INTRODUCTION

The year 1977 marks the Silver Jubilee of the megavitamin or Orthomolecular movement. It started in 1952 in Saskatchewan, Canada, with larger doses of vitamin B3 for treating schizophrenia. Since then the approach has been refined and developed, and its potential has greatly increased. It has helped many thousands of children and adults, and it is important to develop and expand the movements so that many more people can be helped.

To this end we are publishing a personal account by some of the pioneers and a history of the psychiatric research which began in Saskatchewan. The accounts, with descriptions of the problems and achievements, could be helpful in providing a blueprint for the future. This issue of the **journal of Orthomolecular Psychiatry** is devoted to these accounts and is named the Pioneer Issue. We hope that you find it interesting, informative, and inspiring.

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