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## Retirees Report:



Since **Mrs. G. P. (Alice) Louie** retired in 1966 after many years of work among Chinese people in Canada, first in Victoria, B.C. and finally in Montreal, she has been busy.

She organized at the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal, an Intermediate choir — composed of youth, ages 15-20, which won a banner in 1973. Though she enjoyed this work very much, Alice was unable to continue after 1982.

Mrs. Louie has carried on in WMS work. She was an advisor to the WMS of the Chinese Church in Montreal and shared the gospel in her visits to homes and hospitals.

She herself was hospitalized in 1985 after a fall and has since remained with her daughter in Mississauga under continual medical care.

Even though she is now unable to visit, Alice writes Bible verses and gives them to young people who visit her daughter's home.

Mrs. Louie asks our prayers for God's work and for God's guidance to her that she may do what she is able to.

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one that serveth," she has "lost her savour and will be cast out and trodden under the foot of man."

Yes, many of these people know too much about the Church, its politics, its history, its connection with the State, its subservience to the State and politicians. Christians, however, can demolish much of this opposition by a long distance phone call at the port, a tip about a faster train to Toronto, advice about a company needing his employ, caution against buying things on time, etc. No obstacle can stand in the way of the Church which can say with David, "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up."

This is the second in a series of three articles by Mr. Rowat)

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## NATIONAL STAFF NEWS

By MISS GIOLO KELLY, B.A., Executive Director

Two valued members of the National Staff reached their time of retirement on June 30th, Mrs. G. P. Louie and Miss Susan Yeung.

Mrs. Louie was born and educated in Hong Kong. She came to Victoria in 1921, and assisted in the work among the Chinese people for seven years. She moved to Vancouver, and was dedicated for work among her own people there in 1930, continuing in this ministry until her resignation in 1938. In 1942 Mrs. Louie returned, to serve on the National Staff in Montreal. She continued to work zealously among the women and children in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Montreal, until her retirement at the end of June. Her many friends took this occasion to honour Mrs. Louie through various social functions. A special farewell service

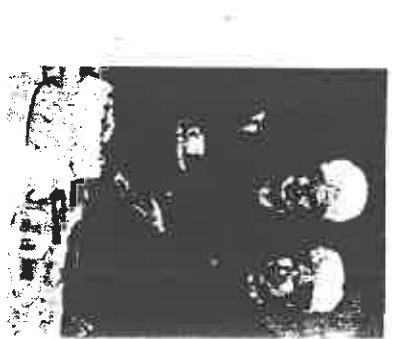


National Presentation to Mrs. Louie.

was conducted in the Chinese Church, on June 19th, at which time she was presented with a scroll, a set of luggage, and a cheque from the congregation. Presentations also were made to her at the closing exercises of the Kindergarten and Chinese School, and a

Banquet in her honour was held in Chinatown on June 22nd. The Society is grateful for the thirty years of service which Mrs. Louie has rendered, and trust that she may enjoy many years of happy retirement.

Miss Yeung was born in China, where she attended the Chang Kwong Girls' Seminary, and Canton Provincial Normal School, graduating as a Kindergarten teacher. She was a member of the Public School staff at Ling Nam University, Canton, for nine years, serving later on the teaching staff of St. Stephen's Girls' College in Hong Kong. Miss Yeung became a member of our National Staff in 1940, and served faithfully from that time, till her retirement, in our Chinese Church in Vancouver, bringing to the work there her gifts as a Christian teacher. She was presented with her 25-year pin at the Council meeting in May of 1965. A special service in honour of her retirement was held in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, on June 3rd, at which time many of her friends gathered to pay tribute to her. Greetings were brought from the Presbytery by the Rev. W. Perry, Missions Convener, and from the W.M.S. (W.D.) by Mrs. G. M. Ledingham, Synodical President. Presentations were made from the congregation, the Pui Tak Chinese School, and the Senior High Fellowship. For her twenty-six years of service as a member of our National Staff, we say a sincere



