for a two-week tour of God-blessed presentations from the Pacific coast all the way to Ontario and into the northern United States. These are concerts including music, drama and sound Biblical themes vividly portrayed by testimonies, evangelistic appeals and visual aids including slides and films with sound effects. God has richly blessed and used this outreach to the uplift of Christian people and to the salvation of young and old.

A 1961 Choir presentation, given in the Chapel area, located on the top floor of the Administration Building. Note that unfinished ceiling.

The 1972 Concert Choir, under the direction of Mr. C.W. Anderson.

As each term comes to its close, smaller teams also travel far and wide. These are often teams of five or six, forming singing and witnessing groups and usually accompanied by a faculty member. The latter person is often the "preacher" but sometimes it falls to the lot of a senior student to bring the message from the Word of God. God uses this! Often three such teams are travelling at the same time into different areas of our land and into the United States.

The Pianist and Trio of 1968: Carolee Hodges, Wendy Taylor, Connie Cornell, and Sharon Bright.

The 1962 Quartet: Paul Furseth, Gordon Cowie, Charles Stanley and Marvin McElheran. Below: The 1962 Trio: Jean Banning, Janny Popjes and Ruby Jedel.

Music Group Tours

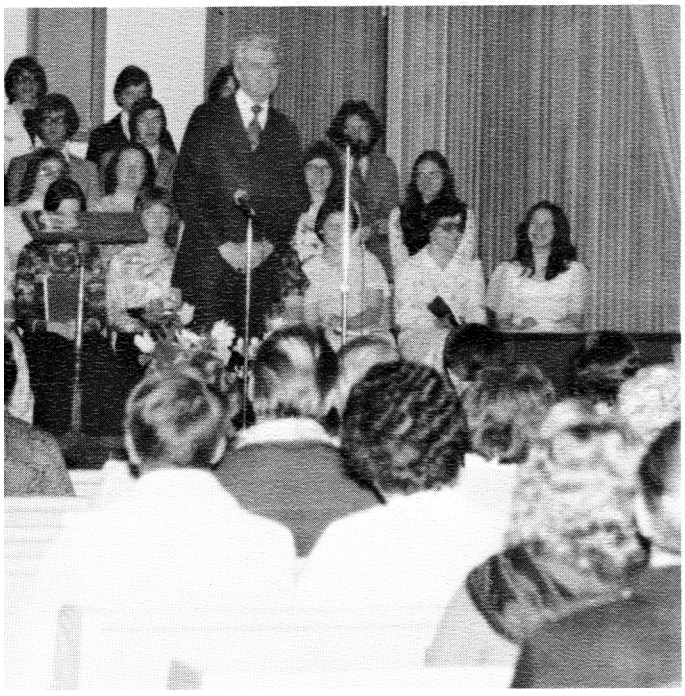
The 1968 Quartet: Alan Cryder, David Lee, Marilyn Reese pianist, Gordon Nelson, and Bill Knapp.

Faculty Speaking Engagements

Nor is this "reaching out" confined to the spring or early summer. All through the year our staff members are travelling, usually on weekends when they are free of class responsibilities.

Travels are to various churches by special invitation to bring a series of Bible studies on relevant subjects or to relieve a pastor on vacation or called to a Conference. Our Director of Development reaches hundreds of people as he invites them to Berean banquets and there presents the Lord's work through this College, giving valuable advice on financial matters concerning annuities and wills. Usually through an accompanying staff member an inspirational study of God's Word is brought.

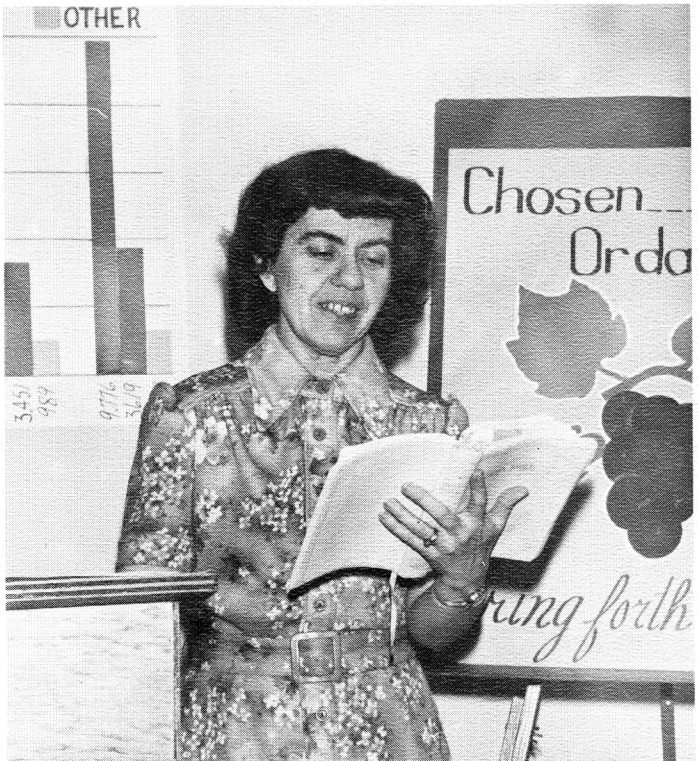
Still another valuable "reach out" is by means of seminars conducted for various churches or Bible study groups, whereby Christian workers can be further trained for such ministries as youth leadership and Sunday school teaching. These have been of great help to hundreds of people. In similar fashion, both students and staff at Berean Bible College have an effective summer ministry as teachers, counsellors and directors in many Bible camps throughout widespread districts of Canada.



Rev. George Francisco, master of ceremonies for the College Choir Concert, introduced the PARENTS' WEEKEND activities (Spring '77)

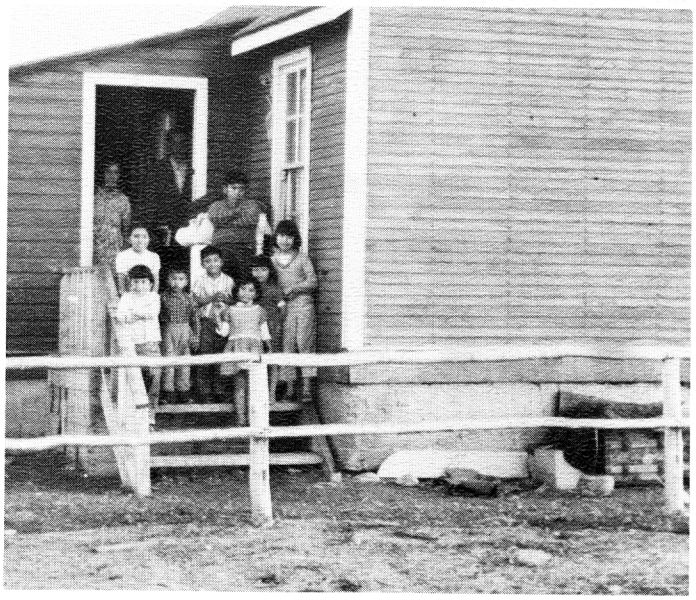
Church Seminars

Mrs. Adrienne Anderson has lead a number of church seminars in the Christian Education field.

