

REV. CHARLES BEATON BACK FOR CHURCH'S ANNIVERSARY

A capacity crowd welcomed a former minister, and attended the anniversary service of worship at Ballinafad United Church on Sunday. Rev. Charles P. Beaton, B.A., B.D., now of St. Andrew's United Church, Markham, was given a warm welcome. His sermon "A look at the Church" was most interesting as he told of his experiences as a young ordained minister. His first charge was in a mining town, Uranium City. He went from there to a church in Edmonton. Mr. Beaton ended his talk by saying the church was vital to a community. It gave out something that humanity needed and God would never let his church down. He has great faith in the future of the church. Before commencing his sermon Mr. Beaton called his wife Jean to the front and said she had an announcement to make.

Mrs. Beaton who is a talented musician told the congregation about the new United Church hymn book soon to be released. She sang the first verse of two sacred songs which she said were popular with the young people of the church. The congregation joined in the singing of the second verse and the chorus. The Hillsburgh quartette also added much to the service with their inspiring songs of praise. Miss Kathryn Sinclair was organist. Mother's Day will be observed next Sunday when the service will be at 12:15 p.m.

The beautiful baskets of spring flowers decorating the church were kindly given by Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Vaughan.

Mrs. Frank Smith was a delegate from the Ballinafad branch of the WI and attended the officer's conference of FWIO at the University of Guelph for three days last week. It was the largest conference to date when around 700 delegates attended from all over Ontario.

Mr. Don Brown had a very successful auction sale on Saturday. The Brown farm has been sold. Mr. and Mrs. Brown intend to build a new home on a lot reserved from the farm. At present the Brown family are living in the White house across from their former farm home.

Mr. Tom Mack was admitted to Guelph General Hospital for treatment on Monday of this week. We hope his stay will be a short one.

Anniversary services also brought many visitors to the neighbourhood. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leitch attended church had dinner and spent the afternoon with the Marshalls.

NORVAL

Leaving Province Get Ontario Coat-of-Arms

A farewell party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Don McCaig, Mr. and Mrs. Les Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Milhousen in the Holy Cross church hall, Georgetown, on Saturday evening, May 2, with about 500 friends and neighbours attending. The social evening was sponsored by the Jersey Brethren Association and was attended by friends from all over Ontario and a few from Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. McCaig have sold their farm here, the former Lorne Cleave farm, and have purchased farms near Ormstown, Quebec. They are moving the cattle, farm machinery, etc.

All three families were presented with the Ontario Coat of Arms from the Ontario government. This is a new presentation to families leaving the province.

Those present presented Mr. and Mrs. McCaig with a lovely chest of silverware. The Rogers and Milhousen families were presented with silver cream and sugars on trays and a half dozen silver spoons.

An enjoyable evening was spent dancing to an orchestra and playing cards followed by lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. McCaig were raised in Quebec so it is like going home to them. Mr. McCaig was manager for the Bull Estate Farms and Mr. Milhousen and Mr. Rogers are employees.

— Mrs. Ed McLean

DID YOU KNOW?
Over one half the total forest fire damage in Canada occurs during the months of May and June.

ASHGROVE

Dedicate Memorial Gifts at Church Anniversary

The first anniversary of Hillcrest United Church was held on Sunday, May 3 with large congregations both morning and evening. David Howden, CSM, director of music, was organist. The junior choir sang "O Jesus I Have Promised" then with the senior choir sang "All Praise to Thee which added greatly to the service.

Guest minister Rev. Harold Bailey, secretary of the board of Home Missions, spoke on

Meet At Centennial

Concerned Adults Look At Drug Abuse

Amphetamines or "speed" was branded the most dangerous drug, by Mrs. Peggy Palmer, Addiction research Foundation consultant, at a meeting of concerned adults at Centennial school last week.

The meeting was called by the Georgetown Social Concern Committee, a group of citizens concerned about drugs and the community.

This meeting, purposely small, will be followed by a public meeting, May 29 at which Dr. R. B. Hoddinot, will be the speaker.

Mrs. Palmer discussed all the drugs commonly used today, stressing the fact that alcohol is still by far the most commonly used by everyone.

She claimed one out five adults use amphetamines, citing athletes particularly. She felt

"The Light of our Dark Sky" and said we as Christians must not lose the fact that we have eternal light in this world of darkness and urged everyone to not live a life without finding a purpose of God.

At the evening service everyone enjoyed the male choir from St. David's, Campbellville and Knox Church, Milton as they sang four anthems. Rev. Keith Hawkes meditation on "The Past is Prologue" said today we live in a rapidly changing world and as we face the challenges we often find ourselves afraid. We know we cannot go back. God requires us to go ahead and be constantly alert. The church must press on, there are new and

exciting chapters to be written.

