

EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH

Opens Campaign for \$100,00 Building

Fund, Oct. 27

The oldest church on the Plains of Aldershot is undertaking a building expansion program in order to provide much needed accomodation for a fast growing suburban community. East Plains United Church, situated on No. 2 Highway west of Maplehurst School, goes back nearly a century and a quarter in history. Sunday School was originally held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory, whose descendants are active in the congregation today.

In 1843 land was donated for a church and a cemetery and the first church, a small small frame building was erected in 1858. From the files of the Hamilton Spectator, March 12, 1892, it was learned that the first brick church was built in that year. 50 by 54 feet, with a seating capacity of 250 and at a cost of \$4,500. The building was destroyed by fire and the present one erected in 1907.

For nearly 50 years families have worshipped and served the community in the present structure, which is no longer adequate for the rapidly growing community. A building extension program has been gathering momentum for three years and had now reached the climax in a financial objective of \$100,000. An every person canvass will be undertaken to underwrite this amount by the men of the congregation with Burton Crocker, finance chairman, and Emory Horn, building treasurer. All members, adherents and friends are asked to reserve Tuesday evening, November 2, when they will be called on. In addition 80 men who will canvass will meet on Monday evening, November 1.

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Flower demonstration on April 5th.

A large number of members and friends attended a flower demonstration in East Plains United Church by Miss Dowie, of the Roseland Greenhouses. This presentation was sponsored by the Alpha Group of the W. A. Mrs. M. Gapes welcomed the ladies and introduced the speaker. Beautiful bouquets won by Mrs. A. Smale, Mrs. E. H. Morden, Mrs. G. Jerome, Mrs. R. Cantelon, Mrs. K. Allen, Mrs. J. Bush, Mrs. D. Bristo, Mrs. I. Syer, Mrs. D. Caughill, Mrs. A. Dellanbach and the Rev. E. A. Chester. A vocal solo by Mrs. D. Bristo wa warmly applauded. Mrs. Gordon Gastle and Mrs. William Burneston's candy table for talent money was well patronized. Mrs. Charles Scheer and Mrs. William Zeir poured tea and were assisted by Mrs. Earl Soverign, convenor, and her group.

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Baptism on May 4th, 1953.

Rev. E. A. Chester officiated at the baptism of Carl Roderick, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sprechts; Stephen Arnold, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Irvin, and Andrew Knox, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Garth Jenkins, at the morning service at East Plains United Church, yesterday. Emory Horn, treasurer of the East Plains United Church building fund had passed the \$10,000 mark upon the receipt of \$1,500 turned over from the talent group of the church as proceeds of the 1953 variety show. It was also reported that the Sunday School was averaging between \$20 and \$30 every Sunday in the special building fund envelopes which the children bring. The Sunday School attendance yesterday was 219, and the limited facilities of the small church are being taxed to the limit to accomodate the growing numbers.