

Ebenezer New minister is welcomed

by Mrs. Ron McLean
A large crowd braved the heat to welcome our new minister, Rev. Sam Wigston and his wife, Karen, from Dundurn, Sask. They have a family of three, Matthew, Andrew and Katie.
Belated birthday greetings to Mrs. Minnie Stanley, who celebrated her 80th birthday recently.
Mildred Ward's many friends wish her a speedy recovery from surgery in Toronto General.

Pries pleads guilty to drug possession

Eric Pries, of Eden Mills, pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic in Guelph Provincial Court.
Cultivation charges were dropped by Crown Attorney Ron Noble Monday.
Pries was charged last August 22 after Guelph OPP found a green garbage bag containing 59 marijuana plants in a barn on his parents' property in Eden Mills. The contents weighed a total of five pounds, which would be less than one pound of useable material, Noble told Judge J. Howitt.
Also found on the property were garden boxes containing

51 growing plants.
Pries contended the marijuana is used as a sacrament in his religion, the Church of the Universe. On this basis he had been asking for adjournments for several months until another similar case is decided in Supreme Court.
After being fined \$303 on the possession charges, Pries told Judge Howitt marijuana as a sacrament is "what we believe in. We use it in the church." He continued, "by smoking marijuana I have done nothing criminal and have not hurt anyone. I hope the judge is understanding."

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Youths from all over the world converged on Rockwood last week as part of a Lions Club project. In the photos, Bob Skogren of Minnesota sits with Charlie and Pat Shaw of Blyth, and Roberto Alvisi, Italy, chats with Ab and Hazel Fendley, Markdale. Students will be staying with host families from all over southern Ontario and met in Rockwood.

Rockwood New books at library

by Barbara Funk
Library summer hours are as follows, Tuesday and Thursday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Some new titles at the library are, in adult fiction, The Floating Dragon by Peter Straub, Sky of the Old School by Julian Rathbone, Doctors at Risk by Frank Slaughter, The Stone Eagles by W. Harwood and Ararat by D.M. Thomas. In the Juvenile/Primary department the new titles include, Peter Rabbit's Gar-

dening Book, by Sarah Garland, Guardian of Tis by M. Hughes, Big Claus and Little Clause by W. Lofgren, George's Marvellous Medicine by R. Dahl, and Classroom Peanuts by C. Schulz.

In Non fiction Guinness book of world records by M. McWhirter, How to Flatten Your Stomach by J. Everroads, Dreams, Omens and Fortune Telling signs by F. Getting, Not on Our Street by M. Dear and Stunt People by G. Sullivan have been added.

Police beat

Man assaulted

An Acton man has been charged with assault, level one (common assault) in connection with a fight in Canadian Style Donuts on July 9.

Police say a 38-year-old Toronto man sustained facial injuries after the Acton man intervened during an argument he was having with his girlfriend in the store.

A 34-year-old Acton woman has been charged with falling to report an accident after she backed her pick-up truck into the rear of a Pontiac and left the scene.

The pick-up truck she was driving was in the Brewer's Retail parking lot at 4.45 p.m. on Saturday and she reversed into the car, causing \$400 damage to it. Her truck sustained \$25 damage, police report.

Police are looking for a light-haired male, about 16 years of age, wearing a red shirt, who was seen in the area of the laundromat on Main St. at 6.15 p.m. Saturday after a front window was smashed.

The suspect was bleeding from his arm, an observer told police. Damage to the front picture window is estimated at \$500.

A 1978 Suzuki worth \$800 was stolen from an unlocked garage on Nelson Court sometime overnight Saturday then later recovered on Sunday in the sand dunes on the First Line.

Police say the motorcycle was undamaged except for a missing rear tail light.

Three out of four liquor charges were laid for under age drinking over the weekend, police say. The other charge was for a man being intoxicated in a public place Saturday on Main St. South. All four people were from Acton.

A neighbor heard the noise of broken glass at 1.45 a.m. Sunday and called police, who discovered three smashed windows at M.Z. Bennett School. Damage is estimated at \$75.

Police responded to a domestic dispute involving a father and his son on Young St. Friday, but there were no injuries or damage.

A 37-year-old Acton man was charged with trespassing on Holmesway Place Saturday morning. Police say he had been previously warned.

A 19-year-old Acton youth has been charged with possession of a narcotic on Sunday afternoon. Police say the Poplar Ave. youth had a small quantity of hash oil in his possession at about 3 p.m.

Police report unknown persons poured acid into the motor

of a truck parked on Churchill Rd. South, causing about \$1,300 damage.

Police say the owner of the truck was driving it last Saturday with no problems, but on Monday he noticed it was not working properly.

A mechanic informed the owner that it appeared the acid had been poured into the motor deliberately.

A Nassagaweya residence was broken into during the daylight hours of Wednesday, July 13.

Entry was gained by forcing a bedroom window. Damage was estimated at \$200 and approximately \$10,000 worth of household articles were taken.

A 43-year-old man has been charged with having liquor readily available while driving after being stopped by police for a vehicle check last Tuesday at 12.50 p.m.

Cables were cut in order for a battery to be taken from a van parked on Churchill Rd. S. Police say the battery was worth about \$75.

About \$2,000 damage was caused to a bulldozer parked overnight when vandals put an unknown substance into an injector pump, police say.

The bulldozer belongs to private contractor Greg Tucker and was parked at 20 Sideroad and Fourth Line. The damage was discovered the next morning, when they returned to work.

A pickup truck worth \$4,000 was stolen from a parking lot at Mill St. East, but was later recovered abandoned on the Tenth Line, north of 22 Sideroad.

The truck was found July 7 and police say there was no evidence of damage.

A 17-year-old Guelph youth has been charged with assault, level one (common assault) and break and enter and theft after he was involved in two incidents Monday evening.

Police say he struck a 16-year-old female twice on the arms as a result of a verbal fight at 10.15 p.m. Monday on Main St. South.

The youth also reportedly forced open a ground level window of a home on Gould Cres. during the same day, and took \$25 in liquor from the home. Damage is estimated at \$15 and the investigation is continuing.

A sink was pulled from a wall in the washroom at the Acton Community Centre Sunday night by vandals. They also threw rocks at the windows and mirrors, causing \$150 in damages.

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