

High point was finding 'a home' in 1959

St. Andrew's widely known as base for YMCA

By ANI PEBERIAN
Herald Staff Writer

It used to be known as the little white church in the field, and now it's known as the "Y". St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Road at Sinclair Avenue in Georgetown, used to be the only building in the midst of rolling fields. Since 1973, when a practical multipurpose building was added to the site, it has been known as the home of the YMCA. Space is rented to the local "Y" which uses the facilities during the day and some evenings.

"I think it's great that it's used all week instead of being a building that's used only once a week," said Marilyn Rea, a church member.

St. Andrew's has struggled to exist since it was born in 1959 with 41 families. The struggles it has weathered have drawn the congregation close and given them many humorous memories.

The original congregation used to be part of St. John's United Church on Guelph Street, but left to start up their own church when St. John's became too crowded.

"There were so many people they had to put chairs in the aisles and even then they had to have two services," said Mrs. Rea, a charter member of St. Andrew's.

The new congregation used to meet in the hall of Harrison Public School on Rexway Drive Sundays. And each Sun-

day, a small piano was trucked to the school for the service.

OWN PIANO

"Organist, required, bring your own piano," quipped Dave Taylor, another charter member.

A portable church was erected in late 1959 on the present site of St. Andrew's, giving the congregation a home. It's still there, but no longer used.

Mrs. Rea said the first service in the portable building was a high point for the congregation. It was their own building and a big difference from having services in the school hall.

However, bad times came up for the congregation. When Prime Minister John Diefenbaker cancelled the AVRO Arrow program which was employing many Georgetoners, thousands found themselves unemployed in the spring of 1959. Many of the congregation had to leave Georgetown to find work elsewhere.

Time passed, and perhaps it was the reasonably priced houses in Georgetown that attracted so many young couples to the area, but St. Andrew's found its Sunday School enrolment peaking at 300 pupils in 1967. To cope with the large number of young people, they divided them into two groups according to age and held two Sunday School sessions.

As well, in 1975, a monthly bulletin was started by the United Church Women

U.C.W., a women's group in the church.

LOOKING UP

In 1968, a building committee was formed as things were looking up, and by 1973, a practical multipurpose building had been erected on the same site, next to the original portable.

It was economics that made the congregation build a hall for their new sanctuary instead of a more "churchy" looking building. With a hall, they would be able to rent the building and have money coming in.

The UCW was particularly pleased with the new building as the kitchen room was more generous. Mrs. Rea and Alice Greenaway, another church member, can recall when they would prepare dinners for 60 to 120 people in a five by five kitchen and be constantly bumping derrieres.

The new building was used as the sanctuary because the portable building was beginning to sink, and, because it was heated by electricity, the portable was expensive to heat, said Mr. Taylor.

You can still see the doors joining the new hall to the old portable, but they've been blocked off by metal cast closets. The portable is going to be removed from the site soon, said Dr. Tom Bandy, the new minister at St. Andrew's.

Dr. Bandy came to St. Andrew's Sept. 6, replacing pastor Donald Stiles, who was

transferred to Newcastle.

An American, Dr. Bandy was formerly ministering four churches with his wife Lynne, who is also an ordained minister, in New York state.

He grew up mainly in Chicago and received his seminary degree from Princeton. He earned his doctoral degree in theology from the University of Toronto.

Within five years, St. Andrew's intends to build a permanent sanctuary attached to the present multipurpose building.

From 1958 to 1974 St. Andrew's was a mission church, which means it received yearly grants to help it survive from the Home Mission Board, United Church organization that checks church financial statements

and helps floundering churches.

Church membership now numbers about 175 families and it's expected to increase, said Dr. Bandy.

"Churches are now coming out of the decline and there should be a resurgence of growth," he said.

If you're wondering why the congregation is hesitant to sit in the front row, it's because Mr. Taylor made the pulpit on the stage a moveable pulpit.

"Everybody's afraid the minister's going to fall over with in one Sunday while leaning on it during his sermon," Mr. Taylor laughed. He has put a large grey cement block in the base of the pulpit to prevent such a happening.

Record time for the drive is eight and a half minutes with good road conditions," Mr. Taylor joked.

"In future, relations between the two churches will become closer," Dr. Bandy anticipates. Both churches support the minister's salary together.

At present, Dr. Bandy is recovering from a fall he had while wallpapering the manse behind the church. He's hobbling around with a cane.

Dr. Bandy is also the minister of the Ballinacred United Church, holding Sunday services there directly after services in Georgetown.



