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Ashgrove Church Celebrated 80th Anniversary Sunday

Rev. Dr. A. S. Orton, of Emmanuel College, Toronto, was Guest Speaker—Historical Sketch of Church.

(Contributed by Mrs. R. H. Wright at the request of our Ashgrove Correspondent)

The eightieth anniversary of the founding of Ashgrove United Church was observed on Sunday, November 11th, with singing congregations at morning and evening services, which were conducted by the minister of the church, Rev. J. O. Totton.

Rev. Dr. A. S. Orton, of Emmanuel College, Toronto delivered two very impressive sermons, "Building his tent in the morning from Jer. 17: 13: 'A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.'" Rev. F. C. Overend, Georgetown, assisted in the devotions in the evening.

Music throughout the services was provided by the choir of the church, assisted by Mr. Stuart MacLaren, of Georgetown, and Eden Quartette, who sang several pleasing numbers.

Ferns and gold chrysanthemums decorated the auditorium beautifully for the occasion.

Many former members of the congregation and residents of Ashgrove came from a distance to worship in the church in which they had been associated in years gone by, among whom were noted—Mrs. William Brownridge, formerly Mrs. M. S. K. Ruddell, Mrs. R. H. Wright, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wrigglesworth, Caledon; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ruddell, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Nixon, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. George Dawson, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson, Hamilton; Mrs. Walter Wrigglesworth, Lorne Mills; Miss Olive Ruddell, Tavistock; Mr. and Mrs. Melville Wanless, Brampton; Mr. J. H. Wilson, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gowland, Milton; Mr. W. A. Wilson, Georgetown.

History of the Church
Ashgrove Church, erected in 1860, began its career as a Methodist New Connexion denomination and from the records now obtainable, Rev. James Caswell and Rev. James McAllister, with the aid of a group of men, Messrs. Thomas Crawford, Joseph Ruddell, Joseph Brownridge and George Wrigglesworth, Sr. were instrumental in starting the cause in the community. Rev. James McAllister was the first minister, occupying the pulpit in the years 1860-61-62.

There followed, in order, Thomas Goldsmith 1863-64; William Birks 1865-1866; John Kay 1867-68-69; William Tindall 1870-71; George Brown 1872-73-74. In the latter year, the first union of the Methodist churches took place, and a change was made in the circuit boundaries. Until this time Milton was the head of the circuit.

Ashgrove now became connected with Georgetown church and continued in this relationship, with the exception of one year (1885), until 1926, one year after the final union of the three churches—Methodist, Presbyterian and Methodist.

The ministers during the period 1874-1926 were as follows: Reverends William Mills, Hugh McLean, William Morton, Joseph Colling, George Abbe, Walker Shilton, Robert Grey, Thomas C. Cree, Mr. George A. Mitchell, John Saunders, Austin Potter, Henry A. Cooke, D. George Clark, S. M. Roadhouse, Judson Truax, Wray L. Davidson, Henry Caldwell.

In 1926 Ashgrove Church became an appointment on the Hornby charge and the ministers were Rev. W. Wesley Kitching, Rev. John A. Nell, Rev. Benjamin Eyre, and Rev. J. O. Totton. The church, originally a one story building, was built by Thomas Crawford, one of the first members, and it had the high pulpit customary in those days. No organ led in the service of the first years, but the hymns were "raised" or pitched by one of the singers appointed for that purpose. About the year 1882 an organ was purchased and placed in the centre of the church, the choir occupying the seats surrounding it.

The first organist, Mr. M. Brownridge was the first organist, others who served in the same capacity were: Mrs. Wesley Reid, Miss Maggie Hood, (Mrs. F. W. Thompson), Miss Ida Wrigglesworth (Mrs. John Shanks), Miss Florence Ruddell (Mrs. R. H. Wright), Miss Olive Ruddell, and Mr. Arthur Ruddell.

In 1910 the fiftieth anniversary was celebrated, with Rev. W. G. H. McAllister, a son of the first minister, as the preacher.

During Rev. Henry Caldwell's incumbency in 1925, extensive improvements were made in the building, consisting of a new basement Sunday school room, modern heating and lighting equipment, new seating and decorating throughout.

It is believed that the Sunday school was organized shortly after the founding of the church and it has been active continuously since that time, playing an exceedingly important part in the life of the church.

