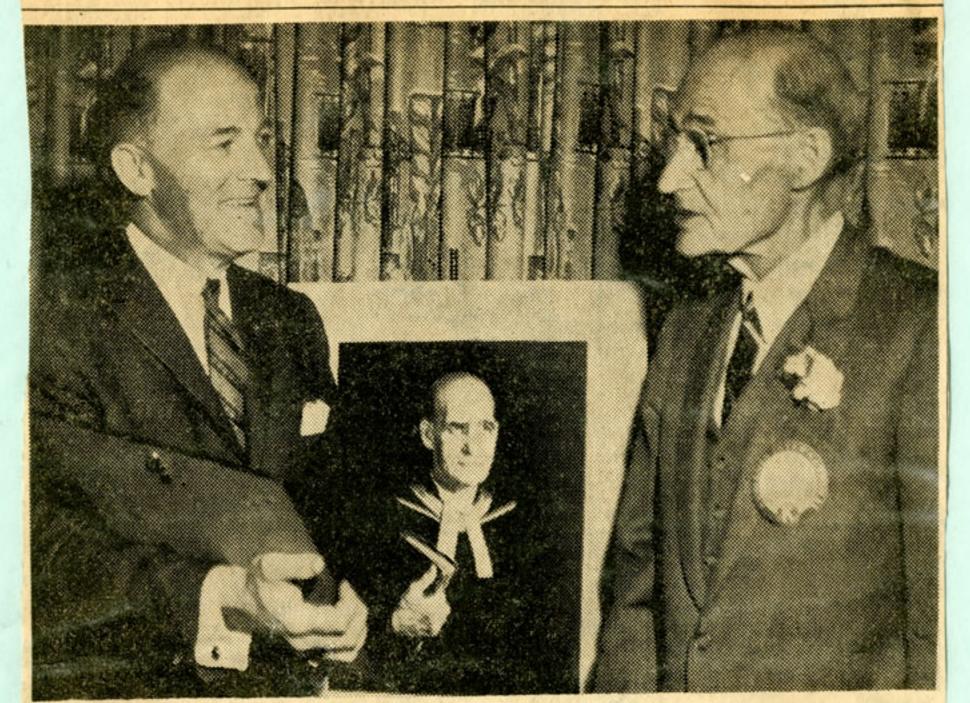
The Rev. E. A. Chester, who leaves East Plains United Church, Aldershot, the end of this month, to do extension work for the United Church, and his wife, Mrs. Chester, will be honored at a farewell tea at the church on Monday evening. The tea is being sponsored by the Woman's Association under the convenership of Mrs. Norman Sims. Mrs. Walter Ross, association president, will receive the guests and Mesdames Leslie Simpson, Donald Grierson, William Green and Gerald Jerome will pour tea. Assisting in serving will be Mesdames Alan Price, Robert Job, Murray Jarvis, Michael Sprung, Fred W. Hill, Howard Kirkpatrick, M. F. Mills, Elmer Street, James Torrance. A. E. Morris and R. A. Dolan. The Rev. Mr. Chester has been minister of East Plains Church for the last 13 years.



TESTIMONIAL DINNER — The Kiwanis Club of Aldershot paid tribute to the Rev. E. A. Chester who is retiring as minister of East Plains United Church, Aldershot, at a dinner meeting at the Willowbank. Matt Williams (left), vice-president, presented Mr. Chester with a plaque commemorating his "outstanding work as pastor of East Plains Church in the community of Aldershot"; a portrait of himself and a Bible. Mrs. Chester was also a guest at the dinner.

Kiwanians Honor Retiring Minister Years At East Plains Church

A. Chester, who is retiring June with a bronze plaque in recog- later served 14 years at New 30 after 43 years as a United nition of his lifelong public ser- Westminister B.C. and Vancou-Church minister, the last 13 of vice. them at East Plains United The meeting was chaired by Saskatoon. Eastern pastorates Church, was honored at a spe- vice-president Matt Williams beginning in 1934 were in Torrial meeting of the Kiwanis and was arranged by the pro- ronto, Niagara Falls and Bramp-

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In 1947 he came to Aldershot nany years, was made the first MR. McLEAN outlined Mr. as minister to the joint charges onorary member of the Alder- Chester's ministry which began of West and East Plains, Under his direction the decision was made to make the two charges separate, in 1955.

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At the May meeting of the East and West Plains W.M.S. on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. H. W. Outerbridge was presented with a life membership by Mrs. Goldwin Terry on behalf of the society. Mrs. Walter Crewson presided for the program.

Ross Peart, senior elder of East Plains, described the progress made at that church under Mr. Chester's enthusiastic leadership. Due to a great increase in membership, a new church had to be built in 1956.

Mr. Peart pointed out that while the new church was being erected, the congregation met in the auditorium of Holy Rosary School, the result of an arrangement made by Mr. Chester and the Rev. Blake Ryan. Mr. Peart said that to his knowledge, this was the first time such a generous agreement had been reached between two churches.

THE KIWANIANS also presented the minister with a new Bible and a photographic por-trait by Fred Hill of the club.

Head table guests included Father Ryan of Holy Rosary Parish; Rev. William Petherick of West Plains United Church; Rev. William Black, of Alder-shot Presbyterian Church; Ross Peart, senior elder of East Plains; Mrs. Chester and Mrs. Matt Williams.

Also present were Burton Crocker, recording steward; Fred Bidwell, chairman of the board of stewards; and Earl Sovereign, clerk of the session of East Plains United Church.