



### Reviewing the troops

The Georgetown Legion 756 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets were all split and polish for the 20th Annual Inspection June 6 at the Georgetown Memorial Arena. Reviewing officer Brig.-Gen. P.J. Taggart, and

his entourage examined the cadets, who stood ram-rod straight during the proceedings. Following the inspection, cadets were presented with awards. (Herald photo)

## Norval church celebrates 150th

By REV. ANGUS SUTHERLAND  
Herald Special

NORVAL-Norval Presbyterian Church celebrated its 150th anniversary on the weekend of June 4 and 5. The congregation welcomed back many old friends to a banquet on Saturday night, and to morning and evening services on Sunday.

On Saturday evening, the banquet began with a presentation by John McDermid, MP, of a letter of congratulations from the Prime Minister to the congregation. The letter was received on behalf of Norval church by Mr. Jamie Cunningham, the Clerk of Session. Following the presentation, a delicious turkey dinner was served. The banquet was catered by Norval's sister congregation, Union Presbyterian Church.

After dinner there was entertainment. A quartet with John Henderson, tenor, Angus Sutherland, lead, Rob Milliken, baritone, and Bob Rosie, bass, sang three songs. Music was also provided by Wayne and Ruth Krawchuk, former members of the congregation, and by Mr. Bill Barclay, whose songs reminded many Presbyterians of their Scottish roots. Bill was accompanied by the church organist, Mrs. Marilyn Micklethwaite. Interspersed with the music were reminiscences of former ministers, the Rev. Lockie

### Friends visit

By KAY WILSON  
Herald Special

NORVAL-Bill and Reta Deenik of RRI, Norval, have been entertaining family friends from Friesland, Holland, Stien and Lammie van der Lende, Carel and Zus van der Plas, and Ben and Ineke Schrader, all attended the wedding on May 28 of Debbie Deenik to Ron Riddell of Milverton, in Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel. They have also been taking in the tourist highlights of Ontario.

### New arrival

NORVAL-Congratulations to Barry and Sharon Dunlop, on the birth of their daughter Alanna Christine on May 18 at the Georgetown hospital. A sister for Stephanie, and seventh grandchild for John and Jean Dunlop and ninth grandchild for Gramma Kate Laidlaw.

### Returns home

NORVAL-Irene Goodfellow, RRI, Norval has returned from a two-week trip to Ireland. Irene remarked she met a lot of friendly people, while she toured the country, as well as beautiful Galway Bay. She took advantage of the bed and breakfast accommodation, and said "A woman can travel there alone, as long as you stay away from the north."

### Reception held

NORVAL-A reception for family and friends was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ormie Carter on June 5, in honor of Angela Lockridge and Gregory Harris. They are to be married in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Wingham, Ont., on June 25. Angela is the daughter of Mrs. E. Lockridge of Wingham and Greg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris of Georgetown. Joe is a former school principal at Norval and his wife Marie Laird, was born and raised in Norval. Angela and Greg met at St. Wilfrid Laurier University; they graduated together in Marketing (Honours). Angela is with General Motors Corp. and Greg is with Purolator Courier.

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## Norval news

Royal, the Rev. Ian MacPherson, and the Rev. Howard Smith. Catherine Newman also spoke on behalf of her mother, Mrs. Janet Duncanson, who was unable to be present due to a fall.

On Sunday morning, about 300 joined in worship and gave thanks to God for his goodness and love. The Rev. Lockie Royal, minister of the congregation from 1951-1960, preached the sermon on the theme of "Jubilee", based on a reading from the book of Leviticus. He was assisted by the present minister, the Rev. Angus Sutherland, who also led in the celebration of Communion. The soloist was Mrs. Rhona Gale, of Kingston, Ontario, who is a sister of Angus Sutherland. The choir, led by Marilyn Micklethwaite, sang "Hosanna!" by Smith.

The service began in a blackout, caused by a power outage in Norval, and the piano was used for the opening hymn. During the announcements, a presentation was made to the congregation by Walter Elliot, MPP. As he handed the letter of congratulations from the premier to Jamie Cunningham, the lights came on, provoking laughter and comments about the merits of being Liberal.

Preaching at the evening service, which was attended by about 175, was the Rev. Ian MacPherson, minister of the congregation from 1976-1983. He spoke about God's call to be faithful and to yield to the Holy Spirit so that growth may take place. He was assisted by the Rev. Howard Smith, minister from 1970-1975, and the communion service was again led by the Rev. Angus Sutherland. The voices of the

choir, and the soloist, Mrs. Rhona Gale, expressed the joy and praise of the congregation, and their love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

As part of the celebration, a souvenir communion token was struck. Communion tokens were first issued in churches in Scotland to prevent abuses of the Lord's Supper. As Scottish immigrants brought the trappings of their faith to Canada, many tokens, made of lead, brass, or pewter, were made for churches in this country. During the ministries of Patrick Gray, 1846-1850, and Joseph Alexander, 1852-1887, tokens were used at Norval for admission to Holy Communion. The souvenir token features the burning bush, symbol of the Presbyterian Church, and names Norval with the dates 1838-1988.

The reverse quotes two verses commonly used in the Communion service: "Do this in remembrance of Me", 1 Corinthians 11:24; and "Come unto Me... and I will give you rest", Matthew 11:28. Anyone interested in obtaining one of these souvenir tokens is invited to call the church office at 877-8867.