Miss Yeung, cutting cake of fion in honour of her retire

"thank you" and trust that she enjoy a long and happy retirement. It was with regret that Executive accepted the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Robb Principal and Matron of the Jeffrey Indian Residential effective July 31st. After a number of years in the business in Brantford, Ontario, Mrs. Robinson joined our National Staff in 1958, and, since that time, have given unstintingly of herself in their ministry among Indian-Canadian children. They have severed their relationship with the Society, we are delighted that they will continue to work within the Church. Mr. Robb has been appointed Director Kenora Fellowship Centre August 1st. It is our prayer, God will richly bless them, and they will have much joy in the phase of their Christian service

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## TWO MEMBERS OF STAFF RETIRE



Miss Ruth Yeandle was asked to tell her story of her work with the Chinese people in Vancouver. This is what she has to say:

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A reception was held at Ewart College during the Annual Council Meeting to honour Miss Irene Stringer and Miss Ruth Yeandle who have retired from the staff of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D.

Thirty years ago, one Public Health Nurse cared for all the Public Schools in Vancouver.

Chinese women, without the knowledge of English, feared our queer foreign ways. It was felt that a nurse could help these shy mothers in their new land. So, in the fall of 1931, I was asked to undertake this task. One of my first assignments was to persuade the parents of a diphtheria carrier to allow other members of the family to be tested for these germs.

During the War years it was my privilege to take part in a course of instruction for Chinese and other members of the downtown east-end of Vancouver in First Aid and Home Nursing procedures.

Time has changed very much. Now, many of our Public Health Nurses are Chinese; some trained here and others in Hong Kong.

About 1,500 children have passed through the Kindergarten in the Vancouver Chinese Church.

Many of them entered professional work as doctors, lawyers, nurses, architects, teachers, engineers, ministers and other fields.

The first Chinese woman to be admitted to the Canadian Bar Association is a graduate of the Vancouver Chinese Kindergarten.

The Rev. Ronald Con made his contribution to Canadian life in both English and Chinese Presbyterian churches. He is now active in the Citizenship Branch of the government.

Today Chinese arrive on Canadian soil from all parts of the world. In our Vancouver church are people from South Africa, Australia, Burma, Borneo, South America, Fiji and even from India, all of them of Chinese origin. This Cosmopolitan Chinese Community presents a challenge especially for visiting. One of the problems for us who have learned to speak Cantonese only is that many newcomers nowadays speak Mandarin. Some have a little English and all are anxious to learn more. So we have many wonderful opportunities to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the good news of the love of God in an atmosphere of helpfulness.

These newcomers have much to offer. They deserve to be welcomed and made to feel that we want them to become a valued part of our Canadian life.

When asked about special plans for the future, she said:

One day when I was considering my approaching retirement the Lord brought a passage in Ecclesiastes to my attention.

"God hath given power to rejoice in labour; this is the gift of God. For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart." Ecc. 5:19,20.

I have trusted the Lord throughout my life, I can trust Him for the remainder of it. Whatever He brings to my hand to do, He will give strength and ability to do it cheerfully.

Miss Ruth Yeandle

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Miss Ruth Yeandle

MISS RUTH YEANDLE, Reg. N., is a veteran staff member serving with the Chinese people in Canada. She was born in Vancouver and received her elementary and secondary

schooling there and in Penticton, B.C. She then entered nurse's training in the Vancouver General Hospital and upon graduation took a post-graduate course in obstetrics at Chicago Lying-in Hospital. Her long-standing interest in the Chinese people resulted in her appointment to work among the Chinese women and children in Vancouver in the fall of 1931 as a member of the Society's staff. For the past 36 years she has served the Chinese people in Vancouver, giving faithful and valued leadership in every area of the church's development.

