

Confirmation at Trinity United recalls early church tradition

Weekly classes held over an eight-month period provided the background for a reception of new members of the Christian Church at Trinity United Church. The service was held last Sunday on the occasion of the observance of Pentecost. Going back to the earliest tradition available to the church, the Reformed Church attempts to receive new members in the same spirit and in as much the same way as the earliest churches did.

Since the Bible records that the authority in a congregation is to be exercised through the Elders the confirmations were trained by the Minister in a course of instruction authorized by the Session of Elders.

Part of the course is preparing and handing in the sum of 10 sermons. At the conclusion of their course of instruction, the session interviewed all the candidates for confirmation. After reviewing their fulfilling of the requirements, and being assured of the validity of the decision each person must make, the Elders authorized that all could be accepted into the congregation, and so into the membership of the Christian Church.

Most of the candidates had already been baptized as infants but a few were not and thus their profession of Faith was acknowledged by the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism. But whether they were confirmed or baptized the same four simple questions were asked of each candidate, questions to determine their willingness to live the Christian life, using the means of grace, obeying the divine will, attending worship, working for the Kingdom and cooperating with other Christian people.

In the service of reception itself the session was represented by Elders Robert Hart Sr. and Mrs. K. Dowling.

As Chairman of the Session

The Minister laid hands on each candidate to formally acknowledge that each person was acknowledged by the Session to be a believer. As hands were laid on each person's head, the presence of the Holy Spirit was invoked to confirm that person in the promises they had just made.

Thus the power given to the Church was exercised in the first century according to the Scriptures and so the Reformed Church continues the tradition 1900 years later. Following the Confirmation and the Baptisms the Minister and Mrs. Dowling and Mr. Hart exercised the ancient custom of extending the right hand of fellowship to each new member. This very old practice was a sign of peaceful intent and equality, symbolizing the Christian vow to be in Charity with all men and that all men are the same in Jesus Christ.

As a memento of the day and the occasion, Mrs. Dowling on behalf of the Session presented a lapel pin to each as a reminder that as disciples of Christ we are under His discipline and that the way of Christ involves sacrifice.

On June 2 the new members will attend a special administration of Holy Communion at which they will share for the first time in the reenactment of the Lord's Last Supper.

Those confirmed in their baptismal vows were Miss Ann Gordon, Miss Nancy Gordon, Miss Janice Jordan, Miss Judy Jordan, Robert Leslie, Miss Norma Leslie, Miss Heather McGeechie, Miss Brenda McKowen, Vaughan Matthews, Miss Robert Nesbet, Miss Gail Ross, Miss Anne Symon, Miss Marie Timbers and Mrs. Grace Hodge.

Those baptized and confirmed were John Dowling, Miss Terry Dowling and Miss Ruth Clow.

Absent and to be confirmed later were Miss Gwen Lauder and Miss Nancy Lauder.

Acton Golden Age club members plan bus trip to visit club in Guelph

The Golden Age Club held their regular evening meeting on Thursday night of last week in the Y building.

Those members wishing to go on the bus trip to visit Guelph Golden Age Club on Tuesday, May 31 are requested to be at

the old post-office building at 15 minutes to 2 p.m.

It is expected approximately 70 members will take in the Lions show in the community centre on June 11.

Final plans have been made to hold the annual zone 13 picnic in Lowville Park on June 7. Each club is to look after their own lunch, tea, coffee and milk. All clubs are asked to be at the park by 11 a.m.

A minute of silence in tribute to a late member, Mr. Dean Leslie, was observed.

Nine tables of euchre were played. Prize winners were: Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. C. Shultis, Mr. J. Ralston and Mrs. Nelson Lambert.

Recalls forebears at hidden worship

Scots who rallied in hidden glens for secret worship nearly 300 years ago will be remembered at special Presbyterian services at Lake Simcoe on June 5.

For these secret meetings or conventicles, held in defiance of English domination, eventually won the covenanters freedom of worship.

Their descendants will be mindful of this heritage when they gather at Glen Mhor Camp, five miles north of Beaverton, for the eighth consecutive conventicle there.

The Sylvan setting and the outdoor chapel provide a setting similar to the meeting places where their forebears gathered.

Presbyterians from 280 churches in Toronto and Kingston Synod will attend.

They will pay tribute to ancestors who risked death if they owned a Bible, but who persisted in their meetings until they won freedom.