Special gold-plated tokens were presented to the past ministers and to the committee that planned the weekend events.

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### Significant jump in cases reported

## Health unit releases disease stats

By BRIAN MacLEOD  
Herald Staff

Communicable diseases reported to Halton's health unit last year were up significantly over 1987.

Reports of infectious diseases of all forms, including Enteric diseases (transmitted via the fecal-oral route), rabies, sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS, and non-sexually transmitted diseases such as chicken pox and meningitis are on the rise, according to Halton's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Graham Pollett.

However, Dr. Pollett cautioned that a significant portion of the increase in reportable diseases is due to increased reporting practices by physicians and health nurses throughout the Region, rather than an increase in the number of actual cases.

Cases of reported rabies in Halton were up from 15 in 1986 to 40 last year. Foxes are by far the most common rabies carrying animals with 26 rabid foxes reported in 1987.

But the most significant increase in rabies occurred in Halton Hills where 23 cases were reported last year compared to only three the previous year.

Dr. Pollett attributed that to the animal migration from neighboring Wellington County "where the incidence of animal rabies has historically been high."

Rabies appears to be moving west, across the province affecting Peel, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph and Halton, said Dr. Pollett.

The Region will set up a computer monitoring system to keep an eye on occurrences next year, he said.

However, insurance against

rabies is still costing the Region money. Last year 91 people were given rabies vaccination costing more than \$32,000. That's up from 25 people which cost only \$10,000 the previous year.

There were 611 reported cases of Enteric diseases last year with salmonellosis, campylobacter and giardiasis by far the most common.

There were 18 cases each of salmonella (food poisoning), campylobacter and 17 cases of giardiasis in Halton Hills last year. There were three cases of yersiniosis and two cases of brucellosis reported last year in Halton Hills.

The increase in giardiasis in north Halton (Milton and Halton Hills together experienced an increase of nine cases), was due primarily to outbreaks in two Oakville day care centres and in long term care facilities in Burlington and Halton Hills last year, said Dr. Pollett.

There was a massive increase in reported cases of chicken pox, from 46 to 447 last year but again that is due to better reporting, said Dr. Pollett.

There was also one case of whooping cough and two cases of influenza B reported in Halton Hills last year.

There is currently no vaccine in use in Canada for chicken pox prevention, said Dr. Pollett.

But numbers indicate an overall decline in the 1960s and since the mid-1970s the number of cases has been relatively stable, he said.

The actual number of cases for all of Ontario is less than one third of the projected amount of 340 cases per 100,000, he said.

There were eight cases of meningitis reported last year, all in the southern part of the Region. The disease "causes community concern because of the acute nature of the condition and its association with serious complications," said Dr. Pollett.

But the five bacterial cases and three viral cases all recovered and they were not part of an outbreak, he said.

of those with 100 females and 40 males reporting the disease last year. There were 100 cases of gonorrhoea reported with 53 of those cases reported in males.

There were 75 cases of genital herpes reported in Halton with 58 of the cases reported in males.

Four cases of syphilis - all in males - and two cases of penicillianase producing neisseria gonorrhoea were reported in Halton last year.

Chlamydia infections in females aged 15-24 represents 57 per cent of the total chlamydia infections in Halton last year, said Dr. Pollett.

Those numbers are concerning because the infection often causes pelvic inflammatory disease in women under 25 years old, he said. Undetected and untreated, the infection may lead to ectopic pregnancy and infertility, he added.

The increase in the number of gonorrhoea cases "reflects provincial and national trends," he said.

The number of gonorrhoeal infection in women aged 15 to 24 represents 39 per cent of all the cases reported in Halton last year. Gonorrhoea can also lead to infertility and ectopic pregnancy, he said.

A different strain of the disease, penicillianase producing neisseria gonorrhoea, a strain which is resistant to penicillin, is increasing in Ontario and two years ago it represented 2.7 per cent of all reported cases of gonorrhoea.

The key to controlling the spread of sexually communicable disease is education, said Dr. Pollett.

"There is a definite need to keep the public informed on how to prevent the spread of these diseases."

## Nine have died from AIDS

Nine people have died of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) since 1985, according to Halton's Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. Graham Pollett said there have been 11 cases reported in the Region in the last three years but only two victims of the disease are still living.

Provincial law states that all diagnosed cases of AIDS must be reported to the MOH.

Dr. Pollett cannot reveal the identity or the whereabouts of the AIDS victims due to strict confidentiality maintained about anyone diagnosed with the disease.

The number of cases recorded in Halton each year is on a very slow rise. Two cases were reported in 1985, four cases in 1986 and five more were diagnosed last year.

It was reported in December of last year that 11 cases had been diagnosed but that only eight people had died of the disease.

In all, 270 cases were reported in Ontario last year and 101 of them have died.

"Since the province began keeping records of AIDS victims in 1982 there have been 622 reported cases and Metro Toronto reports about 65 per cent of them.

Those same figures show that Halton reports only 1.7 per cent of the AIDS cases reported in Ontario.

Halton plans to spend almost \$100,000 educating the public about AIDS this year. The Ontario government will pay for the entire program, said Dr. Pollett.

More than 320 cases of other types of sexually transmitted diseases have also been reported in Halton Region in 1987. Genital chlamydia was the most common

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