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a pipe organ added. The congregation has continued to maintain the 103 year old building which is a source of pride to the community with its striking gothic architecture.

Norval Presbyterian church

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 "I'm getting much younger people on my Session now than I ever had."

He said elders are the final court of appeal for any church matters. Looking after the spiritual welfare of the congregation, elders also assist the minister in giving communion and visiting members of the congregation.

"It's an unwritten law that husbands and wives aren't both elders. You could have them taking opposite sides on an issue and all it could cause is more trouble," Rev. Barrow said.

Introducing women into the Session and church management board is current history for Norval Presbyterian's congregation, but there's a lot of past history too.

SPIRED CHURCH
 With a membership of 135, the spired church on Highway 7 and Draper Street began as a mission church of Terra Cotta's Union Presbyterian Church back in 1835.

Members held services in their homes until 1839, when a quarter acre of land south of Norval was purchased from James Mitchell for five shillings. A frame church was erected and a cemetery laid out.

In 1852, another quarter acre was added and an additional third of an acre in 1889.

When the frame church became inadequate for the needs of the congregation, a vacant lot at Guelph and Draper Streets was purchased and an adjoining house and lot. Copying the plans of the Georgetown Congregational Church (now the library) a brick building was erected for \$7,000 in February, 1879.

In 1903, \$4,000 worth of improvements were made to the church physical. The build-

ing's floor was raised, the walls and ceiling were decorated, and new seats, carpeting and a pipe organ added.

A manse was built next to the church in 1888, costing \$2,700, and an additional piece of land was bought for a caretaker's cottage.

VOTED NO
 When the issue of union came up in 1925, whereby Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches combined to form the United Church of Canada, the Norval church voted 'no'.

"We had maybe 50 go out and 50 come in to our church," Albert Hunter, Clerk of Session for 31 years, said. "About 50 people came from the Mount Pleasant Church on Highway 7 in Brampton when it went union."

That was when the current Clerk of Session at Norval Presbyterian Church joined up.

"Church union was going on for about a year and people had taken one side or another by voting time," Harold McClure said.

Margaret Russell joined the

church early in the century and remembers serving ice cream in a booth for a church garden party the day war was declared in 1914.

She said she isn't able to go to church regularly now because of her health, but she receives typed copies of the sermons.

"I know so few people here now," she said. "I might know six of the older ones."

The church continues to share a minister with Union Church, a sharing that began back in 1845, with Rev. Patrick Gray.

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Life in not-so-chilly Yukon gave minister special insights

We're being duped about the "tough" life in the Yukon and Northwest Territories, according to a former minister there.

Rev. Ian MacPherson, 35, of Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches in Halton Hills now, worked as a minister in Whitehorse for three years.

After graduating from University of Toronto's Knox College with a Master of Divinity degree, Rev. MacPherson headed into the true north.

"In good revolutionary fashion I went up to Whitehorse as a missionary," he told The Herald. "I had a downtown church there."

Comparing the community in size to Georgetown, he said it was easy to get involved in many things in Whitehorse.

"They tell all kinds of myths in the Yukon and Northwest Territories to keep people thinking it's really tough," Rev. MacPherson said. "One of them is about the Alaska Highway. Sure, it's a gravel road, but it's a good road."

With only 20 per cent of the population born in Whitehorse, and those living there not planning to be there for a long period of time, Whitehorse has acquired very few traditions, he said.

"My congregations here are steeped in traditions. They come from families who have been farming the

same farm, going to the same church, living the same lifestyle for five or six generations," Rev. MacPherson said. "Traditions are rich and valuable."

Plunged right from the start into dealing with the heavy problems Whitehorse residents had, he said he was counselling people, yet felt he didn't have enough background to do so.

"Whitehorse is one of the worst places in Canada for problems. It has the highest number of abortions, divorces and alcohol consumption of any place else in Canada," he said.

Finding the winters bad, Rev. MacPherson said he no longer has the same affection for the season he used to love in Toronto, the city he was born and raised in.

Ice one and a half inches thick coated the inside of house windows and gave a cocooned feeling when indoors in Whitehorse. For Rev. MacPherson and his wife the winter cold produc-

ed cabin fever and a hemmed-in feeling.

