

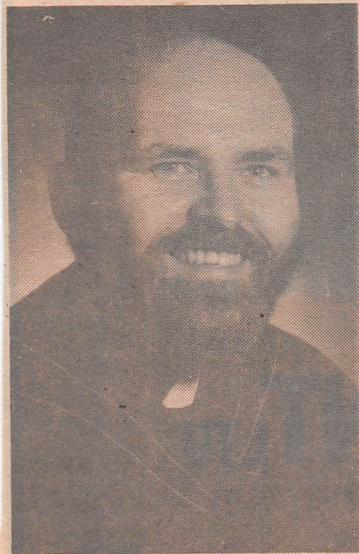
# Clerical couple comes to Cardston

By Nick Nickyforuk

Robert and Betty Schwab, both ordained ministers in the United Church, arrived in Cardston July 6 and will commence ministerial duties at the Cardston and Magrath United Churches this Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwab are in their late thirties and have a 10½ month old son named David. Prior to their move here they were students at Emmanuel College in Toronto, Cardston being their first official 'on-the-job' assignment.

"We wanted to come to Alberta. It was a first choice.



Saskatchewan and Manitoba were our second and third choices," said Rev. Robert Schwab. "We are glad to be in Car-

dston. We heard of the good medical facilities here, which was what we wanted for the baby."

There are seventy-five United Church clergy couples in Canada. "Within a few years one third to one half of our people will be clergy couples," Rev. Robert Schwab said. "Fifty percent of



our women are now training for the ministry."

In reference to the Church's growth Mr. Schwab said, "People have been trying to bury the United Church but it's on the upswing. Our youth organizations, in particular, are vibrant."

The Schwabs replace Rev. Howard Usher who has been transferred to a United Church in Edmonton.

# Pulpit taken over by new minister

By Robert Brouwer *July 17, 1981*

Maybe it's her petite size and light grey hair that makes Audrey Harper look less like a minister and more like a grandmother.

However, there is no mistaking Harper Sunday morning. She gets in front of the small United Church congregation here in Cardston and preaches.



**Audrey Harper**

*new minister at the United Church*

Harper arrived two weeks ago from the West United Church in Lethbridge to fill the vacancy left by Doug Dunn's departure to B.C. She has a BA degree from the University of Lethbridge and prior to one year at the West United she served two years as the minister in Milo and Arrowwood.

She admits filling Dunn's vacancy will be hard, but said, "It was a good response this morning (July 10) - I think they have accepted me."

Harper feels being a female minister also makes standing behind the pulpit a little harder. "People are more accepting of male ministers," she said, but adds the balance is getting more even all the time and it has always been more difficult for women in any profession.

"At this time I think this is what God wants me to do."

Harper will also serve the Magrath United Church. "It's a little awkward right now, but I don't mind - the dirive is nice," she said.

Harper said she has always worked in church, whether it's been serving on a board, choir, secretary or Sunday school teacher.

She was a chairman on the South-

# Lutheran minister arrives

By Robert Brouwer Aug 2, 1988

The Faith Lutheran Church of Cardston and St. John's Lutheran Church of Magrath installed Reverend Daryl Larson as their pastor July 24.

It marks the first time in the history of Cardston that a Lutheran pastor has resided in the area.

During the installation, Reverend Harry Ruf, president of the Alberta-British Columbia District Lutheran Church of Canada, delivered the message and area Lutheran clergy assisted with the liturgy.

Both the pastor and his wife, Donna, hope to develop outreach programs for the Cardston and Magrath communities.

"There's great potential here," said Larson. "A tremendous need for an outreach program."

He said depending on the needs in the communities, support groups for the recently divorced, bereaved and unemployed would possibly be set up.

In the fall, Larson also plans to implement youth groups, bible study programs and Sunday school.

Larson, who carries on as a seventh generation minister in his family, was raised in Saskatchewan where his father also served as a Lutheran pastor.

