

DESCRIBES JEHOVAH ASSEMBLY IN ARENA AT NORTH BAY

Mrs. John Cordaro, whose impressions of Europe were an interesting Herald feature last summer, has been attending the Jehovah Assembly at North Bay this year and again takes up her pen to give news of this large gathering, which included several district people. Readers will be particularly interested in her description of how catering arrangements were handled for the large crowd attending.

North Bay, Ontario

Our Assembly was held in the North Bay memorial arena. This is a new arena dedicated to the fallen in the last two world wars. Inside the front entrance we saw three torches burning in memory of the dead from 1914 to 1918, and from 1938 to 1945.

The huge platform erected by the Witnesses was in a semi-circle. It was banked by tall evergreens and flowers. At the back of the platform over the picturesque backdrop was the yearly text taken from Malachi Chapter 3, v. 10: "Prove me now wherewith saith Jehovah, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing."

The first speaker stressed the importance of having accurate knowledge of Jehovah our God, quoting from Hosea, 4 v. 6, "my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Few people realize that God gave us his exclusive Name Jehovah. Exodus 6 v. 3: Having an accurate knowledge of the Father and his purpose toward us means everlasting life for us. Jesus stressed this in John 17 v. 3, when he said: "and this is life eternal that they may know thee, the only True God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." By study we get to know God, for the treasures of Heaven are life everlasting.

The circulation of the Watchtower magazine has jumped from a mere 6,000 to two million copies twice monthly. There are now 700,000 ministers preaching the good news of the kingdom, and there are 16,000 congregations world wide. The first day's attendance was 1,963, the second day's attendance was 2,461.

Saturday was the day for immersion. Candidates were still coming in long after the seats were filled that had been set aside for immersion candidates. We listened to an inspiring lecture on Dedication and Baptism by water immersion. Those who truly love God and wish to serve him in spirit and in truth signify before the congregation their desire by Dedication and water immersion, separating themselves from worldly desires and conforming their lives henceforth to the will of Jehovah.

Those dedicating themselves today had decided after long and careful thought. It was no spectacular arousing of emotions that prompted them to take this step; Jesus Christ himself submitted to immersion by John the Baptist, an example to us of becoming dead to our own will by going under the water and alive to do the will of Jehovah by being raised up out of the water to life again.

The candidates were required to answer two questions at this dedication service. After prayer and song they left by cars for the immersion which took place in the bay at Callander. Age of oldest immersion candidate was 84 and youngest eight.

The evening session started with songs and experiences and talks on guarding Christian principles. Mr. P. Chapman gave the concluding discourse on "Life does not result from things possessed." At the close of this discourse came the special resolution for adoption by the Assembly, proof is mounting that thousands of Jehovah's Witnesses are being held in Communist countries. Eighteen thousand in all. They are in 50 camps and many have died of malnutrition. The resolution went on to say that Jehovah's Witnesses take no part in worldly affairs, either political or its wars.

They pressed for the release of all the prisoners in all communist countries and the freedom to preach the good news of the Kingdom. After the reading of the resolution it was unanimously adopted by the 3,100 delegates present.

Sunday morning pictures began at 10 a.m., subject, marriage as ordained by God. Its purpose and responsibility.

1st speaker: "marriage under imperfect condition. We were led into sin by the serpent and so ignored the headship of Adam her husband. We were thoroughly deceived, but Adam became a wilful sinner and so inherited the penalty of death. The unhappiness that followed and finally led to the murder of Abel by Cain.

2nd speaker: Marriage Obligation and divorce. A man may have one wife, the husband has headship over the wife. She has deep respect for her husband. The only ground for divorce is adultery. Christians may not commit adultery. 3rd speaker: "He that marries not, does better." Jesus Christ was unmarried. Paul also was unmarried.

Many Christians, men and women

choose to remain single, not because of laws against marriage... such as celibacy, but for greater freedom in the privileges of being followers of Christ. They have mastered self control in favour of devoting their lives to the service of Jehovah and his Son, but if they do not have self control it is better for them to marry. 1st Corinthians, Chapter 7, verses 7 to 9.

The single man is anxious for the things of the Lord but the married man is anxious for the things of the world. How he may gain the approval of his wife, 1st Corinthians, Chapter 7 v. 32, and 33. Marriage after Armageddon will continue until the divine mandate is fulfilled. After Armageddon those in the memorial tombs will hear the voice of Christ and come forth with opportunities for life in an earthly paradise for everlasting life.

Dinner Time... This is a never ending source of wonderment and people exclaim "how do you do it?" Plans are underway here for a huge convention by the city fathers, so they came to see how we do it.