TOM BANDY

CHURCH DIRECTORY

This Weekend attend the Church of your choice.....

<p>GEORGETOWN ALLIANCE CHURCH 14 Main St. S. Georgetown Rev. Peter Ralph, B.A., M.Div.</p> <p>SUNDAY SERVICES 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Service</p> <p>WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting</p> <p>CALL: 877-9810, 853-3923</p> <p><small>A CHURCH OF THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE IN CANADA</small></p>	<p>MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR Edwin H. Mitchell 877-6685 — 877-0320</p> <p>EVERY SUNDAY Family Bible School 9:45 a.m. Biblical Preaching, Good Music 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Supervised Nursery</p> <p>WEEKLY Bible Study & Prayer Ladies Coffee Hour Youth Time & Recreation Boys & Girls Clubs</p> <p>MONTHLY Jolly Seniors Missionary Meeting</p> <p>Visitors Always Welcome!</p>	<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WINDSOR ROAD AT CAROLE STREET</p> <p>PASTOR REV. DR. J.M. DRICKAMER</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>CHURCH SERVICE 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Church of the Lutheran Hour</p>
--	--	---

Register now for Y winter programs

Continued from page A11

program. The aquatics program is held Sunday evenings at the Georgetown Indoor Pool.

Registrations are now being accepted for the Y's Winter programs. It is important that you pre-register at the YMCA Office, prior to the start of the programs. Pre-register at 89 Mountainview Road South or call 877-6163.

Treasure Tours €

WIN a fun filled trip for two to sunny Palm Beach, Florida

Your Treasure Tours Holiday Package Includes:

- Round trip air fare for two to Florida via Nordair.
- Seven nights hotel accommodation.
- \$300 U.S. funds per couple for meals.
- Prepaid hotel service charges and tax.
- Prepaid Canadian departure tax.
- Return transfers to hotel.
- Services of a Treasure Tours representative.
- Treasure Tours beach bag.
- Value of prize approximately \$1350 (Canadian).

Contest Rules

1. No purchase necessary to enter.
2. Contest is open to everyone except employees (and immediate families) of participating Travel Agents and retailers, this newspaper and Treasure Tours.
3. Contest closes Saturday, January 2, 1982.
4. Winner will be announced in January, 1982.
5. Treasure Tours Florida holiday is as described and subject to the terms and conditions of Treasure Tours' brochure.
6. No cash equivalent or substitution.
7. Departure will be in May, subject to space available at time of booking.
8. Winner will be required to answer a skill-testing question.
9. Decision of the judges is final. You accept these rules when you enter the contest.

Entry coupons available at any of the participating Travel agents or retailers listed on this page.

Uniglobe Georgetown Travel
48 Main Street S.
Phone: 877-2252

Goliger's Travel
235 Guelph Street
Phone: 877-0103

Ross Travel Agency
296 Guelph Street
Phone: 457-8624

Barber and Henley Ltd.
72 Main Street S.
Phone: 457-4655

BAKERY DELITE

Four Days Only

KAISERS \$1.00 DOZEN

LIMIT 1 DOZEN PER CUSTOMER

330 Guelph St. G/Town
and our New Location
110 Mill St. Georgetown

HOOD... IS THE FASTEST TAXI SERVICE IN TOWN?

FLASH TAXI IS!

... THATS WHO!

NOW LOCATED AT

JOE'S TUCK SHOP

• Special Airport Rates
• Senior Citizens Rates
• Fast and Courteous Service

CALL 877-1442, 877-9914, or 877-7200
55 MAIN ST. S. 877-3301
DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN

ROYAL PIZZA & SPAGHETTI HOUSE

Or Try Our Dining Room, Licensed under L.L.B.O. to sell WINE & BEER

FAST FREE DELIVERY

877-2277
877-2278

GEORGETOWN
162 Guelph St.

thruway mufflercentre

Worried about that funny noise?
WE HEAR YOU!
come in for our

Free Muffler Inspection

and drive away worry free.

HALTON THRUWAY MUFFLER

348 Guelph St. Georgetown
877-7042

STYLE AND SAVINGS

Men's Dress Shoes

1/2 PRICE

THINKING OF WINTER VACATIONS?
COME SEE US, GEORGETOWN'S EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR OF SAMSONITE LUGGAGE

Galyn Shoes & Luggage

Georgetown Market Place 877-3103

Follow the Sun

with exciting winter vacation packages from TREASURE TOURS.

Book Now With:

BARBER & HENLEY LTD.

"All Forms of Travel Service and Insurance"

72 Main St. S. Downtown Georgetown 877-2214