

Only Handfull Feel They Don't Know Everything



SCHOOL'S IN EARLY FOR MOTORCYCLE PILOTS

JOHN VLIESTRA AND JOHN MILEHAM OF THE Yellowjackets Motorcycle Club and Bill McKeown of the YMCA-YWCA Co-ed Club look over the crop of light motorcycle owners who turned up at the Delrex Market Centre August 22 to commence a three day course in motorcycle knowledge and safety. Only about ten motorcycle riders indicated they might not know everything about their machines and rules of the road by showing up. The large majority of Georgetown's power cyclists ignored the Co-ed Club's offer to improve their ability. Mayor Joseph Gibbons last week proclaimed this motorcycle safety week in Georgetown. It concluded Saturday with a parade and dance. Riders from left are: B. Youmans, B. Cock, C. Barkhouse, J. MacMillan, D. Wright, L. Mackenzie, J. Roberts and D. Harley.

Ballinafad Church History as Compiled by Miss B. Hilts

The history of the Presbyterian Church in Ballinafad till 1925, when it became the United Church of Canada, has been written by Beatrice Hilts.

Services began in the Methodist Church as far back as 1842. Some years after this, the Presbyterians desired a place to worship, so were granted the use of the Methodist Church.

As the Methodists had been holding Sunday School and services in the afternoon, the Presbyterians held theirs in the forenoon. While the congregation was getting a start, the Toronto Presbytery looked after pulpit supplies.

When more Presbyterians settled in this vicinity, they decided to organize and build a church of their own. A site was procured from a Mr. David Hill and the work began in 1878.

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

In the autumn of that year, 1878, Dr. E. D. McLaren of Cheltenham, being moderator, conducted the opening service, with grateful hearts, the people rejoiced to think they now had a church of their own in which to worship God.

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

The first elders appointed were Messrs. John Russell, 5th Line; George Yeman, 7th Line and James Marshall, 9th Line. For the first few years, there was neither musical instrument nor choir. Mr. Robert Aikett led the singing.

Later an organ was purchased and a choir organized which continued all through the years. Today there is a good choir which adds much to the service, also a few good musicians.

Rev. A. Dobson was the first ordained minister and the second the Rev. Wm. Kay, 1888-1889.

A few years after the church was built, the congregation decided to procure a home for their minister and therefore bought the property in Ballinafad which ever since has been known as the manse.

Whether the two mentioned above lived at the manse or not, I do not know; but I do know all others did: Rev. L. Ems 1891-94, Rev. D. L. Campbell 1895-97, Rev. George Milne 1898-1900, Rev. P. Currie 1910-12, Rev. N. Waddell 1912-25.

The last of June, 1925, the union of the three denominations took place. The Presbyterians here united with Rev. N. Waddell and Rev. A. Evans of the Methodist Church officiating at the first communion service. The Methodist remained till the ministers used.

Much the same has occurred here. We are grateful to the ministers who have come to our community and do take an ac-

live part and help in many ways.

Other ministers were: Rev. M. Gandier 1827-29, Rev. George Aitken 1829-35, Rev. A. Foreman 1835-45 and Rev. O. Findall 1845-48, who was the last ordained minister.

Students were: William Gibbs, four years; N. Russ, two years; G. Townsend, one year; A. Neilson, two years; M. McBride, two years; C. Beaton, two years; D. Fleming, two years; G. Bates, two years, 1866.

When Rev. Foreman was here a few years, he was asked if he would take on another congregation. He was willing, so on the first Sunday in July, 1910, Church came in as the third church on the Ballinafad charge.

Limehouse was going to be closed. Other arrangements were made for the Glen church.

Those had been the three churches on one charge.

In 1954 the Ballinafad congregation decided to put a basement under the church. In Sept. the work began in earnest. Sunday School and services were conducted in the old hall. By Christmas, we were back in the church, though much remained to be done, volunteers doing their bit.

By April, the work was finished. The sanctuary had been freshly decorated. An oil burner furnace with many conveniences was placed in the basement.

Many former members and friends gathered with the congregation for the reopening and rededication on Sunday, May 5, 1955. Rev. Foreman conducted the opening service and Rev. Stewart, chairman of the Halton Presbytery, gave an impressive sermon. Whoever built that church did a wonderful job, as it is still in good condition, opened 88 years ago this October.

In 1907, a shed was built to protect the numerous horses and vehicles. The was taken down some years after union, as cars had become the mode of travel.

All these years the manse and small barn have been kept in good repair. Years ago, limitation stone veneer was put on outside of the frame house to make it warmer. A new chimney was built and a new oil furnace installed and all other conveniences including water put in the manse, also considerable furniture.

This spring, 1966, the old well was discarded and a new well drilled.

But most important of all has been and is the Sunday School, followed by splendid services at 11 a.m. every Sunday.

There was a Women's Missionary Society before union in 1925 and it has continued ever since. Afternoon and evening groups. A Mission Band and Baby Band were organized and continued for 20 years or more. Women's Association began soon after union and continued till the United Church Women's Association began about five years ago.

No one can estimate the good that has been done by the little country churches. Many have gone forth to other places and have been an influence for good wherever they went. Many continued to do the Lord's work.

Hector McLean became a missionary to China for over twenty years.

Peter Yeman went West and did mission work among new settlers, waited on the sick when the flu was so bad, finally took it himself and passed away.

I do not need to tell you about our present missionaries, James and Marion Kirkwood.

