

# New Trinidad Appointment For Rev. Arthur Dayfoot

Friends in Georgetown will be interested in reading news of a former town family, the Dayfoots.

Rev. Arthur Dayfoot, who has spent most of his time in Trinidad following ordination as a United Church minister, writes an annual Christmas letter to report on his year's activities there.

He is the son of Mrs. C. B. Dayfoot and the late Mr. Dayfoot. The family lived in the present Gerry Smith home on Market Street until his parents moved to Victoria, B.C. Since Mr. Dayfoot's death, Mrs. Dayfoot has made her home with her son and family.

Mr. Dayfoot and his brother Harry operated the Dayfoot Shoe Company on John Street, at one time one of the town's main industries, noted for its production of quality boots, including a nationally known ski boot. The factory was purchased a few years ago by Albert Eutenier, who has converted the building into an attractive group of town houses.

Here is Mr. Dayfoot's letter:

Presbyterian Manse, Riverdale, Williamsville P.O., Trinidad, W.I.

Dear Friends,

As you see from the above address, our Christmas and New Year Greetings this season come with the Trinidad Church. We are now settled in the Riverdale Pastoral Charge and are enjoying the comparatively quiet surroundings of this new pastorate. We do not even have a telephone - quite a change from our previous job where it was constantly ringing! Riverdale is a small village eleven miles north-east of San Fernando. It is an important centre of the Church: a primary school, the manse and the church stand side by side, serving a considerable country area. In addition there are five other village congregations in the charge, known as Piparo, St. Julien, Poonah, Maraval and Morichal. Since few people have cars it is not practical to unite any of these congregations, and so elders and other lay people conduct many of the services, since the minister can only get to three (or at most four) of the six services each Sunday.

Last year this charge led the entire island by being the only one to exceed its financial allocation. It was then served by a dynamic young minister, Rev. Winston Gopaul who was ordained in 1969. Early this year he was called to the large San Fernando congregation ("Susamachar"). This left Riverdale vacant for some months, then we were appointed to carry on here.

Sam Moonie, Moderator of the Tabaquite-Flanagin Town pastoral charge (a self-contained amalgamation of two small rural charges). This is located north of Riverdale in the Central Range of Trinidad known as the Montserrat Hills. During the July-September vacation it was served by a student minister, Mr. Peter Moonie. But when he returned to the United Theological College of the West Indies (in Jamaica) I have had to take responsibility for the work, taking occasional Sunday services, weekday meetings, and so on. Fortunately there are active elders and other lay leaders who take most of the services as well as carrying on other activities. There are four congregations: Torrib Trace and "24-Mile" as well as Tabaquite and Flanagin Town.

The Trinidad Church has suffered during the past year from the death of two active pastors. Rev. Paul Sharma and Mr. Samuel Ishmael, as well as two retired ministers, Revs. Stephen Ramanair and Joseph Chaharjasingh. Thus the shortage of pastors is more acute than ever, even with the ordination of one new graduate, Rev. Cyril Paul, in July. He is serving in San Juan, near Port-of-Spain.

St. Andrew's Theological College, where we last served, continues its work under the leadership of a new Principal, Rev. Idris Hamid. He has introduced new ideas and excellent programmes, and we are happy to have this important training centre at least in the hands of an outstanding Trinidadian leader. The policy (accepted two years ago) of gradual withdrawal of Canadian missionaries and of financial help from the Board of World Mission of the United Church during the next few years is already well under way, and the necessary adjustments are being made year by year. We hope that it will not be too much at the expense of the weaker pastoral charges, and such valuable institutions as the Iere Home for Girls and the Archibald (vocational) Institute which are difficult to support from local resources.

In any case we are here to help in one rural district for a term, with the hope of strengthening the lay leadership so that whatever happens the Church will continue to witness and to serve in this predominantly rural Princes Town Presbytery. (We are still in the same Presbytery as before - indeed our whole period of service in Trinidad has been in this area, in the southern part of the island.)

Some of you saw us at one time or another during our furlough in Canada 1970/71. This was a busy but enjoyable time for us. It was the first furlough on which we had a car and it was good to get around and see people more easily, and also for the family to have a wonderful two weeks at Gander Cottage near Huntsville, and a visit to Ottawa. In addition, mostly at weekends, Bessie and I sometimes (the children)

visited many churches in different parts of Ontario, telling something about the Church in the West Indies and the new vision of world-wide Mission.

When in Canada we became much concerned that the Church should be doing more, in consultation with the Churches of the Caribbean, with the West Indians who are now numerous in Toronto and other places. It is true that these guests of ours do not have as much of a language problem as many other New Canadians, but they have other difficulties. More needs to be done so that they may feel at home in the Canadian community. We believe this is one key point in the new conception of the Church's Mission through co-operation between Christians in the world-wide Church. This implies exchange of leadership, wherever needed, instead of the "western" countries doing all the sending and the "Third World" countries all the receiving of personnel as in the past. This has been called "Mission on five continents." We have accepted it in theory, and the Board of World Mission has been putting it in practice by a more flexible policy of overseas appointments. Yet it is still too easy simply to follow old patterns both at home and abroad!