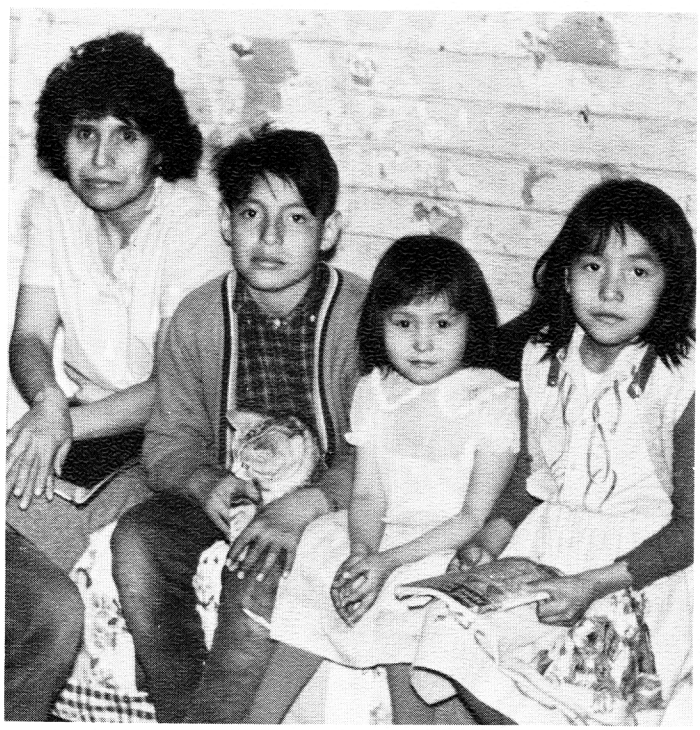


Missions

Farther afield there is a long story to tell which we will try to pick up in our last chapter. This is the outreach to people of other nationalities and languages. This begins not too far away from Berean Bible College, as teams have travelled to the Indian reservations and carried the Gospel message to many there. Thank God for those who have trusted the Saviour because of this. Across the world Berean graduates stand as ambassadors of Jesus Christ, "holding forth the word of life" to needy people. East, west, north and south they have gone, some to lay down their lives in strange lands. The sun never sets on Berean grads preaching Christ! They have gone chiefly with the great faith missions, about 20 different organizations that have been pleased to accept our graduates. Again the harvest has been bountifully given by God.



Sarcee Reservation visitation, 1964



All this is backed up by our praying people. Each month a prayer letter is sent to all who request it and together we pray each day for some specific request. This is the outreach of prayer.

Berean Bible College is NOT a "Dead Sea." Its hand is stretched out to the ends of the earth every day "holding forth the word of life!"

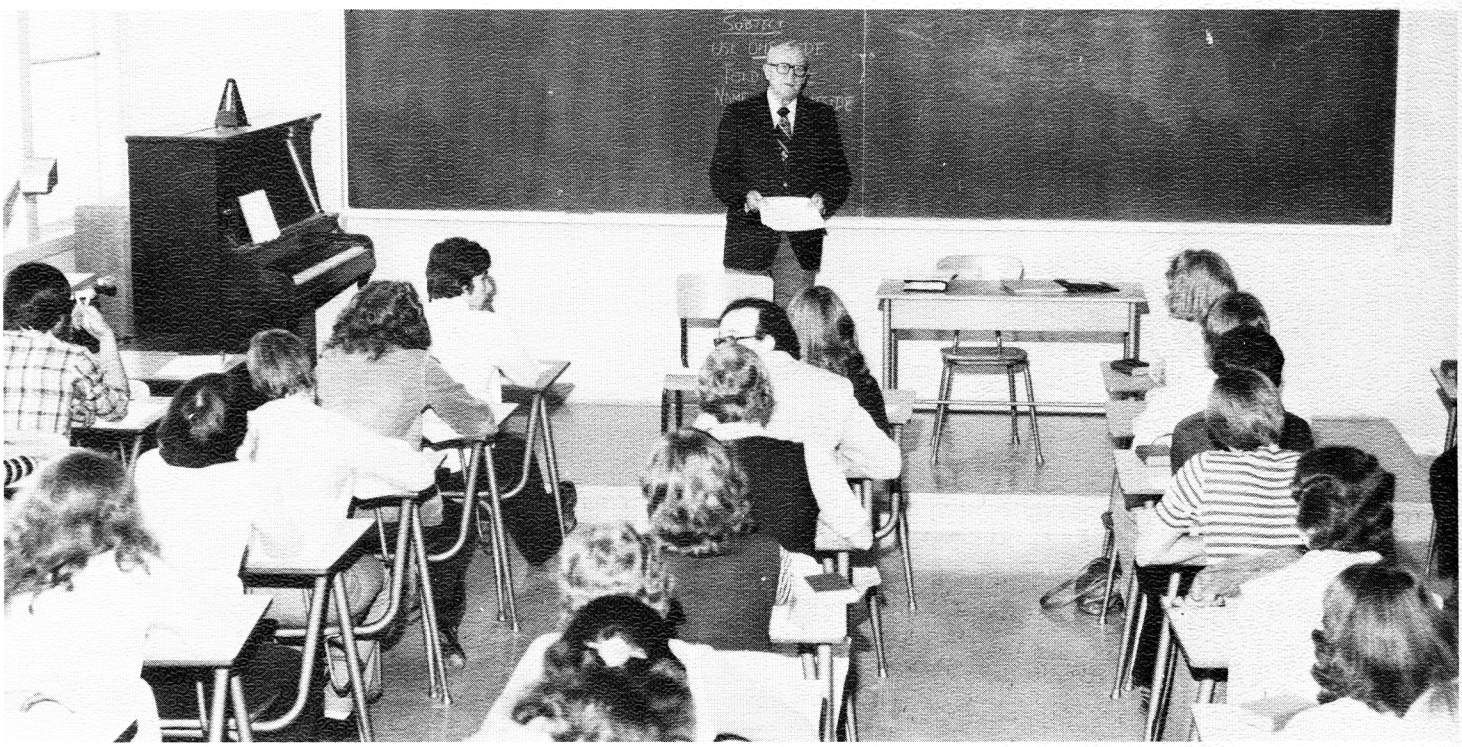
Chapter Seven The Shaping of a Life ...

What comes to mind when we hear the name "Peter"? Probably we find a mental image projected on the screen of memory which shows a man who was impulsive, often vascillating, sometimes blundering on into new difficulties because of his impetuosity. We think of his fears and his boldness, demonstrating the instability of a typically unrestrained human being. Often we say "He's a picture of myself!"

Quite often "Peters" come to Bible College; young men and women with that glowing potential that can develop into the bold, vigorous personality that Peter became. The Lord Jesus saw this in Peter on the first day they met. He said: "Thou art...thou shalt be." (John 1:42) This process of growing, developing, maturing from what we are into what we can become for God must be operating in Christian lives if success is to be achieved in the sight of God.

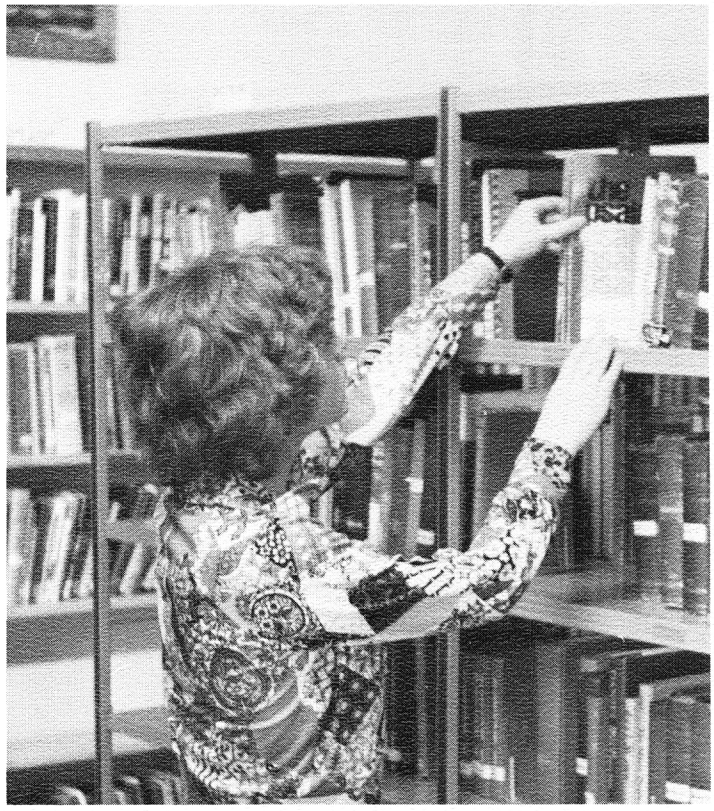
So it is with all the "Peters" who come to Berean Bible College. We ask God to set each one of them on a double track. One is the learning track. It is travelled by diligent study in the class hours,

The classroom is used as one mode of "shaping the life." The freshmen class awaits Mr. Hutchinson's distribution of the first examination in the Book of Acts (fall 1977). Note the desks and teaching table. They were an Alumni project.



Students on the way to class, winter of 1955, previous to the construction of the Administration building.

in the library of just over 10,000 books and at the individual desks in the dormitory rooms. Needless to say, this is a very important part of Bible College. Students must learn the truths of God's Word.

