

Renovations Highlight Past Year Reports at Annual Meeting Show

An active and progressive year for Knox Presbyterian church was reviewed Wednesday evening of last week at the congregation's annual meeting in the Sunday School room. Nearly 50 attended.

A total objective of \$28,640 was accepted for 1966, including \$5,865 for the Canadian and world church, \$1,450 for Christian education here and a sum for repairs to the manse.

Due to the extensive program of renovations and the special funds donated last year's total giving amounted to a record \$38,891.

For the first time a woman was named to the board of managers. Mrs. Helen Joque, who has acted as treasurer of the church for a number of years, is now a board member. Others elected for a three-year term are Murray Scoyne, Grant Allan, Ronald Guest, Alex Walker and Doug Morrison.

Trustees elected were R. R. Parker and Lorne Doherty. Auditors are James Inglis, Herb Ritchie and Keith Livermore.

"The acceptance of the proposed renovation program by the congregation set the stage for an interior face-lifting both upstairs and downstairs," reported Murray Scoyne, chairman of the board of managers. The Mary Ellen Anderson room, vastly improved, is now an all-purpose room.

The biggest part of the project was the basement renovations including the deepening of the floor, new footings, concrete

floor, new kitchen, two new wash-rooms, and new heating system, new lighting and tile in transepts and panelling. The response to the financial appeal was "most gratifying". It appears the indebtedness occasioned by the renovations will be wiped out by June 1967, the report stated.

Three Groups Aid
The board of managers extended thanks to the three organizations which assisted the Ladies' Aid assumed \$4,000 of the cost of the kitchen; the Heather Club gave \$400 for fixtures and refurbishing of the second floor wash-room; Daughters of Knox are underwriting the cost of a kitchenette adjacent to the Mary Ellen Anderson room.

The session reported its members had "taken pleasure in naming the upper multi-purpose room behind the gallery in memory of Miss Mary Ellen Anderson, who went forth from this church to labor for Christ overseas, and whose memory we are anxious to perpetuate. The basement auditorium has also been renamed and will henceforth be known as The Dr. A. C. Stewart Memorial Hall. It is named in honor of the great minister and servant of God who led this congregation in the years from 1921 till 1930."

Looking into the future, Mr. McKenzie mentioned several possible projects; insulation of the choir room, insulation of transepts asphalt shingles on the bell tower, an adequate sign, tiling of the basement floor, painting of the choir room, vestry and Sunday school room; cabinets for the junior congregation and nursery

equipment, additional furniture and bookcases for the minister's study.

Reports Approved
Annual reports were received from the Sunday school, Youth Fellowship, choir, W.M.S., Daughters of Knox, Children of the Church, Ladies' Aid and the Heather Club.

Murray Scoyne was chosen chairman for the meeting and Mrs. Joque secretary. Charles Kirkness expressed the thanks of the members of the congregation to the Rev. and Mrs. McKenzie, organist and choir, Sunday school staff, caretaker, group leaders and all who assisted.

Special thanks to the Board of Managers for their work in connection with the renovations was expressed by Wilmer Davidson. Calvin McIntyre thanked Miss Emma Cole, the renovation fund secretary. Others also spoke brief words of appreciation.

Baptisms Sunday

Baptized Sunday morning at Trinity United Church were the children of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jordan.

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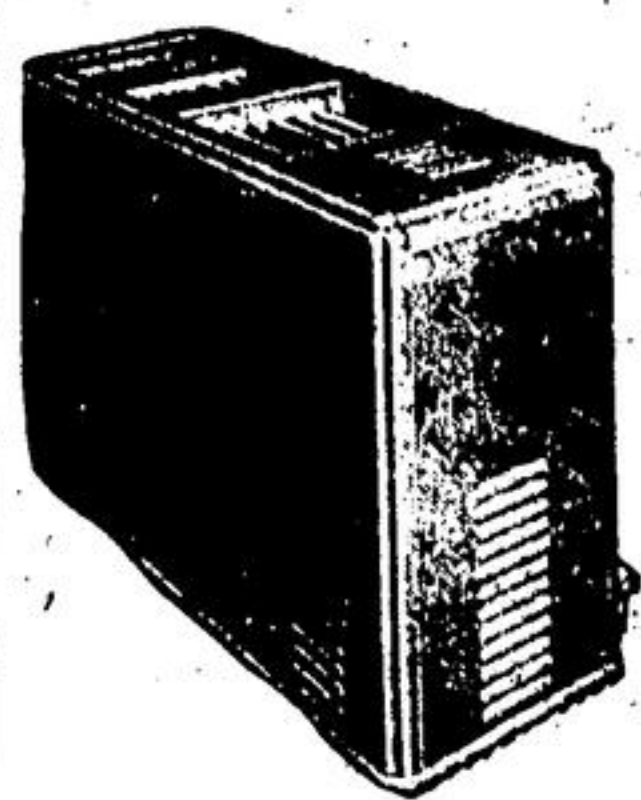
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The 1965 Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association might well go down on record as having one of Canada's most talented and accomplished personalities as the guest speaker at their annual banquet which proved to be the highlight of their three day convention held in Toronto recently.

A capacity crowd filled Crystal Ballroom of the King Edward Hotel to hear Dr. Charlotte Whitton address members of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, with her topic "Whither Canada Today?"

Dr. Whitton has travelled throughout the world in search of answers to her questions, and has kept the knowledge she has gained at her fingertips for just such an occasion as this. As former Mayor of Ottawa, and more recently, with her very popular television program "Dear Charlotte", Miss Whitton is well qualified to speak about the place that Canada held in the past, is holding today and will hold in the future economy of the world.

By creating an awareness of the many problems that confront Canada as a Nation, Dr. Whitton emphasized the tremendous opportunities for increased Agricultural export with other countries and the major part that Canadian farmers can play in the future economy of the world.

A short speech from Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, drew to guests' attention the important role the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association is playing in the Agricultural Research program. This was a night where the Champion 4-H Field Clubs

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