



WED IN CHARLES STREET HOME
Mr. and Mrs. William Donald Hoddnott were recently married at the home of the groom's brother and sister-in-law Dr. and Mrs. Boyd Hoddnott, 53 Charles Street. Rev. Kelvin Johnston officiated.

Limehouse Church Members Take Part, Christmas Service

Good congregations attended two services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church Christmas Sunday.

Rev. Peter Barrow opened the morning service, and those reading scripture included A. C. Patterson for the session; Bert Benton, representing the board of managers; Mrs. E. Sanford for the ladies; Wilfred Kirkwood for the men; Mrs. Dick Appleby for the Sunday School and Norine Noble for the choir, and closing with Mr. Barrow reading from John 1: verses 1-14, the announcements and the benediction.

The choir, with Mrs. Bert Benton at the organ, led in several carols and sang an anthem "Song of the Church Bells".

During the Christmas Eve service, prayers were read by Ted Brown, Jr. and William Kara, and Ricky Appleyard read scripture. The choir sang two anthems, "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "O Come, Let Us Adore Him".

Rev. P. Barrow was in charge of the service and preached a short Christmas Eve sermon.

Holiday Visitors From Here And There

Mr. and Mrs. Rick McNiven and sons Jeff and Dale of 34 John Street West spent Christmas Day at her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Emmerson of Ewing St. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. T. Bludd and family and Mr. and Mrs. G. Emmerson and family.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Morley Mills and Lois of 44 Delrex Blvd. N. were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mills of Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Mior of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mills and Marvin of Goderich and Dennis Mills of Toronto.

Spending their first Christmas in Canada, at the home of the Mills family were Mr. and Mrs. Gustavo Villagas and sons Andrea and Felipe of Cali, Colombia.

Unfortunately Mr. Bill Vanryn spent Christmas in the hospital. Mrs. Vanryn, of 120 Confederation St. Glen Williams and their children Bill, Maryann and Irene and his sister from Hamilton all visited with him on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. William McNally, 22 Market St. had his aunt from Milton Mrs. John Standish at their home on Christmas Day. Several members of their immediate families were present for dinner. The McNally's daughter Jane and son John were home from university in London for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken O'Brien of 38 Duncan Drive, and their children Michael, Richard, David and Karen entertained Mr. J. Robb of Toronto, Mrs. O'Brien's father and her brother and wife Ron and Jean Robb of Stouffville at their home for Christmas and Boxing Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Osborn from Coldwater visited with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Osborn and Troy and Tod of 4 Crombie Place. They stayed for the Christmas weekend.

Albert Leferink family in the sudden death of his mother in Holland, after a short illness with pneumonia. She was 89 years of age and had spent two holidays in Canada.

The 4-H Club girls and leaders, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Clow, entertained several Women's Institute members and 4-H mothers at the home of Mrs. Clow Thursday evening. Debbie Harlow said Grace. After an enjoyable meal, the women had a pleasant chat while the girls did the dishes.

—Mrs. A. W. Benton.

We extend sympathy to the

Halton Board of Education Won't Feed RC Grants Fire

A report by Ontario Public School Trustees' Association alleging that separate school boards receive more than their fair share of provincial grants was presented to the Halton County Board of Education last Thursday night.

The board refrained from adding fuel to the fire that broke out when the report was sent to Education Minister Thomas Wells Nov. 8.

It was presented to the board by trustee Irene Goobie, the board's representative on the Ontario Public School Trustees' Association.

"We're not being requested to take a position on this," noted trustee Douglas Wood. "The report has been to the minister already so there is no reason for us to comment."

Goobie said that some school boards had replied to the brief but that she hadn't been told whether they supported or denounced it. She wasn't asking for comment, she told the board, merely submitting it as information.

76 PERCENT
According to the brief, provincial grants paid 76 percent of operating costs in the separate system in 1971 and 41.4 percent of the cost of running public elementary schools.

In 1970, the average grant in the separate school system was \$504.12 per pupil, the association said, but only \$297.69 per pupil in the public system.

"Within the past 12 years, the government of Ontario has drastically altered its policy and practice on distribution of education grants," said the association. It represents public school boards across the province responsible for 1.5 million school children.

SAFEGUARDS BYPASSED
"Safeguards that were determined as just and equitable at the time of Confederation have been bypassed," the brief said.

The trustees said public school taxpayers are being forced to pay increasing amounts to support separate schools.

They said separate school supporters have chosen to opt out of the public school system and should not expect special treatment from the province as a result.

CANNOT AFFORD
"Aside from the social and moral questions involved, aside from the urgent need for the public school system to serve as a unifying force, Ontario simply cannot afford the luxury of two completely tax-supported educational systems," the brief declared.

It said a separate school board with Grades 9 and 10 can have the full cost of those grades paid by government grants while public boards of education have to collect "a large proportion" of the cost of these grades through property taxes.

MAJORITY OF FUNDS
The trustees said the extra money for separate schools comes from the government's consolidated revenue fund, which includes revenue from sales, income and liquor taxes paid by all citizens of the province.

"Since public school supporters make up a majority of the Ontario population, they provide a majority of the funds for the consolidated revenue fund," the brief said.

The province now provides grants to separate schools from kindergarten through end of Grade 10.

NO FEEDBACK
William Priestner, who was elected to the board by separate school supporters in Burlington, said he has had no feedback on the brief from his constituents, perhaps because Wells discounted it almost immediately, saying that it denied the premise of equal educational opportunity for all students.

Cliff Byrnes, superintendent of the Halton separate school board, agreed that the report was unfair.

"I had the same reaction as Mr. Wells when I first read it," said Byrnes. "The association failed to understand the intent of the ministry of education to provide equal grant structures."

OFFSET INEQUITY
"The consolidated revenue fund was set up to assist boards without a broad assessment base to draw on. This not only helps separate boards but many public boards in northern Ontario."

All corporation taxes go to the public system, he explained. Separate school systems draw on revenue only from individuals and from small businesses.

"The fund helps to offset this inequity," he said.

Gordon Alcott Honoured at Copper Cliff

Gordon Alcott of Erin, a former Georgetown resident, was an honored guest at a civic dinner held in Copper Cliff last Thursday to honor its citizens of the past 50 years who have made an outstanding contribution to Copper Cliff.

He was presented with an engraved bronze medallion for his work with the youth of Copper Cliff for the years 1938 to 1946.

In that time he organized the Copper Cliff Little N.H.L. of 350 boys annually.

He was manager of the Copper Cliff Redmen Junior Hockey Club, manager of the Copper Cliff Senior Baseball Club, secretary of the Nickel Belt Baseball League, and leader of the Pax Bible Class.

Well known graduates of his Copper Cliff hockey league are Jerry and Zello Toppazzini, Jimmy Pappin, Tod Sloan, Tim Horton, Sambo Bettio and George Armstrong.

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