



### 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Norval Presbyterian Church celebrated its 100th anniversary Sunday although the congregation was established in 1835. Rev. Cam Taylor (left) of Knox Presbyterian Church, Oakville was the guest minister. Rev. Norman McMillan, was minister in the church from

1935 to 1939 while Rev. Leonard Self, now at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Toronto, served the Norval charge from 1943 to 1950. Rev. Ian MacPherson, right took over the charge in 1976.

### REGISTRAR SAYS . . .

## Office is for public

A land registry office is a public registry office and the public shouldn't allow itself to be intimidated and kept away from the office, Halton-Wentworth land registrar Donald Cannon said Monday. Mr. Cannon, guest speaker at the Esqueving Historical Society meeting, described the original surveying of land in Ontario, or Upper Canada, as it was known at the time, and the workings of land registration and the registry office at the historical society meeting at St. Alban's Parish Hall.

Mr. Cannon who has worked in the registry office since 1956, was also a real estate lawyer at one time, a job he said he would rather not return to in view of the increasingly complicated paperwork involved.

The three original centres of population in Upper Canada in the 1800's were the then-capital Niagara-on-the-Lake, York and Kingston, Mr. Cannon said. The Governor of Upper Canada appointed a surveyor-general to conduct land surveys in the areas around Niagara-on-the-Lake, York and Kingston and lay out the lots. There was a necessity to register the ownership of the lots in view of the fact that much land had been granted to British soldiers who were veterans of the Napoleonic Wars, and many of them never came to Canada.

The surveyors drew a straight line as close as they could to the lake from York to Niagara-on-the-Lake and divided the country into 100-chain lots, a chain being 66 feet in length. On the average, the lots were 1,325 feet wide and 6,600 feet deep, Mr. Cannon said. This measured out to 20 chains by 100 chains. The measurement "chain" came from the fact that surveyors actually used a chain, 66 feet in length, with a post at either end, to make their measurements. The chain was simply planted at one end by a post, and the surveyor's assistant moved out with the other post until the chain was straight. A chain was made up of 100 links, each link being 7.92 inches long.

The first areas set out were the townships. Counties were formed later with the linking together of five or six townships. It was once the surveying was completed that the necessity of keeping records of land ownership became apparent.

It was also around this time that Dundas Street was laid out from York, through Peel and Halton Counties, slicing off a bit of Wentworth and continuing on to present-day London. Most of the original roads were used as military roads, Mr. Cannon said. King Street in Hamilton which meanders, was an Indian trail used as a military road, which explains its wandering path, he said.

The lots were laid out by concessions with 1 1/2 miles (6,600 feet) between concessions. When the lots were laid out, every two lots, a road allowance of one chain (66 feet) would be left for a road. Offices in the three population centres kept track of government grants. While registry offices are now filed under lot and concession numbers, the early system was filed alphabetically, Mr. Cannon said, with all the information filed under the owner's name. If the owner's name was Smith, the information would be filed under "S", but the name within the "S" file would not be in alphabetical order, and searching out the information would be very time-consuming.

In 1855, however, the government passed a law giving the registrars six months to convert the files to the lot concession reference, Mr. Cannon said. There are areas in the United States, specifically Massachusetts, Florida and New York, where the land titles and deeds are still filed alphabetically by the owner's surname. This has given rise to a successful industry called land deed insurance, Mr. Cannon said.

With land deed insurance, instead of having a lawyer research the title on the property, he will arrange insurance against the title being overturned. Should someone come along with a claim against the property, the insurance company will pay the insured man for the loss, just as if it were fire insurance. A lawyer conducting a title search is required to look back 40 years, Mr. Cannon said. A

person with a claim against a piece of property must make the claim within 40 years or it is forfeited.

Conditions can be placed on a deed, Mr. Cannon said, but they are affected by a statute of limitations. The statute of limitations does not apply, however, in the case of a charitable donation or organization. As an example, Mr. Cannon related the story of a Salvation Army building constructed by one of Ontario's first temperance men. A condition attached to the deed granting the building to the Salvation Army forbade the consumption of liquor on the premises.

When it came time for the Salvation Army to move to a new building years later the only group interested in the old building was the Legion. It required a special act of parliament to set aside the condition against alcohol attached to the deed. Mr. Cannon advises those searching out land to find out within a half-mile or less the location of the property they wish to research before coming to the registry office. He said the office receives a number of requests each year from people who want to know where their grandfather's farm was, but have no information as to where the farm is located.

"Out of 24 letters a year asking about that kind of search, about 15 are from the United States," Mr. Cannon said.

Current registry records are photographed on microfilm and the original microfilm is stored in a vault in Cookville. Copies are made from the original for use in the registry offices.

The only land not found in a registry office is Indian land, Mr. Cannon said.

"They aren't provincial, they're federal and lot and house records will be found in Ottawa in the department of Indian Affairs," he said.

Theoretically it is possible for a private citizen to deal with his land without a lawyer, Mr. Cannon said, "but I don't advise it," since the procedure is becoming vastly more complicated than it once was. "Remember you as the public are entitled to go into the registry office," Mr. Cannon said. "We, the civil servants, are required to serve you, and I hope we serve you civilly."

### Library deed shows no condition on use

Hamilton-Wentworth land registrar Donald Cannon brought a gift to the Esqueving Historical Society when he spoke at the meeting Monday night—a copy of the deed giving the Georgetown library property to the town of Georgetown for use as a library.

The meeting of the historical society was originally scheduled to be held at the library, but was later shifted to the St. Alban's Parish Hall in the town. Mr. Cannon had searched the land title, and brought a copy of the deed to the meeting.

