

## Review Year's Activities

### When Congregation Meets

#### Faram, Ritchie Become St. John's Life Elders

The 38th Annual Meeting of St. John's United Church was held in St. John's Church Hall on Monday, January 30th, following a delicious supper served by the ladies of the Women's Association, under the leadership of Mrs. Verlena Sinclair. Approximately seventy adults and forty children attended. Following the supper, the children were entertained in the Church Parlor with movies. Rev. Ian Fleming was chairman of the meeting and following a period of devotions, gave a general report on the life and work of the church in 1960. It was noted that there were fifty baptisms, forty-one being infants and nine adults. Twelve marriage ceremonies were performed and twelve services of burial conducted during the year. Twenty-six persons were received into membership by profession of faith and thirty-nine by transfer. Total membership now stands at six hundred and forty-four persons. Mr. J. B. Hicks, Mr. H. C. Lewis and Mr. R. H. Hansen were ordained as Elders in 1960.

Mr. Lee King, church treasurer, presented his report for the year 1960 which showed current fund receipts in the amount of \$20,634.48, with \$9060.49 being total receipts for the Missionary and Maintenance Fund. The year ended with a small surplus in the current fund account, and all money in the M & M fund being turned over to the M & M Department and allied fund allocations. Reports of the financial operations of the W.M.S. Evening Branch and Afternoon Auxiliary, Women's Association, Sunday School, High C.G.I.T., Explorers, Choir, and Junior Choir, were also received.

Mr. Alan Prouse, Sunday School Superintendent, reported for the Sunday School, stressing the need for more teachers and more space for classes. The average attendance at Sunday School stood at two hundred and sixteen.

Mr. A. MacLaren as chairman of the Session nominating committee presented his report which was adopted, and thus Mr. S. T. Faram and Mr. Ian Ritchie were made Elders for Life, with Mr. Fred Masterman and Mr. Tom Darce being made Elders for a five year term.

Mr. Ernest Forgrave, chairman of the committee of Stewards nominating committee, presented his report which was also adopted, making Mr. Jack Addy, Mr. Fred Bolton and Mr. Howard Holmes, Stewards for a period of three years, with Messrs. M. Allison, Lee King, D. Latimer, K. McCauley, N. Nelson, J. Nicol and T. Niven being returned to office on the committee of Stewards for another three year term.

Mr. Ernest Forgrave in thanking Rev. Fleming and his wife for their ministry and leadership, paid particular praise to Mrs. Fleming for her work in the Sunday School and C.G.I.T. Mr. A. MacLaren expressed his and the congregation's deep appreciation to Mrs. C. Buck, Mrs. J. B. Hicks, Mrs. G. Armitage and Miss Gladys Ward for their faithful service in the preparation of the Communion Elements during the year. A glowing tribute was paid to the choir, and to Mr. Ken Harrison, organist and choirmaster, by Mr. H. C. Lewis. Mr. Tom Niven reminded all present of the sacrificial service given by the officers and teachers of the Sunday School and offered the thanks of the congregation. The faithful and devoted work of the church caretaker, Mr. Walter Roedger was recognized and appreciation expressed on behalf of the congregation and the property committee. Mr. George Armitage, Clerk of Session, thanked the treasurer, Mr. Lee King, and the Recording Secretary, Mr. Cecil Davidson, for services rendered in their capacities as officers of the church organization.

In closing the meeting, Mr. Fleming paid his compliments to Mr. Robert Harris for her capable and co-operative work as Church Secretary.

#### Lancashire Native Lived Here 35 Years

A town resident since 1928, and a retired employee of Smith & Stone, Ltd., Richard Ditchfield, 78 died in Windsor on January 30th where he was visiting with his son.

He was a native of Leigh, Lancashire and often recalled his surprise in arriving in Georgetown from the Old Country on a Halloween night and seeing the Canadian pranks which were uncommon back home. A quiet, home-loving man, he loved his game of euchre and his chats with a few close friends. He had also lived for a time in Windsor where he was employed at Kelsey Wheel.

His wife, Alice Tabernacle died 29 years ago. He had an apartment on John St. for some years, and lately had been making his home with members of his family.

He leaves four children, Mrs. Albert Kershaw (Elsie) and Mrs. Sydney Hulme (Nellie) of town; Wilfred Ditchfield, Windsor and Mrs. Ernest Alcott (Edith) of Merrittton; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. A daughter Cissy died in her teens. He also leaves a sister Mrs. Norman Dodgson in Toronto and brothers and sisters in England, Mrs. Peter Ormon of Runcorn, Cheshire, Mrs. George Fletcher, Fred and Jack Ditchfield of Leigh.

Rev. Ian Fleming of St. John's United Church conducted the funeral service on February 1st at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home, with interment following in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Francis and Leonard Hulme, William Hill, Frank Seddon, and Douglas and Robert Ditchfield of Windsor.

