

Rev. McKenzie reviews 22 years of life in Acton

There is a definite swing back to the church, according to Rev. Andrew McKenzie, minister of Knox Presbyterian church. And with the comeback, come much appreciated volunteers to work with the church.

It is these volunteers who are making it difficult for him to leave Acton and the local church after 22 years in town. He will be leaving for a congregation in Perth in January.

Rev. McKenzie explained in the past three years more volunteers than ever before have come forth to help him in his duty to spread the Christian work. "It is leaving these people which is especially hard," he said, and continued "but they also make it easier to leave in that I know they will carry on my work."

Rev. McKenzie and his family first came to Acton from St. Andrew's church, Islington in 1956. He had spent nine years serving the congregation there. Prior to that he had spent 15 months in three charges in New Brun-

wick, in 1945-46. Rev. McKenzie's many years of schooling began in a small country school in Huron county. He attended high

school in Hensel and Clinton. From 1936 to 1939, he attended Toronto Bible College. From there he went to the University of Toronto for two

years, where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts. The next two years were spent at the University of Alberta. In 1943 he entered the Presbyterian College, in Montreal where he graduated with a gold medal. He received his Bachelor of Divinity here. He also did graduate studies at Yale. In the summer of 1945, he studied at Mount Allison University at Sackville, New Brunswick.

One of the biggest changes in Acton in the past 22 years is that the vast majority of people are not employed in the town, according to Rev. McKenzie. "A lot of people eat and sleep here, but have not been integrated in the community life."

The physical appearance has changed also, he says. The minister explained that when he first arrived, Glenlea subdivision was only one quarter done, and Lakeview about half-way completed. Since then, Kingham and Bovis have sprung up as well as ribbon development on the

country roads. "There has been a tremendous growth in the number of organizations, clubs and associations, both socially and recreationally, connected with people's interests," Rev. McKenzie pointed out. The only service clubs in town 22 years ago, he said were the rotary and the Y's Men. Now there are also the Lions, and the newly formed Optimists.

There are also more groups in town which do charity work for such causes as Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, the March of Dimes, Arthritis, Cancer, Red Cross, and the Blind.

"With all these things going on around us, the church has to compete with the people's interests and time," Rev. McKenzie admitted. "As far as the church is concerned, we are in a more competitive time than we were formerly."

He blames the apathy of the 1960s for the decline of the role of the church. "There was a disinterest in the church, religion, and all other

institutions. Our way of life was being re-examined at the time. However, now there is a definite swing back to the church."

While in Acton, Rev. McKenzie has officiated at 335 weddings, 420 funerals, (172 members, 248 others), 530 Baptisms (472 children and 58 adults), and received 545 new members into Knox church.

Of the 335 weddings he has performed, 75 to 80 percent of the couples are still married. He blames immaturity for marriage breakup. One immature person can ruin a marriage, but two immature people can wreck it fast, he says.

In between weddings, funerals, baptisms, church services, visits and all other duties expected from a minister, Rev. McKenzie has found time to be president of the Acton Rotary club, in 1960-61, and has been a member for 22 years. He has also been a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and

president from 1964 to 1968. He has held all offices in the Acton Clergy Association, and eight of his first 12 years he was on the board of directors for the Acton Curling Club. He was president of that group in 1969-70.

In addition, he has been a member of Walker Masonic Lodge, and the Cutten Club in Guelph. He has been Legion Padre since his arrival in town.

Mrs. McKenzie has served on several church groups, and been a member of the curling club also. She recently graduated from University with her Bachelor of Arts in English—quite an accomplishment for a woman who raised seven children before enrolling.

Most of their family, is incidentally living in Alberta, where Rev. McKenzie began his service. Eldest daughter Joanne Anderson is a secretary to a police inspector in Rexdale. She lives in Bramalea, and

has a 12 year old daughter. Son Alan recently graduated with his honors philosophy and is a well site geologist in Alberta working for a Calgary company. Marsha Roughley is a teacher at the University of Alberta, and lives in Edmonton. Husband Rob is formerly from Limehouse and is taking his doctorate in entomology, the study of insects.

Next in line is daughter Bonnie Alain who is a bank teller in Innesville, Alberta. She and her husband Robert

of Quebec, just presented the McKenzies with their first grandson, Vincent, born in September.

Glen is living at home and is working in the CN express warehouse in Brampton. Daughter Carol lives in Kingston and is engaged to be married to an Acton man. Youngest son is Bill, who is in grade 10 at Acton high school.

When the McKenzies leave for Perth next month, they will be missed not only by their congregation, but by all of Acton.



REV. AND MRS. Andrew McKenzie will soon be pulling up stakes in Acton after 22 years, and heading to Perth, where he will serve with the Presbyterian church.

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Christmas meeting for Knox Aid

Twenty ladies attended the Christmas meeting of Knox Ladies' Aid on Wednesday. It was the last meeting of the year.

Presiding was Mrs. W.J. McIntyre in the absence of Mrs. H. Murray the president, who is ill. She opened with a poem, "Going Home For Christmas".

Christmas Carols were sung to the accompaniment of Mrs. A.K. Mann and Miss Marjory Hall.

Reports were given by the secretary and treasurer and they summarized the year's activities. They had been busy months but enjoyable, and showed a fine financial balance in the bank.

A short business period decided the group would look after the serving of the lunch following the church service the first Sunday in March.

A cheque for a substantial sum of money was approved to be forwarded to the board of managers.

As usual, the sick and shut-ins of the congregation will be remembered and Mrs. C.M. Davidson and Mrs. H. Besley will arrange for the details.

Roll call was answered by "My Most Favorite Christmas Carol". The devotional part of the meeting was taken by Mrs. E. Beerman reading the Scripture Lesson and Mrs. G. Musselle giving the prayer.

Delightful piano duets were played by Mrs. A.K. Mann and Miss M. Hall when they played Silver Bells, Winter Wonderland, Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer, and

Amazing Grace.

"A Page from Mr. Pickwick" was read by Mrs. Musselle and enjoyed by all.

Following the program, there was an exchange of Christmas gifts, and a happy

time was spent.

All were pleased to have a member of long standing, Mrs. E.W. Masters, with them again after a long illness, and many good wishes were extended to her.

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