



## Dakota Conference Celebrating 145 Years, 1874 - 2019

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### 1970 Penny Campaign Revisited

On Sunday, September 6, 1970, at 2:00 pm in the Sheyenne River Academy auditorium/gym, the North Dakota Conference Penny Campaign came to an exciting end after its debut at Campmeeting in June. Elder William Elder Jr., conference president, and Cliff Hoffman, conference MV director, started calling alphabetically the roll call of churches. One by one they came, presenting their pennies in the most unique ways. A large flax box was placed on the floor in front of the platform. As the church's name was called, they came down the wide center aisle and placed their pennies in the box to help pay for the Northern Lights Camp lodge.

The presentations were really something to see. Every conceivable container was used – little red wagons, larger wagons pulled by ponies or mules, hollowed-out logs, water buckets, a fire hose made into a snake, replicas of Northern Lights Camp Lodge, treasure boxes, jars and pails, bags filled with pennies over mules' backs or shoulders, thieves' loot, mini bikes pulling in wagons full, and a motorcycle with side car filled with pennies. It was an hour and a half of thrilling presentations.

After the last presentation, a panel of judges, men from the Northern Union Conference office, got their heads together to determine the church which had the most unique and interesting presentation. C. M. Willison, chairman of the panel of judges, announced the winner - the decision was Minot! They had a float with a replica of the new lodge filled with pennies. A sign on the float read "Pull Out Stopper, Fill With Copper." The stopper was a cork chimney on the roof of the lodge. The boys and girls of the Minot Church sang a song about the new lodge.

Special honors went to the Bowdon Country Church, which raised a total of 73,370 pennies – 17,000 pennies more than double their goal – the largest amount of any church. It was a tremendous feat, considering the size of their church.

Right in the middle of the presentations, John Amick, the Book & Bible House manager, came riding in on a motorcycle with a sidecar. The sidecar was filled with 50,000 pennies, a surprise gift from the Book & Bible House.

After the presentations were over, Senator Quentin Burdick gave a short speech. In his speech he praised the Adventist church for involving the youth in such a wholesome project. His speech was filled with some good counsel. He told everyone to make their homes happy homes for the youth. He suggested this may mean that more mothers should stay home with their children, rather than going out to work all day. After his speech, Elder Hoffman presented him with a book just off the press, *The Builders*. It is a pectoral report of the work of Seventh-day Adventists around the world.

Elder Hoffman also presented W. G. Summers, vice-president of the Stutsman County Bank in Jamestown, a book in appreciation for his and the bank's work in handling all the pennies. Mr. Summers told the people how the pennies would be taken care of and that the Federal Reserve System was sending a Brink's armored truck all the way from Minneapolis to Jamestown just to pick up the pennies. He told Mr. Hoffman he was sure it would be the first time a Brink's armored truck had ever been to Jamestown.

The finale for the day was a speech by Smoking Sam. Sam had been saving pennies too. In fact, at the end of the day he had 4,000 pennies in his jar. Right in the middle of Sam's speech, he pulled a surprise on Elder and Mrs. William Elder. He announced that it was their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Sam said, "Can you imagine anyone throwing such a big party for his wife on their anniversary? I wonder what Brother Elder will do for

an encore next year on their anniversary?" After Sam's speech, Alice Hinger and Mrs. Janice Hoffmann presented the Elders with a potted plant for their big day.

It truly was an unforgettable day. The total objective was 1,000,000 pennies. When Elder Reuben Beck added up the totals it came to 820,000 pennies. Several churches have yet to report. Who knows – we still may make the 1,000,000 mark, which would be a tremendous victory for the North Dakota Conference.



Picture #1 - Max, ND church display made by Sam Timothy, roof is covered with pennies.

Picture #2 - Bowdon, ND church display, Norman Remboldt in driver's seat.

Picture #3 - Senator Quinten Burdick at SRA for Penny Campaign, Smoking Sam is in the corner to the right.

