

Reminiscences abound

There were many happy reunions Saturday and Sunday during Knox centennial reunion and 129th anniversary service.

Those signing the book from out-of-town included Crawford and Lorna Douglas, Wingham (he's now M.P. for Bruce); Ross and Grace (Skilling) Smith, Mississauga; Hassard, Oakville; Harvey and Pat Hassard, London; Leslie and Jean Baillie, Brampton; Bruce and Janet (Atiken) Huff, Ottawa.

Lachie and Gladys (McLellan) McKersie, Milton; John and Inez (McLellan) Brennan, Westland Michigan; Mrs. Pearl Barber, Georgetown; Donna Riseborough, Toronto; Allan, Hazel and Drew Leishman, Barrie; Tom and Adelaide Wylie, Rockwood; Frances Hurst, Richmond Hill; John Davidson, Toronto; Elmer and Kay (Stewart) Moles, Toronto;

John and Shirley Donaldson, Wingham; Jim and Barbara Greer, Oshawa; Bess Maplesden, Neshanic Station, New Jersey; Duff and Mary Wilson, Ayr; Laurens and Christien Tryssenaar, Listowel; Pat and Eva Patterson, Limehouse; Max and Mary Storey, Rockwood; Howard and Donald Switzer, Hillsburgh; Graham and Frances Matthews, Toronto; Rachael Jewell, Toronto; Aubrey and Jessie McMillan, Islington.

Gord and Joyce (Greer) Akitt, Burlington; Mrs. Emma Akitt, Guelph; Lorraine and Don Van Norman, Orangeville; Stan and Bernice Robinson, R.R. 1, Cambellville; Mrs. Violetta Ralph, Scarborough; Mrs. Florence Fisher, Guelph; Mrs. Doreen Nicklin, Guelph; Ross Patterson, Guelph; Calvin and Marjorie Sprowl, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Soyster, Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, Guelph; Fred Collins, Collingwood; Helen (Mainprize) Egan, Guelph.

Willard and Mabel Brownlow, Georgetown; Jean Wilson, Toronto; Margaret (Wilson) McGillivray, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Elliott, R.R. 8, Brantford; Mrs. Olive Massel, Milton; Miss Bernice Reid, Guelph; Jean Malone, Toronto; Mrs. Irma Montgomery, Toronto.

Norm and Elsie Elliott, Palmerston; Helen (Somerville) Ross, Richmond Hill; Mr. and Mrs. MacStewart, Toronto; Doug and June Davidson, Vineland; Mr. and Mrs. Don Davidson, Bracebridge; Mrs. Alice Rumley, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Petty, Rockwood; Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Agnew, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce, R.R. 1, Guelph; Mrs. Louise (Coles) Aston, North Bay; Dianne Fisher, Niagara Falls.

Bruce and Jean (Cree) Leitch, R.R. 2, Acton; Ward and Flora (Sayers) Brice, R.R. 1, Guelph. The Lantz family all gathered for the reunion dinner: Harold and Marie Sutcliffe of Michigan; Mrs. Clara Coy, Willowdale; Mrs. Isobel Gordon, Willowdale; Mrs. Grace Robertson, Milton; Stuart Lantz and Mrs. Lantz of Guelph. The Sutcliffes will soon be moving from Michigan to Guelph.



TWO SISTERS who grew up in Knox church manse chat Saturday with student for the ministry Donna Riseborough. On the left is Margaret (Wilson) McGillivray and on the right Jean Wilson, both of Toronto. Mrs. McGillivray's son Ian returned to town years after she left, to teach high school.

FOUR LIVING ministers of Knox church met many old friends at the Centennial reunion dinner at Knox Saturday. From the left are Mrs. John Anderson; the Rev. J. Anderson, here from 1947-1948; Mrs. Robert Armstrong; the Rev. Robert Armstrong 1949-1956; Mrs. Forbes Thomson; the Rev. Forbes Thomson 1942-1946; Mrs. A. H. McKenzie and the present minister the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. All had reminiscences of experiences here.

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December 6 is the last date sealed and unsealed cards can be mailed to Europe in hopes of them reaching their destination in time for Christmas. Air mail parcel post articles must be in the mail by December 5.

Last Monday was the deadline for parcels travelling by sea to Europe.

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SECOND SECTION

Reunion, anniversary at Knox

Just under 240 gathered at Knox church Saturday for a happy centennial reunion dinner. It was the highest number ever to sit down to a banquet in the church at one time.

Among the crowd were many former members of the congregation from out-of-town, invited back especially for the occasion.

The Presbyterian church in Canada is celebrating the centennial of its formal organization. Actually, the congregation here begins its history 129 years ago, and this anniversary was celebrated Sunday morning with a large congregation.

