



Huron Seventh-day Adventist Church History

October 24, 1979

Letter from Alverta Wallman to Elder Nikkels

I am enclosing a copy of the paragraph I found at the public library. This is all I have been able to locate since the *Plainsman* has nothing dating back to October 31, 1897 when our Huron church was organized.

June 10, 1886 from the book Huron Churches (Huron Public Library)

"Rev. A. D. Olson of Huron, South Dakota is the president of the Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He is traveling most of the time, holding meetings and organizing churches. From him it is learned that there are between 600 and 700 members of this faith in Dakota and about 12 ministers. They have a large tent, 60 X 100 feet, in which they hold camp meetings during the summer season. One of these will be held in Huron from June 30 to July 7. The tent will be pitched on the R. R. grounds - perhaps on Capitol Hill. They have rented 17 rooms in the Winsor House for the use of visitors who wish to lodge there. From 500 to 1000 are expected here during the meeting. Mr. Olson lives on the west side of Wisconsin Street between 4th and 5th."

October 2, 1983

History and celebration of a debt-free church by Alverta Wallman

We know that a devout grandmother held Sabbath meetings in her home before the Huron church was organized on October 31, 1897. After that we met for services at 244 6th Street until this new church was built and where we held our first meeting.

First membership list (1909 - 1925)

Isabel Hertzal; Tena Foley; F. E. & Margaret Bresee; Elder & Mrs. Hilliard; Ruby Clarambeau; Mary Montgomery; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Rasmussen; Mary Collins; Mrs. Chas. Swain; Harriet Dibble.

Membership list (1926 - 1930)

Isla, Opal, Garnet & Wm. H. Brotzman; Katheryn Gilbert; Almeda Gilbert; Mrs. R. O. Johnston; Mabel Nelson; Everett & Bessie Courser; Clarence Anderson; Clair & Mrs. Betts; Mr. & Mrs. I. V. Minner, Violet and Algiers; Mrs. J. Whitinger.

I was unable to find any record anywhere as to how the "old church" on 244 6th Street came to be. I called the *Daily Plainsman* but they have no records that date as far back as 1900. One of the early workers here was John Weller who lived in Huron and held meetings in Willow Lake. We are told that Mr. Weller was a wealthy man and he may have had something to do with placing the old church where it still stands, but this is pure conjecture.

Ministers down through the years are certainly a large part of our history and the first one whom some of us remember was Elder Youngberg in the 1930s. He and his family was one of the two ministers who lived in Huron. Records show H. J. Anderson in September of 1960. There was a long period in the 1950s and most of the 1960s when we had no minister. During this time, as the church elder, Joe Wallman very ably presented the Sabbath sermons except as conference people or teachers from Plainview Academy served in that capacity occasionally. We remember Meleshenko, Burgeson, Monk and there were others.

Following Howard Anderson in 1960, the following ministers served as pastor of the Huron Church in this order: Sales, Nelson, who was the second pastor who lived in Huron and had heavy responsibilities in having to travel clear to Winner, which was one of his churches. After Nelson was Erhart,

Robinson, Bordeau, Stumpf, Eli, Hoag, Small and presently Cavanaugh. Stumpf served the shortest time and Eli the longest.

Two of those pastors worked toward a new church but it was not until Pastor Hoag came in 1980 with the faith and courage to announce on September 23, 1980, "We will rise up and build." So an offering for the new church was taken every month. A building committee was chosen as well as a finance committee. Pledges were given and Pastor Hoag urged us to turn them in as soon as possible and God would know that we were in earnest and would give us property on which to build. We spent much time searching for a location. We accepted an offer of sale west of town, which the owner later rescinded so we knew God didn't want us there. One day our pastor was at the YWCA where he went to pay for our use of that facility. In talking with Lynn Green there he told her of our search for property on which to build a new church and asked her, "You folks wouldn't have property you'd sell, do you?" She answered, "Yes, I think we do." We checked it out and pronounced it good. And that's how God gave us this building place right in the Huron church area of many churches.