Changes do come sooner or later. Arrangements have been made by the Presbytery or Conference to have Churchill linked up with Acton United, the services conducted by the Rev. D. Engel.

Ballinafad has been linked up with St. Andrew's United in Georgetown with Rev. Kelvin Johnston as minister, the first Sunday in July, 1968, 9.30 a.m.

Much credit is due to all those who have kept the home churches going down thro the years. I could go on and tell of the wonderful gatherings here with our minister being present. Thankoffering services, Sunday School entertainments, turkey suppers, etc. There have been Cub and Scout groups for some years.

The manse and property have been sold. An auction sale was held on Thursday evening, June 30th, when all the furnishings of the house were sold.

There has been some guessing as to who built the manse or was it there when the Presbyterians bought the property. Mrs. Archie McEwen relates that she remembers living in

that house with her parents around 70 years ago.

I remember visiting an aunt and uncle in that house with my parents one winter around 75 years ago.

I also remember another family living there, Mr. and Mrs. Adams and two children. These may only have lived there a short time.

It is my opinion the house was there when the property was bought.

Let's combine our efforts to prevent forest fires.

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Unwanted Pets Discarded With the Potato Peelings

Residents in the vicinity of the Georgetown Sanitary Landfill site have a problem — live garbage. "Garbage" at least in the way their owners must look on these unwanted pets which are becoming more and more the plague of people in the Landfill area.

Mrs. R. Martineau, who has already provided a home for 7 discarded cats, told The Herald the practice of dumping unwanted animals at the Landfill site like used tea bags is getting a little out of hand.

"One neighbour of ours found a puppy tied up in a box and left at the dump," she said. "We've rescued as many as we can from the fate of being buried on the site or just starving to death. There must be some-

LIMEHOUSE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick visited Mr. and Mrs. C. McDonald and family at Elmwood the last week.

Rev. F. N. Young returned from holidays and conducted his regular services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church at 9.45 a.m. last Sunday.

Little Miriam Hill was in hospital a couple of days last week but we are pleased that she is well again.

Craftsman Pat Heiser has returned to Edmonton following his leave at home here.

Messrs. Smith, father and brother of Mrs. Swinkles returned home to Holland on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Batten of Thistown visited their son and wife here on Sunday.

Debbie Edgerton of Erin spent holidays with the Archie Brown family.

Wayne Peavoy of Hillsburg spent holidays with the Clarence Deforests.

We are pleased that Mrs. Fred Brooks is home following surgery in Toronto General Hospital.

We are pleased to see Mrs. Donald Brown is out again following hospitalization for back ailment.

The WMS met at the home of Mrs. Mills on Thursday evening with a good turnout and vice-president Mrs. Roughley in the chair. Mrs. A. W. Benton read the Scripture, Mrs. Sanford led in Prayer and Mrs. Bert Benton had the study, "When Sorrow Comes" by E. Stanley Jones. Mrs. Roughley read a short letter regarding the use of the Mizpah as a Benediction.

A special collection was taken for the supply fund. "Uphold" was the text word answered in a verse of Scripture. The hostess served lunch after the meeting.

David and Philip Michie have returned from holidays at Glen Mohr camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Patterson of Houston, Texas, have been visiting the A. C. Pattersons the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Regent and Freddie enjoyed a three week motor trip to Florida.

neighbourhood of starting a petition, Mrs. Martineau said, but to date nothing has come of it.

Meanwhile, until some authority devises some way to put a stop to the merciless method of getting rid of unwanted pets—it appears residents in the Landfill area will continue to find four-legged outcasts at their doors begging to be taken in and smelling of coffee grounds and potato peels.

GEORGETOWN SEPARATE SCHOOL
SCHOOL OPENING
TUES. SEPTEMBER 6, 1966
PUPILS ATTENDING SEPARATE SCHOOL GRADES K.P. - 8 WILL COMMENCE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1966, at 9 A.M.
Pupils who have not already registered, kindly assemble at 8.30 a.m.

ESQUESING T.S.A.
PARENTS
— OF —
PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN
PLEASE NOTE
SCHOOL BUS ROUTES
GLEN WILLIAMS, SPEYSIDE, LIMEHOUSE NORVAL AND STEWARTTOWN
Routes remain the same as last term.
Limehouse classes start at 8.40 a.m.
Glen Williams classes start at 8.50 a.m.
Speyside classes at 9.10 a.m.
Norval classes at 8.40 a.m.
Stewarttown classes start at 8.40 a.m.
PINEVIEW AND MILTON HEIGHTS
ALL CHILDREN WEST OF 3rd LINE ON NO. 5 SIDE ROAD WILL RIDE ON WEST BOUND BUS. Pick-up will be at approximately 8.20 a.m. There will be no change on No. 25 Highway (Peru to Milton Heights). All other bus routes remain the same as last term.
Pineview classes start at 9.10 a.m.
Milton Heights classes start at 8.40 a.m.

NOTICE . . . CHANGE
Pupils attending Grade Five and Six at Speyside will be accommodated at Acton Public School until such time as the new addition at Speyside is completed.

SCHOOL BEGINS!
THE ABOVE SCHEDULE IS TO APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES SUBJECT TO ANY REVISIONS THE BOARD FINDS NECESSARY, FOLLOWING A TRIAL PERIOD. IN THE EVENT OF A CHANGE, PARENTS OF PUPILS AFFECTED WILL BE NOTIFIED.
School Opens September 6
DRIVE CAREFULLY!

