



Ridley's leaving

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Norval Correspondent
NORVAL-On June 30, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Ridley will be leaving Norval for their new church, Presteign-Woodbine United Church in Toronto.

During the 23 years the Ridleys have been actively involved in many associations. Walter has been president of the Norval Community Association, a member of the Georgetown YM-CA and a founding member of the North Halton Distress Centre.

Several years ago Walter was a Chaplain at the Brampton Correctional Centre. He has been chairman of the Dufferin-Peel Presbytery twice in 23 years. He has been on many United Church committees, including the Interview Committee, interviewing prospective candidates for the United Church-ministry and on a committee with our present moderator, Rev. Sang Chul Lee.

During the time of the Vietnamese Boat People Crisis, Walter helped our churches sponsor and establish a Vietnamese family in the Bramalea area. This family faced many extreme hardships both in their homeland and after they arrived in Canada. With the help of the Ridleys and church members they are now happily settled in Canada.

Because of the length of time that the Ridleys have been involved in the community and

Norval, Home and Huttonville churches they have touched many families and have rejoiced with them in times of celebration, birth, christening, confirmation and weddings and have grieved with them in times of despair, loneliness and death.

We live in fearful and confusing times but Walter has taught us to face life with confidence, believing in the scripture, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." This is God's promise to us (Matt. Chapt. 28 vs. 20).

The members of Norval church invite you to a reception for Walter and Margaret Ridley at Norval United Church, Sunday, June 11 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to wish the Ridleys well at their new church.

Daughter baptised

NORVAL-Two family gatherings followed Baptism Service in Norval United Church on May 14. Rev. Walter Ridley conducted the service.

Friends and family gathered at the home of Paul and Jean Laidlaw, RR2 Norval, following

the baptism of their daughter Katelyn Jean. Great grandmothers Mrs. Kate Laidlaw, Norval and Mrs. Gladys Goodhew of Brampton, attended, as did grandparents Bill and Gwen Laidlaw of RR2 Norval and Howard and Rennie Van Berkum of Oakville. Beth Laidlaw, Carol Ann Laidlaw and her fiancé Glenn Roberts, Grace Van Berkum, Rianna and Johnny Stanley, and Anne and Chris Casselman also joined in the celebration.

Family buffet

NORVAL-Larry and Heather Laidlaw of RR2, Norval, parents of Angela Nicole, hosted a family buffet dinner at their home following the baptism service. Great grandmother Catherine Laidlaw along with both grandparents, Lloyd and Ella Laidlaw of RR2 Norval, and R.J. and Betty June Stewart of Bolton all attended. Patrick and Shelly (Laidlaw) Cameron of Fergus, parents of William Andrew, who was baptized, joined in the day, as did Brenda Kistner, and children Clayton and Adrinne of Acton, Jack and Cathy Hamilton and Shannon of Norval, and Florence Moore and family of Brampton. Sisters Nancy and Linda Stewart and brother Brian Stewart all of Bolton, and David May of Norval all enjoyed the family dinner. Unable to attend was great grandmother Hannah Stewart of Bolton.

Birthdays

NORVAL-Congratulations to Fred Ruddell of RR3 Georgetown, and Omar Rowell of Brampton, who celebrated birthdays on May 27. Following din-

ner for the two gentlemen at the home of Newton and Marlon Ruddell, RR3 Georgetown, around 50 relatives, friends and neighbors, arrived to extend their best wishes to both the surprised gents. Assisting their mother in serving lunch were Margo Aeckerlin of Carleton Place, Susan Preston, Brampton, Donna Ruddell of Orangeville, Susan Ruddell of Acton and Cathy Ruddell of Georgetown.

Get well

NORVAL-Get well wishes to Marjorie Fisher of Georgetown, who is a patient in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Annual meeting

NORVAL-Rev. Walter and Marg Ridley, Jack and Mary Crawford, and Nellie Shea, all of Norval, attended the Toronto Conference Annual Meeting in Owen Sound on Saturday, June 3. Bob Flindall, formerly of Norval, was ordained at a massive service at the Bayshore Centre during the evening service.

Norval WI

NORVAL-Norval W.I. met at the home of Norine Van Leeuwen June 1, at 8 p.m. Instead of going out to dinner as has been our custom in June, this year we ordered in Chinese style dinner which was enjoyed by the 15 ladies present.

The meeting was convened by Ann Wilson and Aileen Nixon. These two girls had attended the Halton-Wellington District's "Landscaping" course held in Fergus earlier this year.

A 12-minute video on pruning was shown followed by slides of actual landscaping. Planting

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technique, how to balance, how walls, walkways, fences, different types of stone, and edging could be used in public, private, play and garden areas was all illustrated in the slide presentation. Edging and a tray of several types of landscape stone was displayed by Ann and Aileen. Landscaping should be pleasing to the individual. If one way is not suitable try something else they said.

Norine Van Leeuwen reported that \$300 was to be available from Halton District to help sponsor a future W.I. course. She also commended the 12 branches on their posters at District Annual depicting "A.C.W.W. (Associate Country Women of the World) around the World." Many thanks again to Jean May for compiling and printing up our 1989-90 programs.

Because one of our members had enquired at the planning department, Halton Hills Councilor, Ward 2 Robert Heaton came to the meeting bringing maps from Halton Region showing where wells to accommodate new development around Georgetown are being installed. Anyone concerned about this environmental situation should enquire and write letters.

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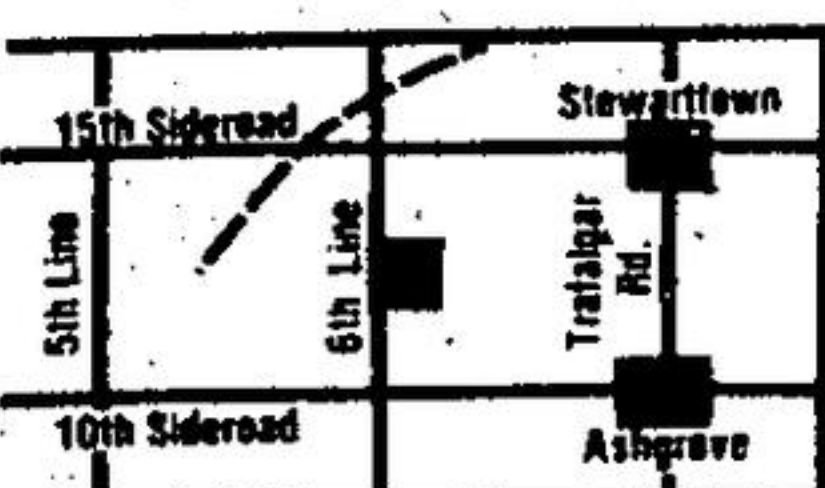
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