St. Andrew's widely known as base for YMCA

By ANI PEDERIAN 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 sile, 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 1958 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 Son-

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

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 emplaying many Georgetowners, thousands found themselves unemployed in the spring of 1959. Many of the congregation had to leave Georgelown to find work elsewhere.

Time passed, and perhaps it was the reasonably priced houses in Georgetown that altracted so many young couples to the area, but St. Andrew's found its Sunday School enrolment peaking at

(U.C.W.), a women's group in transferred to Newcastle. 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

It was economies that made the congregation build a hall for their new sanctuary instead of a more "churchy" tooking 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

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



TOM BANDY

"I'm more a city person, closer to the urban life," he said. He enjoys the cultural activities that a city can provide. At present, Dr. Bandy is

recovering from a fall he had hobbling around with a cane.

"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, 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

floundering helps

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 pullit.

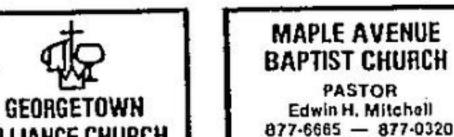
"Everybody's afraid the minister's going to fall over with in one Sunday while leaning on it during his sermon," Mr. Taylor laughed. He has put a large gray cement block in the base of the pulpit to prevent such a

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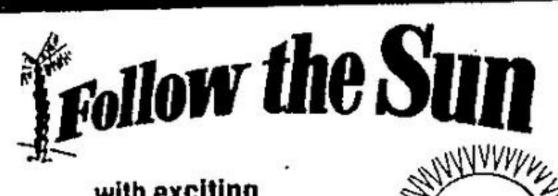
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