When Mrs. Rose Ann Mc-

were placed in the sanctuary,

At that time the Rev'd. T. G.

appointed by the vestry (in

April 1903), that included a

number of people mentioned

above: Joseph Beaumont,

Harry Holdroyd, John Sykes

A Toronto architect, F. S.

Baker, designed a church

which is charming from the

outside and which gives an

immediate atmosphere of

Bishop DuMoulin was not

pleased by the prospect of a

church being built in the Glen.

He felt that the villagers should

continue to use St. George's.

and William Armstrong.

THE BEGINNINGS OF ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

Like many riverside communities, the Glen took its name from the mill owners, on whom the pioneers depended for the grinding of flour and the sawing of lumber. Originally called Williamsburg, a new post office brought the name Glenwilliams, Jacob Williams had set up a carding and fulling mill to supplement the other trades. As the 19th century passed the half-way mark, people began to depend less on the local sources of flour and wood, and small industries became more important to the villages of Canada West, In Glenwilliams, wool was

Fire was a constant hazard to the wooden structures of the village. In May of 1866 a large fire in Mr. Williams' woods consumed the rake factory and damaged the saw mill, and the Milton paper reported.

becoming the major industry.

The Glenwilliams engine fell a victim to the impetuosity of its keepers, and was itself

extinguished by the element it was intended to overcome. The following year the woollen mill was destroyed by fire. Bad fortune continued when, in 1868, the building was

being replaced:

while raising the heavy timbers in top of the woollen mill . . . no less than 32 men went to the bottom, 3 storeys, with all the timbers, boards, pikepoles, etc. with them.

Three men died, and the mill had to be restored again after another fire in 1875. From 1894 to 1907 it was owned by an Old Yorkshireman, John Sykes. and his son-in-law, Alfred Ainley. Though he was an Anglican, Mr. Sykes, was not an active churchman, and he had the reputation of being overly concerned with the profits of his business. The owners brought to the village another Englishman, Harry Holdroyd, to be their general

A second woollen mill was set up, in the northern end of the village, by Samuel Beaumont in 1878. When his son Joseph took over, it was said (perhaps apocryphally) that only Anglicans need apply to work there. He did, however, encourage his workers to attend

were more anxious to attend church than they seem to be to- founding a Mission. day. They would drive long Mr. Vesey, who was in distances in their buggies or Georgetown about three years,

sleighs, as people from the Glen did much during his time to probably dld after St. George's encourage on appreciation of Church was established in music, both in the church and in Georgetown in 1852. Or they the town. would attend whatever church was near at hand: from the Master died in October 1901, 1830's on there was a Methodist she left her home and lot, on the Episcopal chapel in the village bank of the mill pond leading to of Glen Williams, and a the Sykes and Ainley mill, to Presbyterian Free Church the Church of England. The close by. Often services in a home was renovated, and the village were arranged so that following month services begon the "twicers" could join with to be held there. When St. one congregation in the mor- Alban's was built, two stained

From time to time Anglican services were held in the Glen. In 1877 Halton County Atlas, for example, tells of the Church of England minister from Georgetown holding services every Sunday in the Town Hall. This seems to have been the practice as well around the turn of the century. But one can only guess as to whether the services carried on during the years in between.

A public school scribbler containing an account of the founding of the church seems to have been lost, but fortunately some of the information was used for a story in The Niagara worship inside. Anglican that tells us:

Earlier attempts to establish a Church in the Village ended in failure but in 1899 the Rev. E. A. Vesey. In the 19th century people rector of St. George's, Georgetown, succeeded in

> Mr. Holdroyd was at the time a prominent member of Credit Lodge (as was Mr. Beaumont), and the Masons' aid was enlisted for the project. The foundations were dug, and the walls of native limestone from the Logan quarries began to

rise. One stone tells a story: This Corner Stone was laid by the start of the 4th century, and Grand Lodge of Canada A.F. & A.M. Sept. 8, 1902. M. W. His Hon. Judge J. E. Harding, Grand Master.

It is situated on the north-east beheaded, the first English

corner stones. The weather on the afternoon of the ceremony was good, and the village had been decorated with flags. evergreens and bunting. The Glenwilliams band led the Grand Lodge from the town hall to the building, where John Sykes presented a silver trowel, engraved for the occasion, to Judge Harding to lay the stone. Mr. Wallace and the Rural

Dean were among the clergy

who took part in the service.

Afterwards the ladies gave tea

ning and another in the glass windows in her memory on the lawn of S. Beaumont. Perhaps it was felt that Bishop DuMoulin would not Wallace - a graduate of have been interested in taking Trinity College, Dublin, who part in this ceremony, but he was remembered here for his was furious that the Masons fine sermons - was Rector of had been invited in place of Georgetown and Norval. He himself to officiate. headed a building committee

For some reason, he was not present when, on June 24th of the following year, the new church was opened. A rough line of red crayon drawn across the page of the service register marks the beginning of services there. 200 people heard Archdeacon Davidson of Guelph preach that evening. The following Sunday, it is recorded that 400 attended evensong, at a church which is crowded with 150. The register suggests that. though attendances were high. givings were low (even by modern standards).

