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**Noted Church Leader Tells Work of United Church Elders**

A Presbytery request for a representation of six Elders from each pastoral charge resulted in a total attendance of a hundred and fifteen, at the Halton Banquet Rally, Milton.

All but three United Churches in Halton Presbytery responded appropriately whilst the double charge at Burlington - Port Nelson sent a quota of fourteen.

The result was a demonstration of strength and spiritual solidarity that will live long in the minds of those attending, and may prove to be the opening of a new chapter in local United Church history.

The highlight of the evening, which commenced with a banquet was an impressive "Address on the Work of Elders," given by the noted church leader, the Very Reverend Dr. George C. Pidgeon, first and most distinguished moderator of the United Church of Canada.

After giving an account of the New Testament origin of the office of steward, elder and minister, Dr. Pidgeon pointed out that only when Elders are fully bearing their share of the pastoral and spiritual administration of the church is the minister able to devote himself effectively to prayer and the Ministry of the Word.

He emphasized the importation of the ordination and induction of Elders. Elders hold office by the choice of the people of the church, but they are set apart for superintendence of the spiritual life of the church in an act of ordination by the minister. Once ordained a man remains spiritually an elder, although later he may be voted out of office. If re-elected he will not be reordained, but simply inducted.

"The spiritual quality of the church depends on the elders," said the Ex-Moderator. "They are the continuing leadership, for ministers come and go, but the Elders remain as part of the continuing life of the community. Therefore their influence is correspondingly important."

The elders exercise their leadership through their care for the work and life of the worshipping community, being responsible for the initiative in all aspects of its work, whether in Christian Education, Choir and Worship, the Use of the Buildings, Prayer, Holy Communion or Visitation additional to that of the Minister. They are likewise responsible for the essential details of membership and worship. The membership roll is in their charge. — the final legal test of membership resting on the Session Record; the Minutes of Reception and Removal being entered in the Minutes, signed by the Minister and Validated by Presbytery. "A carefully kept and purged roll is a first

necessity to guard and preserve the rights of those worshipping in the Church."

Dr. Pidgeon proceeded to give an account of the Elder's share in the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. In Baptism "the water putpoured means something (the grace of God) communicated." This communication must be fulfilled by God through the parents who should be professing and practicing Christians.

Holy Communion is the crowning act of worship, in which we commemorate the death of Jesus and acknowledge that through the death and whole work of Christ His Grace is communicated to those prepared to receive it. By the way the service is conducted we must set forth its meaning. All our history is behind us then we gather there, and particularly man's most solemn moments of self-dedication at death and on the battlefield. It is our sublimest moment. But the sublime is always next-door to the ridiculous. A mishap occurring at a moment of tension very readily spoils the service for those taking part. By careful self-preparation the Elder is able to help to make the moment great.

The Doctor concluded with a pointer to the changes in church life in Europe and the growing evidence that we are at the threshold of a new era in Church History when a great movement of spiritual leadership, this time among the laity, will again bring in the New-Day for Evangelism.

In moving the vote of thanks to the speaker, Rev. W. A. Dempsey, Milgrove, fitly summed up the feeling of all present in saying they had been given a "vision of the privilege that is ours as workers in God's service." Dr. Pidgeon had spoken like St. Paul of old, "The Elders among you I exhort who also am an elder."

The address was followed by a division of those present into eleven discussion groups who directed their attention for half an hour to ten questions taken from Dr. J. H. Riddell's book, "The Eldership," to which elders were referred. The discussion leaders included the following Elders: J. L. McKindley and A. R. Oliver of Burlington, Tom Ball and Eric Wilde of Waterdown, Dr. George King of Milton, Stan Turner of Trafalgar, Alex MacLaren, Mrs. Beaumont and Graham Farnell of Georgetown, J. W. Hollingsworth of Kilbride and Mr. George Langton.

Rev. G. E. Almack, Carlisle, acted as an able MC for the occasion and was responsible for the general arrangements in collaboration with the Presbytery Evangelism and So-

**Fred Spires Heads Anglers & Hunters**

In the clubhouse which was built and paid for last year, members of Georgetown Anglers and Hunters Club held their annual meeting last Thursday.

Fred Spires is the new president and Stan Lyon vice president. Directors of the association are Gordon Spence, Harry Adams and Jack Crichton. Jim Carney is secretary and Bob Jepson treasurer.

The club, which has a large membership of district sportsmen, acquired property on the Acton Crossroad adjoining the Ballantine property for their clubhouse and work on its construction was mostly done by the members themselves.

**Davidson is Chairman School Area Board**

Chairman of Esqueping School Area board this year is R. L. Davidson, Acton.

Mr. Davidson succeeds Hector Bird, who headed the board last year. Members of the board who will serve under him are Mr. Bird, John Bingham, R. J. Cunningham and William Doble.

This year the school area has the problem of providing accommodation for increasing numbers of public school pupils in Norval and in Stewarttown. At present students in the three senior grades in these communities are being brought by bus to Georgetown, where Mr. William Kinrade teaches them in the new Howard Wigglesworth school, while a few Dublin district pupils are being taught in Acton.

