

Ballinafad

Fond farewell: 'Trends change, but the Stiles were right for us'

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Many worshippers came out to church Sunday to hear the farewell sermon of Rev. Stiles, who has been the minister in Ballinafad for the past eight years.

The ladies and mens choirs were both out in full force to give musical selections for this special Sunday. The Junior Choir, under the direction of Bob Pinkerton, did a marvelous job as they started off with an appropriate anthem.

The ladies and mens choir sang together; their selection was "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow". Just previous to

the sermon the mens choir sang "Precious Memories". Both were a joy to listen to.

Mr. Stiles started his sermon by saying there are two sermons difficult for a minister to give as he takes over a new charge: his first and his last.

His first one in Ballinafad, must have been good, but surely his last one will stand out in the memory of the congregation.

He spoke on "A Four-dimensional Faith". He said there are many remembrances of faith, support and friendship which he can recall during the years of his ministry here, one of the highlights being the 100th anniversary of the

Church celebrated in May, 1878.

The closing hymn was "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". Those who could not stay for the lunch that followed the service said farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Stiles at the door of the Sanctuary as they left for home. Most, however, stayed for lunch and the presentations which followed.

The floral arrangements and the lighted blue candles made a lovely setting for the special cake made for the occasion. It was a beautiful cake, made and decorated by Doreen Burt, a member of the choir. It was in the form of an open Bible decorated with a cross and the

words written across the top, Don Sheila and Donnie Glen.

"May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You Till We Meet Again."

Following the bounteous lunch, Don Brown called Sheila and Don and son to take the chair at the front and Bob Pinkerton read the following address:

Dear Don, Sheila and Donnie Glen. We come together in true Christian friendship on this, your last Sunday with the Ballinafad United church congregation.

As we reflect on the past eight years many special memories come to mind. Each person has his own special recollections of your ministry to us. If we were to list your accomplishments in our congregation it would virtually take an additional eight years. This we won't do as we know you are anxious

to start the journey to your new calling.

But let us reflect briefly on these past eight years. When you first came, Donnie Glen was just a toddler and how he has already taken part in our Family Sunday brought special messages and food for thought to both old and young.

Don, it is only at a time like this that we can really appreciate the work that you have done here. Not only have you provided us with inspiring sermons, you have advised us to proceed with caution as we had to make decisions concerning pastoral relations with other congregations.

And in these years many new faces have become familiar to the congregation and that in itself gives a message.

There are other incidents that have provided the proverbial comic relief. For those of us who attended the U.C.W. Christmas Pot Luck Dinner, we automatically think of our yearly visit from those well-known visitors from Quebec.

Then there was the Advent Sunday when you attempted to light more than the candle. Badly lit candles would have run more smoothly if there was always water in the font. We often wondered if the bag of cookies on the front seat of the car would last you until lunch time.

All these memories that you have given us will remain with us through the years as each season comes and goes. Even though you are leaving us we will remember you often as each time a similar situation presents itself.

Trends change, fads affect change but the Stiles have been right for us.

We hope that you will return often to the quaint little village in southern Ontario that only the residents know how to pronounce - Ballinafad.

We too would like to be remembered as you continue your ministry in each new calling. We therefore would like you to accept these gifts so that you will remember us and the eight years you spent with this congregation.

God's richest blessings on you.

The Congregation,
Ballinafad United Church

Committee chairmen named

It is with deep regret I have to announce the passing of Comrade Flo Matheson, a long-time member of Branch 120. Flo was an ex lance corporal of the C.W.A.C. serving from 1943 to 1945. Our deepest sympathy to those she left.



LEGION LINES

By Tom Elliott

man, Buster Hale Service Officer, Tut Harrison, Poppy Chairman Dave Bell will be Colour Sergeant, Rev. Peter Barrow is the Padre Bruce Collins is the Secretary and Frank Nickolson the Treasurer. Denny Wright, Past President and Sick Chairman.

This committee is only as good as the members behind them so give them every support possible to make this a successful year. The office of P.R.O. is yet to be announced.

Comrades in Georgetown hospital are R. Wiggins, Sam Gishy and M. Morlaty. Bill Korzak is in Toronto General Hospital and Nick Garvin is in St. John's Hospital in Toronto. M. Hunter of the Ladies Auxiliary is in Georgetown Hospital.

old Badham, 1st vice, Community Affairs, Canteen Chairman and Leadership is held by Norm Ward, 2nd Vice and Sargent-At-Arms is Pat

Chamberlain, Jim Hayes is Sports Officer, Jim Kirk is Ways and Means, Lloyd Housell is Entertainment House Chair-

Beware of bike thieves

Boots will be entertaining in the lounge Saturday night. The Branch has donated \$1,000 to ActiVan the bus service for the disabled in Georgetown.

