

In 1959 four young men known as the Woodville Boys Quartette -

Kenneth McKague      Allen Goard      David Murray      Gordon Murray -

members of Woodville United Church choir, under the leadership of Cecil Smith and Mrs. Roscoe McKague, won first place in a province-wide competition in Toronto

Black choir gowns were purchased during the ministry of Rev. Earlston Doe. In 1961 new gowns and hats (green) were purchased. A gift from the estate of the late Miss Mary Campbell made this possible.

The depression of the 1930's left its mark on the life of the church as elsewhere. The story of these years is one of struggle to provide even the bare necessities.

War! 1939 Our young people nobly responded to our country's call. The names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice are inscribed on the memorial organ. But through these trying times the church carried on.

A church to be really alive must be mission-minded. From June 1925 to the end of 1962 givings to Missionary and Maintenance Fund of the church (Unified Budget) were approximately \$69,300.00; the year of the lowest giving 1940, the highest 1962.

Just a few comments regarding the property. The day of the horse and buggy has gone, and with it went the tearing down of the sheds which stood across the west, north and east side of the yard. Other than this, the church and grounds, with the old maple standing guard at the front entrance, appear about the same as in 1925. The old maple! Under its branches the young men waited patiently (or was it impatiently) for choir practice to end.

Inside, however, you would notice quite a change. The two coal-burning furnaces and the little box stove have been replaced by a modern oil heating system. In 1955 a bequest from the estate of Mrs. Fred Walters made possible the renovating of the basement. This included a cement floor covered with tile, re-wiring, new light fixtures, complete redecorating job, 110 new chairs. From this bequest also was purchased the Communion Service which is in use. At the same time the W.A. purchased the new drapes at a cost of \$225.00. New kitchen cupboards, new dishes purchased in 1962 (Miss Mary Campbell's gift of \$185.00 was used as part payment), a gas range, an electric refrigerator, running water from a drilled well all add to making our work a joy.

In the auditorium, a change has taken place. The old pews, which formed three sections, have been replaced by new ones forming two sections, with a centre aisle and a narrow aisle on each side of the church. A new wine coloured carpet covers the aisles, the back and front of church and choir loft. A gift of \$500.00 from Mr. Howard Wellington was thankfully received and added towards the purchasing of the carpet.

A new pulpit and settee is a gift of the Stoddart family in memory of Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Stoddart.

A baptismal font has been placed in memory of Mrs. Thomas Westlake by her daughters, Miss Joyce Westlake and Miss Alice Westlake. 1955.

A pulpit Bible and hymnary presented by the Young People's Union about the year 1926.

A communion table presented by Active Service Class.

Brass vases in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Flynt presented by their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Williamson.

Silver communion plates purchased by the Women's Association in 1949.

Picture of the Christ hanging in the basement is in memory of Jimmie Thomas, aged 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Thomas, a regular and faithful member of the Sunday School.

A brass cross and hymn boards was a gift of Mr. Ellis Coad in memory of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coad.

The pulpit cover is a reminder of a member of Session, Mr. William Whetter, placed by his wife and family.

A gift of \$2,000.00 from the estate of the late Mrs. Frank Leas made possible the building of a cloak room across the front of our church - year 1963.

In 1962 two beautiful memorial windows were unveiled in memory of two families, namely the Newman family - Mr. and Mrs. William Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Newman and Mr. and Mrs. Harper Newman - and the family of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hancock. These lovely windows were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hancock, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hancock.

At the dedication service, it seemed appropriate that Rev. Fred Reed, a former member of this church, should preach the sermon on this happy occasion. At the close of the service, a social hour was enjoyed