Are we ready to launch out in new methods of partnership? The United Church has a new "Division of Mission in Canada". Will this new Division find ways of liaison with other denominations in Canada and with overseas Churches (in co-operation with the Board of World Mission or its successor Division) so that a truly world-wide perspective is reached? One way might be consulting with our sister Churches in the West Indies - on the basis of equality - concerning the use of trained personnel, with a view to the appointment of some West Indian Church workers for periods of service in Canada just as Canadian workers have served in the West Indies in the past.

Also during our furlough I attended the United Church General Council at Niagara Falls as Overseas Ministerial Representative from the Caribbean area. It was moving to be a part of the joint sessions with the General Synod of the Anglican Church as we work and plan towards union. I also met some old friends whom I had not seen for many years.

Soon after this Bessie (having taken a refresher course) took a part-time job in her old profession of nursing at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. She enjoyed it very much and found

that the basics of nursing haven't changed although the equipment and medicines have changed much in thirty years. Unfortunately she can't continue this line of work in Trinidad, but there is plenty else to do here including music training for church young people and women's work in the ten congregations we serve.

Cathy graduated from the Centre for Christian Studies (formerly Covenant College) at the end of April and obtained employment as office secretary at Lorimer Lodge, Toronto. This is a vocational training home for slightly retarded girls, and Cathy is able to know and help the girls as well as look after office details. Her apartment address is 125 Kendal Ave. Toronto 179. We are happy to announce her recent engagement to Mr. Angus Muller of San Fernando, Trinidad, who is now a computer operator in Toronto.

Charles did well in his second year exams in French and Spanish at Laurentian University and had a summer job in Sudbury in the vacation. He is now in his final year (address, University of Sudbury Residence, Room 228, Laurentian Campus, Sudbury, Ont.) Howard also did well in his Grade 13 exams, qualifying for an Ontario School, and is now doing Mathematics at Queens University, Kingston, Ont.) He was a counsellor at Bolton Camp for the summer, under the Family Services Association.

Nancy (15) and Timmie (13) completed Grades 11 and 9 respectively at Oakwood Collegiate, and are with us in Trinidad. They are back at their old schools in San Fernando (Naparima Girls High School and Naparima College) travelling each day from home in Riverdale.

Grandma Dayfoot is back with us in Trinidad. She had her 89th birthday on Sept. 26th and is still in good health though quite hard of hearing. She sends greetings to her friends.

We all send warm personal regards and best Christmas wishes to you all.

Sincerely,  
Art, Bessie, Cathy, Charles, Howard, Nancy, Timmie and P.S. - In going over the list of those to whom this letter goes we have been wondering in some cases about people whom we have not met nor heard from for some years. Perhaps your address has changed, or you may have lost interest in hearing from us. If you do wish to continue receiving our letters, please let us hear from you.

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## BILL SMILEY How To Save A Girl From Love

New Year's resolutions seem rather pointless, when one looks back over the past year and realizes what a mess one made of it.

But hope springs eternal in the human breast (note to ed. - that's the best, not breast), and most of the time I feel as though I'm still animal, though I have a lot of teeth, but elbows, knees and shoulders - and there are moments when I feel pure vegetable, maybe a withered turnip. So here goes.

The very first thing I'm going to do in '72 is get my rake and lawn chairs out of the backyard and into the basement. Provided I can find them under the snow. Same goes for my woodpile, which has been sitting there, "drying out", since August.

The second thing I'll do is stop listening to my wife and make her start listening to me. She is eternally getting into jams because she won't listen to me because she never has because she thinks she knows more than I about practically anything you can name. And she is forever getting me into jams because I listen to her because she thinks etc....

That will clear a lot of the fog in our domestic air. I know. You think that's like a mouse bragging out an elephant. And it is. But it's also a fact that we mice have been known to panic a whole herd of elephants. Anyway, it'll be fun trying. That old spirit of adventure, you know. Even if it does cost me a broken nose or a couple of thick cuts.

Another thing I'm going to do is stop worrying. I'm a terrible worry wart. Some weeks I worry a total of twenty-seven minutes, about something I can't do a thing about. I'm going to cut that down to twenty-seven seconds, do it once a week, and get it over with.

I'm going to give up late nights. They take a terrible toll on a fellow when he must work next day. No more of those. Except on exceptional cases, such as Friday and Saturday nights and anytime we go to a party or have one. Or anytime I really feel like staying up.

I'm going to put a stop to my daughter falling in love. This will be one of the trickier assignments. I just get nicely adjusted to the fact that she's deeply in love and settling down when I get word that it's off with the old and on with the new, and this time it's "real".

