

# Order of St. John Recognizes G.V.A.S.

John Potter, the St. John Ambulance manager for this region, made a special presentation to the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service, April 3, recognizing the service for its contribution to the Georgetown community and to the work of the Order of St. John.

Mr. Potter, while here, examined the current first aid class candidates before presenting the Special Provincial Certificate to the G.V.A.S. Ambulance chief Tom Massena accepted the certificate.

Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service, which was started in 1957, maintains a roster of approximately 80 drivers, all of whom hold valid St. John Ambulance certificates. In order to keep these certificates valid, the men are retrained every three years.

In addition to training their own men, the ambulance service has been sponsoring St. John Ambulance first aid training for members of the community twice a year. This programme has been going on for 17 years.

# Ford Historian Speaks To St. John Men

Speaker at the April meeting of the A.O.T.S. Men's Club of St. John's United Church of Georgetown was Glen Williams, was Herman L. Smith, Historical Consultant to Ford of Canada.

Mr. Smith traced the history of automobile transportation starting with the development of the first steam wagon by Cugnot in France in 1769. This rather rudimentary vehicle was capable of three miles per hour, but could keep up steam for only 10 minutes at a time. In 1863, an American inventor produced a steam automobile in Massachusetts and in Quebec in 1867, Seth Taylor developed Canada's first car, a team-powered machine which can be seen in the Ontario Science Centre.

**GASE ENGINE**  
Events moved quickly from 1893 when the Duryea brothers in the United States produced a gasoline engine and three years later in 1899 built 13 cars in one year incorporating this type of engine.

In 1904, Gordon McGregor of the Walkerville Wagon Company of Walkerville, Ontario, brought the automotive industry to Canada when he persuaded Henry Ford, who had by that time set up a business in Detroit, to allow them to build Ford products for Canada and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Ford Motor Company of Canada was incorporated on August 17, 1904 and produced 117 cars in the first fiscal year.

**ASSEMBLY LINE**  
Through the years Fords have remained popular. Between 1909 and 1927 the Model T remained basically unchanged and 15.8 million vehicles were built. One of the milestones in this period was the initiation of the moving assembly line in 1913.

The switch in 1927 from the Model T Ford to the Model A Ford was no small engineering feat. From idea conception through design, development, testing and into production took only nine months, a remarkable achievement even by today's standards. Five million Model A cars were produced before the next major change.

**VINTAGE FORDS**  
Mr. Smith is an authority on the restoration of antique cars, and included in his stable are three vintage Ford products; a 1904 Model C, a 1913 Model T and a 1931 Model A.

Pictures and anecdotes concerning these and many other classic machines from Maxwell to Hippobrite to International Harvester provided a very interesting evening for the Men's Club.

## Stewarttown Three Infants Baptized by Canon J. E. Maxwell

The village folk were saddened this past week-end, when we learned of the sudden death of Mrs. John Standish. Mrs. Standish has been a resident at the Halton Manor for some time, since her husband's death and ill health prevented her from living in her own home. She was a member of St. John's Anglican church and was a charter member and first president of St. John's Guild. The organization meeting was held in her home over twenty years ago.

She was a good neighbour and will be greatly missed.

Three babies were baptized by the Rev. Canon J. E. Maxwell at recent baptismal services held at St. John's Church. Daniel Joseph son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lavell of Marathon, his godparents were Mrs. Jack Hooper of Burlington and Mr. Phillip Lavell and Mr. Robert Lavell.

Beth Laurie Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cameron, the godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gillett and Mrs. Maureen Atkinson.

Robert Brett Gillett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gillett, his godparents Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cameron, and Mr. Wm. Tarrant.

Mrs. Lavell is the former Susan Smith, Mrs. Cameron the former Jacquie Barclay, and Mrs. Gillett was Lynda Barclay. All three mothers are former choir members at St. John's.

Mrs. David Godden has returned from a two week vacation to Pentynch near Cardiff South Wales, where she visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Langdon.

Sincere sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hunter, in the recent death of their wee granddaughter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hunter of Kitchener.

—E. Grant



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## Baha'i Tells Meeting

# 'Peace Not Possible Until Mankind Changes'

"The unity of Mankind today, can only be brought about through spiritual means. Not until the heart of Man has been changed will real brotherhood and peace be possible."

Mrs. Westheuser, who has travelled to many countries around the world as well as across Canada several times, was on the first stop of a whirlwind speaking tour through south-western Ontario.

Highlighting some of the teachings of Baha'ullah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith, she said that only through the elimination of racial, religious, social, political, and economic prejudice, the adoption of an auxiliary world language, equal

opportunities and privileges for men and women, a universal system of education, the independent investigation of truth, the adoption of a world code of human rights and responsibility, and creation of a world federal government, will Mankind come of age and achieve the beginning of its conscious unity.

She has served on the Home and School Council of Scarborough and as a member of the Ontario Home and School Leadership Training Staff.



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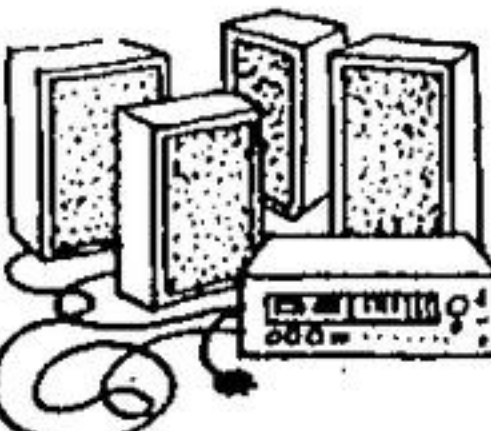
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