

St. Paul's holds festival

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Beaverton was the recipient of the Sesquicentennial Pilgrimage cross last week, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.

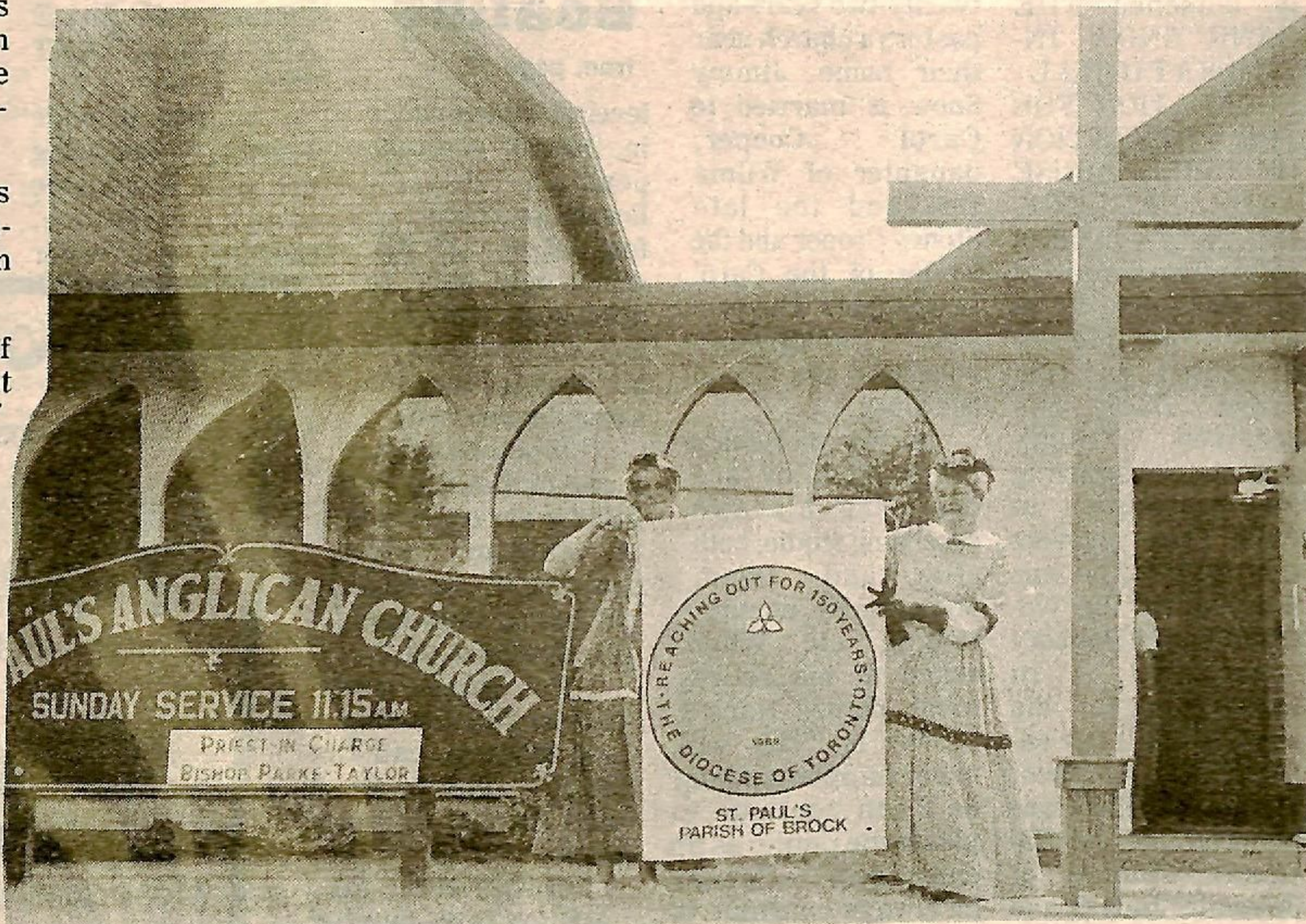
The cross began its 13-month journey last fall, after being dedicated at St. James' Cathedral. It was brought to Beaverton amidst an entourage of parishioners and will visit every church in the diocese, which is one of the largest in North America. The trek of the Sesquicentennial Pilgrimage cross will end at a celebration at the Skydome in October.

The Diocese of Toronto was born out of the Diocese of Quebec in 1839. Born in Aberdeen, Scotland, John Strachan was appointed its Bishop. He retained his position until his death in 1867.

The celebration at St. Paul's included horse rides and a petting zoo, supplied by Ron Blacklock of Beaverton, a barbeque, clowns and games.



The cross was escorted into Beaverton from Orillia by police and parishioners on Friday.



The cross was raised in front of St. Paul's Anglican Church.