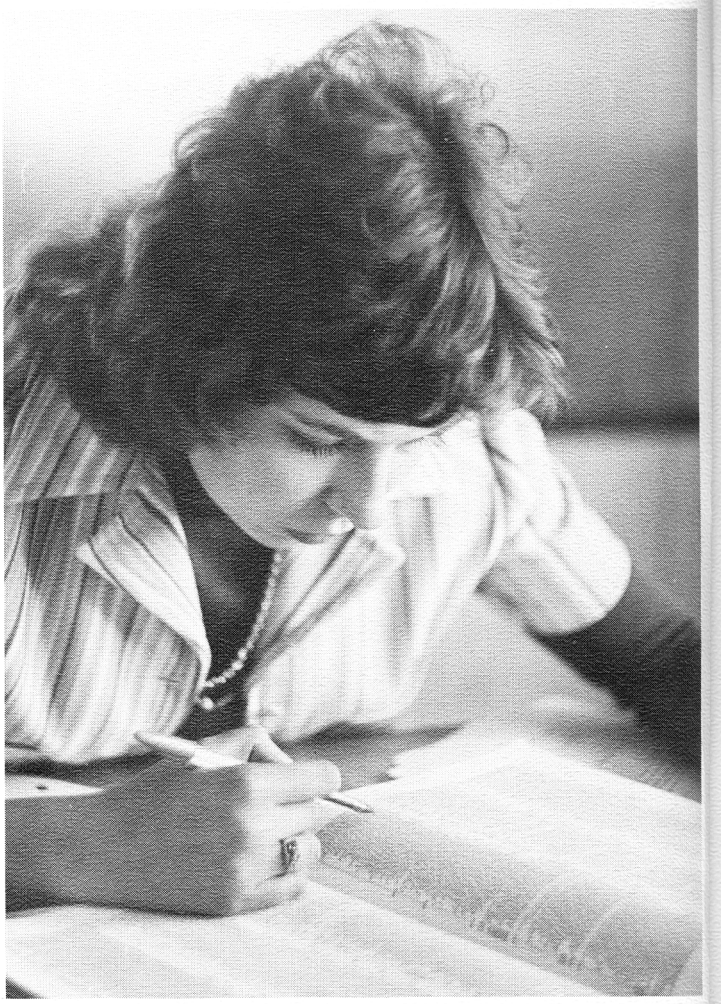


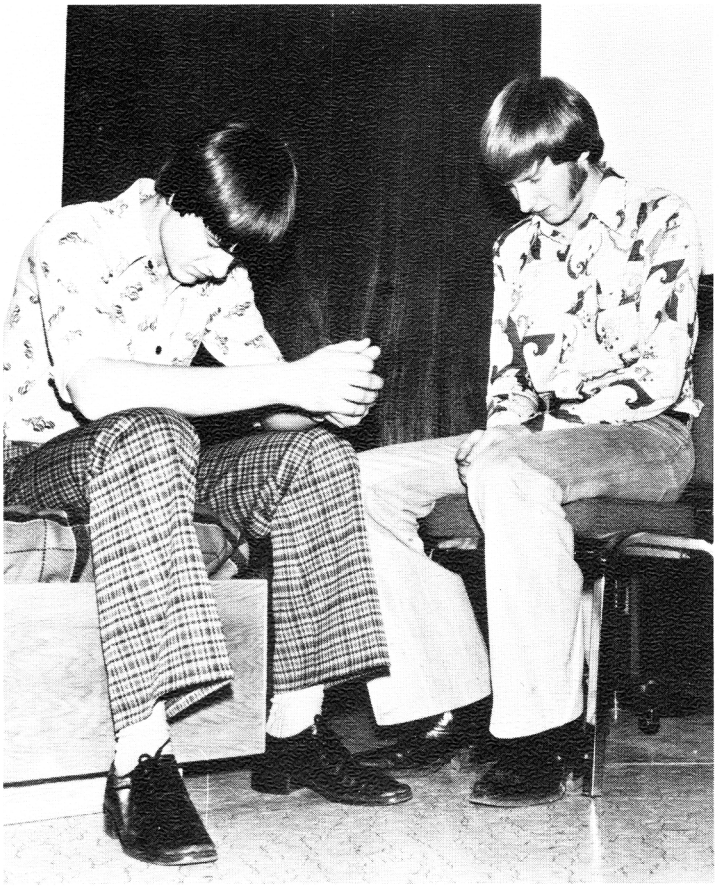
Christine Ward chooses one of the many books from Berean Library (1976-77).

...through STUDIES

Fall Conference 1963. It is through the prayer and financial support of many of these folk that Berean is able to have a part in the growth of our young people. Take note of the small library (3 to 4000 books). Compare this to the library in 1978 of just over 10,000 books (see page 65).

How can we encourage such spiritual growth? It is such a personal matter that outside influences must be carefully and lovingly, though firmly applied. We encourage spiritual development by many suggestions and guide posts along the path of Bible College life. The student is asked to observe a time of private Bible reading and worship each morning and each evening. It is evident that this is a very personal matter, dependent entirely on the will of the individual. It is not supervised nor can it be. We feel that it is essential for reaching the goal of Christian maturity. Neglect of this soon shows in the life.



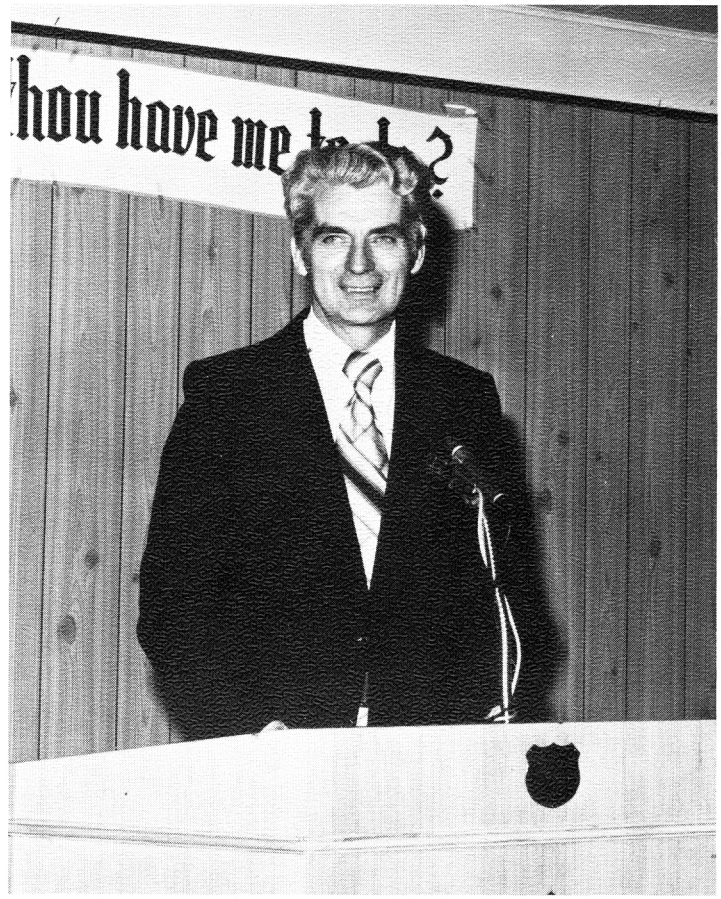


...through Spiritu

Above: Jean Miller looks up a word in the concordance. Basic Bible research is important to lasting spiritual development (1975). Left: Roommates Ron Munro and Robert Guynup take time out of their busy schedule to pray (1978).

But there is a second track and we are convinced that this is more important than the first one. This is the process of "becoming." It is the transition from "thou art" to "thou shalt be." It is the personal growth and development into a "new Peter," the Peter of Acts 2 and the soul stirring events of the following chapters.

