

Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Dakota Dispatch
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Introduction of the Chamberlain Sanitarium and Hospital



Chamberlain Sanitarium and Hospital Finished in 1907

"The Chamberlain Sanitarium is an up-to-date institution utilizing in a scientific manner the various curative agencies included under the term 'Physiological Therapeutics.' Located at Chamberlain, South Dakota, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in the midst of a charming rural district and in the most desirable climatic surrounding. There are accommodations for one hundred and twenty-five patients. Thousands have availed themselves of its advantages. The physicians connected with the institution are all regularly educated in scientific medical schools

and carry on their professional work in strict harmony with ethical principles," reads the opening page and introductory remarks in the sanitarium's reproduced booklet. Unfortunately, there is no date listed. However, I did find a photo of a postcard online, <http://asitwasarchitecture.blogspot.com/2012/05/sanitarium-in-chamberlain-south-dakota.html>, which indicates 1907. The comments under the postcard are not included on the postcard. Funny that it states, "and cheaply built," perhaps indicating a disgruntled person or the too-often thought process that the Lord is coming soon anyway, so why waste all that money building a substantial building. Fascinating.

Officers listed at the bottom of the page include C. Pemberton Farnsworth, M.D., President; W. T. Lindsay, M. D., Secretary and Treasurer; and the Board of Directors are C. Pemberton Farnsworth, M. D.; A. B. Farnsworth, M. D.; W. T. Lindsay, M. D.; and Bertha A. Lindsay.

The next page includes pictures: twenty-five are pictured as Nurses in Training, four of whom were male; twenty Graduate Nurses and twenty-one Teachers and Industrial Students. Twenty-three are pictured as "A Group of Convalescing Patients," who were well enough to sit on the entry steps or stand on the veranda for a picture.

"The splendid equipment, careful attention to every detail and the skilful (acceptable spelling in 1907) surgical staff make operations successful. Thousands of serious operations have been performed by the surgical staff with good results and a mortality of only one in about each four hundred operations. The X-Ray and static room are valuable assistants in the diagnosis and treatment of special cases. The bath attendants are specialists in hydrotherapeutic and electric treatments and massage. The men's and women's wards are under the supervision of a surgical nurse of wide experience and splendid executive ability. These facilities together with other arrangements for treating the sick make this the most complete institution in the whole West." In smaller print, "Each patient is under the care of a thoroughly qualified physician who has constant and personal supervision of the case and prescribes all the treatments, and who will furnish a weekly report to the family physician if so desired. The patient's examination consists of a careful general examination and analysis of the urine, blood, stomach, fluid, sputum, tumors, X-ray, catheterization [sic] of the kidneys or any other examination that is necessary to establish a correct diagnosis."

Interesting reading. A book published recently, [A Legacy of Health & Healing, Stories of Early Adventist Health Care](#), "provides a fair record of the global presence of Adventist hospitals from 1866 to 2016." This list of 285 hospitals, however, does not mention the Chamberlain Sanitarium and Hospital of Chamberlain, SD.

The Dakotas have a rich history.

Article and photos by Jacquie Biloff; The booklet was "reproduced in 2006 by the Chamberlain Area Historical Preservation Association (CAHPA) as a way of preserving the history of the Chamberlain Sanitarium and Hospital which was located to the west of the Chamberlain Academy."



Dakota Adventist Academy Art Students Represented

Dakota Adventist Academy art students were represented in four community art shows this year. The first exhibit was the First Presbyterian Church Fine Arts Festival, which featured professional, amateur and student work. Three students presented works: junior Jadyn Anderson exhibited two pieces and sophomores Nina Faith and Jaelyn Pickett each exhibited one.

One of the largest exhibits students entered in this year was the Artists Celebrating Christ weekend symposium featuring only student work from first grade through college and showed over two hundred pieces. Nine Art II-III students entered religious-themed acrylic paintings based on

famous Renaissance and Baroque artists.

Several students also visited the symposium on Friday and attended a class in landscape painting taught by Kimberly Wetzel, a recent graduate of the Minneapolis Institute of Art. These students and another group were able to see this Christian themed show on Friday and as a Sabbath afternoon activity.

Over several years in the past DAA has taken part in the Hazen Art and Craft Association's Art Show. The April exhibit this year featured over five hundred pieces of professional, amateur and student work. The student show was abnormally large with the Dickinson High School contributing. Falcon Hamilton, a DAA freshman drawing student, received a reserved award of twenty-five dollars for his graphite rendering of a nut (see photo). Again nine of DAA students were represented with eleven works. Senior Andy Waldner displayed two pieces, as did Jady Anderson.

The final exhibit of the year was the juried Bismarck Art and Galleries Association May Student Art Show, which was open for public viewing over two weeks. Three students from DAA were selected and participated: Jady Anderson, Bryce Chin (sophomore), and Andy Waldner. Several students attended the opening of the show and learned what an art opening is like.

Congratulations to Falcon for a job well done and cheers to all the other artists as well. DAA offers four years of visual art, which can prepare students for a career involving art or a life-long rewarding hobby. Visit the art program at DAA and consider joining.

Article & photos by Gary Way



Red River Youth Baptized



The Red River Seventh-day Adventist Church was blessed to witness the baptism of several of their youth.

On Sabbath June 23rd seven young people pledged their love and commitment to Jesus through baptism. From left to right: Isabella Sanchez, Ivalyze Sanchez, Magati Chakua, Alex Irwin, Rickson Vixamar (back row), Kenyatta Chakua, and Andrew Ronalds had been studying the Bible as a group with the pastor for almost a year. After completing their first series of Bible studies the youth were excited to seal their decision for God through baptism. Their church family shared their exuberance and pledged to support the youth in their discipleship journey. The youth are planning to continue meeting this fall to study the Bible and there are already other youth who are planning to join the group.