Georgetown no longer wish to use it for a library. Other conditions include the placing of a table inside the building to inform the public that the building was donated by the church for use as a library, and the preservation of the memorial stained glass window.

The deed also forbids gambling of any kind on the premises, and asks that the bells in the church be rung every Sunday, the time to be arranged with the other ministers in Georgetown.

### Visitor succumbs to heart attack

A man visiting Canada from West Germany was found dead in a bedroom of the home in which he was staying last Saturday. A post mortem established that Erwin Kurt Kuhnappel, 68, died of a heart attack. He had been staying at a home on Eden Place.

## Hostel need is supported

The consensus emanating from those attending a workshop on battered wives is that a hostel is needed to provide temporary sanctuary for displaced women and children.

The workshop sponsored by the steering committee for Halton's proposed women's hostel drew 35 people to hear panelists discuss the problems faced by battered women and their children, as seen in their respective professions.

Halton regional police socialworker John Hubeau told the audience that a hostel would be useful to them to provide shelter for women and children during a cooling-off period following a marital squabble. A violent and unreasonable husband made unmanageable by alcohol, drugs or anger may not be persuaded to vacate his home until he cools off.

In that case, police suggest the wife and children leave and stay with a friend or neighbor over night. If they have no one to shelter them, they must be taken to a hotel in the area and Mr. Hubeau finds this unsatisfactory.

A hostel which would provide support to these people would be beneficial, he feels. Halton police dealt with 1,009 domestic complaints of this nature last year. Half of them were in Burlington while Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills made up the other half.

Cathy Thomas, an outpatient psychiatric worker at Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington,

stressed that only a small percentage of her patients come to her for treatment of problems caused by abuse is involved.

Sometimes the only time a couple communicate is when they get so angry violence results, she says.

As well as being afraid of their husbands, wives may recognize that they had a part in the conflict and are therefore reluctant to lay charges against an abusive husband.

Halton region social services supervisor Margaret Weightman told the audience that government regulations will not allow them to help a woman and her children until she has left her husband. Hotel accommodations are very costly, because they offer no support to help a family sort out problems and re-establish themselves.

"We see couples reconciling and splitting up over and over again," she said, "because the wife is pressured into a reunion. She isn't getting any help and the situation doesn't change, however, and the problems just recur and recur."

Winnie Capriotti, co-director of Hope Haven Hostel for families of alcoholics in Hamilton explained how volunteers staff the hostel and support its residents as they decide on reconciliation or separation on a permanent basis. The hostel is funded on a per diem basis, she said, and

opened in March.

Dr. Joan Marshall, a psychologist at the children's assessment and treatment centre, noted that she could offer no research on why family battles affect some children worse than others. A number of things determine the extent of the effect, however, and they include how often the violence occurs, whether the child actually sees the fight or simply hears it and uses his imagination, how the parent reassures the child after the fight, the child's relationship with both the abused and abusing parent, and whether the child has a teacher or grandparent who can model a different type of behavior for him.

Bob Martin, a member of a Burlington law firm which specializes in family law, says that while a woman can often get an interim order giving her exclusive possession of the marital home on a temporary basis, such help is rarely available in a crisis. All it takes now to get such an order is to get a lawyer to draw up an affidavit and present it to a judge. The entire process can often happen in one day but what happens when the fight occurs at night or over the weekend?

A hostel to provide temporary shelter until a wife gets an interim order would solve many problems, Mr. Martin feels. Rev. Martin Boughan, or Marty Karl as he is also known, of Inasmuch House in

Hamilton warned those present that volunteers may be very useful if they establish a hostel but they must be "people who have solved their problems."

Unless they are people who have "learned to live and be loving, giving, caring people" they will not stand up to the problems they encounter with

residents. He advised the hostel steering committee to establish a firm kind of operating policy and criteria. "The region is probably the place where you'll find your funds," he said, "but you should have some sort of back up system like fund raising campaigns to take up the slack."

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of The Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital Association will be held in the hospital cafeteria at 8:00 P.M., on June 29th, 1978. Honorable life members and 1978 members are urged to attend.

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respectively. Their instructors, D. Campbell (left) who teaches accounting, and R. Harris who teaches business subjects are both pleased with their student's achievements.

## Come to Church

**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH**  
Anglican  
Rev. R. Gallagher  
B.A., S.T.B.  
Sunday, June 25  
Trinity Sunday V

8:00 a.m.  
The Eucharist

10 a.m.  
Choral Eucharist

**GEORGETOWN ALLIANCE CHURCH**  
14 Main St. S.  
Pastor Peter Ralph

Sunday, June 25

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

Everyone Welcome  
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**HALTON HILLS PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**  
Trafalgar Rd. and No. 7 Highway  
Pastor  
Rev. E.J. Friesen

Sunday, June 25

10 a.m.  
11 a.m.  
7 p.m.

Music Director  
Dave & Shannon Pringle

Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Windsor Road at Carole St.  
Rev. Harold R. Patzer

Sunday, June 25  
"Farewell Service"

9:45  
Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.  
Worship Service

Church of the Luteran Hour

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
177 Maple Ave. Georgetown

Sunday, June 25

9:45  
Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
GUEST SPEAKER  
REV. ROLAND SMITH

11:00-12:15  
Sunday School for the deaf

**FAREWELL SERVICE, LUTHERAN PASTOR**

Rev. Harold Patzer will preach his farewell sermon to the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church here this Sunday, June 25, at 11 a.m.

After a pastorate of 7 1/2 years, Rev. Patzer has accepted a call to the parish of St. Luke's Lutheran, Eganville and Zion Lutheran, Augsburg, of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, near Pembroke, Ontario.

The family will leave Georgetown the first week in July.

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