

Many hymns later, Knox organist retires

Bernice Gowland, who for the past 24 years, has faithfully attended the Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown, greeting the congregation with the sweet mellow sounds of the church's pipe organ, played the pipe organ and acted as choir leader for the last time Sunday, January 25.

Bernice, has been the longest remaining organist the church has on record. The records, which begin in 1887, show that Mrs. H.B. Hen-

derson, from 1905 to Nov. of 1925, remained as organist at Knox for 20 years. However no one has stayed as long as Bernice.

Bernice, who has travelled every Sunday (with few missed) from Brampton; along with attending weekly choir practices, playing for the countless number of weddings and funerals; not to mention the hundreds of special occasions which took place over the 24 year period; has decided that it is time to take a bit of a rest.

Bernice began as organist and choir leader at the church in November of 1952. Since then she has witnessed many changes in the Knox church. She has had the great pleasure to work with three ministers; Rev. Alex Calder, Rev. Norman Young and the present Rev. Peter Barrow.

Bernice initiated the new pipe organ which was installed in the church in June of 1964. She also saw completion of the new auditorium, helped Knox

church celebrate its 100th birthday in 1960 and helped the Presbyterian church celebrate

its Centennial last June. "I've seen quite a few changes over the past years in

the church. Everyone has been very, very kind to me. We've had a lot of good times in the

church. The choir has been very good to me. In fact, there are some choir members there today who have been with me since I began here," related Bernice.

Bernice's last Sunday at the church, was commemorated with many presentations from members of the congregation. As a token from the church as a whole, Andrew Murray presented Bernice with a 400-hour clock. On behalf of the church choir, Bill Barclay presented a coffee maker and a pair of pierced earrings to

Bernice. Mr. Harry Hope presented a "fantasia" lamp. At Thursday evening's choir practice Bernice was treated to a pot luck supper by members of the choir.

Brenda, Bernice's 14-year-old daughter, who has studied music under the teaching of her mother since she has been four years old, was also a member of the choir. She was presented a charm from the choir.

Ed Gowland, Bernice's husband, was also a member of the choir at Knox

Presbyterian Church. Bernice graduated from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto in 1946. She teaches piano and organ lessons in her home in Peel Village and at the present time has students ranging from five years old to 61 years old. "I have decided that it was time that I took a bit of a rest so that I can have some Sundays to my own. I'll miss the church, the choir and the congregation a great deal but I've enjoyed every second I have played for the church," she concluded.



BERNICE TAKES A REST. Bernice Gowland, organist and choir leader for the past 24 years of Knox Presbyterian Church has played the organ for the last time.

Clergy Comments The water of life

Rev. Donald Gorrie, Maple Avenue Baptist Church. Though Jesus often addressed huge crowds during His earthly ministry, He was never happier than when He was conversing with needy individuals. Take for instance His talk with the Samaritan woman, as recorded in John's Gospel, chapter 4.

Jesus and His disciples were travelling from Jerusalem to Galilee. He went through Samaria, though this was not the usual route. Arriving at Sychar's well at the noon-hour, Jesus sent His disciples into town to get food. While they were away, a woman came out to the well to draw water.

Before long, being thirsty, Jesus asked her for a drink. Soon He was sharing with her the fact that if she knew who He was, she would ask Him and He would give her 'living' water - that which alone could satisfy the thirstings of her inner heart.

When the woman expressed a desire for the gift, but hesitated to ask who He was, Jesus made a further request, "Go, call your husband." To which she replied, "I have no husband."

How startled she must have been when this perfect stranger began to reveal the fact that He knew about her tangled matrimonial affairs! A series of unhappy marriages, and her present common-law arrangement had left her without any true inner joy. A life of selfish pleasure-seeking had left an empty void within.

Embarrassed by the knowledge that Jesus knew all about her, the woman sought to change the subject. She tried to engage in a discussion of the relative merits of the Samaritan and Jewish places of worship. Jesus simply stated that the important matter was not 'where' but 'how'. She was then prompted to say, "When Christ comes, He will have the answer to all our questions." To her amazement, Jesus then revealed His true identity.

What a transformation began to take place in her life, as this truth started to register in her heart! The old life, with its self-seeking is put aside. There is a new joy in living, that increased as the days went by. With it came a desire to share her new-found joy with others. She began telling her townsmen of the One she had met at the well, and urged them to talk to Him themselves. Soon they began to share her joy.

There is a message here for each one of us. We live in a day of changing circumstances, but some things remain unchanged. It is still true that real inner peace is not found in a round of selfish pleasure-seeking. Following our own desires without consideration of others leads only to disillusionment and despair. It is still true that God has made us for Himself.

The Jesus who said, "He who has seen me, has seen the Father," still invites us to know and share the inner peace and joy that only He can give. May we truly know Him, whom to know a right means life eternal.