#### Servers' Guild Grows 27 Members Now

The servers of St. George's held their annual meeting and banquet in the archdeacon's parlour of the church, on Saturday, Feb. 4th with 21 young men present. The catering was assumed by a number of mothers of the young men's group and a roast beef dinner was served.

Prior to the dinner the servers assembled in the Church for devotions and a celebration of the holy communion during which the secretary Richard Pary presented seven candidates for installation into the guild. Robert Evis assisted for the installation and read the Epistle during the service. Rev. Kenneth Richardson conveyed greetings at the dinner and stressed the work of the guild and their important part they play in the worship of the church and in the community. He noted that the guild which began with about three members has grown to twenty-seven, four of which are men who are employed in industry and the others are

students. The guild also has honorary membership of young men and a number of them are serving in Her Majesty's forces in various parts of Canada. Others are employed in their vocations in industry and two are pursuing the vocation of the Ministry and are taking theological training.

Those installed were: Jim English, Ronald Guyett, Paul Hodgman, Thomas Parry, Michael Pratt, Neil Tost, Detlef Stein. Others to be installed at a future date are: Stephen Arthurs, Dieter Hachman, Brian Hicks, Bruce Hicks, Alan Peterson, Steve Petit, Shawn Tost, David Underhill. The meeting concluded with visual information on Church History and Architecture.

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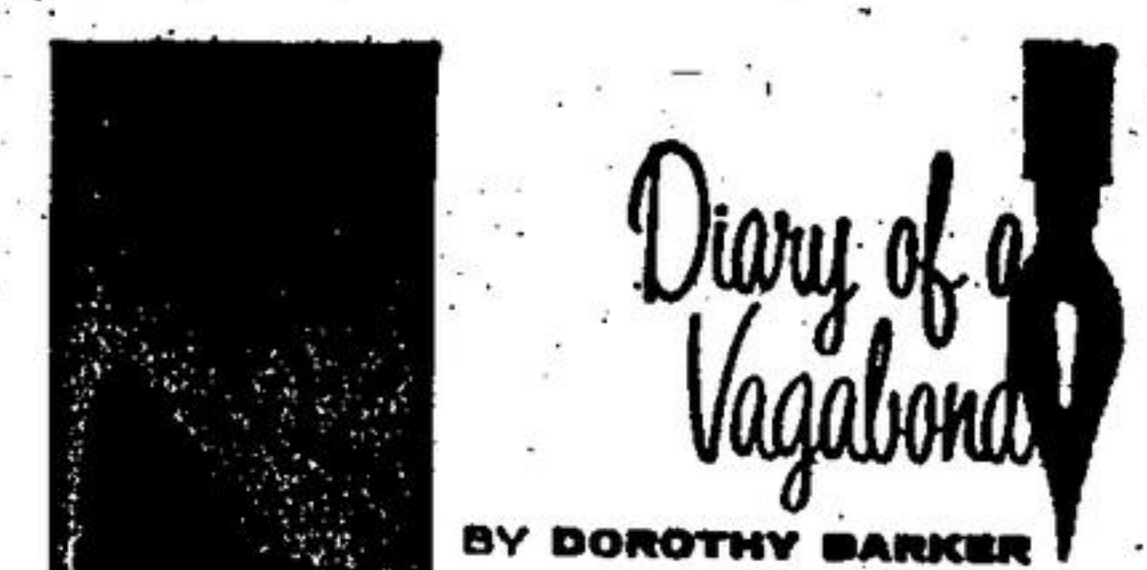


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Diary of a Vagabond  
BY DOROTHY BARKER

Alberta's Dinosaur Trail, a mile or so from Drumheller, winds through a Disneylike land of hoodoos, wheat fields and oil pumping apparatus. The latter look like huge prehistoric drakes continually nodding their heads into six inch pipes.

Most enthusiastic chairman of a tourism committee I have ever met, Don Anderson, drove me over this winding trail on a sun-kissed day. It was not hard to believe his tales about the happy hunting ground of at least 60 species of dinosaurs, who roamed these hills 100 million years ago. Nor did it seem fantastic that the smallest dedicated church in the world stands at the entrance to this fairland which nature has carved over the centuries from the glacial age, through the stages of what is suspected to have been an inland sea, to a thriving prairie community.

Drumheller, for months, had been marked with a big red cross, which denotes a 'must' on my travel map. All the way on the CNR's trans-Canada super train I had fairly counted the miles from Winnipeg, where I disembarked from my Churchill tour to Edmonton, where I transferred to the Drumheller bound dayliner. I knew the Badlands held an adventure I wanted to live. I wanted to bow my head in the wee church, hunt fossils atop the hills, and climb the hoodoos that really belong in a travel 'Fantasia'.