I think it is well to think of some of the earlier members who came into our church family either by baptism or letter during the period of 1915 - 1930. They were: Jennie Marlin; Christina Reeve; Isabel McNeil and Fanny Bristor.

We are happy to have Elder Hoag with us today. Were it not for his efforts we would probably still be meeting at 244 6th Street. He deserves much credit. But most of all we are celebrating the way God has led us to this day and how thankful we are to each and everyone who helped to make this happy celebration of a debt-free church possible.

We are now saving for a representative church sign, which has not become history - yet.

Huron Church in 1972; Huron Church today



Letters from Alverta Wallman and [Huron Churches](#), a book from the Huron public library; Photos from conference archives



Photo by Cliff Freese

DAA Hosts a Robotics Meet

After participating in robotics events in recent years, Dakota Adventist Academy hosted their first robotics meet on January 17. Held in the recently

renovated DAA gymnasium, nine teams participated in the regional meet: DAA, Tioga, Alexander, Wilton, Bismarck's Career Academy and Technology Center, Shiloh Christian, St. Mary's Central, Williston and another school from the Minot area. Described by organizers as a "scrimmage," the gathering was a pre-season opportunity for students to test their electro-mechanical creations against peers – and the clock - in an official competition-level arena.

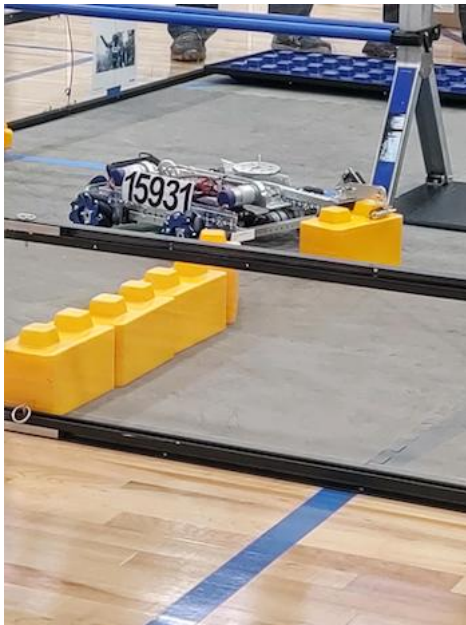
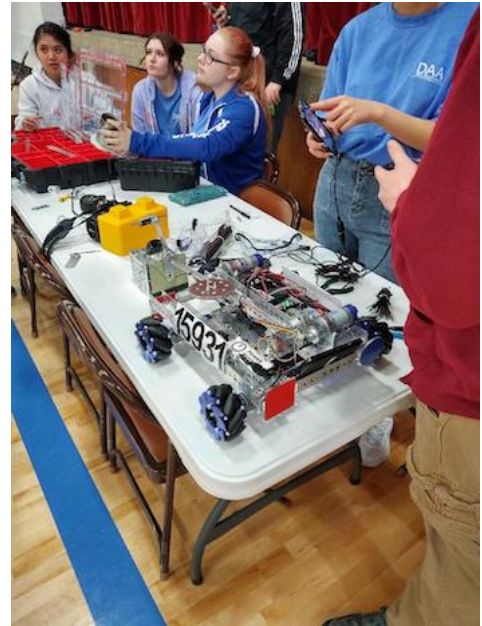
Student-built from a variety of electronic, mechanical and structural elements, robots feature limited computer-programming and are designed to perform specific functions. This year's challenge required the ability to lift and move sizeable plastic blocks around obstacles between two points within the 12' X 12' arena. As each machine is controlled remotely by two students, a pilot and a lift-function operator, operation demands practiced cooperation and split-second decision-making. Within each two-minute match points are awarded for number of blocks moved a minimum distance, blocks placed on a special tray, and for other time and performance achievements. Together, these elements produce not only great team excitement, but a lot of fun for spectators as well.