## NATIONAL STAFF NEWS

Following eleven years of service among the Chinese people in Canada, MISS ELSIE LEE retired from the National Staff on March 31. Miss Lee was born in Canton Province. She received her early education in China where following graduation from the Kwongsi Bible College she served as an evangelist in the Kwongsi area. She later came to America and studied at Washington University, Seattle, returning to China upon graduation to again serve as an evangelist. She came to Canada in August 1956 as a member of the National Staff to work among the Chinese people. Her first appointment was to Windsor, Ontario, where she ministered until September 1962 at which time she undertook a six-month study furlough at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee. Upon completion of her study furlough, she served the Chinese Church in Toronto for a year. In response to a request from the Woman's Missionary Society (E.D.) for a Chinese worker in the Atlantic Provinces Miss Lee was loaned to our Sister Society for a year, effective September 1, 1964. Her term of work with the Eastern Division was extended until the time of her official retirement date under our staff policy regulations. Miss Lee travelled extensively throughout the Atlantic Provinces during the



Miss Elsie Lee

past two and a half years, visiting the Chinese people and gathering them together for worship and for Christian instruction and fellowship. We are deeply grateful to Miss Lee for her faithful service and dedication to her Lord and Master during the years in which she was a member of our staff. We know that she will continue to make a strong Christian witness among her people and we would request that the members of our Society continue to uphold her in prayer as she undertakes work under the W.M.S. (E.D.) on a part-time basis with the Chinese people in the Halifax area.

The National Department was pleased to be able to appoint to its staff four members of this year's graduating class of Ewart College.

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gress had the same emphasis. Get out into the world. Know the needs of your community and do something about them. Become involved with suffering humanity. Follow Christ into the midst of human affairs.

The Rev. Philip Potter, a vibrant West Indian who directs world mission and evangelism for the World Council of Churches, forced us to think of the world-wide mission in the context of today's needs. And Dr. Hans-Reudi Weber, who came from Switzerland's Ecumenical Institute to lead daily Bible study, took the scriptures off the dusty attic shelf and into the relevance of life today.

He never allowed us to retreat into theological hair-splitting or pious clichés. Instead, in small groups we probed the connection between worship and daily work, examined our participation in Christ's mission, and asked ourselves, "Do the activities in our groups and congregations measure up to the needs of today's world?" We literally translated Psalm 8 into the language and conditions of the 20th century, and composed prayers using the front page of the newspaper.

Through the addresses of a Baptist minister, Dr. R. S. Dunn, and a Roman Catholic, Father R. P. E. Lamirande, we saw our mission in relation to the thoughts and concerns of Christians in other denominations. And we were urged to become involved with them. The most significant thing was the physical pres-

ence of these men in our midst, testifying to the growing feelings of unity among the various branches of Christianity.

The programme was packed with good things. A contemporary drama, *Christ In The Concrete City*, performed by the Religion and Theatre Council's Company of Pilgrims, graphically depicted the Passion of Christ. Each of us became personally involved as participants in "the bloodiest murder you and I ever committed."

In small group discussions we shared frustrations and insights as we tried to relate our faith to the world. A reaction panel of delegates mirrored the questions and concerns of us all, as we looked toward returning home.

Two brief sessions were devoted to the work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The methods of presentation were good, the information valuable. But these may have been the least effective part of the Congress, largely because many delegates, especially the younger ones, weren't in a mood to think about institutional boards and programmes. As one said, "That just turned me off. I want to find out how to be a Christian in the world, not how wonderful our church institution is!"

The Congress overflowed with dialogue. Most encouraging was the bridging of the generation gap as younger and older people discovered common grounds of concern and understanding. (cont'd on p. 39)

## OUR WORKERS

*(We would suggest that these two centre pages be taken out of the magazine each month, and carefully kept for your own records and information.)*

### MISS RUTH YEANDLE

Miss Yeandle, who was born in Vancouver, received her Public and High School education there and in Penticton, British Columbia. On graduation as a nurse from the Vancouver General Hospital, Miss Yeandle took a post-graduate course in obstetrics at Chicago Lying-in Hospital. She became interested in the church's work among the Chinese people in Vancouver, and in the fall of 1931 she was appointed to work among the Chinese women and children. Since that time the work has grown and developed, much of the growth and development being due to Miss Yeandle's guidance and untiring efforts.



MISS RUTH YEANDLE



MISS ANNIE WILSON

### MISS ANNIE WILSON, I.L.C.M.

Miss Wilson, a graduate of Vancouver Bible School, began her work among the Chinese in Vancouver on a part-time basis. In 1948 she became a full-time member of our National staff. Miss Wilson's work has been most effective, as through her music and leadership she has assisted with the kindergarten, mid-week groups, Church School, choir and as Church Organist.

