

# Sunday School adopts boy

As their contribution to the celebration of the centennial of the Diocese of Niagara, the children of St. Alban's Anglican Church Sunday School have adopted a young East African boy. He is 11-year-old Kamanga Lealmusia.



Kamanga is a resident of El Barta children's hostel, located in the Baragot district of the Rift Valley province of Kenya, approximately 250 miles north of Nairobi. Here he attends the government school which takes native children through fourth grade. In addition he is housed, fed and clothed at the hostel which also provides medi-

cal assistance, spiritual guidance and recreational facilities for the children in its care.

El Barta Children's Hostel is one of three such institutions operated by the Christian Children's Fund Inc. in Kenya. Most of its residents are children of nomadic tribes who have lost one or both parents as a result of drought or tribal clashes.

Write letters  
Kamanga, like other residents of the hostel, was evaluated by a caseworker who found he would benefit from adoption and from knowing someone cares for him. To this end the children of St. Alban's parish are contributing \$15 monthly and are writing letters telling their young African brother of their concern and of the land in which they live.

Other projects which St. Alban's parish has undertaken to mark the centenary of the Diocese are the roofing of the parish hall and the painting of the exterior of the hall, the church and the rectory.

Three new banners were made for the church; a luncheon for pioneer church members was held in June and it is hoped a folk mass will be performed in November.



NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS of the Evangelical Pentecostal Tabernacle, 33 Churchill Rd. with Pastor S. M. Thoman and Mrs. Thoman are Mrs. Violet Bowen, Peter Stewart, Jutta Treviranus, Doug Stewart, Karen Stewart, Janis Cousins and Robert Munroe. The baptism in water service was Sunday evening.

## Baptisms at church

Five young Acton residents were the principals when Rev. Leonard Ewing administered the rite of Holy Baptism in St. Alban's church on Sunday, September 21.

Welcomed into the church by members of the congregation at the service of Holy Eucharist were Lauren Christine Aldridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Aldridge, 24 Rosemary Road; Sarah Elizabeth Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Franklin, 137 Knight Road; Diana Mildred Frehs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis C. Frehs, 32 Rosemary Road; Jennifer Charlett McNabb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McNabb, 111 Bower Avenue; and Paul Edward Schultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Schultz, 42 Brock Street.

At a private christening ceremony on Sunday, September 28, Rev. Ewing bestowed the names Jeremy James on the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Funk, Main Street, Eden Mills.

# Bread, wine given at Thanksgiving service

The beauty of the country side in autumn and the bounty of the harvest were reflected in the festive decorations in St. Alban's church, Sunday, for the service of Harvest Thanksgiving.

Tasselled stalks of corn and brightly colored posies marked the pews, while flowers, fruits and vegetables in shades of russet, orange, ruby and gold and green overflowed from the window sills and the front of the chancel. The dark panelling of the church interior was a perfect foil for the rainbow-hued arrangements of glad-

lied and marguerites at the altar, and a silver rosebowl filled with roses on the organ.

At the service of Holy Eucharist, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Donny brought to the altar on behalf of the congregation, the bread and wine used at the Communion. In accordance with tradition, the bread had been baked by a parishioner, Mrs. Ann Carr, who was assisted by her mother,

Mrs. Eva Pierce. The wine, homemade from Niagara grapes, was the gift of Mr. Jos Bosboom of R. R. 2, Acton.

A full choir, under the direction of Mrs. Betty Oakes, sang the anthem Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem. Following the service, the fruit, flowers and vegetables used in decorating the church were taken to elderly shut-ins in the parish for their enjoyment.

## Toyota Community Calendar

What's doing in the North Halton Area!

**"ANNIVERSARY SERVICE"**  
Sunday, October 19th, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Acton Baptist Church 133rd Anniversary Service.

**"SCOUT and GUIDE DANCE"**  
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Acton and area has the lowest ratings of fire loss in Ontario, according to fire chief Mick Holmes. As a result, fire insurance premiums are very good, he claims.

The chief says this is because of the low number of major fires in the area, and the prompt and efficient work of the Acton volunteer firefighters.