Rev. G. A. McNeill organized the Epworth League on Nov. 15th, 1908, which also has proved to be an important department for the youth of the community.

Other departments evolved later, i.e. the Women's Missionary Society, Mission Band, Baby Band and Women's Association, which carry on their various duties faithfully and well.

Many leaders have gone out from this congregation to distant parts of Canada, to continue their work begun here, among whom was the late Rev. F. W. Thompson; others, who preached their first sermon in this church were Rev. G. W. Kerby, President of Mount Royal College, Bishop Berry, U.S.A.; Rev. Wm. Henderson.

NOVEMBER INSTITUTE MEETING

The November meeting of the Georgetown Branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Bell, on Wednesday afternoon, November 8th, with Mrs. Wylie, the president, in charge.

The meeting opened with the opening ode and Institute prayer, and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Several items of business arose out of the correspondence and the helping hand committee reported some work they had been called upon to do.

It was decided to hold several parties throughout the winter, and four groups were appointed to look after these.

Mr. Whitlock, the agricultural representative was present and gave a most enlightening talk on present conditions and the effect of the war on the farm life of today, and asked all to "Mind the Light" during these trying times.

After a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Whitlock and Mrs. Bell, the meeting closed with the singing of "God Save the King," and a social hour enjoyed.

BIRD LECTURE DRAWS LARGE AUDIENCE

An illustrated lecture on birds by Stuart Thompson, well-known naturalist and bird imitator drew a large and appreciative audience to Knox Presbyterian Church last Friday evening. The program was sponsored by the Georgetown Horticultural Society, with net proceeds being earmarked for the local branch of the Red Cross.

The evening opened with the audience singing the stirring "There'll Always be an England," accompanied at the piano by Miss June Frank. A group of Public School children then presented two musical numbers, followed by Miss June Frank with an organ solo.

Introducing Mr. Thompson, A. M. Nielsen, President of the Horticultural Society referred to him as a "businessman with a hobby," and this hobby is bird life. Mr. Thompson explained that he is in the printing and advertising business, and although he is particularly interested in birds, he is also a lover of everything pertaining to nature and the out-of-doors.

It is most fitting that a bird-lover should address a horticultural society," said Mr. Thompson, "because people who love flowers cannot help but love birds, and the opposite is also true. There are three hundred and forty different kinds of birds in the Province of Ontario alone. He pointed out the reasons why bird study is so fascinating—birds are alive, and have personalities ranging from the friendly sparrow to the fierce hawk. Birds have a home life which makes them akin to we humans, and they have voices which are most interesting to study.

Mr. Thompson then showed coloured slides of different forms of bird life, illustrating these with anecdotes and imitations of bird song.

A FORMER RESIDENT
HARVEY EDWIN McDONALD
BURIED HERE TUESDAY

The funeral rites of the late Harvey Edwin McDonald, popular proprietor of Tilgner Lake Camp, North Bay, were held on Tuesday afternoon, November 12th, from the home of his sister, Mrs. Harold Cleave, Georgetown. The late Mr. McDonald had been in failing health for the last two years. He was born at Ballinacree, Ontario, and spent his early life in Alabama, later moving to Georgetown with his family where he attended high school.

Rev. F. C. Overend of the United Church conducted the service. The pallbearers were J. J. Gibbons, Ray Kercher, Everett Cole, Howard Kenter, Allan Brock and George Clark. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, the former Helena Stout, and three daughters, Mrs. Reginald Dyer, Mrs. Alan Brock and Mrs. George Clark; also three sisters, Mrs. A. C. McMurphy, Huttonville; Mrs. C. E. Ruddy, Fenagami; Mrs. Harold Cleave, Georgetown.

There were many beautiful floral expressions of sympathy.

Local Lady Celebrates 79th Birthday

Mrs. E. Colman celebrated her 79th birthday last Wednesday, November 8th, at her home in Iowa. Born in Torke, England, she came to Canada when she was ten years old, making her home in Toronto. Nine years later she married the late Edward Colman. They first settled in Glen Williams, then moved to Georgetown where Mr. Colman was employed at the Greenhouse with the late Dr. Rows. He was night watchman at the Alliance Paper Mills for seven years.