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MISS GEE BUN LEE

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Miss Lee of Canton Province in China is a graduate of high school and Bible training school in Shanghai. It is interesting to know that Miss Lee's father was one of the first elders in the Chinese church, Montreal, under the Rev. Paul Chan's father, minister of the Church at that time. Miss Lee began her work in Canada in January, 1954 at the Chinese Mission in Toronto. Previous to coming to Canada in December, 1953, she had experience as a deaconess in the Chinese Church as Chinese Secretary in the Y.W.C.A., and as a Chinese Assistant in the work of the Salvation Army in Hong Kong. Her work in Toronto is with the Chinese women, young people and children.

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MISS MARGARET NEAR

### MISS MARGARET NEAR, B.A.

Miss Near, who was born in Guelph but whose home is now in Kitchener, Ontario, is a graduate with B.A. degree from the Waterloo College. On graduation from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School in April, 1952 Miss Near was appointed to deaconess work in Regina, in the Presbytery of Assiniboia. In 1954, Miss Near was transferred to work at the Chinese Mission in Toronto. In addition to her work, she has been gaining a knowledge of the Chinese language, which has helped her greatly as she meets the Chinese people in their groups and in their homes. Miss Near is at present on furlough and is studying at San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California.



## IN MEMORY



**Mrs. Arthur W. Pae**  
**President of The Women's Missionary**  
**Society, W.D.**  
 1948-1953

Women who were involved in the work of The Women's Missionary Society, W.D. during the late 1930's through the 50's will have vivid and happy memories of Mrs. A. W. Pae.

Mrs. Pae came to Toronto from Montreal where she had been active in the work of the Society. In 1938 she became a member of Council Executive and immediately was made a member of its Overseas Committee. Soon she became Council Executive Secretary for India, which involved working with the then General Board of Missions. In 1943 Mrs. Pae became a Vice-President of the Society and the Area of British Guiana was made her responsibility as well as India. Her knowledge and concern for these Areas made it natu-

ral for her to become a member of the Canadian Overseas Mission Council and the Board of All-India Christian Medical College of Vellore. Mrs. Pae's interest reached out beyond the work of her own denomination and therefore her contribution to the work of these Inter-Church Boards and to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada was valuable.

In 1948 Mrs. Pae was elected President of the Society and as such continued on the General Board of Missions and the Canadian Overseas Mission Council.

As Council Executive Secretary for India and British Guiana Mrs. Pae had close relationships with W.M.S. staff serving in those lands and her friendship was appreciated by those who knew her as their Sec-

retary. Her interest was not confined to those for whom she was directly responsible. She had interest in and concern for young women training for service in the Church wherever they might serve or whatever their position might be. For several years she was Chairman of the House and Deaconess Training School and as such came to know the students and was concerned for their welfare. The staff in the W.M.S. Office appreciated her presence with them, her friendly conversations, her sense of humour and her interest in them. Mrs. Pae was ever forward—looking and willing to try new ventures. On occasion when some might question if the Society could "afford" to enter into some new work, Mrs. Pae's answer would be "We can't afford not to."

After retiring from Council Executive Mrs. Pae continued her support of the W.M.S. through the group in her own congregation in Glenview Presbyterian Church, Toronto and kept in touch with

W.M.S. staff. She visited her daughter, a nurse serving with the World Health Organization in India, and spent some time there. Returning to Toronto in ill health she spent the last few years of her life at Guildwood Villa where she died on January 6, 1977. She is survived by her daughter Miss Mary Pae to whom the sympathy of the Society is extended.

The Presbyterian Church remembers with gratitude the service rendered by Mrs. Pae. It is well to remember the words she addressed to the Council delegates in 1953 as she completed her time as President. Asking them to pray for the Society and most of all that the Christian Way might be presented in the whole world, she said—"During the last four years Council Executive has had many situations which have been difficult to meet. It we worked at the level of ourselves we got nowhere. It was only when we realized that we must forget ourselves and when we turned to the only source of Power, that we were able to proceed with our work."

—Louise A. Reith

## Announcing . . . . .

**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
 of  
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**Ewart College, Toronto**  
**May 9-12, 1977**