Now 91 The reunion dinner was in

the Dr. A. C. Stewart hall of the church and Mrs. A. C. Stewart, Goderich, wrote a delightful letter of reminiscence. She is 91 and was unable to attend. Dr. Stewart is buried here. Their daughter, Mrs. Catherine Moles, Toronto, attended; she taught at Bannockburn school when reunion chairman Mac Sprowl was a youngster.

The bright downstairs room was filled with long, laden tables.

Head table At the head table sat the Rev. A. H. McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie (it was her birthday); chairman Charles Kirkness and Mrs. Kirkness, and the three living former ministers of the congregation and their wives. Many lingered after the program to talk to their former clergymen.

As master of ceremonies Charlie Kirkness was, to use one of his own words, "magnificent." With hilarious informality he interjected personal words about each of the speakers.

The Rev. A. H. McKenzie gently welcomed the crowd adding that during his 18 years, half the congregation has left. He reviewed the church history from its beginnings, with the building of the church in 1894.

Growth The Rev. Armstrong was here from 1949 to 1956 and as he spoke recalled Acton becoming a town and the building of subdivisions. He remembered the vigorous Young People's group and the blossoming romances (like that of Jim and Barbara Greer, here from Oshawa).

"Take your place in the unfolding life of the community," he urged.

Next speaker was the Rev. John Anderson, here from the army for 18 months from 1947. Introduced as the star of garden parties, he started out with a rousing defense of bagpipes, which had been slurred by previous speakers. Scotty Burton was a friend in Acton, and he told of three chance encounters with him in

England and Scotland, the last five years ago. He first heard about Acton in the army—from a soldier called Twitler Holmes. Of his time here, he remembers best the people.

He sat down to gales of laughter.

Last to speak was the Rev. Forbes Thomson, who came here in 1942, he admitted, with hopes of a manse with plumbing. Alex Mann was the first person he met—a firm friend after. He recalled the names of other dear friends, and the joy and strength of the congregation.

he wondered how many people at the dinner had been in the congregation during his four years; surprisingly, at least 75 stood.

The two oldest active members of the congregation were there, Ethel Mullin and Ruby Clark. They both joined the church April 9, 1906.

Committee On the centennial committee were Mac Sprowl, board of managers chairman; Mrs. Howard Gibson, senior choir secretary; Ted Hansen, Kirk session treasurer; Isabel Anderson, W.M.S.; Mrs. John Davidson, Alert Evening Auxiliary; Mrs. Jack Dennis, Ladies' Aid; Mrs. J. Jockoe, church school; Mrs. Eli Masters, Ladies' Aid; Mrs. Harry Norton, Heather Club;

Sunday Mr. Thomson returned Sunday to be guest preacher at the anniversary service, and the church was filled. Another former member, Norman Elliott, was soloist.

After the service the Daughters of Knox convened lunch for about 300.

Kharanan Persaud, Kirk session and Mrs. Bill Toth, Daughters of Knox.

Women of Lighthouse Presbyterian church catered for the turkey dinner. Chairman Charles Kirkness thanked all of them—and their honorary member Pat Paterson.

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YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED a bit! Jim and Barbara Greer of Oshawa (left) chat with the Rev. Forbes Thomson and Inez (McLellan) Brennan of Westland, Michigan.

Tremendous amount of coding work done

Since starting her temporary job looking up postal codes for the post office Bernice Gibb has completed "a tremendous amount of work."

Depending on the length of list and the location of the names, the average day would see Mrs. Gibb looking up 200 names.

This job was her only project, originally to end on

November 29. Coding has been not only useful to the people of Acton, but also to post offices across Canada.

Mrs. Gibb has also been busy changing box numbers to street numbers. She is still at the post office and will help with the Christmas rush. It is too late now to have your Christmas card list coded, but postmaster Gord McKeown is pleased with the response.

Arthritis drive

About 75 volunteers gathered at the Beacon Motor Inn at Vineland Friday to discuss the success of the 1974 campaign for the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society. They reported an over-all increase of 20 per cent in their door-to-door campaigns.

Acton Rotary club was represented by Mac Sprowl and the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. Mr. Sprowl turned in a cheque for \$1,519.58 - the total received by the Rotarians in the canvass and donations from Acton industries. This amount represents an increase of \$265 - 20.3 per cent over the total donations in 1973.



TEACHERS AND pupils were reunited Saturday at Knox. Mrs. Kay Moles, Toronto, left, taught Mac Sprowl, the reunion chairman; Ted Hansen, right, taught Crawford Douglas M.P. of Wingham. In the centre is Robena Clark, one of the two oldest active members of Knox.

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