Mrs. Colman has five children—Mrs. L. McMathon, Mrs. H. Ambrose and James Colman, all of Toronto; William Colman, of Hamilton, and A. E. Colman, Georgetown.

Sister: "Where can I put this so I won't forget it when I go out?"
Brother: "On the looking glass."



"LEST WE FORGET"

- ### The Honour Roll
- Sgt. James Blair
 - Pvt. L. C. Barber
 - Pvt. J. Campbell
 - Pvt. J. Cowan
 - Pvt. H. Francis
 - Pvt. S. Godfrey
 - Sgt. W. C. Gansberg
 - Pvt. I. Green
 - Pvt. H. Hickey
 - Pvt. F. King
 - Pvt. W. King
 - Pvt. J. E. Kennedy
 - Priv. E. Leslie
 - Pvt. W. Lead
 - Pvt. G. Mason
 - Sgt. J. Moore
 - Co. Corp. A. S. Mine
 - Sgt. H. Nells
 - Pvt. D. McKenzie
 - Pvt. W. Phillips
 - Pvt. G. H. Stogtholme
 - Pvt. G. H. Spies
 - Pvt. L. A. C. Semerville
 - Pvt. S. Stawicky

Remembrance Day Service Honours Georgetown's War Dead

Braving rain and chilly wind, local citizens turned out in good numbers on Sunday morning to honour those who fell in the Great War. At 10:30 a parade formed on Mill Street, consisting of members of Branch 120 Canadian Legion, local members of the Lorne Scots, "C" Company under Major J. R. Barber, and the Volunteer Civil Guard, whose ranks included members of the Acton Guard and were headed by the County Commanding Officer, Col. Ballantine, and Captain C. V. Williams. The parade then proceeded to the War Memorial, where a Remembrance Day service was held.

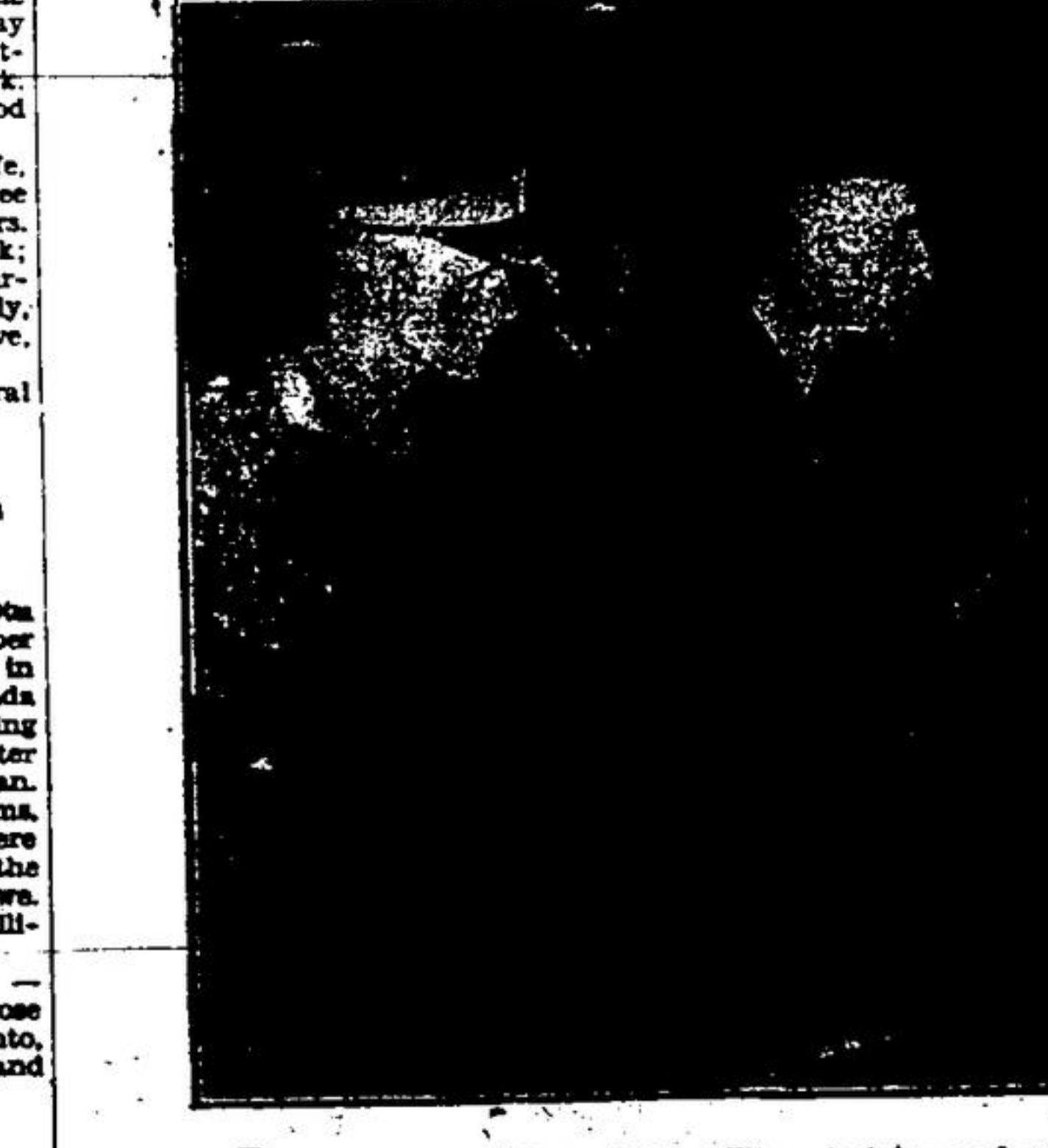
Because of the wet weather, the opening address by Major Joseph Gibbons was dispensed with. The four resident ministers, Rev. F. C. Overend, Rev. E. G. Baxter, Rev. W. G. O. Thompson and Rev. D. D. Davidson, assisted in the service of prayer and song.