Trinity Teachers hold first meeting

On January 10 the Georgetown Trinity Teachers Association held their first meeting of the new year. A very successful and entertaining Christmas Recital was held at the Knox Presbyterian hall and plans were discussed for the upcoming June recital.

Everyone was delighted with the announcement made by the honorary president, Mrs. Dorothy Richardson-Scully, that 20 students had participated in the writing of the theory exams on Friday, January 9.

87% haven't bought license stickers

With only 13 percent of the drivers having so far purchased their 1976 license plate stickers those remaining can expect to stand in line if they procrastinate much longer, warns Mrs. B. Clark of the Georgetown Branch of the License Bureau.

The bureau, located on Main Street, usually handles up to 11,000 stickers a year. Mrs. Clark did point out that sales in the entire province are down considerably this year. This is not to say that there are fewer

drivers, it is just an indication that almost all the drivers are waiting until the last two weeks in February to hand over their money. Mrs. Clark who is baffled by the decrease in sales, explained that prices are the same as last year and that perhaps it is the bad weather that is keeping people away. However, she quickly noted that people are still out going to work and to do their shopping.

Mrs. Clark explained that the customer should fill out the License Plate Renewal Form ahead of time and this would speed things up at the bureau. These forms are available at the License Bureau and can also be picked up at the liquor store, Branch 120 of the Royal Canadian Legion and the post offices in Norval, at the Delrex Smoke Shop and at Young's Pharmacy.

Warden steps down

William McNally, who had been the People's Warden at St. George's Anglican Church, Guelph St. for eight years, retired from that position at the church's annual vestry meeting held January 18.

He is replaced by Mike Armstrong, Halton Hills councillor, who was elected to the post. Auditor is Graeme Goebelle, C.A.

Robert Stuart was re-appointed by Rev. Robert Gallagher as Rector's Warden. Deputy Warden is Grant Johnston.

As a tribute to Mr. McNally's devoted service, the Anglican Church Women, the Daughters of St. George and the church's men's club presented him with a painting by local artist Frank C. Black. The painting hangs in the lounge of St. George's.

Elected as lay delegates to the Synod were Robert Borland, John Wickens and Thomas Parry. Mrs. Barbara Thray was elected as an alternate delegate.

Elected to the Parish Planning Council were Ted Gorth, Eric Skelton and John Felce. Mr. Gorth also serves as manager of the church hall. Sidesman Convenor is Jeff Duck.

The debt on the church hall, which was built two years ago at a cost of \$125,000, was reduced in 1975 by \$27,000. Of this sum, \$16,500 was raised by the men's club, the Daughters of St. George and the ACW.

The sum of \$7,500 was forwarded to the Synod office for missionary work, much of

which takes place among the Indians and Eskimos of Northern Canada.



CUB SCOUT JAY ANDERSON 8, makes a wall hanging featuring Ontario's flower, the Trillium. Jay was one of 70 Cubs taking part in a craft day at St. John's United Church Saturday.

Board appointments

Several appointments, resignations and transfers affecting Halton Hills teachers were accepted by the Halton Board of Education last Thursday evening.

Appointments include: Mrs. Marilyn Bray to George Kennedy, Mrs. Thais Brown to Park, Mrs. Doreen Brett to Howard Wrigglesworth and Mrs. Joan Pearce to Robert Little.

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9:15 a.m. - Family Eucharist
11:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Church School 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
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27 graduate from Babysitters Course

Twenty-seven graduates, the largest class ever to be enrolled in the Georgetown District Y.M.-Y.W.C.A.'s Babysitters Training Course, received their diplomas last Saturday morning at a special graduation ceremony held at the 'Y'.

The babysitters' training course, instructed by Diane Sandelands, is an introductory course for all those young men and women who feel they are ready to take on the responsibilities of babysitting.

The course, in the form of lectures, discussions, workshops etc. illustrates to the young people the responsibility, knowledge and care which must be taken while babysitting. Sgt. Al McQueen, youth officer for the Halton Region Police Force, discussed with the students safety tips in the home and hazards which children may face. Two babies were brought to one of the classes and the students had a chance to see, play and care for them.

Those who received their diplomas on Saturday were: Dawn Adams, 98 percent; Sally Balnes, 87 percent; Karen Baker, 88; Angela Barnes, 93; Jeanette Brown, 95; Jane Cartwright, 95; Paige Curtis, 88; Rhonda Dobson, 88; Christine Gorin, 98; Janice McDonald, 97; Dianne Michasui, 96; Mare Ollivier, 87; Susan Orwin, 90; Mark Patzer, 80; Heather Reed, 95; Andrea Stafford, 97; Lorraine Turner, 88; Jeanne Wilson, 88; Karen Wilson, 82; Christine Waychesko, 88; Charlene Waychesko, 88; Vickie Wright, 88; Lora Yestadi, 88; Karon Coleman, 98; Adele Hunt, 88; Wendy Sepene, 81 and Debbie Gellespie with 80 percent.

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