**Moments notice**  
The department is made up of 31 willing and able men who, at the sound of the siren, drop whatever they are doing, be it eating supper, at work, in the shower, or in church, and race to the fire hall on Bower Ave. The siren can sound at any time during the day or night, and these men are prepared for the inevitable.

Monday night is practice night. The men have this night set aside for hose and ladder practice, rescue, fire prevention and first aid courses.

The most men ever to answer one call was 100 per cent of the volunteers. The least has been half this number. The fastest response time (the time it takes from the first siren warning to when the trucks are on the road) was just a few seconds when the men were at the hall for a practice.

This week, being Fire prevention Week, Mr. Holmes is busy at schools with fire drills, inspections speaking to children and speaking to teachers. The fire hall is open for interested or curious people to come by and see what is available for saving their home and perhaps their lives.

Three shiny red fire trucks are always gassed up and ready to be on the road at a moment's notice. The newest one is a 1969 truck while the oldest one to be replaced this year, is dated back to 1951. Last year Mr. Holmes was presented with a 1974 station wagon. This is owned by the town, but he has unlimited use of it. If the chief decides

to go away for a weekend or holidays, he leaves the vehicle at the fire hall for the other men to use.

Boots, some 20 years old, asbestos coats, helmets and gloves neatly line the walls of the fire hall. Each man knows exactly where to go once inside the fire hall doors. All the equipment is well taken care of, explaining the perfect condition of many of the older pieces.

**Volunteers**  
Assistant chief is B. Van Fleet with captains A. Duby, H. Dodds, and W. Kelly. Firefighters are D. Van Fleet, L. Symon, G. Withers, L. Synnott, J. Turkosz, J. Thornhill, J. Dunn, L. Frizzell, W. Speilvogel, K. Hodgson, J. Vanderbrink, N. Price, J. Krapek, D. Mason, B. Fowler, H. Roszel, H. Otterhein, S. Tennant, H. Townsley, P. McCallum, W. Duval, E. McGiloway, D. Frizzell, R. Price, D. Shannon and B. Marshall.

These men with their three trucks, heavy special clothing and Scot Air Paks don't think twice (and if they do they don't waste any time doing it) about running into a burning building with yards and yards of fire hose trailing behind. All know the different methods of fighting various kinds of fires, such as electrical, gas, etc. All have taken St. John Ambulance courses in first aid and are ready to handle almost situation which might arise.

In the past year, the men have been to a few house and barn fires, numerous grass fires, several chimney fires, some car fires, and unfortunately a drowning in Milton.

Divers Paul Neilsen, John

**Appointed**  
Georgetown teacher Tom Ramautarsingh was recently notified he has been selected to represent the Alumni Association on the Senate of Wilfrid Laurier University, at Waterloo.

Golden and Paul Braida are also on call at all times.

**Had timing**  
New Year's eve spirits were dampened somewhat this year as volunteers had to leave their dancing partners alone on the party dance floor as the siren sounded.

Many lunches and suppers have been interrupted by the call of the whooping noise. Perhaps the worse time for a call is when the siren seems to bite into the stillness of the air at two or three o'clock in the morning, waking the men, and the rest of the town, for a night call.

The most recent of these being not too long ago at two a.m. The men rushed to the firehall—a false alarm.

The Acton Volunteer Firefighters do not limit their rescue work to fires. Several times they are called out to free someone from a wrecked car, or assist in a drowning as previously mentioned.

Employers of firefighters are very co-operative also. They have an agreement with their workers that when the fire siren sounds, jobs must be left behind. Sometimes the men may be gone less than half an hour, while at other times, they may be gone several hours. The men receive full pay for these hours away.

The 31 men risk their lives at the drop of a hat, and their minds are never completely free of the thought that the siren might start blaring at any time. Their dedication and responsibility to the town go hand in hand.

There are 52 weeks in the year and only one is dedicated to fire prevention. Fires can happen any time, anywhere, so fire prevention should be practiced all the time, not just when there is a banner across the entrance of the fire hall doors. No one is immune to the spreading disease of fire.

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