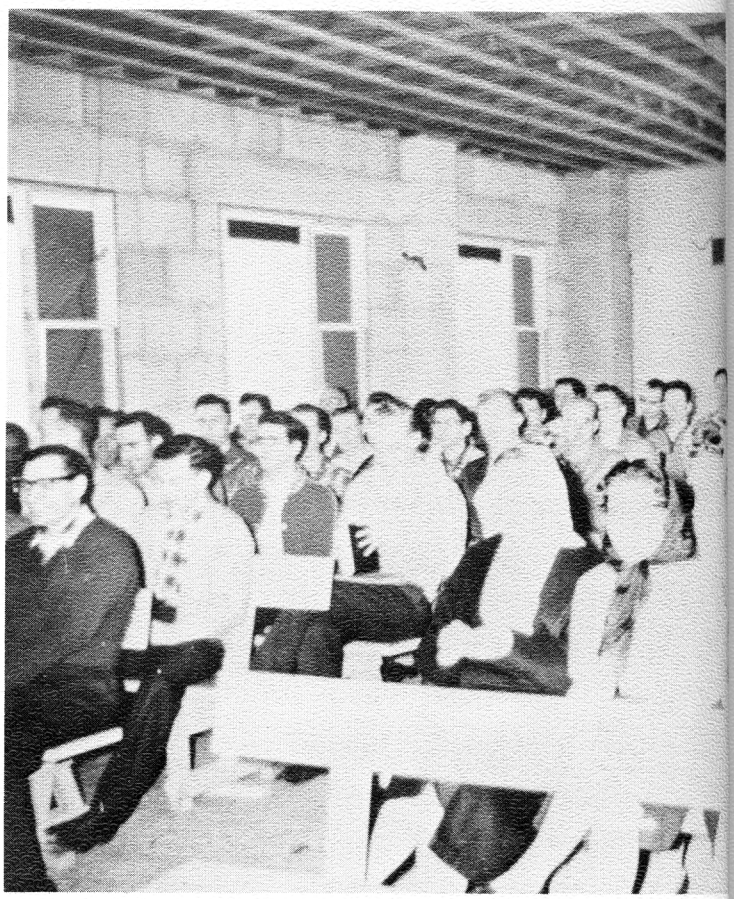
Each day, from Monday to Friday, there is a chapel meeting for both students and staff, thirty minutes of singing, testimonies in praise to God, Bible reading and usually an exposition from the Bible brought by a staff member, a visiting speaker or by a senior student. How often the Spirit of God has moved on every heart in such gatherings and drawn us all nearer to the Saviour! Later on in each day, usually after lunch, there is a half-hour prayer meeting for the student body and also one for the staff members, when our petitions are brought to the throne of grace as we pray for each other and for God's work worldwide.

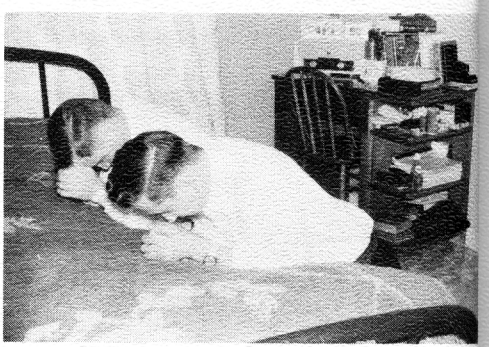


Chapel is held each morning on the top floor of the Administration Building. Faculty members regularly share in turn the devotional message, along with several of the staff, and visiting guests. Above is Rev. Geo. Francisco, one of our chapel speakers and Director of Development for the College.

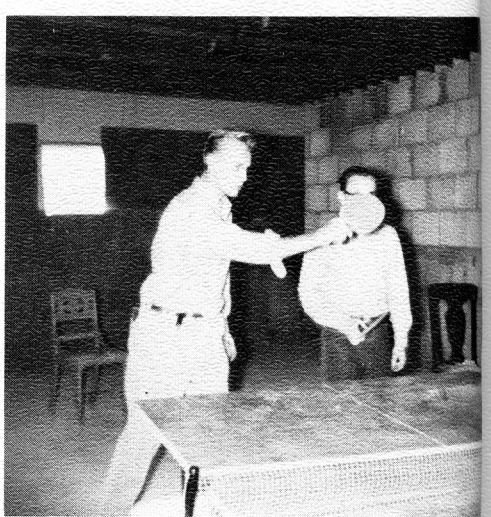
Development

Then there are special days. Certain of these, reserved early in the term, are called "Spiritual Emphasis Days," when classes are suspended and time given for the seeking of God's blessing and strengthening. Some of God's men and women often share with us the truths God has given to them. We seek to get new worthwhile goals more clearly in heart and mind. Added to these times are various Christian workers conferences that the students and faculty are encouraged to attend. Various "Deeper Life" and "Revival Meetings" come to this city and many of these have great spiritual value in transforming the very human Simon Peters, sons of an earthly father, into the Cephas people, the solid "stones" for God.





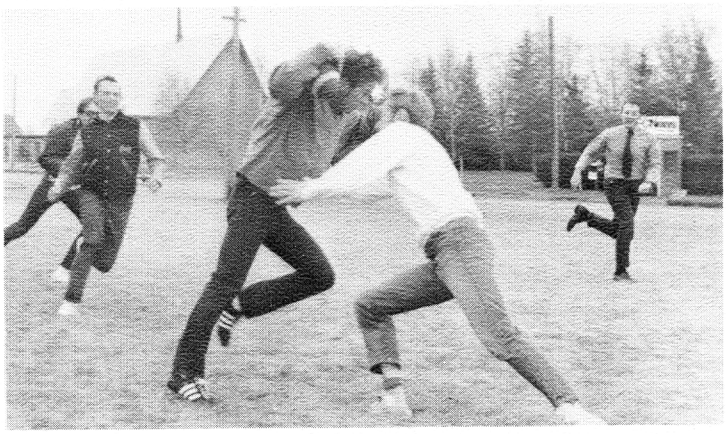
Above right: Chapel service 1961 with plywood floors, hard benches and unfinished ceiling, but that did not hinder their spiritual growth. A number of missionaries came from this year, now circling the globe. Right: Ted Smith and Dave Epp kneel in prayer (1959). See the old study table, now replaced with new arborite-topped desks. Lower right: Jack Popjes and Ken Strohschein playing ping-pong in the area that now is the Projection Room (1958). Below: A group of students meet on the east lawn for prayer (1976).

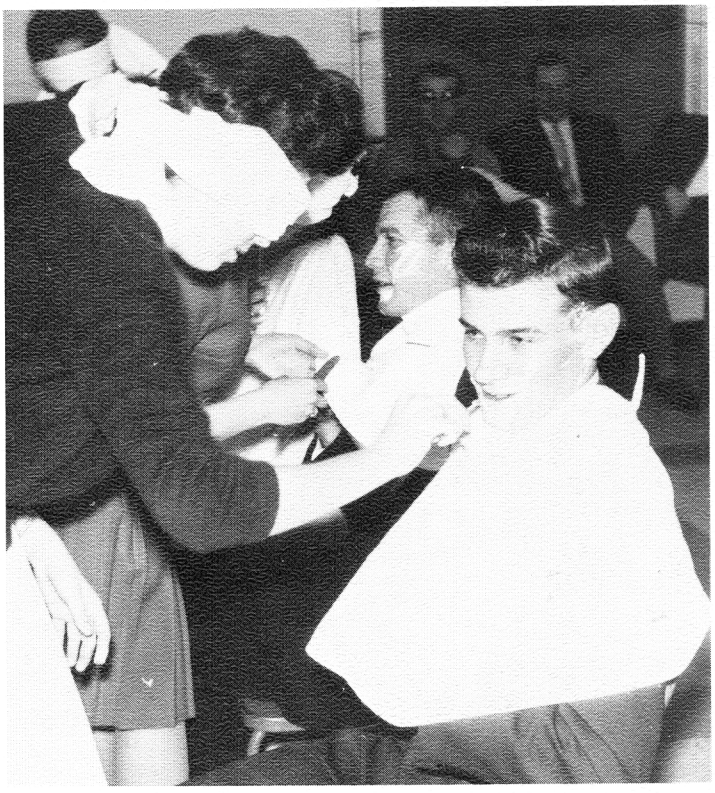


Yes, there are other spheres of personal development at Berean Bible College. One is that of physical activities, in the area of sports. Various individual and competitive games are encouraged, such as football, baseball, skating, hockey, hiking as the season permits, both on campus and in Christian fellowship with other church and Bible school groups and teams. Another sphere is that of social growth and behaviour. We encourage the men and women to learn the social graces that con-