We covet your prayers for these and all our youth that they may have a sincere and authentic walk with God.

Article & photos by Pastor Christian Ronalds

Northern Lights Camp Kitchen Project Miracles

God has provided miracles to keep the NLC Kitchen Project on track. With the late spring road restrictions in effect, the transport of equipment to the Northern Lights Camp to start the new kitchen/cafeteria was delayed. Several watched anxiously as the State's restrictions were slowly removed as the weather warmed from the south northward. The last restrictions to be removed were around the Lake Metigoshe State Park

area. Dirt work had to start immediately and everything had to fall into place exactly if the conference was to be on time to accept Marantha Volunteer's help with the project. Marantha is scheduled to arrive July 1.

- The first miracle was that the state park manager agreed to allow equipment to be hauled through the park to Northern Lights Camp although road restriction limits had not been removed from the state's web site.
- Digging ditches for the water lines, electrical lines and stem walls had to be done so concrete could be poured before the in-floor heating installation could be installed. The weather held until the stem walls were finished.
- Many pastors and friends went right from Campmeeting in Bismarck to help level the site to within ½ inch for the in-floor preparation, back filling, tamping, laying of foam and installation of the tubing. As the last of the tubing was laid for the heating, the plumber, Dennis Tefts of Williston, declared, "It is a miracle that we were able to get this done so quickly!"
- Dakota RM Construction out of Bismarck checked the weather and started pumping concrete for the slab a day early so the concrete would be dry enough to handle the scheduled storms. They began at 7 a.m. and had loaded their power trowels and were spraying the final sealer by 1:30 p.m. They stated that the concrete would be dry enough by 3 p.m. to handle the coming rain or hail.

Marantha Volunteers have had their challenges too, due to medical issues. Twelve people were designated to come to North Dakota, then eight, now maybe ten. Local volunteers have stepped in to fill missing positions. Marie Pflugrad is now Project Manager and Delilah Treft is Head Chef for the project. Wayne Moon, from out of state, has agreed to help lead the construction of the new building.



See additional photos on the Dakota Conference Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Dakota-Conference-of-Seventh-day-Adventists-118077524879365/>

Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photos by Dennis Biloff and Neil Biloff

Campmeeting Highlights

The Cradle Roll children, led by Medgy Chapman, enjoyed learning about the God of the forest and the animals hiding therein, which He has created.



The Primary department was led by Pastor Nickolas Osborn. The theme was "SOS, The Lord Comes to the Rescue Each Time". One day he stealthfully tapped SOS in Morse Code until a child finally recognized the message and called out, "That's a call for help!" They were reminded that Jesus always hears us when we cry out to him.



When you build on Jesus as your Cornerstone you are building to last. The Juniors, lead by Pastor Christian Ronalds, learned how to build their lives on the Rock - Jesus Christ.



The Youth, under the direction of Pastor Brooke Melendez, learned about the fruits of the Spirit. One day they had to deposit their cell phones in a basket during the meeting as they discussed self-control. They also learned about long-suffering when a storm caused a stream of water to run through their tent and the wind eventually collapsed it.



The round-table discussion on Sabbath is a time when all presenters are available for questions submitted throughout Campmeeting. Questions were diverse and answers thoughtful and stimulating.



Sabbath afternoon there was an ordination service for Pastor Nicholas Eaton.



Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photos by Gwen Speak

Dirt Kicker Charity Run Highlights

The Dirt Kicker Charity Run, held the day after Campmeeting, brought runners from eleven states, ages 7 to 66. As is custom each year, a hero or heroine is chosen. John and Ann Wilson of Florida were chosen because they had come the farthest distance. However, their story preempted the distance they had traveled. This is their story in John's own words:

"Ann started running at the age of 58 as part of a training program to run a 5K race that was sponsored by our employer's wellness program. We both worked for the same employer, Palm Beach County government. I started an after-work running group to train for the 5K. After the 5K we continued training for longer races. She ran a full marathon on her 60th birthday in Charlevoix, Michigan, back in 2014.

In September, 2016, I was diagnosed with base of tongue cancer. This was such a surprise since I never smoked or drank alcohol. I went through 35 radiation treatments and 7 weeks of chemotherapy. This treatment took its toll with multiple trips to the hospital with severe hydration and vomiting. The radiation treatment caused severe damage to my throat and I could not eat or drink. Unfortunately, I had to have a feeding tube inserted for three months. Ann was by my side the entire time. Twenty-one months later, I am cancer free.

This only motivated Ann and me. After 30 years working for Palm Beach County, Florida, as their Budget Director, I decided to retire. One month later in February 2018, I had a Boston Marathon qualifying time and hopefully will run it next April (2019).

On April 30, Ann and I started a six-month RV road trip in hopes of running a half-marathon in each state. We have a total of 16 scheduled for the trip. That will take us to 30 different states and close to 40 half-marathons. On our journey, we will be stopping in Connecticut in October (2018) for our oldest son's wedding."



Thank you to those who volunteered with the run. Thank you to those who participated in the run. Thank you to those who donated to the Dirt Kicker Charity Run to help with expenses and to those who donated to the charity - Ruth Meiers Hospitality House in Bismarck, ND.



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- Wednesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Thursday, 3:00pm - 6:00 pm
- Closed on Sundays

QUOTE of the MONTH

Whatsoever is done out of pure love,
be it ever so little or contemptible in the sight of men,
is wholly fruitful;
for God measure more with how much love one worketh,
than the amount he doeth.

Ellen G. White

June 28 Dispatch Photo



Photo by Chrystal Rittenbach of Jamestown, ND.

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