



LAST FOUR CLERGYMEN of Knox church, going back to 1942, took part in dedication service Sunday afternoon. Left to right they are the present minister the Rev. Andrew McKenzie, Rev. Robert Armstrong, Rev. John Anderson and Rev. Forbes Thomson. With them, far right, is the moderator

Near 300 take part

Ceremonies of dedication for Knox church addition

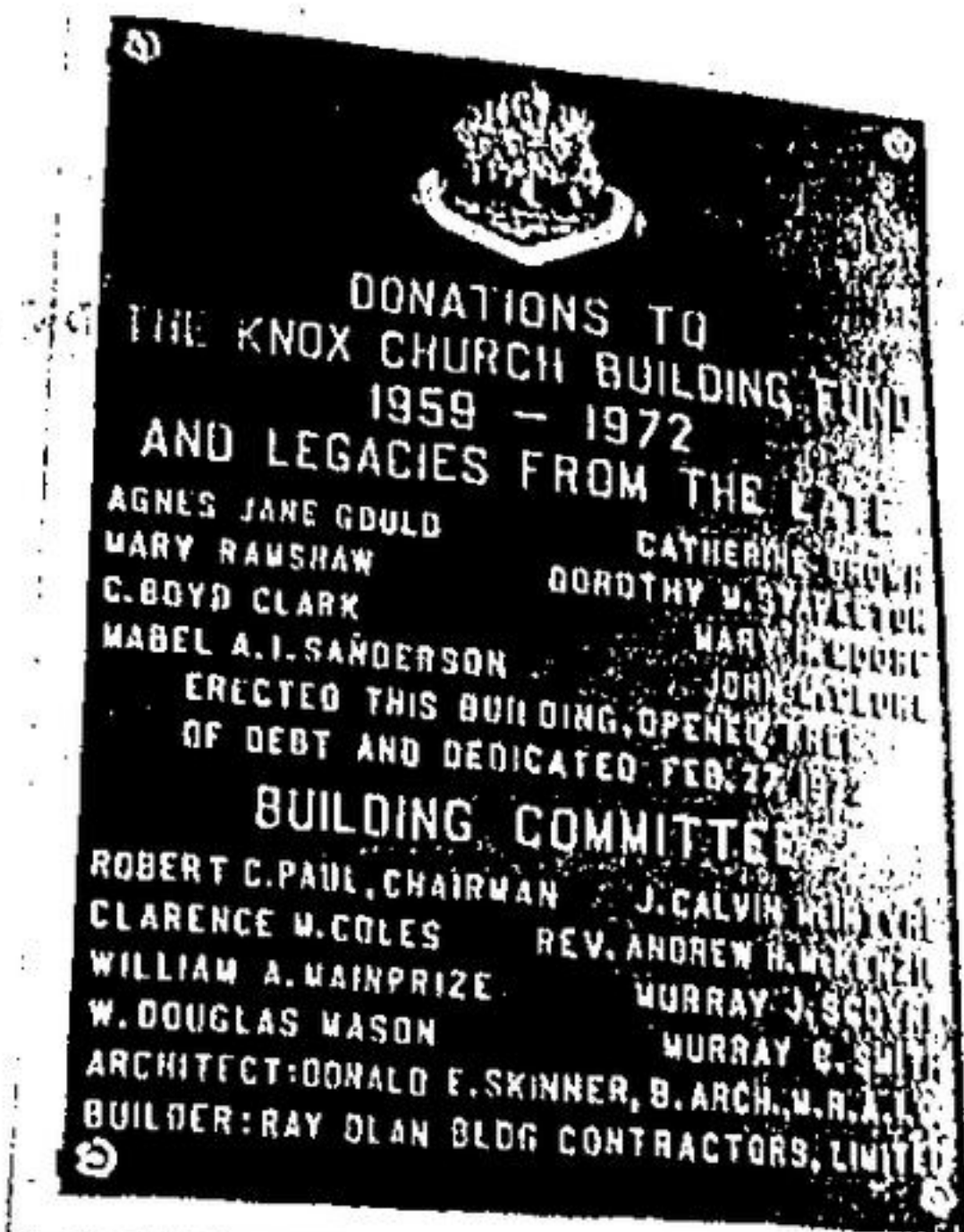
The bright and gracious \$55,000 addition to Knox church opened Sunday — free of debt. The fine building and its furnishings were formally dedicated by the moderator, the Rev. John McBride B.D. as part of a special service in which nearly 300 participated.

The church was filled as the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th ministers of Knox congregation took part in the impressive ceremonies. They are the Rev. Forbes Thomson, M.A., B.D., the Rev. Lieut. Col. John Anderson, M.C. and Bar, C.D., B.A., the Rev. Robert Armstrong M.A., B.D., and the present minister the Rev. A. H. McKenzie.

Symbolic key
A plaque with a key, symbolic of the completion of the work, was passed from hand to hand in a ceremony, involving the architect Donald Skinner, builder Fred Herensberger or Ray Olan building contractors, Robert Paul, chairman of the building committee, the minister and Mac Sprowl, chairman of the board of managers.

For Mr. McKenzie the day was the happy culmination of years of planning as the church's building fund slowly grew.