A kitchen space is divided off at the end of this huge arena. Long lines of tables (all ones, we stand to eat) are next. We are served cafeteria style. First we line up to buy our tickets 65c. Then on to a waiting line of sisters, each with a huge pot, containing good things to eat. First you are handed a fork and spoon wrapped in a serviette. Next in one section of your tray a generous slice of roast beef. Next sister provides you with a potato, next a spoonful of gravy, then creamed corn, a slice of lettuce, on top of which you receive a generous helping of cottage cheese with pineapple. Cake and coffee finish the meal. There is also a refreshment table where one can buy sandwiches, pie, drinks, hot or cold and ice cream, or hot dogs. All help is volunteered, even before and after the assembly.

I was thinking of a letter which appeared in the Herald from a reader who deplored the condition of our Georgetown park. It might be a good idea to hold a convention in town. It's one way of getting a good clean up job done.

White waiting for the sessions to start I was watching the young mothers with their little ones getting settled for the afternoon. It's truly wonderful how quiet they can be when properly trained. I counted 28 baby carriages and 4 wheel chairs.

This is like a huge happy reunion. There are smiling happy faces wherever you look. Everyone is talking to his neighbour, each feels drawn to the other by a common bond of love. There is none of the formality that prevails in most organizations because all have one thing in common, the desire to know more of the Creator and to do his will.

Sunday afternoon, 3 p.m. "Why permanent peace will come in our day." Why do we know this. Because we believe the Bible. You did not make man to die, God made man to live. Disobedience brought death to man which we today still inherit. Obedience to God and his laws can and will be everlasting life for God's people.

Dan. 2-44 In the days of those Kings shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed and it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever. His Kingdom will come, Christ Jesus prayed for it in the Lord's Prayer when he said "Thy Kingdom Come." Matthew 24, gives us all the signs of the end of this system of things and it also tells us that this good news shall be preached in all the world for a witness.

Today Jehovah Witnesses are preaching this good news in 160 lands, and the generation that is living and sees all these signs will not pass away till all these things go fulfilled. We see all these signs today, and look for the fulfilment of the Prophecy of John in Revelation 21, verses 1 to 4, a New Heaven and a New Earth. Behold the tent of God is with man. There shall be no more tears nor sorrow, not even death. Like Jeremiah, who preached the destruction of Jerusalem at the command of God, we preach the destruction of this wicked system of things and the establishment of the Kingdom under its King, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Permanent Peace will come in our day.

Attendance for this talk was 4,052. Four days of Assembly is over. Everyone is packing up and cars are streaming out, homeward bound. Many have made lasting friendships in North Bay while visiting the Assembly.

Katherine Cordaro. Now we plan to visit Copper Cliff. Will send news and impressions later.

DONATION STICKERS FOR SWIMMING POOL

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Glen Man Groomsman At Wedding in Guelph

Russell Fatt, Glen Williams was groomsman at the wedding in Guelph of Mary Rita Gazzola and Kenneth Fatt.

The double ring ceremony was performed in Sacred Heart Rectory by Father V. Rae. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gazzola, Sudbury, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fatt, Acton.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length gown of white crystallette and lace over taffeta with V-neckline and lily-point sleeves. The skirt had a lace panel scattered with rhinestones on both front and back. Her fingertip veil of net was held by a heart-shaped headdress trimmed with rhinestones. She carried a cross-shaped bouquet of gardenias with pink sweetheart roses.

Miss Mary Prigione was maid of honor in a dress of soft blue net over taffeta with net jacket and blue gloves, blue mesh shoes and blue taffeta picture hat with a large bow at the back. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and pink sweetheart roses with a blue bow. Miss Rita Gazzola as bridesmaid wore an identical outfit in pink.

Miss Alma Gazzola, sister of the bride was flower girl in an identical dress, but wore a crown of blue roses.

Russell Fatt, of Glen Williams was best man and Bill Manson ushered the guests.

Dinners was served 50 guests at the Polish Hall and 75 guests attended the reception held later. A three tiered wedding cake centred the bride's table with two mant bouquets of pink and white roses and sweetpeas. The bride's mother received the guests in a dress of blue embossed taffeta with pink accessories and corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother assisted in a navy silk dress with white accessories and red rose corsage.

For travelling by car to New York city the bride chose a yellow sheath dress with matching yellow duster coat with black and white accessories and corsage of yellow roses. The couple are residing in Guelph.

CHELTENHAM LAD IS DROWNED AT BANCROFT

Donald Wilkinson, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkinson, Cheltenham, drowned when he fell into a deep hole while wading in Lake St. Peter near Bancroft.

His family was spending the Civic Holiday week-end at Vera Haven camp. The young lad was drowned while his father, only 100 yards away, set out to rescue another boy drifting in a boat.

Besides his parents he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Patrick Graves, Newmarket, Mrs. Douglas Wylie, Cheltenham and Carol, 12.

INTERESTING READING FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS

Detailed regulations of the proposed Georgetown zoning by-law will make interesting reading in the next few issues of the Herald. The by-law will be published in instalments, concluding with the proposed zoning map.

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