

# 100th anniversary of Norval church



**MINISTER HONORED**

Rev. Walter Ridley (right), was honored Sunday evening by a surprise celebration on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his ordination in Sackville, New Brunswick. About 75 members of the four churches he serves - Norval United, Home Church in north Peel, Huttonville and Meadowvale - were in attendance as well as friends from

Toronto. Included among the guests was Dr. Clark Macdonald, the minister who married Rev. Ridley and his wife Margaret (left), 25 years ago. Also in the picture is the Ridley's daughter Donna. Absent is their daughter Linda, who had to work. The Ridleys have lived in Norval for 12 years.

By DOROTHY McLEAN  
Herald correspondent

Norval Presbyterian Church is holding a special celebration on Sunday, June 18th, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the present church building.

Plans for the special centennial anniversary include the worship service to be held at 3 p.m. with Rev. Campbell Taylor of Oakville Presbyterian Church as the speaker. Special music will be provided. There will be a fellowship hour following the service.

At 7:30 p.m. "The Lost 1 Found" music group composed of 7 Presbyterian ministers will lead a musical service. Rev. Ian MacPherson and the Interim Moderator, Derwyn Hill, are members of this group.

There are 6 former ministers of the church still living and most of them will be present. They are Rev. Norman McMillan, just retired from 38 years of ministry at Caledonia; Rev. Leonard Self of Westminister Presbyterian Church, Toronto; Rev. G. Lockhart Royal of Goderich; Rev. R.D. Duncan, retired, of Woodstock; and Rev. Howard Smith of Winchester.

All in the community are cordially invited to attend these special services and share the centennial celebrations.

From notes of a history of the church composed by Mrs. Sam McClure we learn that the

first Presbyterian Church in Norval was a frame building built in 1839 on the brow of the hill where the cemetery is now, and a cemetery was laid out at that time. Previously the congregation had been meeting in homes. The congregation shared a minister, Thomas Johnson, with Mt. Pleasant, Union, and Mayfield.

In 1852 joint Session meetings were held with Union Presbyterian Church and in 1859 separate Sessions began in the two churches with the late Alex Noble clerk for Norval. He was clerk for 37 years.

Following a lengthy dispute regarding music in the church by the Presbyterian Church it was finally agreed to have music at the worship services and in 1875 an organ was installed with Miss Margaret McPherson as organist. She remained organist for 40 years.

In 1898, a year after the publication of a new Presbyterian Book of Praise, the Session permitted the congregation to sing one hymn at a service as long as no "Amen" was sung.

As the congregation grew a larger church was needed. In 1878 a new church was built in the village on a vacant lot on the corner of Guelph and Draper Streets at a cost of \$7,000.00. The plans were based on the Congregational Church in Georgetown, now the present library. This church is recognized as one of the finest sam-

ples of Gothic architecture to be found anywhere in Ontario.

Rev. Joseph Alexander retired in 1887 due to ill health after ministering for 35 years. He was inducted into Union and Norval in 1852. About that time he married Janet Burns (a cousin of Gertrude McGee's grandfather on her mother's side) and they lived in their own home on Lot 14, Con. 10 Ching.

A manse was required for the next minister, Rev. James Argo. The present manse was built 10 years after the church at a cost of \$2,700.00.

Mrs. Argo started the Women's Missionary Society. It was named the Alexander Auxiliary of Norval Presbyterian Church, after the former minister Rev. Joseph Alexander and his wife who had served the congregation for 35 years. During Rev. Argo's ministry the Young Peoples Society and the Mission Band were also founded.

Some changes in the building were made in 1903. The floor was raised, new seats, a carpet and a pipe organ were added and the interior decorated at a cost of \$4,000.00.

In 1917, during the first

World War, joint services were held with the Methodist Church during the winter months to conserve fuel.

Rev. Walter Patterson, fresh out from Ireland, was inducted in 1920. He was minister when the vote for church union was taken in 1925. The majority chose to remain Presbyterian; Presbyterians from the Mt. Pleasant Church joined the Norval congregation.

The wife of Rev. Ewan McDonald who was inducted in 1926 was the famous authoress L.M. Montgomery who wrote "Anne of Green Gables." While in Norval, she wrote "Emily's Quest," "Magic for Marigold," "Pat of Silver Bush" and "Mistress Pat." She formed a drama club that put on plays in the village. A plaque was dedicated to her memory at the 100th anniversary service of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1976.

Rev. Norman McMillan, minister at the time of the Centennial celebrations, wrote a history of the church 1838-1938. After moving to Caledonia, he married Ida McKane, the daughter of one of the Elders of Union Church. He remained at Caledonia for 38

years retiring in 1977.

