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**Halton's Pages of the Past**

**Early Simplicity, Dignity, of Ebenezer Church Emphasize 133-Year History of Congregation**

by GWEN CLARKE

EBENEZER Church is on the Guelph Road between Campbellville and Eden Mills. The present church is comparatively modern in design, but the history of the congregation goes back to 1821, when William Trudgeon, a Cornish man, settled on Lot 22, Concession 3, Nassagaweya. The church stands on a part of that same lot.

The architecture of almost any church has its own special appeal—for its antiquity, its stonework, spire, ornamental woodwork, or its fine stained glass windows. Ebenezer Church, built of red brick on a stone foundation, is particularly attractive because of its simplicity and dignity. There is a quiet restfulness within its walls that can be felt better than it can be described. One feels that here is a church that is the culmination of years of faithful service by a great number of people from pioneer times to the present day. A perusal of the history of the church corroborates that impression.



From 1823 to 1832 services were held in Mr. Trudgeon's home every two weeks by visiting ministers. In 1832 a cedar-log chapel was built on a corner of the cemetery. It had only windows. The seats were of split logs to accommodate about 80 people. There was rarely a vacant seat. John Youth, Sr. and John Sherwood have been given the credit for having founded Methodism in Nassagaweya. The first established minister of the circuit was the Rev. Elias Williams, it being his second year in the ministry.

In 1848, Mr. Trudgeon, for the nominal price of one pound sterling, deeded a piece of land for the site of a church. Upon this was built a frame building 30 by 45 feet. The Rev. Henry Wilkinson was the first pastor to officiate in the new church.

During the years, among the many pastors who succeeded Mr. Wilkinson, was the Rev. E. L. Flagg, who, in 1902 became interested in gathering information regarding Ebenezer Church in particular and the district as a whole. In this work he was greatly assisted by three older members of the congregation, Mrs. Jonathan Adamson, Mr. George Easterbrook and Mr. Wm. Husband. Valuable data was also obtained from Joshua Norrish's early history of Nassagaweya. In 1904 Mr. Flagg received another call and the notes went with him. For quite a number of years the notes were lost to the people of Nassagaweya. Then, by a fortunate coincidence they were located—in Hamilton.

**Family Dumped in Creek**

In these notes it was recorded that in the early log-chapel days a family near Campbellville by the name of Gordon happened of an accident one Sunday while on their way to church. Their transportation was an ox-cart in which they had to cross the creek. On this particular Sunday the lock-pin came out of the cart and the whole family was dumped into the creek! An even more unfortunate accident occurred when a Mr. Heyland, from Acton, while on his way to conduct a service, got lost in the dense bush. Being exhausted he slept for awhile in a sheltered spot. Unfortunately he caught a chill from which he died.

In 1915 the corner stones for the present fine church were laid, each bearing a significant date, which was as follows:

1823 First preaching service in the Township.  
1832 Log Chapel built.  
1847 Frame church built.  
1915 Cornerstone laying of the present church, May 24. Those officiating in the ceremony were Rev. T. M. Jeffers, Judge Elliot, Mrs. E. M. Carter, Duncan Campbell, Thomas Easterbrook and Frank Savers.

In the well-kept cemetery adjoining the church are the graves of those who, through the years, contributed so much towards their beloved church, morally and materially. Here we find a tombstone erected to the memory of Joshua Norrish and members of his family. It was Norrish who had the patience and foresight to record the history of Nassagaweya from its early settlement up to 1899.

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**Indian Crafts Slowly Vanish In Modern Era**

BANFF, Alta. (CP) — At one time you could tell which tribe an Indian came from by his beadwork and the cut of his moccasins, says J. G. Redf. Cathcart, curator of the Norman Lundt museum in the Rocky Mountain centre.

In the old days of the fur trade the plains Indians used geometrical designs while the lake and woodland Indians worked with floral designs.

But in the bead and quill work of today's Indians you see both geometrical and floral designs used by the same tribes.

**Fine Collection**

The museum which has a fine collection of the best in Indian dress and crafts, was planned by Norman Lundt, Alberta oilman and authority on the Indians. The structure will contain life-size models of Indians in various types of dress. There will also be an art gallery of paintings of Indians in full Indian costume.

"Our fine Indian crafts are slowly dying out with the passing of each generation of Indians and there will come a day not too far off when such crafts will be seen only in museums," said Mr. Cathcart.

In Alberta today the wearing of colorful tribal and ceremonial costumes is mostly confined to such occasions as the Calgary Stampede and the annual "Indian Days" in Banff.

"Our Alberta Indians are some of the most colorful in Canada," Mr. Cathcart says.

