St. Paul's 'special place' for Norvalites since 1845

About five of the tall side

windows on each side of the

church need replacing and Ric

would like the opaque glass

replaced with clear glass to let

losing windows."

in more light.

By ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff Writer If you were to put Ric Ruggles in a red sult padded with a couple of pillows, you wouldn't know him from Santa

Claus. Ric's ruddy round checks, white wavy hair and blue eyes cast him for the part right away. All he needs is the beard and the potbelly to jiggle.

The minister for St. Paul's Anglican Church in Norval for



in a series 13 years, Ric prefers to be

called by his first name. "Most people call me Ric." he said, expressing his dislike for the term "Reverend". "It's

an adjective and it's not proper grammar to use it that way." Ric worked a year in the United Church archives before being ordained minister, and is back poring over the books

He's working on his doctorate in church history at the Toronto School of Theology at Trinity College and has completed one year of the program. He is only working part-time as minister at St.

"It's the oldest church building in the Georgetown area," Ric said, dating St. Paul's Anglican Church to 1845.

He said a miller, Peter Adamson, used to have a mill nearby and being a supporter of the church, gave the land for the building.

"This has always been an Anglican church," said Ric. It's one of four Anglican churches in Halton Hills. The others are in Georgetown, Stewarttown, and Glen Willi-

As you enter the small church on Winston Churchill Boulevard, you immediately notice a font for baptisms on your right. Ric explained the ornately carved font is placed at the church entrance for a symbolic reason, not architectural. It is through baptism that one enters the church, he

YOUNG MEMBERS "We seem to have a lot of baptisms which suggest there are a lot of young families

here," said Ric. He said that sometimes the number of people downstairs in Sunday school rivals the number upstairs in the sanctuary. There are about 30 youngsters attending Sunday school, and about 50 families in the congregation.

Although there is a parish hall, built in 1920, next to the church bullding, it isn't used for Sunday school. Ric said it's expensive to heat, and that's why the basement of the church was built in the 1940s after the war.

St. Paul's has old pine floors



The sole stained glass window in St. Paul's Anglica: Church in Norval is directly opposite the church entrance. It was designed by local artist Marjorle Nazer. The tall side windows on both sides of the church are an opaque glass and will soon be replaced because several are broken.

In the Churches

and hand-crafted wooden

pews originally," said Ric. end and are good for keeping

He said there used to be a higher ceiling, a balcony and a three-decker pulpit, but they

BLACK GRATES

However, a big black chandelier of cast iron that matches the grates is still used. It was originally lit with kerosene but now functions

with electricity. "Somebody tried to steaf It once but it was cumbersome enough that they couldn't get away with it," said Ric. "Instead, they stole a small old light from the church entrance which we never recovered."

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If your church does not have representative, write to Scripture Union, 300 Steelcase Road, No. 19, Markham, Ont., L3R 2W2, and ask for a listing of their programs.

Women Alive, an organization holding meetings designed for women's fellowship, has created "Precept upon Precept", a program of Bible study that could, in their words "transform your life". This is an inductive bible study providing a systematic approach to the study of God's Word. Further information from any member or representative of Women Alive or by writing them at Box 911, Barrie, Ontario, LAM 4Y6.

Soap operas on television are extremely popular these days, yet they give no encouragement to life. Now there is a "Christian soap" entitled "Another Life" produced by

the Christian Broadcasting Get the book at the local Network and the 700 Club. At this time I don't know what areas it may be seen in, but watch for it.

A theory has been advanced by John Hopkins University professor and noted egyptologist Dr. Hans Goedicke, that a tidal wave, triggered by a volcanic cruption on the island of Thera near Crete, parted the Red Sea at the time of the Exodus. He states that his study of ancient documents led to the "first solid evidence, and verified the Biblical account to an unexpected degree"

A recent meeting of all Roman Catholic bishops in Mexico labelled Billy Graham as a "non-Christian".