Adapted from the *Northern Union Outlook*, September 25, 1970; Edited by Julie Brude; Photos from Julie Brude.

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## Colman Adventist Church Highlighted

After last month's article regarding the Colman Adventist Church, I received this email from Pastor Marion Miller:

*Thank you for the history of the Colman Church. Youngberg is a well known name among Adventist members in Borneo (Malaysian side). My wife has mentioned the Youngberg name several times and it was interesting and inspiring that God used that church to impact so many lives, including my wife's family and the Dusun tribe in Borneo.*

*Tracing God's history in the past gives courage for the present and confidence for the future.*

Pastor Marion and Elva Miller served the Dakota Conference in the Minot/Bottineau and the Custer/Hot Springs/Payabya districts. They currently are serving in North Carolina.



Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photo from 2014



Photo by Cliff Freese

## Students Participate in Community Service





"Many hands make light work" was my Grandma's favorite saying. Well, it is a very accurate statement, without a doubt. Sunday, September, the students at Dakota Adventist Academy put that phrase to work.

The churches in Harvey, McClusky and Turtle Lake needed extra hands to lighten the workload for fall clean up. Harvey had the freshman class, clear out and organize the church library, clean all the windows and screens, do yard work and an overall church cleaning. The sophomore class helped the McClusky church where they needed extra hands to finish the landscaping as well as clean the church for the fall. Turtle Lake kept the extra hands in the junior class busy working in the store organizing and folding clothes, as well as scraping and priming a neighbor's home for paint.

Serving others is an integral part of student training at DAA. The staff added their hands to make the work lighter for all. Being a good neighbor, helping others is an important part of being a good person. Community service is a blessing to the giver as well as the receiver.

Thank you to the churches for giving us the opportunity to help in your church and community.





Article by Tracy Peterson; Photos by Karen Boyko, Jared Gibson, Lisa Heitzmann and Tracy Peterson

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New 'SonShine' school in Minot is featured on [kxnet.com](http://kxnet.com)

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## Sharing on Endowment Sabbath



Sabbath, September 28, 2019, Ms. Pam Fenton, Science teacher at DAA, was the guest presenter at the Richardton Church for Endowment Sabbath.

She spoke about nine character traits that students had been learning about. The topic she chose to present was "My Brother's Keeper". Pam expressed gratitude at the kindness she's seen in the students towards each other over the past eight years of teaching at DAA. She shared of times that students went above and beyond showing fellow students generosity and genuine care and compassion. Being "your brother's keeper" means holding others accountable at times too.

Ms. Fenton shared personal life experiences in which prayers were answered, forgiveness was achieved and healing had taken place by acts of kindness. She referenced Matthew 6:14,15 in regards to forgiveness: *For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

The congregation was touched by Ms. Fenton's presentation and we greatly appreciated her sharing with us.

Article and photo by Marie Pflugrad

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## Corrections:

Yankton Church Highlighted, August 22, 2019 - Elder Stewart Lozensky stopped by the office and said the picture of the Yankton church IN the article was not the "current" church OF the article from the Nothing to Fear book. The picture is of the newest Yankton Seventh-day Adventist Church purchased in 2003. It was paid off through a fruit program directed by Evie Gall and supported by the members of the Yankton church.

Denhoff Adventist Church Highlighted, September 2, 2019 - Arthur Fischer says there was never a church in Fessenden. There was a building on the property in Fessenden, but it did not serve as an Adventist church. They tried to start a church, but it never took hold. The first church in Wells County was the Manfred Adventist Church.

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**Location has been changed to Dakota Adventist Academy.**

# Leadership Training Workshop

**Training breakouts available:  
Master Guide Skills Development Seminars**



**October 11-13, 2019**

**4:00 p.m. Friday to 12:00 noon Sunday**

**-Guest Speaker-**

**Roger Wade -Mid-America Youth Director & Team**

Six seminars will be offered this year!

