

Stewarttown

450 At Surprise Reception for Canon Maxwell, Rector 25 Years

Sunday afternoon the congregations of St. Stephen's, Hornby and St. John's, Stewarttown, along with friends from the surrounding district and guests from various parts of the province, met together to honour Canon James Maxwell and his family. It was his 25th anniversary as rector of the parish.

The reception, held at the Master Foods hall, was a complete surprise to the Maxwell family, who were invited to an informal get-together of the two congregations.

The program, with Bob Gracey as emcee, began with the children of St. John's Sunday School singing "Everything is Beautiful." Wolf Cuts and Boy Scouts of St. Stephen's followed. The cubs sang around their campfire in the moonlight and the scouts suffered through inspection day.

HONOUR GUARD
St. Stephen's Sunday School children sang "The Lord is my Shepherd." Cuts, with their leaders Mr. and Mrs. Price-Jones, Doug Wood and Jeff Drew-Brook formed an honour guard and the Maxwell family were escorted to the platform where they were presented with corsages by Mr. and Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Grant.

A cake, made by Mrs. Frank Chisholm, was beautifully decorated with a lighted church with figures of a minister and choir members, and had the inscription "Never before in the history of our churches, have two people done so much for so many."

Terry Gracy, Murray Royce and Wendy Sawyer sang a little

welcome song to all the guests.

'YOUR LIFE'
A program "This is your Life" brought a great deal of humour as Canon Maxwell tried to identify the person whose voice came from the other room. These included Frank Chisholm, Bishop Wilkinson, Mrs. Jean Campbell, originally of Grand Valley, now of Willowdale, who was the first baby he baptized; Howard Lambert, Hamilton; John T. Armstrong, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. George Irvine, his first wedding in Grand Valley; Carman Jelly, Bowling Green; and Gilbert English, Stewarttown. A tape was played from Archdeacon Powell, formerly of Milton, now at Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Other members of the clergy attending were Rev. David Luxton, Halton rural dean; Rev. Pat and Mrs. Jeffares, Lowville; Rev. Bob Foster, Milton and Rev. Lynn Adams, Hornby.

PLAQUES
Suitably engraved plaques were presented to Canon Maxwell, for St. Stephen's by Vern Chase, and for St. John's by Howard Briggs, and for their home, by Kenneth Grant. Other gifts included a set of stainless steel cutlery, pendant watches for daughters Laurie and Mary Jean, an oil painting and a cartoon drawing, a recorded tape of the afternoon's program, a book from the congregation of Hillcrest and Bethel United Churches.

A provincial scroll of recognition was presented by Jim Snow, M.P.P. Other gifts of china, books and flowers were also given during

the reception. On behalf of the congregation and many friends, Vern Chase presented Canon Maxwell with a well-filled wallet.

TELEGRAMS
Telegrams and cards were read from friends unable to attend, from Toronto, Kingsville, Sudbury and Florida. Canon Maxwell expressed his thanks and that of his family, and spoke of the friendly relationship with the people of his parish and district neighbours. Refreshments were served to 450 people who had signed the guest book.

Robert Harris held the winning ticket on an embroidered quilt, made by the women of St. John's Guild and displayed at their annual bazaar Saturday.

Undaunted by wet weather, a great many people attended and did some of their Christmas shopping. There were fanciful and novelties, baking, candy and preserves. A touch and take table was soon cleared. Children enjoyed a fish pond and men, as well as women, visited the gypsy tea cup reader.

Afternoon tea and a salad plate supper was enjoyed by all attending. Door prizes, three stuffed animals, were won by Theresa, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tripp, Mrs. J. E. Maxwell and Mrs. C. A. Grant.

The service of confirmation was held Sunday morning in St. John's Anglican Church with Bishop Bagn-

May Put County Records On Film

Halton County is considering microfilming its records as a deluge of paper fills up its administration offices.

Clerk-administrator Garfield Brown told the property committee Monday that, despite provincial permission to destroy most records over seven years old, records sit in most of the stairwells on the ground floor; files have been placed in the boiler room, and roads department papers have overflowed into the anteroom of the men's washroom.

Brown will approach the attorney-general's department to see if a time-sharing plan can be worked out for county use of the Registry Office microfilm equipment after hours.

Tinkerbell Nursery For Pre-School Handicapped

The Tinkerbell Nursery for physically and mentally handicapped children is now open. Located in the recreation room of A.R.C. Industries in Hornby and run by Mrs. Jennie Kulken of Acton with the help of volunteer assistants, the Nursery opened officially September 21st with four children attending. Since then, two more have joined the Tuesday and Thursday sessions which last from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

A birthday party for Christine who was four that day opened the nursery on a gay note. Christine received lots of attention as Mrs. Kulken had invited all mothers and volunteers involved in the opening to familiarize them with the physical layout of the nursery and their objectives for the children.

WISH LIST
Thanks to the generosity of a good many individuals and with the help of the Association, the nursery is outfitted quite well, although there is still a number of things on their "Wish" list.

The Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded is endeavouring to help establish pre-school programs in all their affiliated local associations. These programs are for the two-fold purpose of first, giving the slow-developing child the opportunity to learn social and educational skills as early as possible so that he may help himself to develop his potential and second, the child, being out of the home for a few hours, will give the mother a necessary relief period for the good of the family unit.

ASSISTS
The success of these programs depends almost completely upon volunteer help. There is no special training required. In fact, a ready smile and a sense of humour are two of the best assets a volunteer can bring to the nursery. For information, contact Mrs. J. Kulken in Acton, or Mrs. J. Beecey.

Baby Boom Over 323 Fewer Kindergarten Children

Enrolment in Halton County Schools was 253 less than expected at the end of September.

In the elementary schools the Board projected an enrolment of 32,805, but only 32,685 appeared by the end of September.

The secondary schools in the county showed 133 less students than expected. The projected figure was 16,798 but the actual one was 16,665.

While the increase in enrolment is less than expected, there is still an increase over last year. The slow rate of increase is more dramatic in the elementary schools, only 88 more than last year, but the increase of 1172 in the secondary schools reflects the still booming birth rate of the early 1950's.

Kindergarten enrolment throughout the county, took the biggest drop, 323 fewer children are in kindergartens this year than last.

AREA SCHOOLS
The following figures show the enrolment, in schools in the area, this year and last year.

	Sept. '70	Sept. '71
Glen Williams	279	287
Limehouse	234	232
Norval	84	100
Pineview	424	410
Speyside	259	262
Stewarttown	493	507
Centennial	677	737
Chapel	203	183
George		
Kennedy	807	758
Joe Gibbons	497	453
Harrison	435	444
Wrigglesworth	282	266
Park	170	170
Georgetown		
High School	1573	1630



90th BIRTHDAY A REAL SURPRISE

Once they pass 40, most people prefer to forget about birthdays. Imagine the surprise of Mrs. Louis Brodhaecker when she discovered she had indeed forgotten one birthday and on Friday became 90 instead of 89 as she expected. A check on her birth certificate revealed her true age. Celebrating her 90th birthday at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Claire Grigg, 228 Mountainview Road, Mrs. Brodhaecker's only comment was, "I didn't feel old thinking I would be only 89, but now that I realize I'm 90 I feel like an old woman!" Mrs. Brodhaecker has two granddaughters and six great-grandchildren. Her original home was in Hanover, but she now resides with another granddaughter in Niagara Falls.

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