by Mary Blehn

The first minute book of the Georgetowa Congregational Church, dating back to 1846, in spite of their good intentions gives tome interesting glimpses members frequently strayed; of local history. The church from the high standards of bewhich became the public libe haviour set by the church. Us rary in later years, was hard to ually a committee of two was join, and hard to leave, as our appointed to visit and talk with first two articles showed.

the series follows::

The Minute Book reveals how, king. an offender before any further

Their 56th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Bert McLaugh-Jan McLaghlin and grandchildren 1 of McLaughlin Road North, Larry, Gary and Cindy-Lou and compton, recently celebrated Sandra Barber, daughter of Mr. eir 56th wedding anniversary. and Mrs. Bunsch and Ricky Dale tesent for the occasion were were away on vacation at the eir son Norman, who is their time. Mrs. McLaughlin was born ext door neighbour, and their in Brampton and her husband aughters Isabel (Mrs. Emmer- in Grahamsville, Ont. The Mein Dale) of Georgetown, Jean Laughlins were married on Irs. Howard Bunsch) of Kit- Church St. E. in the home of iener, and Josephine, (Mrs. Mrs. McLaughlin's parents, Mr. obert Kilroy) of McMurchy and Mrs. Alfred Burt. The houcenue South, Brampton' and se is now a hair salon. "I should eir grandchildren, Nancy have my hair done there somead Jackie Dale, and Betty-Jean time" said Mrs. McLaughlin. "It nd Russell Kilroy. Mrs. Norm- would be just like home again'

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was brought to task, however, on August 8th. 1841, because 'he did entertain a number of circus men and their horses during the whole of one Sahbath, for which he received pay 2) That he allowed said circus men to leave their wagons and melodion into the church. appendages on his farm for their

which he received pay.

moers. Sometimes, when mem- formed the kervice for Duncan hery left the church, they for Stalker, son of Daniel and Cathgot to return articles belonging arme Stalker. The names given to the congregation, such -asito the little girls over a contury sacramental vessels, or after li-jago have a quaint old-fashibned nen. The malter was dealt with sound - Harriet Angeline, Jervery frankly at the church usha Nancey, Selinah, Albina.

its stand on a disbioux point by had awelled by 1851 to include

stating in the Minutes, "It was William Burber, George and Elconsidered that any gathering izabeth Wilson, William and where tone foolery and suchi Martha Handy, Joseph and Mar-

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An important part of any whole of one Lord's Day, for church record is the Baptismal Register. This venerable minute 3) That he did allow his wagon book discloses that Mary, the horses and man to take a num- daughter of Robert and Mary ber of persons to church on the McKonney, was the first child Sabbath; for which he received haptised by Rev. David Powell, on September 18th, 1840, one As a result of these charges, day after she was born. The the whole family, which incld- service took place at her parentally were heavy contributors ents' home. Baptism" in the finahelally, withdrew from the home was customary, according church membership at their to the church register. The last, own request. Several years lat- bantism recorded in the book er, they applied to be re-instat- took place on October 21st 1853 ed, and they again became me when liev. John Unsworth pur-

meeting, and a committee ap- Althea, Margrate, Eveline, pointed to visit the offender to Sarah and Samantha. The little have the matter rectified. boys' names are still the old-At one of their earlier meet- favourites of today. ings, the congregation clarified. The list of church members

like exhibitions were seen and ian Barber, Robert and Eleanor for one quarter. The frame cha- THE GEORGETOWN HERALD heard, were what the church Maw, Henry Vance, John Dun- pel was used until 1877, when THURSDAY, AUGUST. 15, 1948 understood in its discipline by can, William Anderson, Hugh the stone church which now Frame, Eleanor McClellan, Ca. houses our public Library was The taking of the Lord's name tharine Anderson. Margaret built at a cost of \$6,500.

in vain sometimes appeared in Vance, Mrs. Mary Denny, Em. The last entry in the Minute the minutes as an offence which ma and Mary Denny, Thomas Book, was made on December brought on an investigation by Denny and John and Ann Pick 30, 1862. In the twenty years The concluding instalment of disciplinary action was taken, the church committee: Even and so that the time had come or so spanned by the Minutes, "suspicion of intemperance" and to build a chapel. Contributions there are several gaps in time made because of excessive drin- "irregular attendance" warran- from the members are listed in when notes of meetings were ted a visit by the ever-vigilant pounds, shillings, and pence, not taken so that the picture we One prominent churchman committee, with subsequent re- When they totalled one hundred gain is not quite complete. But ports made to the congregation and forty-three pounds sterling it is clear enough to let us for-It would seem that the original frame chapel was built at the mulate an answer to the ques-

inal severity was starting to corner of Park and Church St. tion of whether our ideals have soften slightly, when in 1857, The congregation paid their pas changed much over the century. members decided to give them tor Rev. Hynam Denny. 75 It is this reading between the selves the pleasure of music pounds a year. John Harvey was lines of the old Minute Book, with their hymns by bringing a engaged to ring the chapel bell that makes it doubly interestfor ten o'clock service Sundays ing.

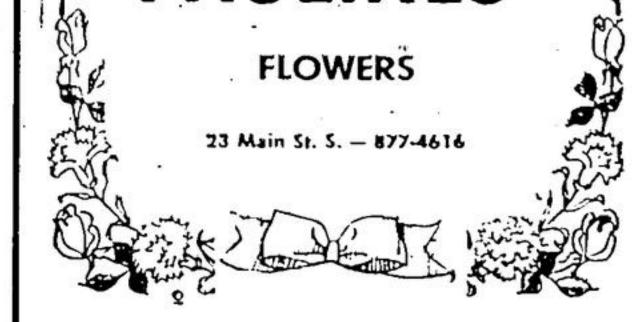
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