The Honour Roll of 24 names was called by Corp. Fred McCartney, President of Branch 120 Canadian Legion, which was followed by the Last Post and a two-minute silence, ended by Reveille. The stirring strains of the National Anthem closed the service.

FERRY BROTHERS FATHER
DIES IN ENGLAND

Word has been received from England of the death of Robert Ferry, father of Harry and George Perry, of Georgetown. Mr. Ferry, who was seventy-one years old, passed away on October 21st, at his home in Sunderland, Durham County, Harry, who is serving overseas with the Lorne Scots, was able to obtain leave and be present at the funeral. Besides his two sons in Canada, Mr. Ferry leaves his wife, three daughters, and one son in England.

Women In Industry



As more men are called out for military training and service, large numbers of women are being absorbed into the arms industry of Canada. Honourable J. L. Rabson, Minister of National Defence, is shown here as he chats with a woman worker in the Brock Gun plant.

93rd Anniversary Observed By Baptist Congregation

Large Congregations Attend Services both Morning and Evening—Rev. Gordon Holmes Special Speaker at Monday's Supper—Program by Hamilton Talent.

THE WEATHER

After a week of clouds and moderate temperatures the mercury dropped again to 20 last Saturday and we got a few hours of sunshine. Monday's all-day rain of nearly an inch and a quarter, was the heaviest since that on the last of August. And the gales accompanying it are reported by radio to have been wide-spread over the whole continent, in many places causing serious loss of life and property. Winter has set in on all sides of us so we may look for it soon. The following are the local records for the past week:

Date	H. and L. Temp.	Rain-fall
Tues., Nov. 5	58 50	
Wed., Nov. 6	36 30	
Thurs., Nov. 7	36 30	
Fri., Nov. 8	38 30	
Sat., Nov. 9	41 30	
Sun., Nov. 10	48 30	
Mon., Nov. 11	57 44	1.23

Robert Cole Passes At Hillsburg

After several years of failing health, Robert Cole, a life-long resident of Esqueping Township, passed away on Tuesday, November 6th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chester Burt, in Hillsburg. Mr. Cole, who was in his 80th year, was a son of the late Peter and Sarah Cole, Halton County pioneers.

Four brothers, William and Henry, of Acton, Peter, Sr., of Georgetown, and John, and one sister, Sarah, predeceased him. His wife, the former Esther McEneaney, passed away in 1908. Mr. Cole was a member of Ballinacree United Church, and a Conservative in politics. He is survived by one son, Peter, and three daughters, Mrs. Chester Burt (Ada), Mrs. Jim Nelson (Margaret) and Annie.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. J. T. Haslop, was held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burt last Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. During the service, Mrs. Clayton Justice sang a solo. Interment was made at Providence Cemetery. The pallbearers were his son, Peter, two grandsons, Wilfred Burt and Jim Nelson, Jr., and three nephews, Fred and John Cole, and Alex. (Sandy) Binnie.

