

# Congregation celebrates 25 years of togetherness



PAST MINISTERS of the Bethel Christian Reformed church gathered at that church's 25th anniversary party on Saturday. Left to right, future minister, the Rev. John Cooper,

Mrs. Nutma, the Rev. J. Nutma, Mrs. Wiebe Van Dijk, Mrs. Corvers, the Rev. J. Corvers, Mrs. Brouwer, the Rev. P. Brouwer, and Mrs. Cooper.



MRS. M. HUISMAN takes a minute from socializing at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church 25th anniversary Saturday, and glances through her souvenir anniversary book.

## 300 at gathering

Almost 300 people attended the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Bethel Christian Reformed Church last Saturday, at the Curling Club.

Long gone friends got re-acquainted during the social time. Past ministers of the church were present and welcomed by all. They were the Rev. J. Nutma, the Rev. P. Brouwer, the Rev. Corvers, and the new minister the Rev. J. Cooper. Mrs. W. VanDijk attended in memory of her late husband.

Halton member of provincial parliament Julian Reed presented a scroll from the Government of Ontario and congratulated the congregation on their milestone.

The Sunday school choir entertained with a few songs, and the Ladies' Society, offered a short anecdote. Several sing songs were enjoyed by the many present.

The Young People and the Drama club offered various skills throughout the evening.

Each visiting minister took part in special church services on Sunday. The church was completely filled each time.



SUNDAY SCHOOL Choir of Bethel Christian Reformed Church sang some songs for their church's 25th anniversary.



JOHN KAMMINGA looks at the plaque presented to the congregation by Julian Reed.

MPP JULIAN REED presented the congregation and guests with a plaque from the provincial government.

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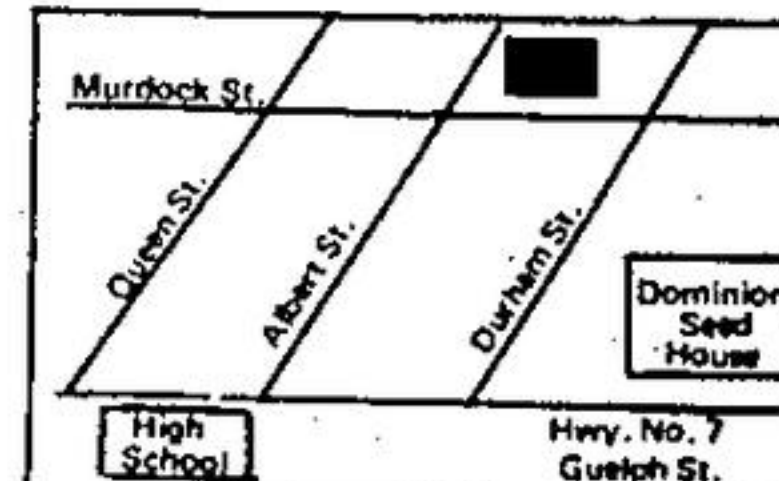
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## Salvation Army cadets in Acton

On June 26, two Cadets from the Salvation Army Training College in Toronto will be arriving for a two month stay.

They will be living in Guelph but 75 per cent of their time will be spent in Acton doing door-to-door visitation, visiting Salvationists and conducting Sunday evening gospel services.

Das Sydney of the Acton Baptist Church has very generously volunteered his church building. Everyone will be welcome at these services. The Salvation Army now recognizes Acton as an Outpost of Guelph Corps.

The Sunday School which meets at the Y now has an enrolment of 38.

The group had a generous response to the Red Shield Appeal in May from the merchants and also from cards sent out in the mail to area residents.

The Family Services van picks up used clothing and furniture every two weeks. The response to this service has been excellent.

In September, Cadets from the Training College will be brigading at Acton on Sundays.

## Witnesses attend circuit assembly

The Convention Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Norval hosted delegates from Acton and surrounding regions recently. The occasion was the semi-annual circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses. The theme, "Do All Things For the Sake of the Good News" was highlighted. "Religion is not a matter of ritual and formalism," commented Gordon Brooks, a local spokesman for the Witnesses. Mr. Brooks added that "in all areas of life, school, business, in the home, we should be living according to the good news Jesus

preached." Many skits demonstrated how Christians should conduct themselves in such situations.

Acton area Witnesses will be assembling again in July when they will join 100,000 delegates from 35 countries. The Witnesses have leased the Olympic Grounds for the July 5-6 'Victorious Faith' international convention.

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## Fergus picks chief cop

Fergus is getting a new chief of police, 40-year-old staff sergeant Bernard Burns, of the Peel Regional force.

Burns will take over the top cop's job starting July 1. He replaces John Alliston who resigned.

Chief-designate Burns served seven years with the Metro Toronto Police before joining the Peel force. He has been nine years with the regional police.

Burns spent two days in the witness box during the Peter Demeter murder trial. At the moment Burns commands a platoon of about 30 men.

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