Within a month of moving to Whitehorse, his daughter Jennifer, now 9, was born. Two years later his son Jeremy joined the family.

At present, Rev. MacPherson is separated from his wife, a teacher. Both congregations respect him and praise his work, not holding his marital troubles against him.

"I was surprised. I expected there would be some people saying 'if you can't keep your own house together you shouldn't be a minister', but I found everybody really supportive of both of us," Rev. MacPherson said.

Wanting more education and background to deal with the problems people were bringing him, Rev. MacPherson left the Yukon and came to Halton Hills where he, besides ministering to two congregations is able to take courses at the Gestalt Institute in Toronto and at the Interfaith Pastoral Coun-

selling Agency in Kitchener.

"This is a pretty rich job. It offers the kind of personal involvement that nothing else does," Rev. MacPherson said enthusiastically. "You get involved in people's lives and they invite you to. It's kind of neat. I call my ministry my lifestyle."

At first he felt really disorganized co-ordinating two churches alone. "It was two of everything". Now, however, he's gotten used to it and has initiated a number of joint events with the two congregations.

The Regional Municipality of Halton PUBLIC NOTICE

SOURCE SEPARATION PROGRAM

On November 4, 1981, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton passed By-Law No. 115-81, to prohibit the disposal of recyclable newsprint in all Regional Landfill Sites, after April 1, 1982.

Special drop-off points will be set up at the following locations:
 1) Burlington Landfill Site, North Service Road, Burlington.
 2) Oakville Landfill Site, Fourth Line, Oakville.
 3) Halton Hills Temporary Transfer Station, Armstrong Avenue, Halton Hills (Georgetown).
 4) Water Pollution Control Plant, Churchill Road South, Halton Hills (Acton).

A container will be placed at each location, only for the purpose of accepting clean bundled newsprint.

Residents using these containers should bundle up the newspapers with string, 100% newspapers - no magazines or other papers. If bags are used, they should be the grocery store type with handles. Untied bundles, newspapers placed in boxes or paper bags with other garbage, or newspapers placed in green garbage bags will NOT be accepted.

The source separation program in Halton includes a curbside pick-up in the City of Burlington, the Divide and Conquer Program in the Town of Halton Hills, a depot system in the Town of Milton and the existing voluntary groups throughout the Region. The newsprint will be separated and baled at a paper recycling plant in Burlington.

With regards to the urban areas of the Towns of Oakville and Milton, the requirement and collection (at curbside) of separated newsprint has been deferred, but will be brought on stream at a later date.

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D.Y. Perlin
 Acting Regional Clerk

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Effective April 1st, 1982, the following rates will apply on Electricity used by customers supplied by the Halton Hills Hydro Commission:

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THE PROGRAM

New criteria for the 1982 Ontario Farm Adjustment Assistance Program will help more farmers re-structure, re-organize and consolidate viable farm enterprises facing financial difficulties.

In addition to direct financial aid, farm business management counselling is provided.

This program has three participants: the farmer, an approved lender and the Ontario Government.

ASSISTANCE

Farmers can take advantage of one or more of the following options:

1. Deferral of interest by the lender on loans for a period of six months backed by a Provincial guarantee. During this time, the lender will not compound the interest.
2. An interest reduction grant on floating-rate loans and short term, fixed-rate operating loans. The maximum grant will be 5% and will not reduce the interest rate below 12%.
3. An additional line of credit for operating purposes only, guaranteed by the Province of Ontario. This new credit would be provided by the lender at the prime rate.

THE NEW CRITERIA

The farmer must have equity in the farm business of at least 10% and not more than 60% a new upper limit. Present interest and principal payments must exceed 20% of operating costs.

The farmer must prepare a farm viability plan based on sound production and financial management and carry out this plan.

The total value of food or tobacco products produced on the farm in 1981 must exceed \$12,000, a reduction from \$25,000.

APPLICATIONS

For further information on this program and application instructions see your lender or visit an OMAF county office or write: 1982 Farm Assistance Program, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1B7

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