A Historical Sketch
On October 16th, 1847, Michael Dayfoot was chosen deacon and treasurer of the congregation, and J. S. Fitch, clerk. The first pastor of the congregation was the Rev. John Clark, who led the congregation from 1847 to 1855. A vigorous, eloquent preacher, he was possessed of great physical endurance, although he was not a big man. And he had need of his endurance, for his ministerial duties took him to Hornby, a distance of seven miles and back again, on foot, to preach each Sunday. He had frequently to walk to Guelph, a distance of nearly 25 miles.

Members constituting the first congregation included the Rev. Mr. Clark and his wife, Dinah Rookwood, Michael Dayfoot, Robert Burn, Penelope Burn, Rebecca McGow, Aita Stewart, Hiram Bedford, J. S. Fitch, C. McEneaney, J. Moore and C. Moseley. Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Bessey were received as members of the church in 1848, and Mr. and Mrs. John Smith Bessey entered the church in 1856, but the congregation appears to have been a small one for some years.

The present church was built in 1869, and was opened on January 30 of the following year. A parsonage was built a few years later. A pipe organ was installed in 1870.

NORVAL RIFLE CLUB
The shooting on the range last night was just ordinary. Messrs. Nurse, Atkinson and Meredith shot on the 20 yard target at 25 yards. Their aggregate scores follow: Meredith 98 x 8; Nurse 99 x 7; Atkinson 98 x 8; R. W. Hall 99 x 6; Robertson 98 x 5; Wilson 98 x 6; Caves 98 x 7; Norma Hall 97 x 4; G. H. Hall 97 x 6; Hustler 96 x 5; Griffin 96 x 5.

An invitation has been sent to the O.A.C. Rifle Club of Guelph to visit our range on Nov. 25th.

"THE WINDSOR'S OWN LOVE STORY"
Adela Rogers St. Johns, celebrated author, after spending 10 days with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, has written a most illuminating series of articles revealing the Windsors' own story of their romance. "The Windsors' Own Love Story" begins in the November 17 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times and continues in the daily Detroit Times.

SISTER OF MRS. M. WILLIAMSON DIED IN GODERICH
Mrs. John Sowerby, of Goderich, died in hospital there suddenly on Monday, November 4th. Mrs. Sowerby was formerly Miss Elsie Oatton and was born fifty-seven years ago on the second line, west, Chinguacousy. She was a daughter of the late Matthew Oatton and Allison Oatton. Mrs. Sowerby was a resident of Peel county until moving to Goderich about ten years ago. She was a former member of Brampton Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her husband, three brothers, Thomas Oatton, third line, west, Brampton; Edward Oatton, second line, west, Brampton; Walter Oatton, Strathroy; and two sisters, Mrs. Matthew Williamson, Georgetown, and Mrs. Arthur Poynts, Brampton. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon, from the home of her sister, Mrs. Arthur-Poynts, Brampton, with interment in Dixon's Cemetery.

LOCAL BOYS RUN IN HAMILTON
Bill Cotler and Johnny Emmerson, local racing enthusiasts, were among the competitors in the Annual Around the Bay Marathon held in Hamilton last Saturday. Sponsored by the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada Association, the event drew entries from several parts of Ontario and New York State. Robert "Bobby" Rankine, fleet-footed long distance star from the South Waterloo Harriers captured first place for the fourth time in the past five years.

Bill Cotler finished in fourth place, and Johnny Emmerson was in thirteenth place, and the Gladstone A.C., of which they are members, captured the team prize. The beautiful shield, which becomes the permanent possession of this Toronto Club, was on display this week in the Herald Office window. In addition to this group honor, several individual prizes were awarded. Cotler got a club bag and a pair of blankets, while Emmerson added another medal to his supply.

English Father (to son who is watching a game of bowls): "There you are, Herb. You learn 'istory, don't you? Well, that's the game Nelson was playing when the Romans landed." Scandal is that state of believing of others what one would like to do oneself.