\$50.00 for the weekend

Includes: Friday Supper 6:00, Sabbath  
Breakfast 9:30, Lunch 1:00 Supper 6:00,  
Sunday Brunch 11:00 & Materials



This workshop is a requirement if  
you are working to be a Master Guide

**Leadership Training Weekend**



Registration  
October 11-13, 2019

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**There is a \$50.00 fee for food and materials**

**Please return form with payment to:**

**Dakota Conference Pathfinder Department  
7200 North Washington Street  
Bismarck, ND 58503-6301**

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**Please bring your own bedding!**

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NOTE:

Thomas & Ella Mae Thompson have moved to  
802 2nd Street NW #212  
Bowman, ND 58623

If you would like to send them a card.

The Kulm Adventist Church in Kulm, North Dakota was host to a Community Singspiration for the district churches of Kulm, Edgeley and Lehr and their surrounding communities September 29, 2019. "This is the first singspiration held here since 2013," said Debra Merkel, "and the church was almost full."

The community of Ellendale has a singspiration every fifth Sunday and Fredonia was having a sing the same day as Kulm's but they chose to move theirs to the afternoon so as not to conflict. Gerry Forbes remarked, "There are lots of talented people in the Dakotas."

See videos below.



Kulm church is also planning a cooking demonstration and meal October 13, 2019 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at the Kulm Senior Center.

Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photo by Gerry Forbes; Videos by Mitch Merkel and Debra Merkel



Kulm Kids Choir



Bristol & Eva Merkel



Miller Quartet from Nazarene Church in Ellendale, ND



Kulm Band

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Dear Church Leader,



How many times have you said, "That sounds like a great book, but with my schedule, I just don't have time to read it!" Or, "SOMEDAY I will read that book. . ."

Then the guilt sets in as we read the research that tells us:

- **Reading** books can boost your brain power.
- **Reading** books increases vocabulary.
- **Reading** books can be beneficial to your memory.
- **Reading** can improve concentration.
- **Reading** books can make you a better writer.
- **Reading** books enhances imagination.
- **Reading** can make you more empathetic.
- **Reading** can be a great **benefit** to your sleep.

Author Elle Kaplan shares some tips and tricks from experts at the Harvard Business Review (along with a few others) to ensure that "you not only make reading a daily habit, but that you're able to radically increase the amount you read and the benefits you reap." [CLICK](#) to read what she says.

Among her suggestions are:

- Read physical, print-and-ink books.
- Look for hidden minutes you can spend reading.
- Stop reading a book if you're not enjoying it or finding it helpful.
- Get suggestions for books to read from people you respect.

Kaplan says: "Maybe we can't all read 500 pages a day like Warren Buffet, or finish 50 books a year like Bill Gates. But you can commit to using these tips to read more books this year, improve your ability to absorb information, and benefit from scientific advantages that reading can bring."

**And Jessica Stillman suggests that it is possible to read [200 books a year](#) by making just one small change. [CLICK HERE](#) to discover her secret!**

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## Note:

**Who:** All PVA/SRA/DAA Alumni and Friends

**What:** PVA/SRA/DAA Alumni Weekend  
Honor classes are years ending in "0" and "5"

**When:** October 4, 2019  
Registration opens at 1:00  
Wallace Carlson Memorial at 3:00  
Pioneer Reception at 4:00 - *Class of 1970* - but all classes are welcome  
Vespers at 7:30

**When:** October 5, 2019  
Breakfast at 8:30  
Worship Service at 10:00 - *Class of 1980*  
Lunch at Noon  
Honor Class Recognition at 3:30  
Buffet Supper at 5:00 - *Compliments of the Alumni Association*

Vespers, DAA Showcase Concert at 6:30  
Alumni Business Meeting at 8:00  
Basketball & Volleyball Games at 8:00