Eight legacies
The building is opened free of debt and a great deal of the cost of this and other capital expenditures in other years was made possible by eight legacies



received from Agnes Jane Gould, Boyd Clark, Mary Ramshaw, Mabel Sanderson, Mary Moore, Dorothy Stapleton, Catherine Brown and John McClure. Some \$3,500 of these funds were used for the straightening and rereading of the stained glass windows two years ago and an organ overhaul a year ago.

Mr. McKenzie reviewed for the large audience the three construction programs since his ministry, \$10,000 for rod and reinforcing roof trusses in 1958; \$10,000 to renovate and deepen the basement and improve the second floor area in 1965, and the present addition.

Looking to the future was emphasized by Rev. Armstrong in his address.

Dedications
Dedicated were new blue choir gowns, carpeting for the Dr. A. C. Stewart hall from the Ladies' Aid and Heather Club; minister's desk from the Daughters of Knox; vestry desk chair and two occasional chairs, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Sprowl; board chairman's chair and second chair, Fred Wright; picture, Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Coles; bronze plaque listing names of those who remembered Knox in wills, building committee, etc., Ray Olan building contractors; electric fixture, Jon J. Hurst; wall clock, junior choir; electric broom, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred

with Mrs. Anderson; minister from 1949 to 1956 Rev. Robert H. Armstrong M.A., B.D., who moved recently from Hamilton to Wingham, with Mrs. Armstrong. After the ceremonies and reception this group enjoyed dinner together at the manse, where organist Ted Hansen and Mrs. Hansen joined the McKenzies as Acton hosts. Rev. McKenzie came here as Knox' 13th minister in 1956.

Other out-of-town guests at the event included the architect Donald Skinner, with Mrs. Skinner and family, from Port Credit; Mr. Robert Gernell, Port Credit; Fred Herensberger of Ray Olan contractors with Mr. and Mrs. Herensberger Sr. of Milton; Rev. and Mrs. Stewart Coles, Toronto; Rev. and Mrs. Don Sinclair of Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coles and family, St. Marys; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Scoyne and family, Ridgetown; Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson, Wingham; Mrs. Wallace Anderson, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Stephenson, Seaford; and Mrs. John Brennan (Inez McLellan) of Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

No clues on dog poisoner

Clues to the identity of the dog poisoner who has been operating in the area of the Sixth Line Esquensing still evade Milton OPP. Eight dogs have died in the vicinity as a result of the poisoning.

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Says by-law discriminates

Esquensing by-laws discriminate against wrecking yard operators, says Fred Allan, proprietor of Allan's Collision Service at Crewsons Corners.

Writing to Esquensing council in reply to council's written order to comply with a township by-law which orders wrecking yard operators to hide offensive looking scrap cars behind a fence at least 25 feet from the front of the property line, Fred Allan said he regretted he could not comply until Spring because his yard is situated on low lying ground.

Ask reduction
However, he suggested that since he was going to lose 25 feet of his frontage it would be in order for Esquensing to reduce taxes on property which he now won't be able to use. He noted that he was a member of an antique car club and part of his function was to save from scrap any interesting cars that could be restored. He felt the township's action would reduce the likelihood of saving some of the antique automobiles, other more unsightly businesses in the township exempted from the by-law. He called the by-law discriminated against wrecking yard operators.

Rev. Price
St. Alban's church will be welcoming back the Rev. Ralph Price on Mothering Sunday, March 12. Mr. Price was rector from 1952 to 1954. The service will be one in the series of special events for the parish centennial.

Students from the University of Guelph want to integrate the government's Opportunity for Youth grants with a complete summer recreation program for all age groups in Acton.

Three students appeared before the Acton Parks and Recreation Committee Wednesday to outline their proposed program, which they said would give university students summer employment and perhaps involve two to four Acton high school students. Spokesman Jim Joy told the committee the program would be covered by a complete government grant and would be a supplement to the regular summer program operated by parks and recreation committee.

The program would operate from the middle of May till the end of August, Joy said, emphasizing the students would organize a complete program, carry it out and then it could be carried on by volunteers when they left town. He emphasized the students did not want to take anyone's job away and they could co-ordinate the program with any program parks and recreation would run.

Final report
Joy said the students would have to write a final report for the federal government and he emphasized the proposed

program would have to be good enough to be a pilot project for other communities if the federal government was going to show interest.

He figured 10 to 12 students would be needed for the program—eight from the university and two from Acton high school at the ratio of four to one. There is some urgency since March 8 is the last date for applications.

Joy said he and his group had considered Guelph for the project first but had been advised their were adequate summer programs there and a Dr. Boyd friend of ex-Y. Board chairman David Swetman suggested they get in touch with the YMCA in Acton where he understood a program would be more applicable. New Y board chairman Alan Eastwood introduced the trio to parks board, which included two girl students, Mary Bishop and Jan Grant.

Clubs' stem
Joy said part of the program's aim would be to make children find sports enjoyable and he felt many clubs in all age groups would stem from the experience.

Committee member Peter Marks recalled an Acton application for a grant had been refused last year because it had come from the "wrong end". He

suggested students get grants for such things as teaching skin diving in their own back yard then and also recalled the Acton program was already functioning when they received the reply.

After mulling the proposal over for several minutes the delegation met in a closed session

with program chairman Peter Marks who earlier advocated Acton hire a full time recreation director so the town could have a more complete program. "I believe in Divine intervention," Marks said after the delegation appeared without his prior knowledge.

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