After completing his undergraduate studies in Abnormal Psychology at the University of Alberta, Larson took over as associate director at an assessment centre for juvenile delinquents.

He then enrolled at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary at Waterloo, Ont. and graduated with a Masters Degree in Theological Studies and Pastoral Counselling.

Later, he completed 1,200 hours of clinical training in substance abuse at Hurley Medical Center of Flint, Michigan before being employed as a substance abuse manager and chaplain by the Port Huron Hospital in Port Huron, Mich.

It was during this time Larson developed and implemented a comprehensive family therapy program, a highway safety program, a marital counselling program and counselled psychiatrics and other patients.

He is also actively involved in the Hospice Movement and has provided technical assistance to several Hospice organizations.

In 1986, Larson enrolled at Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana and completed the requirements to enter the ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

For the past year he served as a Vicar at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Quincy, Mich.

Larson was ordained this year in June at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Paw Paw, Mich.

Throughout his career, Larson has integrated pastoral care, clinical psychology and counselling.

Donna has 12 years of vocational rehabilitation experience. She developed a career counselling job placement and vocational evalua-

tion system for business, industry, schools and public agencies.

As well, she holds an undergraduate degree in Special Education and a Masters Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counselling from the University of Michigan.

Together, they hope to utilize their skills to the benefit of the communities.



Daryl and Donna Larson take up residence in Cardston as they begin their ministry with the Lutheran congregations in Cardston and Magrath.

# New minister at United Church

By Arnim Joop Jul 11 1989

Reverend Doug Cowan looks forward to serving the United Church congregations of Cardston and Magrath as their minister. It is Cowan's first assignment since he was ordained only six weeks ago at BC Conference.

Cowan is from Vancouver Island. He studied theology at the University of Saskatoon.

Cowan will have to attend to about 120 families in Cardston and 90 families in Magrath belonging to the United Church.

"It will be quite a challenge to serve a minority," Cowan says referring to his new assignment. He has not yet met his colleagues from the other churches in Cardston and Magrath.

Asked what his priorities will be working with the United Church in Cardston and Magrath, Cowan mentioned three priorities: strong worship leadership, visiting people, and bible studies.

"I don't intend to hide in my office," Cowan says, "I prefer to be with the people. All members of the church are ministers in a way, because they are serving the congregation. I am on the pulpit, but this is only for the people to see me better."

Cowan admires clergymen like Bishop Dom Helder Camara of Brazil, who are working on the grassroots level and are really concerned of what the people need, but he is sceptical with those representatives of the church hierarchy, who are too much involved with political power.

"A church or a society is only really democratic, if it treats their

minorities in a democratic way," Cowan says.

It is Cowan's opinion that education plays a key role changing the people's attitude towards today's major problems, like poverty in the Third World or the worldwide peace-making process.

Together with his wife Richelle,

who is studying political science and history at the University of Lethbridge, Cowan is going to settle in the Town of Magrath. "Staying close to the Rocky Mountains is a convenient location for both of us," Cowan comments, "since Richelle and I both are fond of mountaineering."



Doug Cowan, the new minister of the United churches in Cardston and Magrath, and his wife Richelle stand in front of St. Andrew's United Church in Cardston. photo by Arnim Joop



The Faith Lutheran board was recently elected and the members are top row, l to r: Elder Gerald Amonson, Pastor Daryl Larson, chairperson Dr. Andrew Strang, Elder Frank Knoch, Board of Christian Education Donna Larson, Elder Don Behrens, Chris-

tian Education Emma Knoch, treasurer Alice Spry. Not pictured are vice-chairperson Garrett Komm, secretary Darlene Scott, youth representative Andrew Friesen an Lutheran Womens' Missionary representative. Jan 31 1989



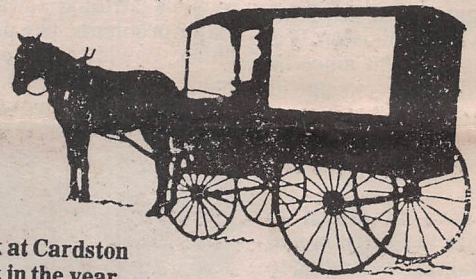
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Cardston. This was during the 1930's into the early 1940's and is typified by the Art Moderne and Art Deco Styles of architecture. D's Texaco and the Post Office Building are examples of the Art Deco Style of Architecture (the LDS Alberta Temple is designed in the Art Deco Style.)