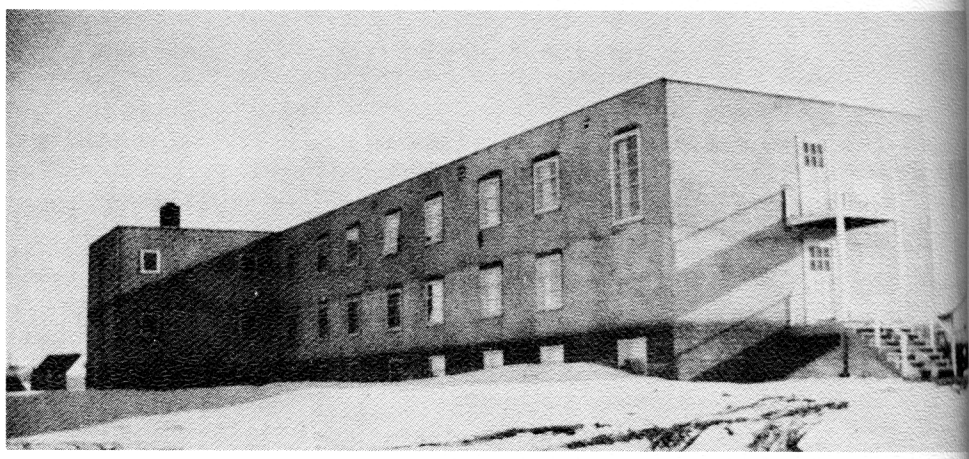
...through Personal Growth

Upper right: 1976 Hockey Team the "Berean Blazers." Right: Students and Ken Bender playing football 1971. Lower right: Irene Griffiths shaving Ben Potter during a Friday night fellowship (1965). They've married since! Personal growth is helped by the pleasant sharing around the table. Below is a group of students from 1975 in the Berean dining room.



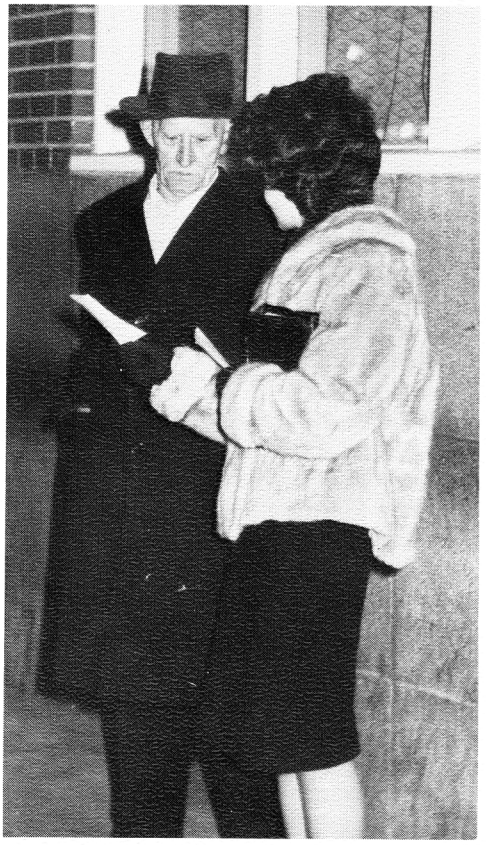


stitute the wholesome attitudes of Christian gentlemen and ladies towards each other. This includes the seating at tables, classroom and corridor deportment and public appearances and gatherings off campus.



God uses dorm life as a tool for personal growth. Gratis, roommates, free time, fellowship, dorm prayer times, recreation and demerits, are all part of dorm experiences that lead to personal character building. Above is a photo of the "Men's" Dorm and washroom section, prior to the building of the Ladies' Dormitory. 1959. Right: Susan Hooley and Kathy Goertz sharing a few minutes together on the dock at Camp Chestermere. 1975. Personal growth takes place during fellowship times at Berean. Below, the staff of 1957 perform at the Christmas party under the direction of Pastor Bill Laing. From left to right: Eileen Stones, Janet Farnell, Mary Macomber, Evelyn Street, Lorne Irwin and Jennie Stones.

Dave Kenyon visiting in nursing home. '64

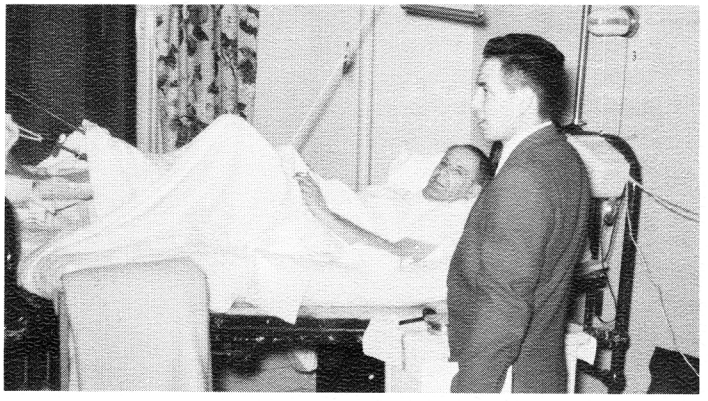


Doreen Pochirowski, 1963, talking with an elderly gentleman outside the Queen's Hotel after the Sat-day night Street meeting.

Below: Bill Jackson visiting a patient in hospital, 1957.

Miss Mary Macomber stands by her picture "I am now Ready" theme of the graduating class of 1962. The purpose of Berean is to help mold and shape the life, so that our graduates can say with the Apostle Paul...I AM NOW READY.

...through Christian Service



A third part of personal development is found in the presentation of a face-to-face witness for the Lord Jesus Christ, on the streets, on the shopping malls and campuses. This is not only effective service for the Lord but also a long step towards character growth and a settled confidence in God's Word and God's work.

With Solomon we exclaim "Let my beloved come into his garden" (Song of Solomon 4:16) and there find the new life He has sown there, growing into strong, fruitful trees of the Lord. Let Him find at Berean Bible College many Peters who are reaching for the "Thou shalt be" Christian maturity that can be obtained by the grace of God!

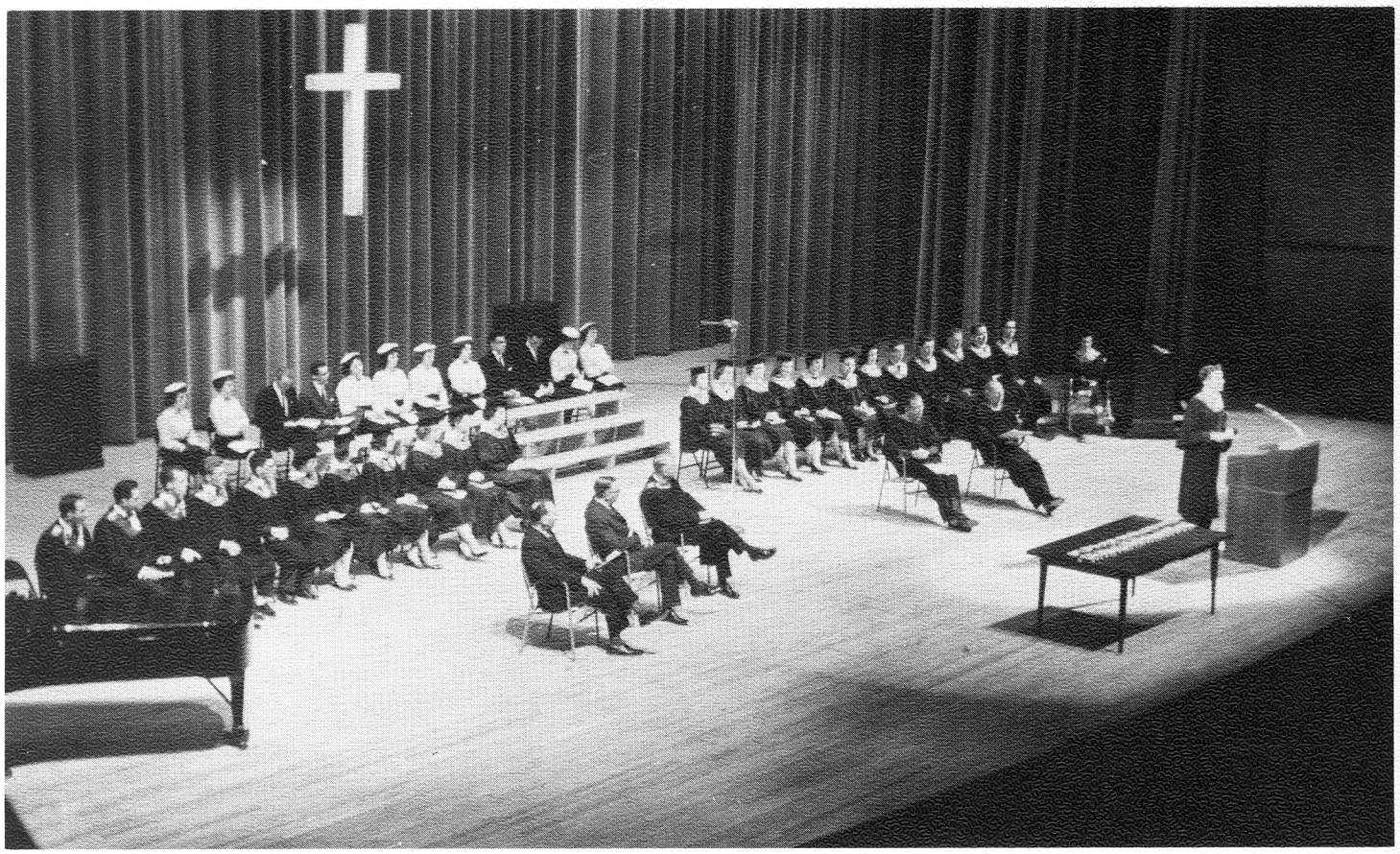
Chapter Eight Where Are The Graduates?