BOOKS, - A booklet is available entitled "Evolution and the Bible" by Robert L. Whitelaw, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Polytechnical Institute. Subtitled "In the Light of 15,000 Radio Carbon Dates", this booklet confirms why Christians believe in the Creation rather than evolution. Available from M.B.C. Publications, Box 520, Huntsville, Ontario, POA 1KO. Postage I am sure would be appreciated

What happens after death? "In the After Life" by Tim LaHaye gives insight into such subjects as "where are the dead?", "what is the resurrection?" and other questions that one may have regarding that which we all must go through.

"There may have been box Box pews have gates at each youngsters from running around during a service.

were removed 100 years ago.

"Becoming modern is nothing new," he smiled. "That was considered modernization then."

Old black grates have been left in the floor, a reminder of when the church was heated by a coal furnace. One in the centre aisle trips up many a bride in high heels, said Ric. Now the church is heated by a gas furnace and the grates aren't used.

He said churches have to ock their doors nowadays. 'They don't like to do that but there's so much vandalism going on," he said. "We kept

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trucks changing gear on Highway 7 can be heard during the service, said Ric. "You get the odd dog walking in," he

St. Paul's sponsored a

family of nine Vielnamese

refugees last year which quickly became self-supporting and moved to Brampton, sald Ric.

"We're not big on organizations. If we do something,

everybody pitches in and

things are done by the whole congregation rather than by organizations," he said.

Ric said the church operates on a very informal level because it is small and Intimate.

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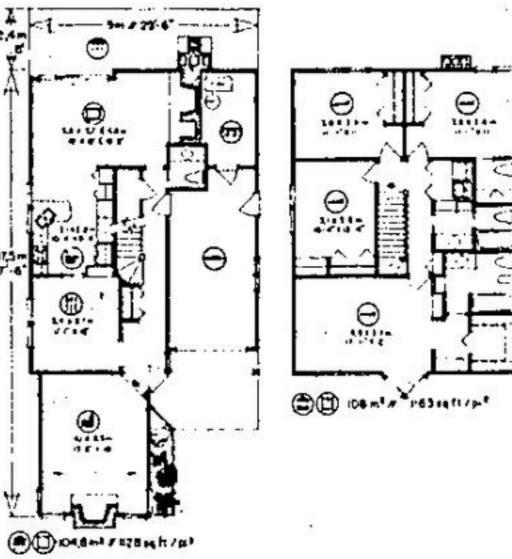
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main entry leads into an angular reception foyer and outerwear storage area, from whence traffic moves left and down two steps into the rectangular eunken living room. The tiving room features a dramatic vaulted celling and a relacd-hearth masonry fireplace flanked by fulfheight dismond-paned and clerestory windows.

separation of formal dining when entertaining and more casual family meats. The kitchen has a step-saving work triangle, generous countertop work surfaces and abundant cupboard storage. A convenient sneck bar counter could be installed on the family room side, for those who prefer. The spacious family room provides ample space for multi-purpose furnlahing, i.e., dinette-lounge, according to individual family requirements. A wide reisedhearth masonry fireplace with built-in log storage, and a barbeque on the patio side.

dining room and the dinette-

family room combination,

providing for excellent

greatly facilitates cook-outs; and the sliding glass walkthrough provides essy access to the pallo for al freeco dining in fine weather. A two-place vanity bathroom is accessible from all areas of the lower level;

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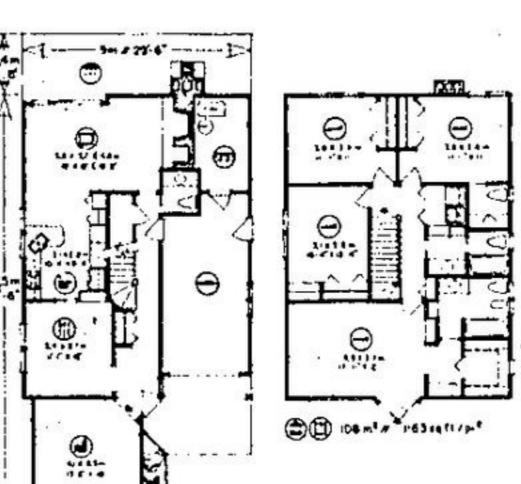
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