

Clergy will take alternate Sundays at St. John's church

The finger of doom was gently lifted off the congregation of St. John's Anglican Church last Monday evening when Rev. Tom Appleton of St. James the Apostle Anglican Church in Guelph related the wishes of the Bishop at their annual vestry meeting.

"There is no thought of closing down the church," said Father Tom who, with his advisers, had attended a meeting with Bishop Bothwell, newly appointed to the Diocese of Niagara. "But what he does suggest," he continued, "is that St. James' supply ministerial services only once a month for Communion with the remaining Sundays being ministered to by congregational or visiting layreaders."

Heavy task

The St. James priests, Fathers Tom Appleton and Frank Russell have been conducting regular services at the Rockwood Church interchangeably on a weekly

basis since the 1972 amalgamation with the Guelph congregation.

In a recent meeting however, the St. James' Parish Council relayed to the Bishop their concern that handling two congregations was a heavy task for their ministers. In re-evaluation at Monday's meeting at St. John's Church in Rockwood, Vestry Chairman Father Appleton, told those present that he would attend the St. James' vestry next Sunday and suggest that only two Sundays a month would be absorbed by Rockwood ministry providing the St. John's congregation was in accord.

Asked what the alternative would be, members were informed "Disassociation with St. James of district layreaders and preachers." The members present from St. John's agreed that they would prefer to continue their association with the sister church in Guelph for alternate Sundays and the clergy stipulated that, along with this they were also prepared to conduct complete ministerial services whenever required.

Small congregation

The Rockwood Anglican Church has had a long history of small congregations and, at the beginning period of amalgamation with St. James in Guelph it had been hoped that the local attendance would grow with more people from the area coming in to the smaller church. However that did not happen and, although Church financing has taken a sharp rise upwards the numbers in attendance remained static.

"It could be a challenge" said members of the St. John's congregation who were relieved that "losing the church entirely" had not been a consideration of the Bishop. "The Bishop is well aware," said Father Tom Appleton, "of the potential growth for Rockwood if certain proposed installations take place and it would be foolish to close down or sell any property if, in a few years it would be required again."

A show of hands revealed that the majority of those present were in accord with the decision and it was decided that, with March being the finale of a complete monthly ministerial services the St. John's Advisory Board would have to meet and

make decisions on how they would function during the bi-weekly Sundays beginning in April.

Parish elections

Elected and re-elected to parish positions were: rector's warden George Ingle; people's warden Sandy Hudson; lay delegate to synod John Clark; alternate lay delegate Gladys Slipp; treasurer Betty Eason; postal bulletin secretary Flossie McMin; auditors—Len Hockey; members of parish council—Mr. or Mrs. John Jones, Monty Root, Betty Lou Clark, and Ivy Ritchie with other official representatives of the various church offices.

Further discussion included the setting of the second Thursday in each month as the regular Parish Council meeting and also renting of the parish hall complete with kitchen at \$15. for St. John's Church members and \$20 for other organizations.

Professor M. W. Staples, internationally known as a livestock judge, died recently. He retired in 1965 to his farm outside Guelph after 37 years on the faculty of Ontario Agricultural College, where he was known to two generations of students as a coach and instructor in judging and for his keen knowledge of breed history.



CONGREGATED on the chancel of the Disciple of Christ Christian Church in Everton are a number of girls who enjoyed the weekend happening and came from various places in Southern Ontario to participate. Seated are: Suzanne Lucier, Donna Robertson, Wilma McDougall, Joanne Tribe, Marie Ashton and JoAnn Benham. Second row: Valerie Leland, Helen Craigie, Phyllis Boyne and Jim Wells. —Photo by Lorraine

Weekend conference at Everton church

Thirty-three chatty, happy teenagers composed the interdenominational church conference held last weekend at the Everton Disciple of Christ Christian Church in conjunction with the Rockwood Stone and United church young people's groups.

Worship services, seminars, recreation, discussion groups, the works, and the three day sessions worked under the theme "Shalom" to inspire stewardship in the lives of those who attended.

highly meaningful one where members were able to learn "how to stand up as Christian in today's busy mixed up world."

Many of the young people present were past camp associates of the Christian Disciple Conference grounds held annually at Selkirk on Lake Erie. Others were friends of friends with some coming long distances including St. Thomas, Ridgeway, Windsor, Lderton, Oakville, and Toronto.

tively sped along until the final evaluation wrap up and closing circle on Sunday shortly after the noon hour.

Boys and girls had been billeted some in groups others in ones and twos. Fun, fellowship and Christianity had combined to bring constructive learning to the young people whose next meeting will be at the World Fellowship Youth conference at Winger, Ontario, from March 30 to April 1.