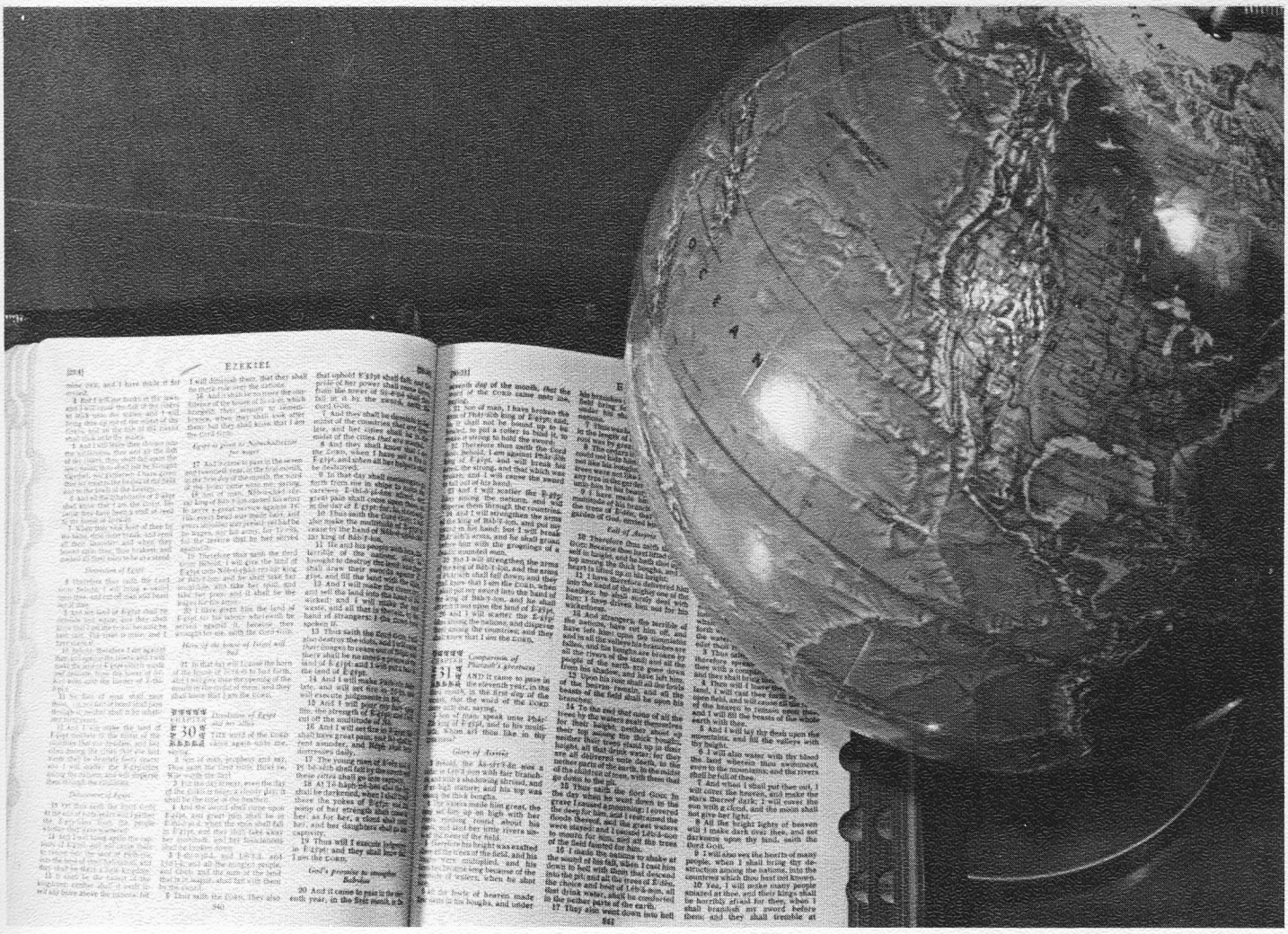
The command of our Lord is concise and unmistakable — the whole world is the field where the Good Seed must be sown. Every man and woman on earth is in dire need of the Good News that Jesus saves.

While the young men and women study at Berean Bible College, these vital truths are deeply impressed on their hearts and minds. Representatives of missionary societies visit the College presenting the specific needs of unreached millions. Prayer groups are formed, where students gather to pray for particular countries and peoples. Missions courses are designed to introduce and challenge each student with his responsibility to the world.

Berean graduates have heeded the command of the Lord, and the impulse of His Holy Spirit, in that they have gone to the world with His message. Recently we had occasion to write to our missionary family, and the joy of receiving replies,

1963 Graduation Exercises held in the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.





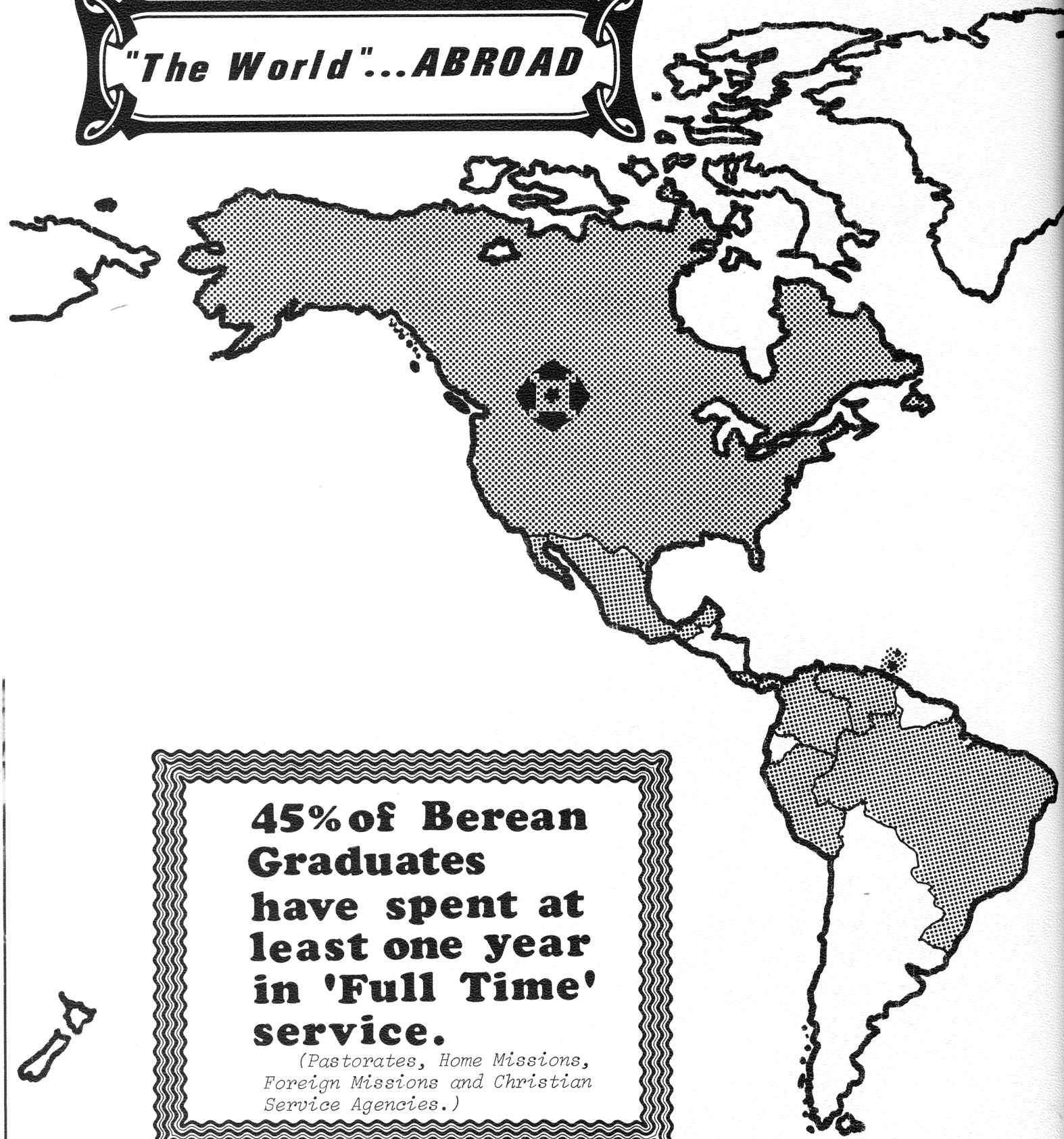
'Go Ye Into All The World'