A presentation and dedication of gifts and memorials was held. Mrs. Leslie King presented a painting from the Starlight Unit in memory of Mrs. Bertha Grexton. Gilbert Weiglesworth presented a clock in memory of his father Norman Weiglesworth and his sister Mrs. Chester DeForest from the family and Bruce McClure, his wife and family a plaque which records the official opening and dedication of Hillcrest. The flowers at the front tables were yellow mums and daisies and pink carnations.

The hymn Now the Day is Over concluded a grand day.

Don't forget Sunday is Mother's Day. Springtime is here It's the month of May, We're all glad of this month Because of Mother's Day. We pin on a corsage Of a lovely carnation. And mother is glad Of this observation. The birds up above Are so happy and gay. They are busy chirping Because this is Mother's Day. — Mrs. John Bellbody

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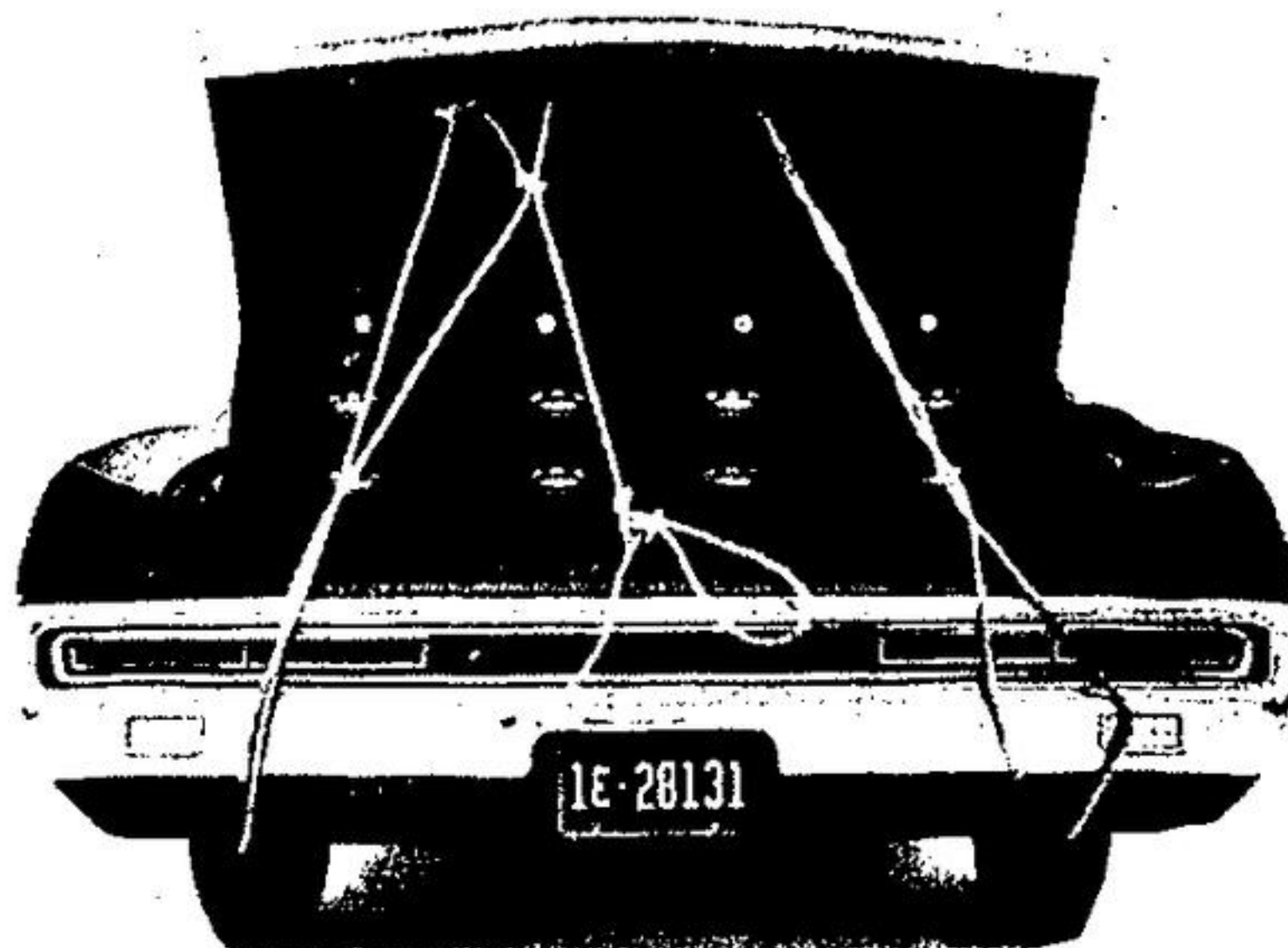
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