The Cardston Tire and Radiator Shop is a good example of the streamline Art Moderne Style. The

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith  
of Glenwood  
are happy to announce  
the marriage of  
their daughter  
**Chelay**  
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## New United Church minister

Aug 7, 1984

Meet Reverend Douglas Dunn. Rev. Dunn and his wife Alice (more commonly known as "Teddie"), recently arrived in Cardston from Athabasca where the Reverend had spent the last four years as the United Church Minister for that community. He now comes to this area, replacing Revs. Robert and Betty Lynn Schwab.

In a pleasant interview with Rev. Dunn last week, he told me he didn't think of becoming a minister until he was 42 years of age.

"Prior to my career change, I had spent 14 years with the Department of National Defence in Ottawa as a Weapons Specialist for the Navy, but I became disillusioned as a civil servant," he said. "I felt suppressed whenever I wanted to express my personal views. There seemed to be no freedom of expression when working for the government."

The Reverend was active in his church at the time, teaching Sunday School and being involved with the church youth, and scouting; he even acted as a lay minister occasionally whenever the regular minister was sick. But something was missing; he wanted more spiritual fulfillment.

He decided to become a United Church Minister. "At first I thought I would be a teacher of theology but back then there was a big demand for ordained ministers so I followed that route."

Rev. Dunn started his theological training in Halifax and in 1969 he was ordained to the Ministry.



Rev. Douglas Dunne

During his training, he presided over congregations in Quebec and Ontario, but after his ordination he and his wife moved to Alberta where the Reverend served at Gleichen, the Crows Nest Pass, Athabasca, and now here.

Rev. Dunn was born in England in 1921 but he moved to Scotland at an early age where he went through school.

He served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War, and in 1948, he and "Teddie" immigrated to Canada. The Dunn's have five children and eight grandchildren.

"I consider myself a liberal theologian," Rev. Dunn said. "I believe God has given us abilities to make our own decisions. We have a certain amount of freedom to interpret rules for living."

He gave an example of his liberal beliefs, referring to playing golf on Sunday:

"I don't see anything wrong with spending part of the Sunday in religious worship, then later going on the golf course to relax," he explained.

As the Minister for the United Church members in the Cardston and Magrath area, Rev. Dunn's goal is to act as a leader. "I want to encourage spiritual growth and be an example."

Dunn also wants to be a servant to the community, not just a servant to the Church. "I want to show Christian fellowship to all people here, not only in my church."

Rev. Dunn and "Teddie" - Welcome to Cardston!

while it was mainly a period of rest and recreation, I also learned something that might prove to be of great interest to Cardston.

Several years back, the City of Boston initiated a new type of New Year's eve celebration called the First Night Celebration. Since then a number of other American communities have adopted this style of New Year's Eve celebration.

On the New Year's Eve for 1988, the City of Vancouver joined in and adopted the First Night Celebration format. A crowd of 5,000 was expected but a crowd of 50,000

...ing quarters, comedy and dramatic live plays, puppet shows, choirs, comedians, bands, jugglers, movies and many other types of entertainment was offered in a variety of settings and locations surrounding Edmonton's main civic square. Private office lobbies, all the theatres in the Citadel Theatre, the Edmonton Library, Art Gallery and Alberta Law Courts and other enclosed

a healthy and fulfilling alternative to the traditional New Year's Celebration where drunkenness and hangovers are the usual.

This type of celebration allows for a great opportunity for Cardston to hold a similar type of event. It could take the form of a regional New Year's Eve celebration or it could be held at some other time of the year under the auspices of some other occasion.

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