At the last general meeting, the Zone Commander Jack James swore in the elected officers for the coming year. The following elected and appointed men and the chairs they hold are, President Har-

With the beginning of summer holidays, Halton police have reported an annual rapid increase in bicycle thefts.

Constable Scott Pringle reported this week there have been up to six reports of stolen bikes per day with a record number of 13 bikes reported stolen one day. Some bikes, he

said, are stolen repeatedly.

Once police have recovered the bikes, they often remain unclaimed and have to be auctioned off at the end of the year.

Constable Pringle suggests that the children make a note of the make and serial number

of their bike to aid in identification. Even if there is no serial number, he invites the kids to bring their bikes in and the police will put their social insurance number on it. With proper identification, Halton police can recover a bike found anywhere in Canada.

Speyside resident's treatment at hearing disturbs NEC's Roy Booth

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unique wildlife "micro-climate". The absence of some other common plant species which abound in Halton indicate that the forest has been basically unimpacted by man since the Ice Age.

Adhering strictly with the "letter of the law," hearing officer W.T. Shrivies ensured that evidence presented on the Standard proposal dealt specifically with the company's rezoning plans for the property and discouraged questions which attempted to assess further reaching effects the proposal would have.

Because of the limited area, to which questions could be posed without being ruled out of order, Speyside resident Jean Falls found it difficult to cross-examine some of Standard's evidence.

In a letter to Premier Bill Davis published in last week's Herald, Mrs. Falls sharply criticized Mr. Shrivies' interruptions to her questioning, which she said eventually reduced her to tears.

Like other residents living almost next door to the proposed quarry, Mrs. Falls is concerned about effects on her water supply which the digging - and possibly blasting may have, as well as the effect of noise and dust on the area surrounding the Standard property.

self at the manner with which the hearing officers treated her," Coun. Booth said, adding that Mrs. Falls' questions about adjoining lands could have been asked "if they had been worded properly."

Although he maintained that Mr. Shrivies was absolutely correct in adhering to the "letter of the law" confining questions specifically to the site, Coun. Booth said there was "no reason" for the hearing officer's curtness.

Despite the tension and occasional bitterness which particularly flared up during the Standard Aggregate sessions, Halton Hills lawyer Tom Anderson reported to the town's general committee meeting last week that opponents of the company's proposal fared well against Standard's astute lawyer, Burton Kellock, and the company's well-prepared study.

ing actually begins (eventually the company would have to appear before a Pits and Quarries hearing for a permit to start digging) the final designation of the land in the escarpment plan would supercede other designations proposed in regional and town plans.

Therefore, neither municipal level would have much to say - except possibly at the Pits and Quarries hearing - about developing the property and road access to it.

Coun. Booth roughly estimated that it could take another four years before the Niagara Escarpment plan finally becomes law. There are more

hearings planned, volumes of information to condense for reports and hours of study ahead for the hearing officers.

Nevertheless, new quarrying and gravel operations will have to wait for the final plan before they can begin.

This alone would be of some consolation to residents living on the escarpment except that there are no assurances that the province's continuing demand for construction material near the Toronto area won't railroad the plan to a hasty self-serving conclusion.

There is already considerable suspicion that the province's transport ministry's plans

to widen and strengthen Highway 25 presupposes that more aggregate operations will be opening in this area of the escarpment and that trucks will need a better route to get them to the construction sites.

The Dump

Two ladies were overheard chatting. "Whenever I'm down in the dumps, I get myself a 'new hat,'" said one. The response was anything but flattering: "I always wondered where you got them."

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While not knowing what Standard's case would entail, the town, working closely with Halton Region Conservation Authority lawyer Bert Arnold, was able to effectively use a hydrologist's report from M.M. Dillon Consultants as well as statements from other experts.

The hearing officers' decision is of paramount importance to local planners. Even though their approval of the Standard proposal would only be the first step before quarry-

ing actually begins (eventually the company would have to appear before a Pits and Quarries hearing for a permit to start digging) the final designation of the land in the escarpment plan would supercede other designations proposed in regional and town plans.

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As a town and regional councillor, Mr. Booth was especially concerned about the way Mrs. Fall was treated at the hearings, and he stressed that the hearing officers are functioning entirely as independently from the NEC.

"I was quite disturbed my-

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