The villagers disagreed - Mr. Along with the yearly Beaumont and Mr. Holdroyd remembrance of Christmas feeling the need particularly and Easter and the Harvest since they had young families. Thanksgiving, the register Glen Williams is far from the notes when there were no see city of Hamilton, and the services, as one March Sunday in 1905 "Owing to Flood of the Credit River", and all through October 1918 "owing to Influenza epidemie," One clerical visitor confessed his sins, after signing the book, by writing in "Preached too long"

> In Alban's day, after whom the parish is named, there were no church buildings. He lived at when the Roman empire persecuted christians, he sheltered one, and came to share his faith. For this he was



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## Georgetown's Sage Named Top Group at Folk One

Folk 1, a province wide folk number, "If I Had My Way", dertaking on the part of the festival held in Georgetown on October 20 and 21 was a popular category went to Georgetown's final result showed the fruits of event with performers and own "Sage". This group lengthy preparation. All out of spectators alike. More than 120 composed of Bryan Day, towners were happily billetted. secondary school folk Colleen and Donna Burns, Pete all competitions ran on time musicians took part in the event sending folk music all through the corridors of G.D.H.S. Some

McCormick and George Lasso, and the final show on Saturday night was of Mariposa quality. All performers before they left 500 Georgetown spectators the day with numbers such as for their varied destinations in

town performers arrived and took part in a get-together hair-like group from Preston hootenany. The performers High came in second with large then went to the homes of many Georgetown residents who had volunteered to billet them for the weekend.

Preliminary competition took place during Saturday morning and afternoon, and six solo, five duet and four group finalists were chosen out of forty-three solo, twenty duet and eight groups entered.

Judges for the competition were Allan Weeks and Andy Rush of Kingston, Glen Ingram of Oakville, Heather Bridges of Brantford, Roger Frost of Georgetown and Gay and Norm Stimers of Toronto. They had a most difficult job in choosing the finalists out of all the acts entered and an even more difficult task in picking the winners from the finalists. The finals, took place on Saturday evening in a formal folk concert format with Gord Fendley and Ron Fiddler, two local entertainers, keeping the audience in stitches with their emcee work.

First place in the solo division went to Bruce Reynolds of Huntsville who sang an original composition "An Old Man's Song" and played an original instrumental piece entitled "Carol's Pocket Book". Second place honours went to Rod Brown of Thunder Bay who played original numbers on the banjo and guitar. Third place laurels went to Ken Hartuiksen, another Thunder Bay musician, who sang Cat Stevens' "Father

and Son" First place in the duet category went to a Japanese duo from Toronto, Paul and Larry Sue-Ping, who wowed the audience with their guitar work on two original compositions. Second place went to Mike Domenico and Patrick Doyle of Toronto with Pat's song "Sleazy Woman". Mike Friedman and Jodi Suffrin of Toronto carried off third position with their rendition of an old Peter, Paul and Mary

First place in the group G.D.H.S. Folk Club and the "Love Is Not A Game". Ontario, were anxious to get On Friday, Oct. 20 the out of "Happy Together", "The back here for Folk Two.

Boxer", and "Tell It All", A group renditions of "Culifornia Dreamin" and "Bamboo". The festival was the un-

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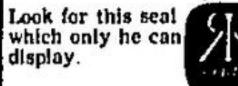
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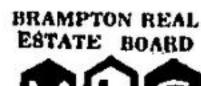
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that bullt it.

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Psalm 127:1. IN THE BEGINNING ... The first baptism recorded in the parish register is that of Lily Beatrice Norton, who was

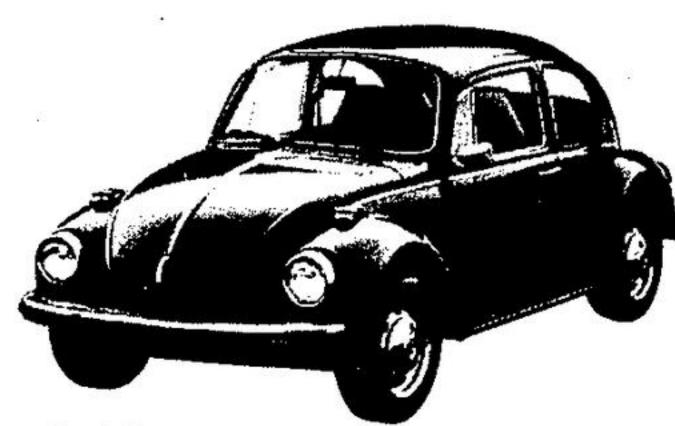
baptized on June 28th, 1903 -

Bishop DuMoulin did come to the village on June 26th, 1904 to confirm a group of seven ranging in age from 13 to 24. A pretty church often attracts enquiries about weddings from outside its membership. This is the case with St. Alban's, and

the first marriage here tookplace between a Methodist bridegroom and a Presbyterian bride. On the next page is recorded how John Sykes, after a year of being a widower. remarried - at the age of 72 The first funeral was for Nathaniel Brown, in his 87th year, a native of County Armagh in Ireland and a former sergeant in the British Army.

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