**Where:** Dakota Adventist Academy  
15905 Sheyenne Circle  
Bismarck, North Dakota



***Dakota Conference Women's Retreat  
October 25 - 27, 2019  
Mandan, North Dakota***

***Register Online at [dakotaadventist.org](http://dakotaadventist.org)  
Featured Speaker: Linda Shelton***

## Dakota Conference Calendar

Oct 4, 5	Alumni Weekend at Dakota Adventist Academy
Oct 6	K-12 Board Meeting CANCELED
Oct 6 - 8	Pastors' New in Ministry at Dakota Adventist Academy
Oct 11 -13	Pathfinder Leadership at Dakota Adventist Academy
Oct 19	Central Regional in Aberdeen, SD
Oct 24 - 25	Teachers' In-service at Dakota Adventist Academy
Oct 25 - 27	Women's Retreat in Mandan, ND
Nov 9	Southwest Regional in Rapid City, SD



<b>Bismarck</b>		<u>Retail</u>	<u>Retail</u>	<b>Special</b>	<b>Special</b>
		<u>Case</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>Single</u>
<b>CANNED</b>					
LL Prime Stakes	12/113 oz	\$61.49	\$5.64	\$57.59	\$5.41
LL Redi Burger	12/19 oz	71.72	6.58	68.33	6.41
LL Saucettes	12/19 oz	71.73	6.58	58.09	5.47
LL Super Links	12/19 oz	71.73	6.58	67.83	6.35
LL Swiss Stake	12/13 oz	61.49	5.64	57.59	5.41
H Vege Skallops	6/19 oz	36.02	6.61	32.02	6.11
H Vege Steaks	6/19 oz	36.02	6.61	31.52	6.05
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>					
LL Linketts	12/96 oz	117.14	22.56	117.14	21.80
LLVegetable Skallops	12/50 oz	116.20	14.10	116.20	13.64
<b>FROZEN</b>					
W Deli Slices	8/8oz	34.72	4.78	107.50	4.45
W Rolls, turkey excluded	4/4lb	118.50	32.61	31.23	30.41

sale dates: October 1-31, 2019 quantities may be limited



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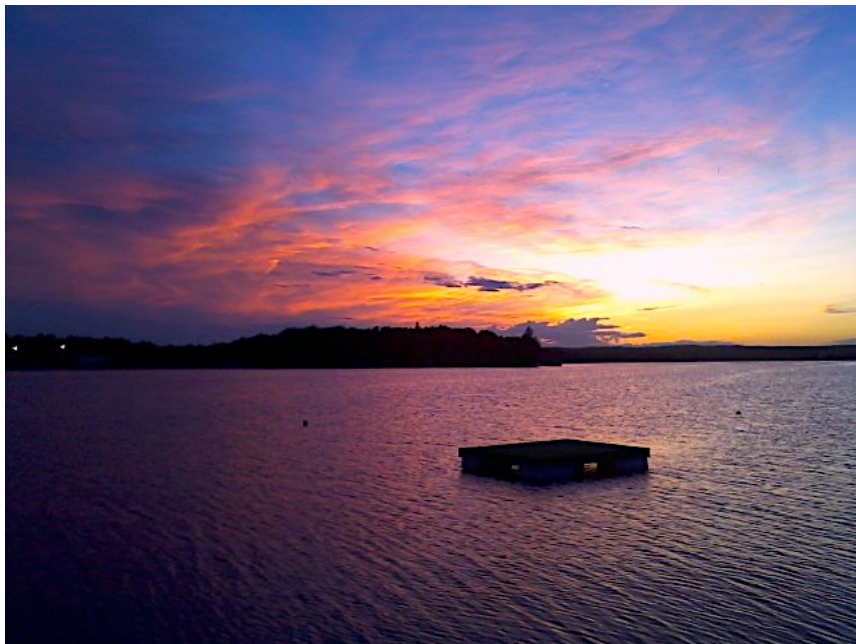



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