Their resistance came to a head in Edinburgh nearly three centuries ago, when they stood in line and drew blood from their veins to sign a covenant for free worship.

Within a few years a definition of faith was established for all time, and they won religious freedom.

The June rally is considered a great service of witness for thousands of Presbyterians, when officials from across Canada join with other worshippers in voicing loyalty to their denomination.

They will hear a massed choir from Toronto churches and the surrounding synod area. There will be the skirl of the pipes, provided by McIntyre Pipe and Drum Band of Lakelfield. Professor W. Stanford Reid of the University of Guelph will preach.



RECEIVES AWARD

Jack Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robertson of R.R. 5 Milton, was granted the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at the annual convocation exercises at the University of Guelph on Friday, May 20. Mr. Robertson passed with honors, and received the C. W. Riley award for highest proficiency in Agriculture Economics and Business. He has accepted a position with Canada Packers Ltd. Mr. Robertson worked at the Bank of Montreal in Acton for two years before attending the University of Guelph.

C.G.I.T. banquet at United Church

Blue and white mums decorated the tables for the C.G.I.T. mother and daughter banquet at the United Church on May 16. Members of the U.C.W. served a turkey dinner.

Head table guests and the mothers were welcomed by president Roberta Nesbet, Brenda Denny proposed the toast to the church and the Rev. Dwight Engel replied. Linda Perry proposed a toast to the mothers and Mrs. E. Smith replied.

Mrs. Engel led a sing song.

During the short program accordion numbers were played by Brenda Denny and Peggy Wheeler; piano numbers by Linda Perry and Julie Smith. The girls presented two short skits, Not a Clue and Like a Day in a Beehive.

Worship and taps concluded the evening.

Fern Small, the leader, was given a bouquet of mums and roses from the group in appreciation of her leadership. Barbara Symon is the assistant leader.

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Churchill, Ballinafad churches to be served from Acton, Erin

As of July 1, Ballinafad United Church will be served from Erin and Churchill United Church will be served from Acton. Suitable times of services will be discussed as soon as possible with the respective sessions.

ton session will be meeting soon with Churchill session at the Churchill church.

The trustee board of Ballinafad was authorized to sell the manse and furnishings at Ballinafad with occupancy on or after July 1 and the proceeds of the sale to be held by the trustees until suitable distribution is arranged by the Presbytery.

Pres. W. J. Rogers and Rev. P. H. Joblin of the Presbytery made the report.

Presently, Ballinafad and Churchill are one charge with a manse at Ballinafad. Student minister, often ministered to these two distinct congregations.

Steak barbecue for Rotary Club

Acton Rotarians Tuesday evening dispensed with their weekly business session and enjoyed an outdoor steak barbecue at the home of Tom Shields.

A huge bonfire kept the members warm as they sat around the fire eating steaks done to satisfaction. A few tried their hand at riding when they saddled up two horses owned by Mr. Shields and rode around the fields.

The evening wound up with a fireside sing-song.

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GAC International, a subsidiary of General Acceptance Corporation of Allentown, Pennsylvania, has enlarged its Canadian holdings with the acquisition of 97 new offices throughout the country from Atlantic Finance Corporation of Canada. One of them is in Acton, and the name was changed last week.

Since November of 1965, GAC has managed the affairs of Atlantic under an order handed down by the Supreme Court of Ontario. Atlantic was thrown into receivership in June, 1965, when the corporation was declared insolvent.

General Acceptance Corporation has been prominent in the finance field through its 33-year history. The company was formed in Allentown by its present chairman, F. R. Mills, and has become a multiple line finance, insurance and manufacturing organization. Over three decades, it has shown growth and diversification, and offers virtually every type of financing and insurance service to the public and to business.

Hope for railing at Knox stairway

The thought for the meeting of the Knox Ladies Aid was, As We Give to the World, so the World Gives Back to Us, presented by Mrs. William McLeod, convener of the month. The devotions were led by Mrs. Donald Kennedy, reading Scripture lesson from the 13th chapter of First Corinthians. Mrs. A. M. McPherson led in Prayer. The hymn, Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour, was sung. Many thank you notes were read for kindnesses and the reports from both secretary and treasurer were given.