LEADERS CONDUCTING activities for the three day get-together are from left to right, Shirley Willard, Alan McDougall, Gord Thomson and Steve Dobbins. —Photo by Lorraine

Meaningful weekend

Wilma McDougall of R.R.4 Rockwood, is the 17-year-old president of the Southern Ontario Christian Youth Fellowship, who finds that such get-togethers stimulate new understanding in how to grow together in all areas of church life. Wilma was the organizer of the recent meeting and feels that the weekend was a

Several leaders of the session were Rev. Steve Dobbins from Irelon, Rev. Don Whitehead of Guelph, Allan McDougall, Rockwood, George Thomson also of Rockwood, the adult advisor of United Church Youth Group, and Dan Skainton the Toronto, resource leader of group sessions.

From registration on Friday evening at 7 p.m. the prepared program of education and ac-

The Everton group gets together regularly every second week and, although the membership is small they encourage other Young People's Associations to combine their interests and participate in their meetings. In incorporating their combined efforts for last weekend's assemblage, the three local groups of Young People's made their "Shalom" theme of peace, love and farewell, a reality.



MEMBERS OF STONE and Rockwood United Church amalgamated organizational abilities last weekend with members of the Young Peoples' Association of the Everton Disciple of Christ Christian Church and held the Southern Ontario Interdenominational Church Conference in Everton. Happy after a delicious luncheon provided by the ladies of Everton are Peggy Salmon, Wilma McDougall, Gord Tosh and Helen Craigie. —Photo by Lorraine

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Comin's and Goin's

Hello again and word is that Joy Lord and mother Pete are down in the Barbados, West Indies, for a wintertime holiday. Gorgeous scenery, amazing vegetation, and marvellous sun and it's all part of the scene for the two lucky Eden Millers who will be buck shortly to bask in Ontario's winter thaw.

What a terrific family. The Allerellies are pulling together like Trojans as Ebba came home from St. Joseph's on Saturday and is recuperating beautifully, and Gunner, also recovering from his back injury, is operating the household assisted by small fry offspring. Nice going, people, friends are glad to see you perking again and wish you all the best of luck with Rockwood hands to help if called on.

What ho, what ho. The Ministerial Association of Guelph and Eramosa invites everyone to an Ecumenical Service of Worship next Sunday, January 28 at 8 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Guelph when the speaker will be Bishop John Bothwell of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

Another true outdoor experience was the grade 7 and 8 snowshoeing expedition with Bob Love's students at Belwood Lake Conservation Area when they left early last Thursday morning headed north for the purpose of learning the use of hand compasses and pacing as a method of travel in wilderness and to provide a method of familiarizing with physical surroundings. Great exercise, great endeavour, and great fun and the students were home again in time to complete their afternoon report session.

If you really do care about Rockwood politics and where it stands try to remember the Tuesday, January 30 first meeting of the year for the new Trustee Board and attend with open minds at the Rockwood Town Hall. Seven-thirty p.m. is the time and it's all for free. Free to think, free to learn, and free to give opinions on what you want to see happen in your village.

It's welcome and have a good time next Sunday when a former Rockwood minister, Rev. J. E. Taylor will be returning to his old hunting grounds to stand in for Rev. Don Sinclair who will be attending a course at the Presbyterian College, Montreal from January 23 to February 1.

The good word is that Myrtle DeVries has been home from the hospital for a week now, is recuperating and, in her own words, "Golly, I wouldn't let a little thing like that bother me" and it hasn't.

Checking in on the whereabouts of the Vincent Price's who were to be home in Rockwood shortly after Christmas revealed that Vincent had a fall while visiting his daughter and her family in Toronto with a result - hospitalization. He is at home now generally recuperating and his many friends are glad to know that he and Ruth are back in the village. Welcome back, folks, and a belated season greetings to two of Rockwood's favorite people.

Time out for a quick hi to Luella Wickham who is off holidaying for a month in the south coast. Ah, winterbirds—wouldn't that we could all fly south for the January months.

Feel like a "Winter's Night Hymn-Sing?" Saturday, January 27 from 8 to 10 p.m. families are invited to Bezek Centre. If you're an athlete and like outdoor living why not arrive at an earlier 1 p.m. hour for tobogganing at the Centre until 3 p.m. when Christian teaching and sharing for adults and a special programme for children with supper at 6 p.m. could ensure whole families of a wonderful day. Scout out Bezek on the 2nd line of Nassagaweya one mile north of Sideroad 10 and make Saturday of the 27 one to remember.

were happy to see them back visiting in the area this past week. Welcome home, old friends, the kids you taught are in high school and university now and time does march on but it's fun to look back and remember.

Roger Imhoff, a Lutheran minister, overheard a conversation involving two youngsters who were in different pre-Easter communicant classes he was conducting. The kids were exchanging notes on what their particular groups had been studying.

"We're up to original sin," the boy said.
"That's nothing," the other cut in, "we're past redemption!"

Flack back indicates that problems mulling around lack of courtesy by snowmobile operators recently are not those created by members of the local Rockwood Snowmobile and District Club. Annoyed members feel that the club has been discredited where the actual

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