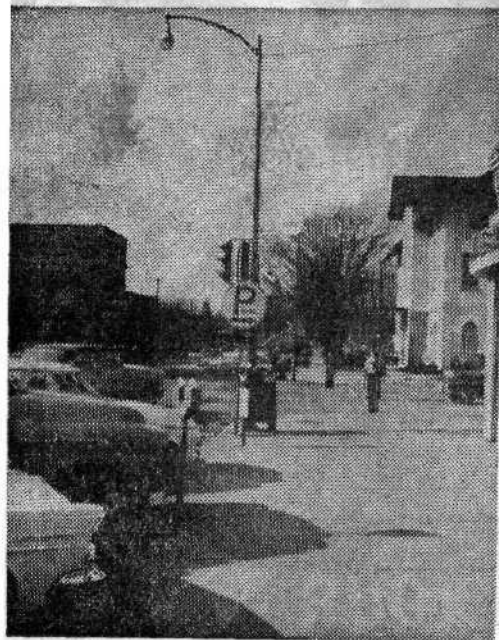


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ON THE MAIN STREET



At the north east corner of Queen Street United Church there is a concrete corner stone and in the receptacle therein are a number of papers, documents, coins, newspapers and a story of the history of the church and the names of former ministers.

Last Sunday Queen Street congregation observed another milestone in history and one senior resident recalled a portion of history. The first Methodist service was held in a

small frame house now located on John Street. The first brick church was erected at the corner of Queen and Caroline Streets and the parsonage was on St. Paul Street. When the Canadian Pacific Railway entered Lindsay in the early Nineteen Hundreds, well over half a century ago the white brick church and frame driving shed were razed to the ground and the land was verbally transferred to the town for park purposes.

Some of the pioneer ministers included: Rev. Dewey, Rev. Crosley Hunter, Rev. McMullen, Rev. Jos. Peel, Rev. Harvey Strike, Rev. Arthur Phelps, Rev. McGahey, Rev. Moore, Rev. McGill, Rev. Lindsay.

The McMillen brothers of Lindsay are relatives of one of the former ministers; the two Strike brothers, Glen a police magistrate and Ross, the chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission are sons of Rev. Strike and Professor Arthur Phelps of Kingston is a son of a former minister. Mrs. Joe Fee of Peterboro, formerly of Lindsay is a sister-in-law of Rev. Reel.

Among the former ministers of the present beautiful church at Queen and Lindsay streets were Rev. Coon under whose ministry the edifice was built, Rev. David, Rev. Edmison, Rev. Woolfram, Rev. John Scott (now living in Lindsay), Rev. William March, Rev. Brown, Rev. Lester and the present incumbent Rev. Ben Garrett.

Former stalwart workers and faithful members of the congregation included such names as: Mitchell, Fee, Vickery, Coburn, Geach, Morrison, Hartley, Haight, Graham, White, Calvert, Tresidder, McWalters, Staples and Ferguson.

Anniversary services were in charge of Rev. Ben Garrett and special services were delivered by Rev. Stewart Crysdale, of Toronto.