There was a short business discussion. Mrs. Dadds, as convener of the kitchen, was appointed to inquire about a covering for the kitchen floor. Mrs. Griffin Sprawl, convener of the June committee, made plans for some weddings and dinners during the month and she also is to consult the managers regarding a railing at the stairs at the front of Stewart Hall. Mrs. McLeod contributed a reading, Only One Mother, and then a humorous reading, the Absentees' Alphabet.

The meeting adjourned and a social time was enjoyed over the tea cups.

The company conducts its financing business in 37 U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Okinawa, and in six European countries. With the adding of the new Canadian branches, GAC International will operate offices in Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, bringing the total of branch office locations to more than 500.

General Acceptance Corporation does an annual volume of business of nearly \$1,000,000,000. Listed on the New York Stock Exchange, it has more than 18,000 shareholders.

In speaking of the 471 new employees joining the General Acceptance Corporation family, T. P. McGinn, senior vice-president of GAC and operating head of the loan offices, said "The personnel of Atlantic are experienced and well trained. We are extremely pleased to have these people become such an important part of GAC International."

Of the expansion of GAC International, McGinn said "As GAC International continues to grow as a corporate citizen of Canada, we pledge ourselves to warranting the continued confidence and respect shown to date by the Canadian public."

New Acton manager is Al Atkinson, who replaces Don Crane who is transferring this week to Newfoundland. Mr. Atkinson is married with one boy and was born in Guelph.

He came to Acton from Halifax. He worked previously with Alliance Finance before going to Atlantic Finance, now known as General Acceptance.

Life membership pin to friend of deceased

Presentation of a life membership pin, an informative speaker and a delicious pot luck supper filled a pleasant evening for members of the United Church Women at their general meeting Wednesday evening of last week in the church.

The life membership pin of the late Miss Mamie Mainprize had been returned by members of the family to the group to be given to one of her associates. As president Mrs. T. Shields spoke of the finest qualities of a Christian woman and devoted church worker. The recipient had no idea she was to be named.

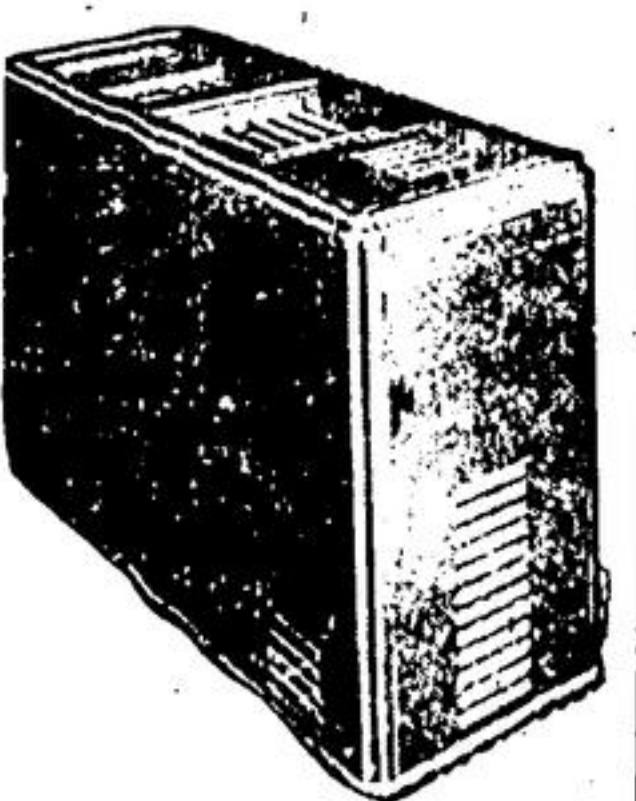
Mrs. Ken Allen, one of the youngest to receive a life membership, was astonished and unable to reply as she gratefully accepted the pin of her former friend.

Mrs. Allen has been a member of the Friendly Circle, U.C.W., Sunday School teacher, leader and assistant leader of the C.G.I.T.

Ways of teaching dead children to speak and read were explained and demonstrated by guest speaker, Mrs. McGuffin, assistant superintendent of the Junior Department of the School for the Deaf at Milton. Mrs. McGuffin has been with the school since it opened there.

She brought with her two bright-eyed lads who demonstrated their ability in lip reading by answering questions. One of them had about 20 per cent hearing and the other was almost totally deaf.

Mrs. C. L. Rogvaldsen introduced her and she was thanked



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