The Indians got the beads through traders and explorers but the designs were their own handed down through generations from their earliest paintings and signs line long before the white man came.

The designs were worked out only in beads but in woven silk, moose hair, grass, horse hair, cloth, porcupine quills and many other materials.

only by good organizing ability, loyalty to their cause and by each person accepting whatever work was allotted to him or her—for the men were called in too—to peel potatoes and occasionally to wait on table. They also had the tremendous job of transportation—of food, stoves, and cooking utensils. The menu was good and varied but carrot pudding with sauce was a specialty—and was very popular when days were chilly. Immense quantities of salad were made and an eight-gallon milk-can was used as a container for the salad dressing.

The last two years this catering project has been discontinued through lack of help in the homes of the members. Other ways have since been adopted as a means of raising money.

But whatever their activities, in good times or bad, Ebenezer Church has always been the centre of activity in this one small community within the northern limits of Halton County.

(Next week—"A Pioneer Story from Palermo.")

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**Tips on Touring**

By Carol Lemo  
Women's Travel Authority

Score 100 on this hot weather quiz and you rate as the coolest of cool drivers—

- (1) Do you start driving early enough so your trip is one-third over before ten in the morning?
- (2) Do you eat lightly at breakfast and lunch, with the main meal for evening?
- (3) Are your driving clothes comfortable, easily laundered and quick drying?
- (4) Do you carry a large thermos of cold water for drinking and washing?
- (5) Do you drive at a reasonable speed, relax and enjoy the pleasure of driving?
- (6) Do you take rest periods several times a day?
- (7) Do you always park in a shaded spot?
- (8) Do you carry sunburn lotion, salt pills and extra sun glasses?
- (9) Do you relax in a tub of cool water at least 20 minutes at the end of your drive?
- (10) Do you drive safely, sanely—and coolly?

**Coastal Island Haven For Birds**

VICTORIA (CP) — Salander Island, rising 1,000 feet above the sea 200 miles north of here, is the home of countless birds and sea lions—but it has neither trees or mice.

Charlie Guget, leader of a provincial museum expedition making a zoological survey, said a huge colony of waterfowl inhabits the cone-shaped little island.

While sharp-tailed falcons swooped above their heads, the party found a colony of tufted puffins, a chunky seabird with a triangular bill, rarely seen off the coast of Vancouver Island.

Mr. Guget, who sought new species of mice, said he had 200 traps but caught no rodents and he believes none exist on the island.

Frank Beebe, museum artist with the expedition, said, "There are no trees on the island, which, from a biological point of view, is puzzling. Other nearby islands are covered with timber."

**Piece of Plumbing Star Attraction**

A complicated piece of plumbing involving several thousand feet of steel pipe, 19 electric motors, 4,000 water jets, 50,000 watts of power, and 38 tons of water will be one of the star attractions in the Midway at this year's Canadian National Exhibition.

Constructed by hand in Germany, the equipment was first put on public display at the 1952 Industrial Exhibition in West Berlin. Last year it was brought to North America and made its debut at the Radio City Music Hall. Since then it has toured this continent and won acclaim throughout the world.

Otto Przystawik's invention throws streams of water, 20 to 50 feet into the air, while multi-colored lights sparkle through them. The operator controls the water's variations from a panel of 100 switches and buttons until it seems the water dances and waltz in time to music.

The display has been hailed as the showman's answer to the constant public demand for something new, different and unusual.

**"Calendar House" Has 365 Windows**

HOBART, Tasmania (CP) — Most famous of the big houses in Australia's island state is Mona Vale, midway between this city and Launceston.

The sandstone house built in 1868 is often called "Calendar House." It has 365 windows, one for each day of the year. 52 rooms, 12 chimneys and seven entrances.

The \$200,000 house was completed in time to receive the then Duke of Edinburgh. Other famous guests have been the late King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, the Duke and Duchess of York in 1927.

**STRANGER PAYS**

BOWMANVILLE, Ont. (CP) — A 17-year-old Bowmanville youth has his motorcycle thanks to an unemployed stranger. A \$7.50 fine for not stopping at a through street was paid by the stranger when the youth didn't have the money and was to lose the machine until he did.

**MANY MOOSE, BEAR**

Moose and bear are quite plentiful, Chief Ranger Dunne reports to the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. Bears are making their annual raids on the Department of Agriculture's meat house. A bull moose recently presented the presence of aircraft so much, he says that it dove completely out of sight in the middle of Amethyst Lake. A bear had to be extracted when it became entangled in a wire fence 100 miles out on the St. Lawrence highway.

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