

Congregations Shared Church Accomodation in Early Days

The Herald is indebted to Miss Beatrice Hills for a history of the church in Ballinafad which she has compiled.

For some years the Presbyterian people of Ballinafad community worshipped in the Methodist Church here, they holding Sunday School and church services in the forenoon and the Methodist in the afternoon. Two prayer meetings were held each week. When more Presbyterians settled in this district, they held a meeting and decided to build a church. They procured a site from a Mr. Hill and had this church built in 1878.

A Mr. White, an MP had the honour of laying the cornerstone. Neighbouring ministers, Rev. Younis of Erin being one had charge of the impressive service.

For the autumn of that year Dr. E. D. McLaren of Chatterham and Moderator conducted the opening services.

With grateful hearts the people rejoiced to think they now had a church of their own in which to worship God.

As Ballinafad would be linked with Melville church, their pastor and session officiated at the first communion service.

The first Elders appointed were Messrs John Russell, 5th line; George Younis, 7th line and James Marshall, 9th line. The congregation increased in size and interest and it was a common occurrence for one family to occupy a whole centre pew.

While they were getting a start the Toronto Presbytery looked after pulpit supplies. Some of the names were Messrs. Laist, McKay, Mowatt and Pringle.

Mr. Robert Aikett led the congregation singing as there was neither organ or choir for the first few years.

Rev. A. B. Dobson was the first ordained minister of the new church. He was followed by Rev. M. Kay, Rev. Ems, Rev. D. L. Campbell, Rev. George Milas and Rev. Currie.

Many years earlier the congregation decided to procure a house for their minister; therefore bought the house and property in Ballinafad which ever since has been known as the manse.

Rev. Ems occupied that manse while he was minister here. When the three denominations, the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches united in June, 1925, the two congregations here united and the larger church the Presbyterian became the United Church.

Rev. N. Waddell was minister here for a number of years before Union. He and Rev. A. Evans of the Methodist Church presided at the first communion service of the United Church.

Rev. N. Waddell continued as minister for a few years after union. He was followed by Rev. Gaudier, Rev. George Aikett, Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, Rev. O. Flindall, Messrs Wm. Gibb, Norman Russ, Gerald Townsend, Allan Neilson, Murray McBride, and Charles Boston. The present minister is Mr. Duncan Fleming who was ordained at the Hamilton Conference the latter part of May, 1964.

In the year 1954 the congregation decided to put a basement under the church. They began the work in Sept. and were using it by Christmas, though much more work remained to be done. The first Sunday in May, 1955, there was a reopening service. Many former members and friends came which filled the basement as well as the church.

In the early part of 1961 the Women's Association arranged and had a well drilled and water put in the church.

Down through the years there has been a Sunday School, a Women's Missionary Society and a women's association or Ladies Aid. Now there is a U.C.W.

A great many years ago Hector McLean went as a missionary to China.

Around 1916 Peter Yeman was doing mission work in Sae

Katchewan and recently James Kirkwood is a missionary in Northern Rhodesia in Africa. A list of early families on the records are as follows:

Aikeita, Ackert, Anderson, Aikens, Bennie, Burnside, Belts, Campbells, Cree, Cole, Collins, Ferguson, Given, Huggins,

Kentner, McLeans, McDonalds, McMurphy, McEnerys, McKays, McKechnie, McClure, McTavish, Russells, Reid, Rozzell, E. Shortill, Saunders, Sinclair, Thompsons, Wylie, Younis, Young.

Take life as you find it, but don't leave it that way.

New Expectant Parent Classes To Teach Relaxation Technique

The Milton County Health Unit will establish new prenatal classes here in September. Miss Grace L. Leavey, the Director of Nursing Services for the Unit said Thursday the new classes will offer group instruction and the techniques of relaxation.

The dates of the new classes will appear in The Herald prior to their commencement or information may be obtained from a local doctor or the

Georgetown branch of the Health Unit. The current classes for expectant parents will be discontinued during July and August.

"In our general program, our public health nurses do visit the homes of those prospective parents who wish to have further health instruction in general health aspects of pregnancy," Miss Leavey said.

Bull Lost Decision With Ford Car

A short-horn bull lost a one fall decision to a 1967 Ford on No. 7 Hwy. west of the 6th line of Esquimaux Thursday night. The bull was destroyed after being hit by the car driven by William Stanley Spence, 34 College St., Georgetown. Damage to the front of the car was \$150.

The collision happened at 1:30 a.m.

A telephone pole was snapped of when it was rammed by a car driven by Wilbert Ross Waymouth, 22 Truman St., in Brampton, at Norval Sunday. Waymouth was driving a 1967 Pontiac sedan which received an estimated \$600 damage. He was injured. The accident happened at 1:22 a.m.

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