

History of Glenora United Church

Before 1850, this area had been the Marysburgh branch of the Hallowell Circuit. In 1850 it became the Marysburgh branch of the Picton Circuit. The Rev. G.S. White began to preach here in 1856. In 1857 it became part of the Milford Circuit. There were congregations at Glenora, Bongard's, Waupoos and Bethel (in Greenbush). The charge was a mission with two missionaries, one living in Milford and the other on the Cressy part of the charge. Churches were built by each of these four congregations. First the Bethel church was closed and finally demolished, then Bongards and in 1967, Waupoos. These three congregations have joined the one at Glenora. Glenora is now part of the Cressy charge, the only other church is at Cressy.

The present church building was erected in 1876 on land donated by J.C. Wilson, who operated the Glenora Mill. In 1877, Rev. W. Weese began to preach here, he took over the Cressy charge in 1879. In the early years, this Methodist church bore the name "Mount Carmel" but in 1884 the name was changed to Glenora. This was the time of church union of the three Methodist sects.

In 1925, the congregation voted to join the United Church of Canada. A few years later, the church was closed for a time but was re-opened in about three years. In 1962, extensive repairs were made to the church building, including the rebuilding of the steeple which is a landmark for navigators on the Bay of Quinte below. In 1972, extensive alterations were made to the basement. A furnace was installed and facilities for kitchen, Sunday School and dining and recreation hall were built. These modern additions are in good use today. With more community involvement and attendance at worship services, Glenora could be helped considerably.

Since Mr. Servage came as a student minister in 1913, Glenora has often been a "Student charge". Many capable students have entered the ministry field from here. Our present student minister is Ted Carey.

The following reply was recently received from Mr. Servage in answer to a letter sent to him for information to be used in the booklet about the "100 years", soon to be released.

"To the United Church Congregation at Glenora, Greetings as you celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Glenora United Church. Greetings also to the Cressy Charge. When I think of the past, I say Greetings with Thanksgivings.

"Back in 1913, 63 years ago, the Methodist church stationed me on the Cressy charge as a probationer for the ministry. I had never preached a sermon,

nor had I been to college, but those congregations accepted me, gave me their warm hearts and words of encouragement. I was a stranger and they took me in. The first Sunday in July, 1913, we had services at Cressy in the morning, Waupoos in the afternoon and Glenora at night. Service was held at Bongards on the following Monday evening.

"I remained with those dear hearts and gentle people for two years then went to college and I have been thanking God for them ever since.

"When I shared Communion with you in June 1976, I felt the presence of the congregations of 1913 all around me, invisible but real. Some of the children of 1913 were also there in the pews and I thanked God for them.

"May the faith of the congregations of the horse and buggy world continue to live in the congregations of 1976 and in faith, hope and love, let us look for a better world in the years ahead."

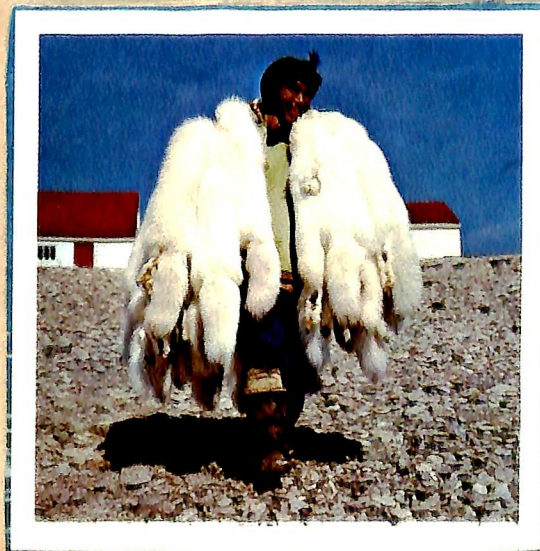
The church welcomes everyone to the century birthday service at Glenora United on Sunday, July 18, at 11 a.m. when Rev. James Allman will be the guest speaker. Mr. Allman was student minister during the years 1960 to 1963. This will be a combined service with Cressy United worshippers with the Glenora congregation.



The Glenora United Church is celebrating its 100th birthday Sunday, July 18. The church was erected in 1876 on land donated by J. C. Wilson who ran the Glenora Mill. A story on the history of the Glenora United Church follows on page three.



Mrs. Ethel Bowers was one of the winners in the women over 40 step dancing contest at the dance held by Keith Brown Saturday night at his Esso Service Station on Lake Street.



Inset: This Eskimo hunter proudly displays his collection of Arctic fox pelts. Photograph by GEORGE HUNTER

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown; only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his or her own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you have friends, be friendly.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like everybody if you try.
7. Be generous with praise — cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. It is appreciated.
9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are three sides to every controversy — yours, the other fellow's, and the right one.
10. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.