Lions raise \$900 for Salvation Army

Acton Lions Club raised \$900. for the Salvation Army's Red Shield campaign during the month of May it was revealed at the club's regular dinner meeting Monday night,

Major Fred Brightwell of Guelph was present to convey the Army's thanks to the Lions for their work in the campaign. A Lion himself: Major Brightwell showed pictures of Bermuda where he lived for everal years, and the International Convention.

The Lions observed a minute of silence for the late U.S. Benator Robert Kennedy before president-elect Ray Evelan led in a sing song,

Profits from the Stanley Cup draw amounted to \$325, convener Dave Hunter told the meeting. Lions will be shaking their manes this Friday at the music centre at a ladies' night and dance.

The club is sponsoring a minor Baseball Association. Four Lions were deputized to attend an indoctrination meeting

Wednesday. Lion Chief Vic Bristow presided for the meeting:

"Do you think there's intelligent life on Mars?" "I certainly do. You, don't see them wasting 30 billion dol-

lars to find out if there's life on-

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Church. Howevery those who

wished to remain Presbyterian

The survival of the Church was

Yet as Revi Lawson reminded

church had to borrow to pay its

the, members at Sunday's service.

"I was always impressed by the

loyalty you have for your

well-equipped, attractive church.

building, the full choir, and the

crowded news were indications

of the church's strength today.

At the 100th Anniversary, the

set up their own church.

Century of Worship in Rockwood



AN OVERFLOW CROWD of members and former members making it necessary to bring in extra chairs for the aisles, gathered to rem-

inisce outside Rockwood United Church following their Centennial service.



RETURNING TO ROCKWOOD United Church and Rev. W. J. Taylor. Also present was Rev. to assist in the service and renew friendships J. W. Oliver. were Rev. P. H. Lawson (left), Rev. John Ward,

Crowd at United Church 'old home' day four former ministers assist in service

bers. In 1885 an organ was pur-

news were alloted to those who

built on to the original toprovide .

a vestibile. Electricity was in-

stalled in 1916 to replace the

of the Congregational, Methodist

in 1925, the Rockwood member-

ship voted 135 for Union and 73

The "Unionists" and Method-

ists formed the Rockwood United

When the proposal for a Union

wished them.

Despite hot muggy weather, . By 1880, there were 120 mempresent and former members of Rockwood United Church enloved an 'Old Home' Centennial. on Sunday morning June 9, as four of their former ministers

returned to lead in the service. Assisting in the worship were Rev. W. J. Taylor, Dorchester, who preached in Bockwood 1929- acetylene gas lighting system. 36. Rev. P.H. Lawson, London; 1937-40, Rev. John Ward, Guelph 1941-47, and Rev J.W. Oliver, and Presbyterian churches came Hamilton 1947-52.

Guest speaker, Rev. F. Knox of Toronto, is retiring this year from his duties as missionary in central India. Although he is Presbyterian, he and his wife have been working through the United Church of Canada in India since 1938.

Rev. Knox used as his theme. "We are neighbors together with God." He stressed that God works through people and the Church, and told of the work of the missionaries in India.

"Everyone has a gift from God intended to be used, but it is not always being done because nobody has asked you. As a Church you have a task to do in the world."

Following the sermon Rev. John Ward, who served in Rockwood for the last seven years of his ministry before retirement, addressed the congrega-

"They were happy years," he said. "You and I can remember when carriages blocked this road to hear the wild Englishman preach. I am not a young man, but I am still young in spirit and hope with the memories."

Additional chairs had to be moved to the front of the church and down both aisles to accommodate the crowd. The church was decorated with yellow, mauve and rust flowers, and each window was lined with photographs of church groups and former ministers from the past 100 years.

Following the service, a lunch was served out on the lawn to enable visitors and regular mem-

bers to recall old times. Before the church was built, Rockwood and Eden Mills congregations combined strength and copal Church (now four houses east of the U.C. parking lot.)

Rockwood charged 50 cents to drive the minister to and from his residence in Eden Mills because he had no horse and rig of his own.

However, there was much misunderstanding between the two charges and finally Rockwood decided to build its own.

The present stone church was built in 1868, and the records show that it was to be 34' x 50' at a cost of \$950. Alex McMilan was appointed to form a choir, and the first session meeting was held Jan. 1, 1868. It was a Presbyterian Church at that time.



chased, and in 1902, personal - left the old church building and

In 1907, a new stone front was at times difficult and often the

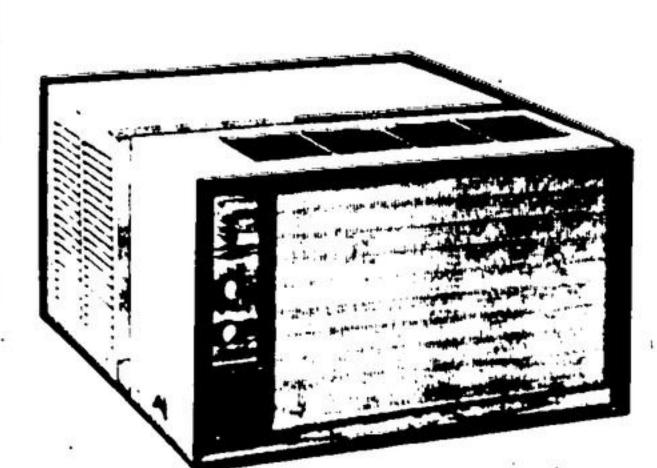
REV. P. H. LAWSON who preached in Rockwood from 1937-40, visits with old friends following the Centennial service at

Rockwood United on Sunday.

MISS SHARON- LESLIE may not remember too much of the history of her church, but she can still enjoy a cookie on the lawn following the service. She attended Rockwood United Church Centennial with her parents Mr and Mrs. George Leslie, R.R. 1, Rockwood. (Staff Photo)

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