Rev. Mel Slack, '49, Missionary to India

bearing postmarks from many areas of the world. This is where Berean Bible College finds its continuing fulfillment as we realize afresh how widely God is using its influence.

We have conflicting emotions, parting with young men and women we have come to love and respect, as diploma in hand, studies at Berean ended, they walk from the graduation ceremony to a world desperately in need of the life-giving Word. But how thankful we are that they have the spiritual equipment to step into the mission field -- the world.

"The World"...ABROAD



45% of Berean Graduates have spent at least one year in 'Full Time' service.

(Pastorates, Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Christian Service Agencies.)

Example:

16 Berean Alumni have served with various mission organizations in the land of India.

Countries in which Berean Alumni have Served.

Rev. Hutchinson is preaching through three interpreters to a crowd of day-clinic lepers who came to the Leprosarium in Shashemane Ethiopia in July of 1955. Mr. Hutchinson was on a ministry tour of 16 countries around the world, to encourage our Alumni serving on the mission field. Manley and Mildred Hodges, Jean Robertson and Mrs. Doris Fargher (nee Slack), have served the Lord in the Shashemane area.

Where do they go? Into many places, and many walks of life. Perhaps we think first of those far away places. Africa has received Berean-trained workers as they have volunteered as general missionaries teachers, nurses, serving in Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Rhodesia, Tchad, Nigeria, Niger, Upper Volta, Liberia, Equatorial Guinea, Canary Islands. India and its neighbor Nepal, have received them also, as Bereans have faithfully sown the Good Seed through youth ministries, Bible school teaching, pastoring, and specialized services. Indonesia has pioneers in the mountainous land of Irian Jaya, and in Kalimantan Barat. Taiwan has been touched. And in South America: Brazil, Colombia, Surinam, Peru, and Venezuela all have seen Bereans in trans-

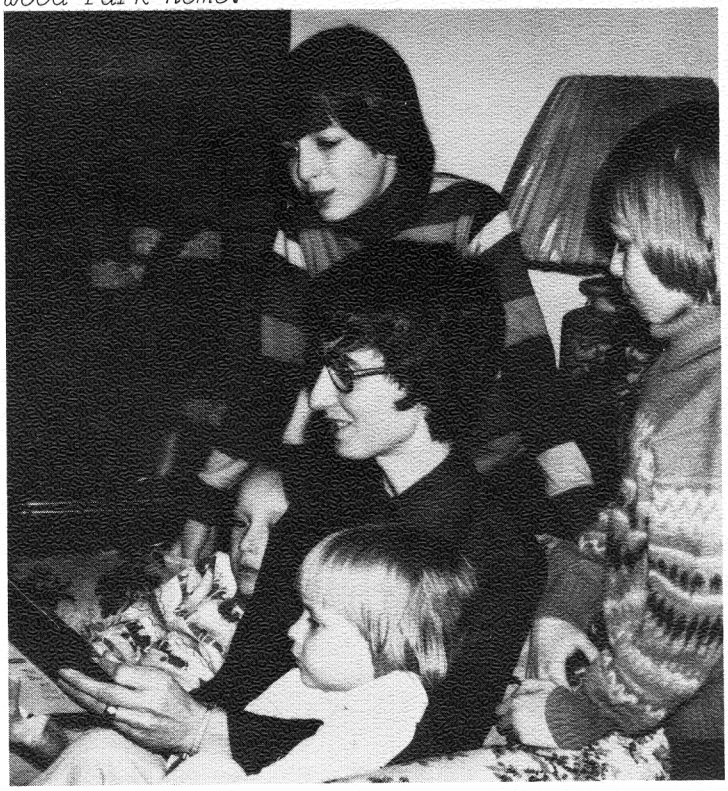
lation, aviation, teaching, nursing, child care. Costa Rica has one of our nurses, and Mexico a couple church planting. Panama, Trinidad, Tobago all have seen Bereans come to their shores. Britain, Sweden, Spain, Italy, also are included. And on our own continent, Bereans are sharing the Good News with the Jews in New York, the French and Ukrainian peoples of Canada, and the Indians of our Northland. We praise God for all this far-distant outreach.

Elaine Nystrom R.N., 1972 grad, Missionary in Kijabe, Kenya with AIM.

"The World" at Home

But the field is the world. Homebase cannot be forgotten. The sign, "You Are Now Entering the Mission Field," placed over the exit of a certain church, could well be posted over the Berean Bible College exit. Hundreds of young people have passed through Berean's doors with those words on their hearts. On the pages of this book you see them; those who are helping to mold the lives of our future leaders: homemakers, Sunday school teachers, youth club leaders and sponsors. Then there are those who are training church leadership in Christian educational positions, and others ministering in music. Still others are in church government and admin-

The "mission field" can be our home. Here Mrs. Ruth McLean (nee Gibson, 1965 grad) reads to their four children in their Sherwood Park home.