After the initial rounds of single head-to-head competition, clubs were paired for the elimination rounds based on accumulated points. The demand for teamwork kicked into high gear, as clubs could maximize their points standing by optimizing cooperative efforts with their new teammates. In the limited space of the arena, this proved to be a challenge, but the pairings did well, improving as the matches went on.

The DAA "Tinheads" team made the final rounds, and their paired team placed second overall. DAA students participating included Orrin Waldner, Colton Playle, Elena Goldsberry, Austin Hay, DaYeong Ko, Jaelyn Pickett, PawLay Pway, Rosalyn Ray and Casey Waldner. Two DAA team members unable to attend were Tasian Subigca and Sierra Schlenker.

"This was an excellent way to be involved in a larger way in our community and region while showcasing our school," said principal Anthony Oucharek. "We hope our visitors enjoyed their stay and will share positively with others about what they experienced."





Article by Mark Seibold; Photos by Ryan and Tracy Peterson

PBE Is In the Books

Pathfinder Bible Experience 2020 is in the books. We were met with terrible weather that kept most Dakota teams from coming. Only two teams were able to participate, but Grand Forks and Rapid City made the best of it! Congratulations to the Grand Forks Bisons for taking first place this year!



The Pinewood Derby took place in the evening and it was an incredibly exciting event. With lots of laughter, joy, and fun, adults and kids came together to race each other for the titles of *fastest car*, *sportiest car*, and *most unusual car*. The highlight for us was a student at DAA that made a derby replica of a dodge van owned by Mr. Peterson.



Lastly, Sunday morning hosted the annual Pathfinder Honors Fair where Adventurers and Pathfinders got to enjoy learning about first aid, stamping fun art, horse husbandry and auto mechanics.



Everyone had a blast this weekend and can't wait for next year. We encourage each church to start your own Adventurer and/or Pathfinder clubs, your kids will love you for it!

Article and photos by Pastors Ricky and Brooke Melendez

Liberty was granted before there was a government, directed by the Lord Himself, who endowed us with those rights.

Never before has any nation proclaimed:

- that all men are created equal;

- that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights;
- that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.



However, how many in America now believe we are a "Nation under God?"

Liberty is at stake; religious liberty hangs in the balance. Give January 25, 2020, as if your very liberties are being subverted. They are. If we do not stand for religious liberty, who will?

Pastors Meet In Bismarck

Dakota Conference pastors met at the conference office in Bismarck, North Dakota, January 13 - 16, 2020. This is one of two meetings a year when the pastors get together to spend time in Bible study and prayer. Each day began with music and a pastoral devotional.

The meetings commenced Monday evening with a supper at the conference office. Kerry Hample of the Wahpeton church shared her talents and cooked the meals.

The theme for the meetings was *Journey to the Heart of God*. Dr. Joseph Kidder of Andrews University was the featured speaker on Tuesday. Wednesday was a mix of presentations. David Yeagley presented *Growing Young*, an emphasis on engagement of the youth and bringing young people into leadership roles in the church. Keith Bowman of the North American Division presented on the benefits of the *Adventist Learning Community*. ALC provides continuing education and resources for pastors and chaplains, teachers, members and seekers, and administration and staff.

The meetings concluded Thursday around noon after administrative and departmental issues were presented and discussed. Another winter storm chased most of the pastors home.



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Dakota Conference Calendar

Jan 25	Religious Liberty Offering
Jan 27	Union College Board
Jan 30	Nebraska Alumni Chapter Meeting
Feb 1	Local Church Budget
Feb 2	Ground Hog Day
Feb 8	Adventist TV Ministries
Feb 8	Fargo Youth Get-together
Feb 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 15	Local Church Budget
Feb 15	MAUC Pathfinder Bible Experience

There Are No ABC Specials For January


ABC hours are Tuesday - Thursday 3:00 - 5:30 pm
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