Rev. Leonard Self was minister during the 40's. He was keenly interested in sports and organized hockey, lacrosse, and softball, and had a rink built in the village. Later he became Recreation Director of Georgetown while still ministering to his congregations.

The Sunday School always played an important role in the life of the church with many dedicated people acting as superintendents and teachers.

At one time there was a joint Young Peoples Society with St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval. Later a joint Y.P.S. was formed with Union Presbyterian which is carried on today. Garden parties and turkey suppers took their turn as money making projects.

A new Memorial organ in memory of those lives sacrificed in World War One and World War Two was dedicated in 1959.

Chimes were installed in the tower in 1967. They can be played from the tower, in the basement, or from the organ, a tape of Christmas music was

donated in memory of the late Arthur McClure who had been an Elder for 41 years.

Present Elders of the church are - Rev. Ian MacPherson, Moderator; Albert Hunter who has been an Elder for 51 years, 31 of those years as clerk of Session; Harold McClure, present clerk of Session; Jas. Davis; Oliver Hunter; Sam McClure; W.T. Craig Reid; John M. McClure; Hyatt McClure; and Dixon Duff.

The present Board of Managers are - Robert Carney and Ken Robinson, joint chairmen; Jamie Cunningham; Hugh Clark; John Bell; Jim Archdekin; Roy McClure; Bill McClure; Joe Gombocz; Dixon Duff; and David McClure.

Sunday School superintendent - Mrs. Ian MacPherson; President of the Alexander Auxiliary - Mrs. Tom McGee; President of the Women's Association - Mrs. Wilmer Little; Organist - Mrs. Gordon Sharpe; the Happy Wanderers Choir under the direction of Dave Esplin has added much to the music of the church on special occasions since 1976.

## The best food of all

By R. WALTER RIDLEY  
Huttonville-Norval  
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Did you read last week's Clergy Comment? If not, dig up last week's paper because I think Tom Brelsford talked about something very basic to our present human dilemma - distorted human values and a selfish life-style. I would like to write a second installment on the same subject.

I believe we are still over reacting to the days of the depression and the second world war when many people did suffer from a lack of money and physical necessities of life. We have been brainwashed into thinking that more is better, that richer is better, that faster is better. But many of us have learned through our own bitter experience that this is just not so. We work very hard

(often husbands and wives) to buy a large house, a big car, a sizeable bank account, a summer cottage, a barn full of the best cattle - and when we succeed we often find that we have failed - failed to find life. Our problem is that we know how to make a living, but we don't know how to live.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn fled Russia because he was disillusioned with the lack of freedom and strangulation of life in that country. He is now living in United States and is extremely unhappy with what he sees in our western society. Speaking to the graduation class at Harvard last Thursday he said, "Soviet-style Communism is zero and less than zero. But should someone ask me whether I would indicate the West, such as it is today as a model to my country, frankly I would have to answer negatively."

He attacked moral cowardice and the selfishness and complacency he sees in the West. "Materialism, sharp legal manoeuvring, a press which invades privacy, T.V. stupor, and intolerable music all contribute to making the Western way of life less and less a model for the world."

In ending his speech he called for man's renewed sense of obligation to God and to society (Toronto Star, Friday, June 9).

Several centuries before Christ, God, through Isaiah, asked the people a question

"Why spend money on that which does not satisfy? Why spend your wages and still be hungry?" God's answer then and now is clear, "Listen to me and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all" (Isaiah 55:2).

There have been calls from people within and outside the Church for a re-evaluation of our priorities and for a more simplified life style. The reasons for this call are clear and simple:

A) It will be better for us.  
B) It will be better for others.  
C) It has been said in a variety of ways that the world can't afford to have 20 per cent of its people gobbling up 80 per cent of the available resources, our grandchildren and those who follow will be utterly aghast when they learn that their ancestors used selfishly used and wasted such a vast proportion of the earth's non-renewable resources.

But a more simplified style of living is not only essential for others, it is also essential for our well-being. Cutting back on expensive food and drink, less potato chips and coke, but eating more beans, fruit and vegetables leaves us healthier. Walking, bicycling not only saves fuel, but are also enjoyable. Sharing expensive machines, or other items with our neighbours creates a deeper sense of community and belonging. Sharing needs and resources with others in some kind of community provides an experience of solidarity which frees us from the power of the larger structures of society. It prepares a soil for freedom and provides an atmosphere in which life is celebrated and cared for.

Jesus said that he came to give us life in all its fullness. By his own style of living and by his teaching we are called to, "listen that we might enjoy the best food of all."

## Holy Cross women attend convention

By Jacqueline Labine

Seven members of Holy Cross Council Catholic Women's League, Georgetown, attended the 58th Annual Diocesan Convention June 2-4 at Waterloo Motor Inn, Waterloo.