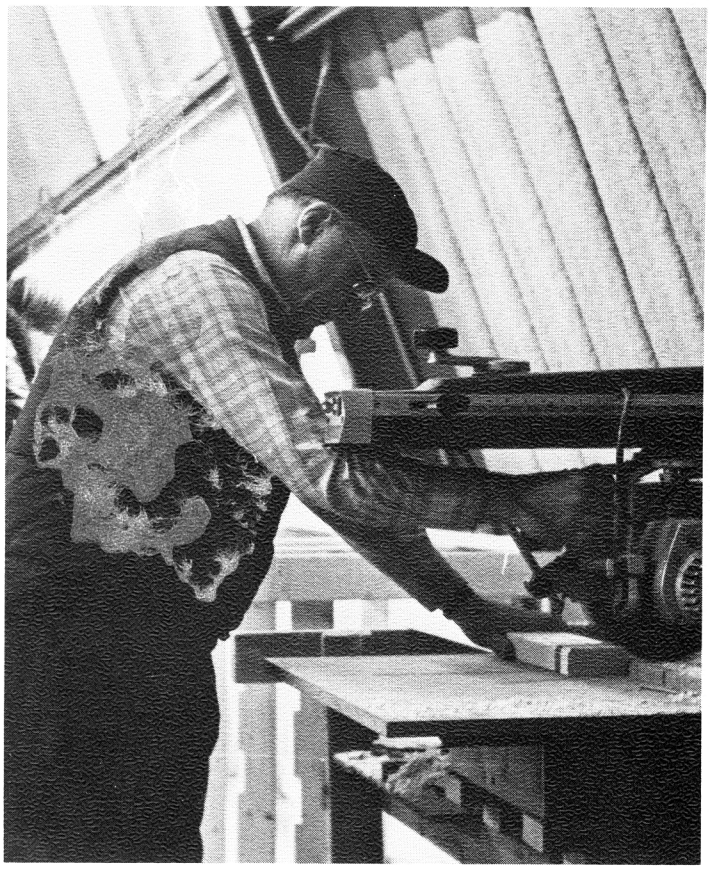


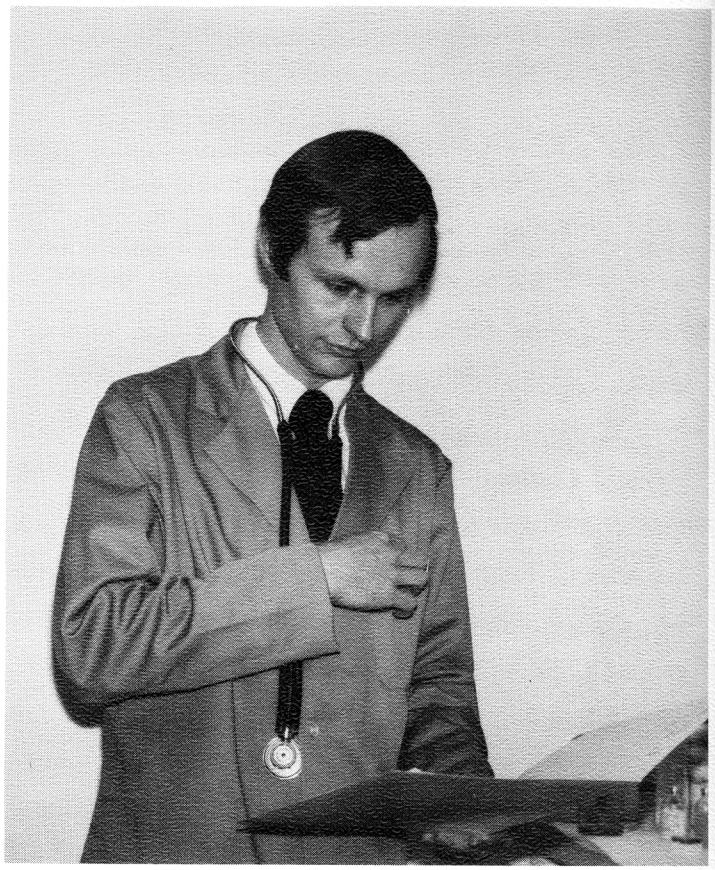
istration. All these are working with those who have taken their places as pastors, pastor's wives and others in Christian support agencies.

Most of these are working in what we call the secular world, some as Christian business people, others in the professional world as Christian teachers, nurses, doctors, lawyers. Still others are taking their place in the political field. Then there are the pastors and those working in Christian service agencies, who are supported by these fellow Christians, so that they can be free to serve the Lord in what we

Rev. Ron Allen, 1952 grad, Director of Food for the Hungry Agency. Some 71 of our grads are or have been involved in some type of SERVICE AGENCY work. Below Mr. Earl Krabsen student of 1951 is doing some carpentry work on his farm at Standard, Alberta.

Dr. Brian Hodges at his medical clinic in St. Albert is a grad of 1966. Many lives are touched by God through those Christians who are working in professional fields.





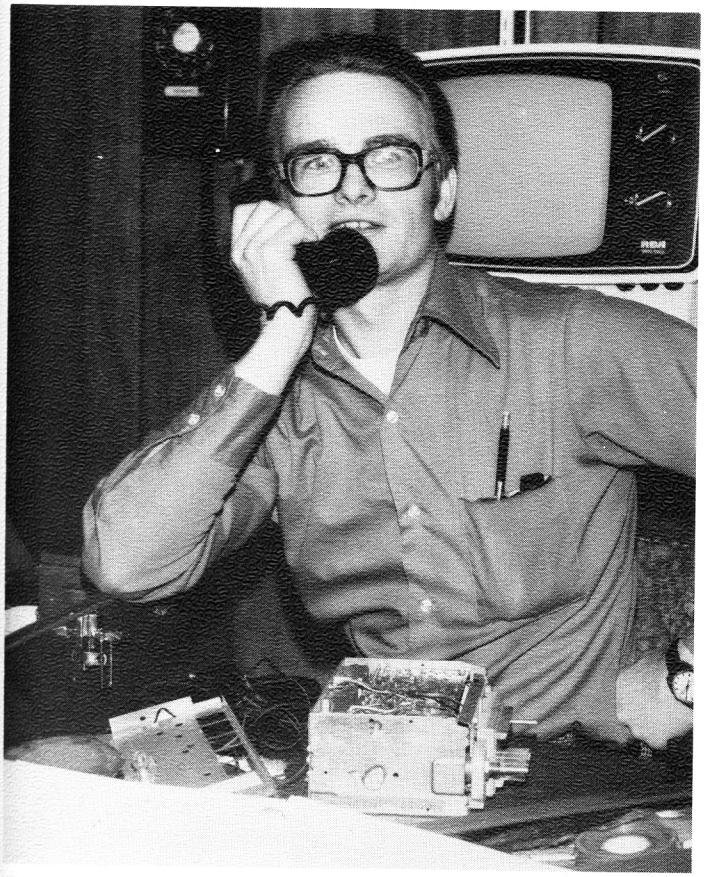
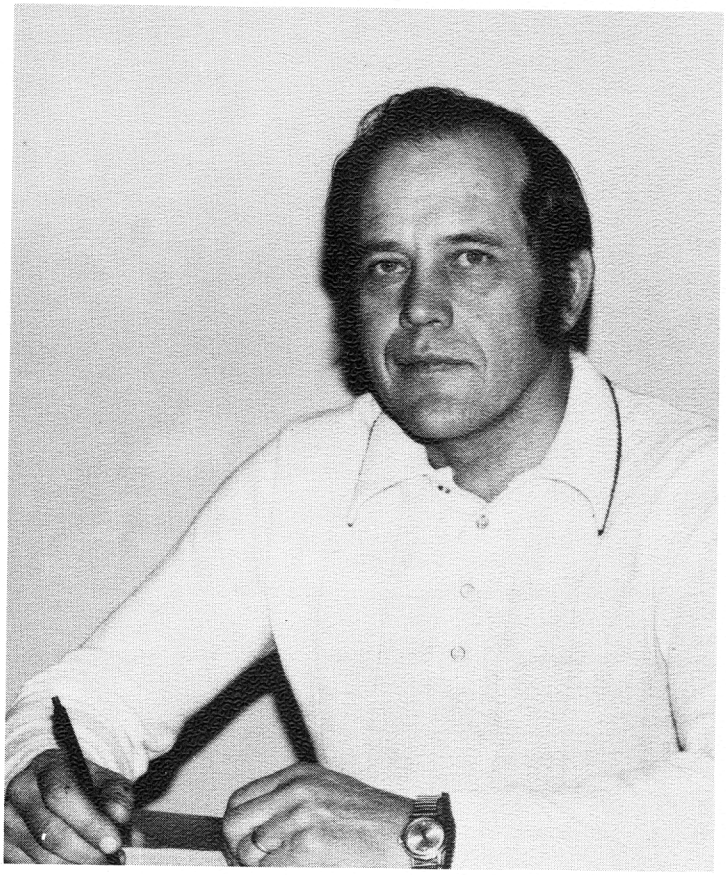
call full-time ministries. Thank God for all of them! When hearts are right, everyone is a full-time servant of God.

Where are the graduates? Out there where God has placed them, in His sovereign will. What are they doing? "Occupying...till He come."

End of History Section

Narrative: C. Hutchinson

Layout: G. Francis

Pastor Len Nation, grad of 1975, is presently at Tofield Baptist Church. Some 77 of our grads have been involved in the pastoral ministry. Below: Bob Stiansen BA, grad of 1955 teaches at Victoria Comp. in Edmonton and touches many lives each day.

Mr. Cyril Johnson works in the technical field at the University of Calgary. At the present Cyril serves on the board of Management of Berean. Grad of 1966