

MEET THE Y. P. A. EXECUTIVE

by Patricia McCrea



Merle Smith
President

MERLE SMITH, our capable president, has directed our youth work in a wonderful way. The success and blessing we have known has been largely due to his spirit-led leadership. Merle was born in Port Maitland, Nova Scotia; he cites his early home training there and the Christian friends he met as the strong influences which led him to Christ. Merle attended Bethany Bible College and the Nova Scotia Teachers' College. Married to the former Shirley Vaughan, he now resides in Moncton where he is employed with General Motors. In his busy schedule of denomination youth work he still finds time to loyally support our church work in Moncton as a faithful member and dedicated Sunday School teacher. As president of our work, Merle must plan Youth Workshops, District Rallies, The Bible Quiz, Scripture Memorization Contests, Young Couples' Retreat, Beulah Youth Services and many business meetings, besides shouldering much of the responsibility for our youth activities. To Merle we say, "A difficult task well performed!" His favourite scripture verse is "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass." His true Christian experience proves that this has been his motto during his ten years as a Christian. Merle's nutshell advise to us is "FALL DEEPLY IN LOVE WITH CHRIST EARLY IN LIFE."



DOUGLAS MacCALLUM, a native of Moncton, is our president's right-hand man. He is a former denominational president and has always had a keen interest in youth work. During his five years on the faculty at Bethany Bible College, Doug's sterling character influenced many of our young people. He's also known and remembered for his work as Director of Youth Camp at Beulah. Our Marysville church work keeps Doug busy; he acts as deacon, Sunday School teacher, choir director and song leader. Each year Doug directs some special project of our work. If it's not the spring Youth Rally, it's the Bible Quiz or the Scripture Memorization Contest. He is married to the former Betty Symonds and the proud father of two daughters, Susan and Ruth. He holds a teaching position at the Devon School in Fredericton. Doug feels a christian home and church attendance were outstanding factors in leading him to Christ. During the seventeen years of his Christian life the Book of James has been his favourite scripture passage. His message to christian youth is: "STAY TRUE TO CHRIST. Thousands have not yet bowed to Baal. LIVE CONSISTENTLY, for by your fruit they shall know you. God helps us each to BE SOUL WINNERS FOR HIM".



Douglas MacCallum
Vice-President



Patricia McCrea
Secretary

PATRICIA McCREA, our efficient secretary, was born in Marysville, N. B. Married to Glendon McCrea, she now lives in St. Stephen, N. B., where she is employed as a housewife and school teacher in one of the St. Stephen schools. Patye has made a great contribution to our youth work by keeping an accurate record of all business meetings and handling and preparing reports from Y.P. Societies. Her consistent christian life and Godly influence, plus her experience in youth work and deep interest in young people, make her a valuable member of the executive. Along with her duties as secretary, she is a Sunday School teacher and Missionary Auxiliary President in the Calais church. She is also General Missionary Auxiliary Treasurer. Patye is a graduate of Bethany Bible College and New Brunswick Teacher's College. The factors which led her to Christ were a christian home and christian friends. Special highlights of her life were high school days at Bethany and youth work at Perth. Her favourite scripture passage is Isaiah 53. Patye recommends God's will to each young person, for she has proven "HE WILL LEAD YOU IN THE BEST WAYS, AND REWARD YOUR FAITHFULNESS AND ENDURANCE IN EVERY PHASE OF YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE".

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CHARLES' expert advice on all financial issues has made him a valuable member of the executive, and a busy one too. He is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College and Toronto University. How fortunate we are to have a treasurer with a degree in Commerce! Recently all the young people's accounts were grouped into a general treasury. This increases the treasurer's tasks, making him responsible for every phase of the general expenses and self-denial funds. At present Charlie is a member of the High School faculty at Bethany Bible College. He states that the invitation to teach at our Bible College was the greatest honour of his life. His Christian home and his parents' consistent living were the strongest factors in his decision to live for Christ. "It is God that girdeth me with strength and maketh my way perfect" is the scripture verse Charlie has chosen as his guide during his eighteen years as a Christian. The highlight of his life is his experience of sanctification received at Beulah Youth Camp, 1959. His formula for victorious Christian living he shares with us "CHRIST FIRST; OTHERS NEXT; SELF LAST".



Charles Owens,
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Treasurer