Mrs. Suzanne Lario, president; Mrs. Kathy Curran, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Ellen Van Cleef, spiritual development; Mrs. Mary Tucker, Christian family life; Mrs. Agnes Lawrence, community life; Mrs. Helen Callaghan, resolutions and legislation and Mrs. Jacqueline Labine, public relations attended.

Convention theme was "The Family - Church of the Home." Greeting were extended from Waterloo by Her Worship Mayor Marjorie Carroll and Ontario C.W.L. President Verna Morgan of Sudbury.

Friday's guest speaker, Mrs. Jean Mahoney, of Regina, the National C.W.L.'s third vice-president, said the C.W.L. must take an in-depth look at the family unit and realize that the anxiety of many parents reflect vast changes in family life and society.

Saturday's guest speaker, Dr. George Merry, assistant in the department of geriatric medicine at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, Kingston, spoke and showed slides of the aged and handicapped, paraphrased, the throw-away or disposable people.

Convenorship awards were given and Holy Cross Council received a winner award for Community Life. Mary Ellen Van Cleef and Kathy Curran presentation and film "The First Step".

Honorable mention was also extended for Organization, Communications and Public Relations.

Mrs. Jacqueline Papke of Waterloo was re-elected president for second term, as were all other officers.

Convention chairman Mrs. Anne Siefert of Waterloo said the 2 1/2 day convention attract-

ed a record 522 delegates and observers to the session. The closing dinner Sunday was packed with more than 600, and earlier in the afternoon Bishop Reding said Mass at St. Louis Church which was filled to capacity.

The Most Reverend P.F. Reding, Bishop of Hamilton, addressed the Sunday closing banquet - theme - A Church truly alive because of your concern for others.

Rosemary Danayke of Waterloo said \$66,784 had been spent on parish needs, while \$19,726 went to missions. Welfare projects received \$13,000. Other financial aid included \$1,660 to support of guides and brownies in parishes and \$876 was given by 17 councils to the Cobalt Relief Fund for fire victims. The Development and Peace Fund received \$1,666.

A cheque for \$2,114 was presented to Bishop Reding for the Bishop's Charities Fund. He said the fund aids such causes as St. Martin's Manor for unwed mothers in Hamilton, the Development and Peace Fund, Cape Croker Indian reserve, and the hostel operated by the Good Shepherd Brothers in Hamilton.

The diocese, which extends from Hamilton to Owen Sound, has some 97 C.W.L. councils. The national membership exceeds 100,000 with more than 30,000 members in Quebec.

This convention was considered enthusiastic, enjoyable and busy.

Next monthly C.W.L. meeting: Holy Cross Church auditorium June 19, 7:00 p.m. pot luck dinner with business and evening of cards to follow.

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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">+</p> <p><b>HALTON HILLS PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Trafalgar Rd. and No. 7 Highway Pastor Rev. E.J. Friesen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, June 18</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Fathers Day 7 p.m. Galilee Singers Guelph</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 a.m. 11 a.m.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Music Director Dave &amp; Shannon Pringle</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Mid-Week Prayer &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><b>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Windsor Road at Carole St. Rev. Harold R. Palzer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, June 18</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church of the Luteran Hour</p>
<p><b>MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">177 Maple Ave. Georgetown</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, June 18</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GUEST SPEAKER REV. EDWIN MITCHELL</p>	<p><b>GEORGETOWN ALLIANCE CHURCH</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">14 Main St. S. Pastor Peter Ralph</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, June 18</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:30 p.m. Evening Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Everyone Welcome Come make our church your church</p>

### OBITUARY

## Caroline Kirkpatrick

Caroline Kirkpatrick of Limehouse died in Durham Hospital, May 30, after a brief illness. She was 77 years old.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was born in Stewarttown, where she attended public school. Her parents were James Leslie Standish and the former Mary Holland. In 1924, Mrs. Kirkpatrick married the late Sidney Kirkpatrick.

Following her marriage, Mrs. Kirkpatrick was active in community and church organizations, including Limehouse Women's Institute, Women's Missionary Society, Women's Organization of the Presbyterian Church and the 4-H program. She also enjoyed gardening, quilting and knitting.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick is survived by her daughters Mary Turner of Limehouse; Margaret (Mrs. John) Foster of Head Lake; Kathleen (Mrs. Calvin) McDonald of Elmwood; and Dorothy (Mrs. Earl) Buckle. Two sons, James and Charles, predeceased their mother.

Other surviving members of the family are Mrs. Kirkpatrick's brothers, Joseph Standish, a resident of Stewarttown; and Richard Standish of Thorold; and her sisters, Beatrice Standish of Calgary; and Mary Tubman of Oakville. She was predeceased by her brother,

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