Next year the Georgetown accommodation will not be available, according to Georgetown school board members, and there is some talk of building an addition or a new school at Norval. No definite action has yet been taken by the school board in the matter.

The Banquet Toast to the church moved by J. L. McKindley was answered by the chairman of Presbytery, Rev. John M. Smith, Georgetown. The Milton St. Paul's United Mr. and Mrs. Club are to be congratulated on their excellent catering arrangements under their presidents Mr. and Mrs. Michael Edwith. At the concluding session after reassembly and questions Mr. Andrew Ord of Aberfoyle moved a general vote of thank which Mr. J. S. Torry, Freelon volunteered to convey in writing.

One elder fitly summed up the evening as he remarked on jumping out of the car at home: "I think, minister, your elders are going to do more for you after this."

**JOSEPH A. BREAUX**, now general passenger agent, Canadian National Railways at Montreal. Mr. Breaux brings 37 years of railway passenger experience to his new post, one of the busiest on the Canadian National system.

**HARRY J. NEVIN**, who has been appointed manager of the tourist and convention bureau, Canadian National Railways. He will have system jurisdiction and his headquarters in Montreal. Formerly general passenger agent for the C.N.R., Mr. Nevin is widely known throughout Canada and the United States.

**Two Masonic Lodges Instal 1953 Officers**

Walter Rigg and William Cromar head the two Georgetown Masonic lodges this year, and were installed in office at the January meetings. Mr. Rigg is Worshipful Master of Credit Lodge, AF&AM and serving with him on the lodge directorate are: Jack Lucas, IPM; Leslie Clark, senior warden; Walter Fidler, junior warden; Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, chaplain; Everett Cole, treasurer; Ern Batkin, secretary; Charles Renwick, assistant secretary; Denney Charles, director of ceremonies; Thomas Niven, senior deacon; James F. Evans, junior deacon; James McCaig, inner guard; James Linton, Tyler; Graham Farnell, senior steward; Jack Addy, junior steward; Alf Goodwin, organist; Sam Mackenzie, John D. Kelly, auditors.

At the regular convocation of Halton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Rt. Ex. Comp. George C. Brown and past Zs of the chapter officiated at the installation of Mr. Cromar as 1st Principal. Other lodge officials are: Jack Addy, IPM; Albert Hunter, 2nd principal; James McCaig, 3rd Principal; John D. Kelly, treasurer; Charles Wray, Scribe N; William B. Hamilton, scribe N; Lewis Tracey, PS; Jack Armstrong, S.S.; Irwin Noble, J.S.; Leslie Ellis, master of 4th veil; Alex Reader, 3rd veil; Sam Penrice, 2nd veil; Clifford Burt, 1st veil; Charles Renwick, sentinel; Alf Goodwin, organist.

Ex. Comps. Garfield and Hyatt McClure of Peel Chapter, Brampton, also took part in the installation ceremony.

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<b>8</b> CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS FOUNDED, 1869	<b>9</b> FREE LIBRARY OPENED AT GUELPH 1883	<b>10</b> UPPER AND LOWER CANADA UNITED, 1841	<b>11</b> CANADA'S LOUIS RUBENSTEIN WINS WORLD'S FANCY SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP AT ST. PETERSBURG RUSSIA, 1890.	<b>12</b> ORGANIZATION OF CANADIAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION DECIDED UPON, 1890.	<b>13</b> FIRST CANADIAN SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS MONTREAL, 1909	<b>14</b> FIRST NHL ALL-STAR GAME ACE BALLETT BENEFIT MAPLE LEAF GARDENS, 1934
<b>15</b> VARSITY STUDENTS GO ON STRIKE WITH W.L.M. KING A LEADER, 1895.	<b>16</b> YONGE STREET COMPLETED FROM YORK TO LAKE SIMCOE, 1796.	<b>17</b> RAILWAY OPENED FROM SMITHS FALLS TO PERTH, 1859.	<b>18</b> FIRST BESSEMER-STEEL SMELTED IN CANADA AT SOO, 1902.	<b>19</b> VARSITY GRADS WIN OLYMPIC HOCKEY TITLE, ST. MORITZ, 1928.	<b>20</b> FIRST REGULAR CLASS IN UPPER CANADA AT ADOLPHUSTOWN, 1791.	<b>21</b> COL. JOHN BY BEGINS PLANNING CONSTRUCTION OF RIDEAU CANAL, 1826
<b>22</b> GLENARRIGANS CROSS ICE OF ST. LAWRENCE TO CAPTURE OGDENSBURG, 1813.	<b>23</b> CANADA'S TOMMY BURNS WINS WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE AT SAN FRANCISCO, 1908.	<b>24</b> MARKET PRICES 1903	<b>25</b> FIRST UNIT OF REAR LANDS IN U.K., 1940 — NO. 110 (ARMY CO-OP) SQUADRON	<b>26</b> PARLIAMENT SHOCKED BY BITTER ALTERCATION BETWEEN JOHN A. MACDONALD AND G. BROWN, 1856	<b>27</b> CANADIANS WIN DISTINCTION AT PAARDESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, 1900.	<b>28</b> TREATY BETWEEN BRITAIN AND U.S. FOR FREE FISHING AND TRADE IN THE PACIFIC, 1825

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