

Rev. Sam Wigston heads area churches

While hundreds of young people are answering the "Go west young man" urge, Rev. Sam Wigston has pulled up stakes in Saskatchewan and moved to Ontario—Ebenezer to be precise.

The new minister at Ebenezer, Arkell and Eden Mills United Churches, Rev. Wigston has spent the past few years at the Dundurn Hanley Pastoral Church, just south of Saskatoon. However, his wife Karen wanted to go back to school and chose the University of Waterloo. She is taking her degree in dance.

Rev. Wigston points out he was very lucky to get a church within commuting distance of Waterloo for his wife.

The couple and their three children, Matthew, 7, Andrew, 5, and Katrina 3, moved to the area July 8 and even after Karen has graduated, plan to make their home here. They like the countryside and the people.

Born in Vancouver 37 years ago, Rev. Wigston was raised in Edmonton and received his Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta in 1970, after one year at Camrose Lutheran College and three years at the University of Alberta. He taught public school for five years in Leduc, Alberta, at the same time obtaining his Graduate Diploma in Education.

In 1976 he decided to enter St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon,

and graduated with his Masters of Divinity in 1979, but put off ordination for one year to work at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. In 1980 he was ordained at Alberta Conference in Camrose.

At his large charge, he had two congregations compared to his three in this area. He says it is still too early to compare the churches and congregations, but noted they are both rural, even though in Ontario there are more urban influences.

Rev. Wigston plans to spend his first year listening to his congregations, much the way his predecessor Rev. Russell Finley did. Any changes in any of his churches will be decided mutually. He is looking towards a team effort.

Ebenezer

Next Sunday, regular services resume at the three churches: Eden Mills at 9 a.m.; Arkell at 10.15 and Ebenezer at 11.30.

A Sunday school staff workshop is being held at Arkell, at 7.30 next Sunday, under the leadership of Ann Ng.

Rev. Sam Wigston spoke on "The Crisis of Belief."

Hattie Price of Milton celebrated her 86th birthday recently. Birthday greetings go out also to Gordon Diamond, Vi Hayward, Jay Kitching, Dave Ward, Ron McLean and Laura Hewer.



Rev. Sam Wigston, wife Karen and children Matthew, Andrew and Katrina are making many new friends in this area since Rev. Wigston was appointed to the pastoral charges of Ebenezer, Eden Mills and Arkell United Churches.

Fox Run goal is \$15,000

With two years experience under their belts, the energetic and dedicated Acton Terry Fox Run committee is preparing to not only hold another successful run on September 18 at Acton High School, but is adding some new promotion wrinkles and fund raising projects for year-three.

Joining committee originals Jon Hurst and Ron Heller on the committee this year are returnees and newcomers Nan Hurst, George McPhail and Paul Murr.

Already pledge forms are out in the three local banks and the credit union, at Ed's In 'N Out, Village Variety, Jug City, The Acton Free Press, Becker's, the olde Hide House, and will be distributed next month to all the schools.

The committee is aiming to increase the number of runners, joggers, walkers, riders, etc., to 300 and wants to bring in \$15,000 this year.

To promote this very worthwhile cause and community event, the committee plans special assemblies in schools, a film about Terry Fox will be shown to Acton Students and there will be displays in the schools.

There will be a Fox Run display at the Carpet Corner and booths and displays at the fall fair and this weekend's Leathertown Market and Ciderfest.

Each Fox Run participant this year will receive a special memento of the 1983 event in Acton. In keeping with our Leathertown image, a leather crest is being designed and

produced commemorating the third annual run here.

Also the committee wants to order and sell special Terry Fox T-shirts and "I'm for Terry" buttons to bolster fund raising.

They have some other fun and exciting promotions and activities on the drawing boards too. Watch the Free Press for details in the weeks ahead.

The organizers want the Fox Run to become even more of a family affair, with young and old participating; people bringing picnic lunches to the high school and taking in the Run. Again there will be a snack bar for those who don't bring a lunch.

Van struck bridge

William Jerrard, 32, of 23 Division St., Acton, was driving on Concession Rd. Two in Erin Township on August 10 at around 3.30 p.m. when his van went off the road and he struck a bridge abutment. Guelph OPP report the driver's wife Anne, 31, suffered minor injuries while their children William, 8, and Kathy, 6, were unhurt. Police estimate damages to the vehicle at \$3,500.

Band, Scouts still play big role in fall fairs

Did you know that the Acton Citizens Band and the Acton Boy Scouts were among the earliest participants during Acton Fair's starting days and are still active at the Fair, 70 years later?

Glider makes safe landing

Guelph OPP report a glider made an emergency landing in Eramosa Township Sunday evening.

The aircraft came down on property owned by Bruce Farr, RR 1 Guelph.

High winds forced the glider down into an abandoned well and water trough.

The pilot was Christopher Wilson, 36, of Brantford. There were no injuries.

Ice stolen from garage

Forty bags of ice were stolen from a gas station cooler in Hillsburgh recently, Guelph OPP report.



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