

Progress At Monteith

A ceremony of outstanding importance was held this week at Monteith, a small community approximately 45 miles east of Timmins. It was the "unveiling" of the village's first hydrant.

Installation of a hydrant in Tiramins would be just another bit of routine, but in Monteith it represents fire protection the village had not enjoyed before.

An event such as this serves to emphasize many of the services we take for granted, especially if we reside in a well-organized town like Timmins. We seldom give a thought to the sewer and water mains which spell comfort and "civilization" even in the dead of winter. We take

for granted the wires which bring us power for lights, stoves, vacuum cleaners and refrigerators. And paved roads and cement sidewalks are regarded as routine, except when we have to pay for them.

Civic services are costly, yet they represent what most communities of any size consider to be normal. Our standards of living have risen greatly since the "early" days but it is only on such occasions as celebrated at Monteith that we realize how far we have progressed.

Reeve Barney Nosov of Calvert Township said this was one of the great occasions in the history of the community. And so it was.

ONR Helps Calvert Install Hydrants

ANSONVILLE (Staff) — It was disclosed here Friday by the office of Township Clerk E. C. Lapalme that the Ontario Northland railway has agreed to grant \$2000 to help Calvert Township install much-needed fire-hydrants at Monteith. A letter received this week at the township office from the ONR states that, following study of the matter, the ONR will give financial assistance. The hydrants will also serve as additional fire protection for railway buildings at Monteith. The letter results from a conference last month, when Reeve Barney Nosov told ONR officials

that "Monteith is too small to bear the cost of the \$6800 project, and unless the railroad will help, we don't see how the hydrants can be installed."

Calvert Works Foreman J. P. Handley said work on the project would begin as soon as possible. He stated "one hydrant will definitely be installed this September, and possibly another two later in the year."

He said the operation entailed taking up existing pipe-lines now on the prison-farm property, and relaying them to serve the village. The line will

Monteith Churches Given "New Look"

MONTEITH (Special) — Rather a unique situation exists in Monteith. There are three churches in the village to serve the spiritual needs of the community of 296.

Although this means that the congregations are not very large, nothing can be said about their loyalty.

The Anglican church of St. Mary Magdalene caught fire December 16, 1954.

Although help was obtained from the Industrial Farm and Ansonville Fire brigade, a great deal of damage was done to the entrance hall, vestry, wood room and part of the main body of the church.

The parishioners were dismayed at the amount of damage. There was some insurance, but not enough to pay for materials and labor. Also to start on a new church at that time of year was impossible.

Through the kindness of Rev. William Sherwin, services were conducted by the Rev. James Donaldson in the United church.

DISCUSS SITUATION

In the spring a meeting of the church wardens and congregation was held to discuss the situation. After consultation it was decided

to use the money on hand to buy materials and to rely on volunteer help for the labor.

This has been done, and night after night workers have been at the church to do their bit. Gradually the blistered, charred wood was removed and replaced, the whole interior has been tinted in cream and green, new lights installed, a new vestry and entrance hall have been built, windows installed and pews, damaged by heat, smoke and water, have been revarnished. Carpet has also been laid.

To provide heat during the winter, the old fashioned heater and long string of pipes have been replaced with a modern oil furnace.

Only through the hard work of the men and women of the parish has it been possible to accomplish so much. Giving freely of their time, they have made it possible for the church to be used again.

GOSPEL HALL

Members of the Gospel Hall decided to build a new church so they bought a site on Main street and a new building started.

So far, using strictly voluntary labor, they have erected a lumber

building. The roof and windows and two entrances have been installed.

There is still much work to be done by the volunteers, in what time they can spare from their farm work or regular jobs.

They hope to have their church finished before the winter sets in. At present they are holding services in an old log structure.

UNITED CHURCH

Not to be outdone, and because it was needed, the board of stewards of the United church decided to renovate their church.

A sum of money was given for repairs by the Women's Association. With this and other money they bought materials.

Labor, often costing more than the materials, was beyond the budget of the congregation. The members were called on to help and they responded willingly.

The roof was repaired, cracks in the gyprock filled in. A coat of pastel green paint was given the walls and ceiling.

The wainscot, seats and furniture are to be revarnished, the floor oiled and matting laid down in the aisles.

Altogether there has been a great improvement in the appearance of Monteith's churches in 1955.

Rev. J. H. Walsh Is New Rector

MATHESON (Special) — The Right Reverend C. C. Robinson, Bishop of Moosonee, inducted the Rev. J. H. Walsh, S.Th., as rector of Matheson Parish in St. John's Anglican Church, Friday.

Assisting the Bishop were Archdeacon G. A. Young, Messrs. D. Wolf and R. T. Mitten, Minister's and Peoples' Wardens. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. H. M. Shail, rector of St. Chad's Schumacher. Other visiting

clergy included The Very Rev. S. J. Bell, Rector of St. Matthew's Cathedral, Timmins, Canon G. H. Loosemore, rural Dean of Cochrane, Rev. D. J. Wilkinson, Rev. J. R. C. Patterson, Rev. C. Elliott, Rev. J. Mather, Rev. C. A. Milne.

Prior to the service the WA's served a banquet for the visiting clergy and their wives in the Legion Hall.

After the Induction, a reception was held at which tea and coffee were poured by Mesdames H. Critchley and T. C. Haley.