My escort, who, by the way, is also an enthusiastic booster for this village that grew into a city in a quarter of a century, was an animated fund of information as we drove over the prairie trail. I was smack in the middle of the land of high heeled boots, oversized stetsons, oil wells and acres of crops; fat, sleek cattle, rosy cheeked children, foreign names on store and garage, small trees and tall men. But the man who sat beside me, sans stetson, was a typical Chamber of Commerce executive, a prominent business man, organizer and believer in dreams that do come true.

His dream is that Drumheller, which is experiencing the death throes of coal mining prosperity, will reap another harvest. Already it has begun to feel the influx of tourists. Tourism, he hopes, will someday in the not too distant future become the city's major industry!

Evidence of the handwriting on the wall is the preparation local merchants are making for this eventuality. Shops are smart, miniature china dinosaurs roam in most store windows along the 7-shaped shopping area. Jewellery, designed to enhance polished dinosaurs bones, can be purchased and children's dinosaur story books and puzzles are displayed in the window of a local stationery store.

Before I describe my trip around the Trail, which will fall into another installment of this Diary, let me tell you about Drumheller itself.

It is a ribbon type of devel-

opment, occasioned by the fact that miners' homes, many of them now in a state of decay, were built in small huddles near the mines as they were opened up, one after another. At one time, there were something like 41 working mines in the area, 28 of them prominent producers. Now there are only a few.

I was taken to see one, coughing up its ebony lode from the hill's innards. Someday, some scientist may discover a new use for coal other than burning. It seems at present that then and only then will this mineral which made fortunes for the few and created salaries for the many, again become a national asset.

Drumheller has not taken the lack of markets for its coal lying down. It is wooing industry with its coal powered steam generating plant which serves the district with electricity. The Red Deer River supplies an abundance of water and the railway a means of transportation for freight. Its 110 bed hospital has plans for expansion, there is a swimming pool, library, camp site, health clinic and five schools. Most of all, its greatest asset, in my mind, is its citizens. Those I met, doctors, bankers, businessmen and attractive, vivacious housewives, were all friendly community boosters. It was a joy to find myself on their doorstep and to spend two pleasant days admiring their dinosaur museum, the replica of a huge, life-like dinosaur that marks the entrance on No. 9 Highway to their city and to experience their hospitality. It was all truly western and savoured of rich beef stew bubbling with oversized vegetables we picked in the ranch garden of its most successful, still producing, mining executive. There's nothing quite like a western welcome.

WORDS OF THE WISE  
Opinions cannot survive if one has no chance to fight for them. — Thomas Mann.

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#### Veteran School Staffer Marie Lindsay to Retire

The Georgetown Public School teacher with the longest record of service on the current staff, Miss Marie Lindsay, is retiring.

A member of the Chapel St. public school staff, Miss Lindsay tendered her resignation by letter at the last regular meeting of the Georgetown Public School Board in Harrison School, and it was accepted with much regret.

Miss Lindsay has been teaching school for thirty nine years, and for the past thirty seven

#### Blames Greed for Current Recession and Unemployment

Apr. 3, 45 Main St., Georgetown, Ont., February 11th, 1961

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago you deplored the lack of letters from readers to your mail bag column, a lack which brought immediate response. So I venture a few lines which might be of interest to your readers.

Last night I tuned in to channel 4, T.V. to a program, "Eye-witness to History". It was dealing with unemployment in the U.S. and gave a graphic picture of what is happening over there as well as in some of our Canadian towns, and could very well happen right here in Georgetown.

We saw the crowds at the unemployment offices, the line-up of hundreds of parcels of food surplus handed out by the government. We were taken on a tour of the town where factories making furniture, shoes, etc., are now closed down and saw the windows with their signs reading: For Rent or Sale! We toured the once prosperous shopping areas now almost deserted, drug stores closed, attendants at beauty shops passing the time by dressing up each other's hair since there are no customers to wait on.

A town called Cairo, population once nearly 20,000, now only 8,000.

We heard an assurance from government sources that something must be done to stop this recession before it becomes a Depression.

Brave words these, and words that have also been uttered by our own government but many of us are wondering, not only what is the answer but what is the cause. — For nearly 30 years we have been living beyond our means. The working man has demanded more and more wage increases, he wants more pay with less work, which means the goods he makes will be sold at ever higher prices. He wants a modern home and modern appliances. And where he was thrilled to own a car 30 years ago, he now wants one for every driver in the family. Thousands of people are killed on our roads every year, perhaps the answer is simple one word "Greed". We are cutting our own throat by our demands for higher living, we can no longer compete with world markets because our prices are too high. No wonder Russia can boast that she will rule the world and will beat us in the economic war. I never heard of a strike in Russia, and it is a well known fact that in wartime, a few strikes could cripple the country. We might well ask, just how many of our unions are Communist controlled? Another question, because Godless Communists are making

— Katherine Cordaro

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