



Reverend Gerald Elliott

New minister joins Vineland/Campden United Churches

As the congregations of the Vineland and Campden United Churches entered the doors of the individual churches last Sunday for services, they were greeted by a new minister — Reverend Gerald Elliott.

Mr. Elliott, who has been an ordained minister for more than 30 years, assumed Campden, Vineland Pastoral Charge of the United Church on September 1.

He comes to the Campden, Vineland Ministries from Mountainview United Church in St. Catharines where he served for 13-1/2 years. Before that he served for 10 years at Lambeth United Church, outside of London, Ontario, and for six years at St. Andrew's United Church in Hamilton — the Pastor's birthplace.

Mr. Elliott's first charge as an ordained minister was at the

Six Nations Indian Reserve near Brantford; Ontario's largest Indian reservation in terms of population. He still remembers how to count in one of the languages (which he referred to as Canadian) used by the Indians.

Speaking of his various appointments in different ministries, Mr. Elliott said that "Change is refreshing to both the minister and the people". He added that most ministers move more frequently than he has — usually every four years — and that he prefers to remain in the Niagara area where he has many relatives and friends.

Mr. Elliott and his wife Edna have recently moved to Vineland Station. Two of their four sons live in Niagara Falls, while one son lives in Toronto and the other lives Vancouver. They were also proud to point out that they have two grandchildren.

"I look forward to an exciting community ministry in an expanding rural area," Mr. Elliott said. "I don't see there will be any big changes. I just hope there will be quality in what I do."

The pastor, who marched with Martin Luther King, also holds a commission as a reserve navy chaplain. Mr. Elliott says that details such as these add an interesting edge to his outlook.

In his early ministry he was very involved with leading camps and conferences for teens, as well as being active in coaching sports. Mr. Elliott still takes part in curling, golfing and badminton.

Mr. Elliott will lead church services every Sunday at the United Church in Campden at 9:30 a.m. and at Vineland United Church at 11:00 a.m.

"I see myself as minister to the whole community," said the pastor, "not just to the (congregations of the) Vineland, Campden United Church."

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NOW THAT'S AN APPLE!

There's nothing like biting into a freshly harvested apple on a sunny autumn day. Sid Taylor and George Philbrick do just that. The two men volunteered their time to sell the apples on behalf of the St. Alban's Church in Beamsville last Saturday.

New town hall deal finalized Oct 89

The only technicality that stands in the way of Lincoln purchasing its new town hall is ink on the dotted line.

On Monday night, Lincoln council authorized the execution of an agreement with Joseph Seagram's and Sons Limited for the purchase of the former Paul Masson Winery property on the South Service Road in Beamsville.

The price tag of the purchase is set at \$3.1-million.

Last week, it was incorrectly reported that the town would gain possession of its new town hall on January 1. According to Mr. Heil, town administrator, the actual date of possession will be January 31, 1990.

The new town hall provides 9,000 square feet of office space and 35,000 square feet of warehouse space. By the time the building is customized to fit its needs, council could end up spending anywhere from \$300,000 to \$700,000.

As well, council passed a bylaw giving Seagram the option to purchase 10 acres of town land on the northeast corner of Ontario Street and the QEW.

However, the cost of the land could vary depending on whether or not it is within the town's urban area boundaries. If, and when, they decide to exercise the purchase option, and the land is outside of Beamsville's urban development area, Seagram will have to pay \$1.1-million.

But, if it's located within the urban development area at the time of purchase, the price will jump \$.2-million, to \$1.3-million.