In the past year she's been in love with an English professor, an American (imagine!), a student; twice engaged; to the gay, name of Joe; and is currently head-over-heels with a sculptor. How much does a struggling sculptor make? I don't really care, but I don't fancy the old idea that two can live as cheaply as one, if I'm paying the bills. I don't know what technique I'll use to stop her, but I'll come up with something fiendish that will guarantee her a long spinsterhood.

I'm going back into the arms of the church for a long-awaited (on her part) embrace. I am steadily growing more sinful, just like the rest of you, but it's time to start straightening the accounts.

Well, that's enough to keep me going for the year. A nice mixture of physical and psychological problems.

In closing, thanks to all those who have written during the year. Forgive me if I haven't answered yet. Have a good year. And a special wish to all those in trouble; Western farmers, the unemployed, the old, the mentally ill. Keep your chin up. Things can only get better. And remember, somebody is thinking about you. Maybe Edgar Benson won't, but I will.

### Glen Williams News

On Tuesday December 21st Grades 4, 5, and 6 of our local public school provided an evening of entertainment for visiting parents and guests with their annual Christmas concert.

The pantomimed story of Christmas, recalling the birth of Christ, began the program while the choir accompanied with carols. A gymnastics display was performed by the boys.

Various musical selections, including the Recorder Band were presented with an insight of Christmas traditions in Sweden and England. Appropriate visual aids accompanied some of the songs.

An audience participation of some favourite carols closed the evening.

The new 10th line bridge has been completed for a few days now and many residents welcome the new convenience.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Michelowen, Tina Roberts and Olive Meret of Guelph were holiday visitors with the Lyle Armstrongs.

One local family enjoyed Christmas with sunshine and palm trees. Leaving last week, Mrs. Annette Milne and family motored to Key Largo, Florida, where they will spend holidays until mid January.

A large congregation met December 19th at St. John's United Church for the Christmas morning service conducted by Rev. Robert Scrivens and Peter Scott. A lovely tree, decorated by the C.G.I.T. girls, glowed while the choir, including 25 members of St. John's Georgetown, sang favourite hymns and carols.

A solo by Miss Brenda McNeil was enjoyed.

Polisettas were placed by the Wheeler and Wagstaffe families in memory of loved ones.

The Rev. Richard Ruggie conducted Holy Communion services at St. Alban's on Christmas morning. The choir was joined by some members of Norval Anglican Church. Accompanying himself on guitar,

Mr. and Mrs. George Burlington, Julie and Jim of Charing Cross were home with her mother Mrs. Mabel Cain and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Plant, David, Tommy and Robbie were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arnold on Christmas night.

Belated birthday greetings are extended to little Robert Kyle Whaley, who celebrated his 4th birthday on Friday, December 24th. His little friends extend their birthday wishes to him on his special day.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hamilton of Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Break of Derry Road and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hamilton and Debbie of Milton were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Break of the Ninth Line, on Christmas night.

Doug Fendley of Norval presented a vocal selection with their choir joining in special passages.

Flowers were placed in the M. Beaumont memorial window by the family.

Flowers were also presented in memory of Mrs. Lucy Wagstaffe by her family.

Many families were fortunate to spend the holiday together.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Beam and three sons of Timmins, were home with their parents - Mr. and Mrs. Ross Giles of the village and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stokes of Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ric Bell and son Derek of Stratford, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Thompson, Robbie and Dale of the village; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson and Johnny of Chatham were home with parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson.

Family visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George Webster and family were Mrs. Mabel Cain, Miss Eibel Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Emond, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Weir and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ritchie and daughters.

Christmas day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell and Scott were Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Campbell of Inlington, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bowman and family of Waterdown and Mrs. Mary Laurence of Fendleigh Falls. A special joy of the day was the arrival home from hospital of Mrs. Campbell and three day old Jennifer.

Family guests with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Armstrong and Craig were Mr. William Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davison spent the day with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Devins, Yvonne and Robbie of Bolton.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Spiegelberg of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Schneider were home with parents Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Barth.

Janice and Graham Barnes of Orangeville were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Wagstaffe.

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Mr. and Mrs. George McNally Sr. were guests of Mrs. Eleanor Burns of Brampton.

On Sunday Mrs. William Everson and Carolyn and Mr. Clayton Allen attended the christening of Kerri Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pew at St. Andrew's Church, Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ric Bell and son Derek of Stratford, Mr. and Mrs.

Donnie Maveal and daughter Heidi of Georgetown were home for Christmas with parents Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bell. Other guests included Mrs. H. I. Jolley of Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. N. Long and sons Ian, Andy and David who attends the Royal Military College, Kingston.

With Mr. and Mrs. Tom Haines and family were Mr. and Mrs. John Haines and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crichton and Jackie of Limehouse for Christmas day. Happy New Year - Mrs. Donna Armstrong.

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