

Community

Stupendous turnout for non-competitive baseball

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There has been a stupendous turnout for mixed non-competitive adult baseball. Games are played every Friday starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Jim Bailey Diamond. Teams are chosen prior to game time, creating an easy going atmosphere. Over a course of weeks, it will be possible to play on different teams, which help people to get to know each other better. It is a fun time to practice

those baseball skills, as well as just to socialize.

The Women's Institute May meeting was held at the home of Eileen Burt. There were 10 members and 2 visitors present. Eleanor McLean was the convener for the meeting. "Tell something of historical significance in Halton and Wellington Counties" was the roll call. Many historical tid bits were

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exchanged on buildings in the area such as the Rockwood Academy, as well as events that have occurred in the families of the members. President Margaret Jamieson offered the following quote to the group, "A

sense of humor makes any problem seem lighter." History continued to dominate the meeting, when the ladies participated in a quiz. Members were given a sheet of paper that had questions about the Women's Institute organization. For every incorrect answer a fine of 10 cents was paid. As part of the meeting, a plant sale was held. All monies earned were forwarded to the "Welfare Boxes" fund.

The Jim Dandies gained 2 points in the league's standing when Double Trouble was unable to field a team, and had to default. The ladies took advantage of the diamond time and held a practice instead.

Say: "I saw it in The Herald"

St. John's United Church receives grant of \$34,200

St. John's United Church, a facility used by several community organizations ranging from Scouts to Alcoholics Anonymous, has received \$34,200 to improve access for disabled persons and seniors.

The church is one of 18 organizations in central Ontario sharing \$318,348 in grants designated for the improvement of access for disabled people and senior citizens. The grants are from the Access Fund, a joint program of the Ministry of Citizenship's office for Disability Issues and Office for Senior Citizen's Affairs.

A public relations officer for the church, Marilyn Milton, said the money will go towards Phase One of the renovation and restoration project the church has undertaken. Phase I will provide for an elevator to make all levels of the church completely accessible, new ground level offices for the staff, a new kitchen and ground floor washrooms, a new open meeting area under the apse of the sanctuary and choir and Sunday School rooms upstairs.

She said the renovation and restoration committee, chaired by Drew Leverette, has accepted the bid of contractor, D. W. Buchanan of Kincardine to complete the project for approximately \$440,000. Work began earlier this month and will be completed in time to dedicate the addition during anniversary weekend, October 18-20, 1991.

"We believe our church has tremendous potential to meet the

challenges of the endeavor while being faithful to the on-going work and mission of our church," said Nancy Knox, minister of the church.

Along with the church's own youth, senior and study groups, the church is used by Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, the seniors Belles and Bows organization, Avon, Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon, the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped, the Ministry of Transport. The church also provides space for a nursery school and the Contact Centre.

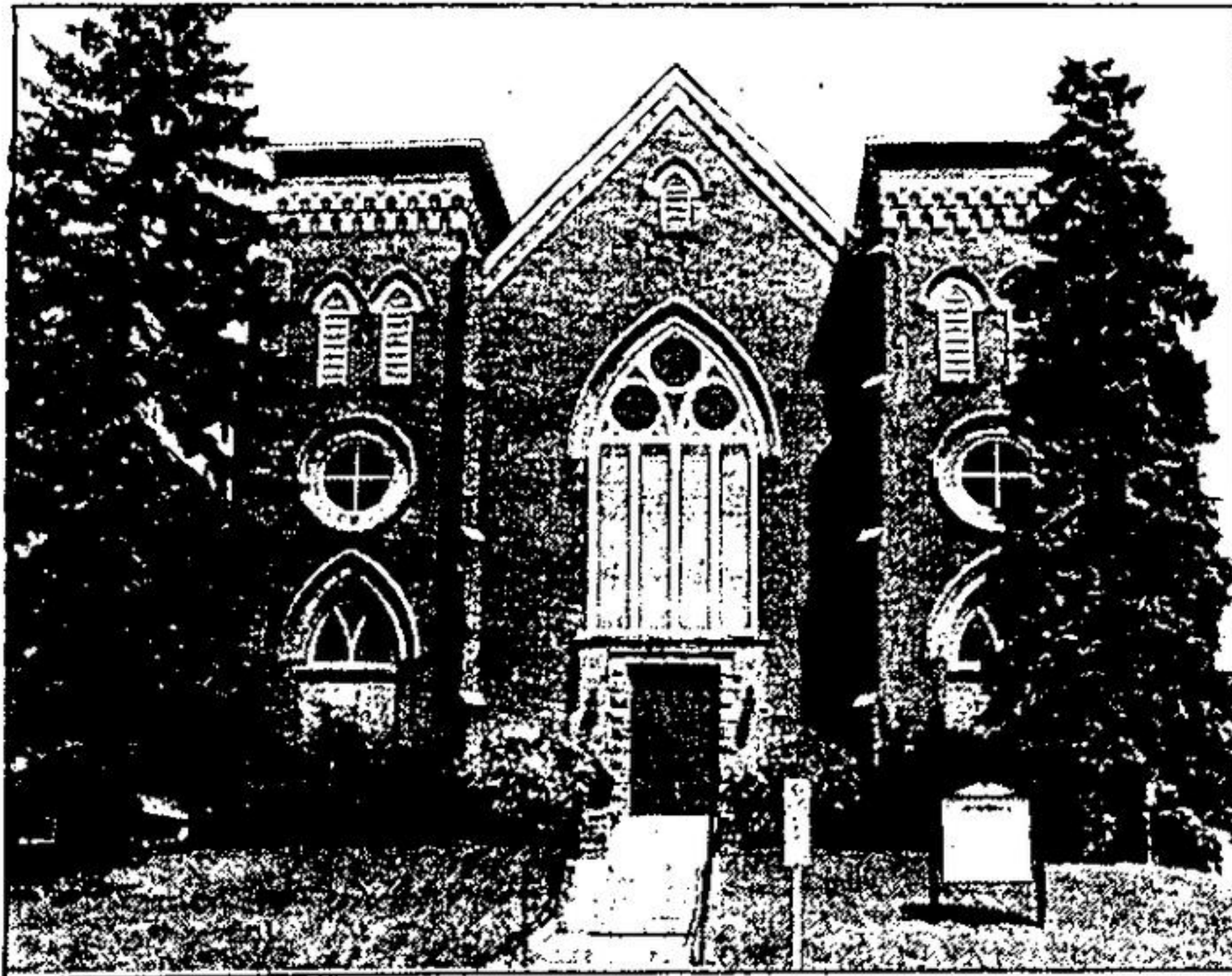
St. John's United Church has been standing "on the Hill" at the corner of Guelph and Chapel Street since 1880. The present brick building was built at a cost of \$8,000 with a seating capacity of 400.

The church spire and dome were damaged by lightning in the 1920's and replaced by the square towers present today.

Renovations in 1933 resulted in the formation of three aisles instead of two and a central entrance at the front to replace the two side entrances. In 1949, an assembly hall was built with a kitchen and a stage.

Further renovations were completed in 1969 in the sanctuary which resulted in new seating, carpeting, a new choir loft and organ. A second story was built over the assembly hall in 1977.

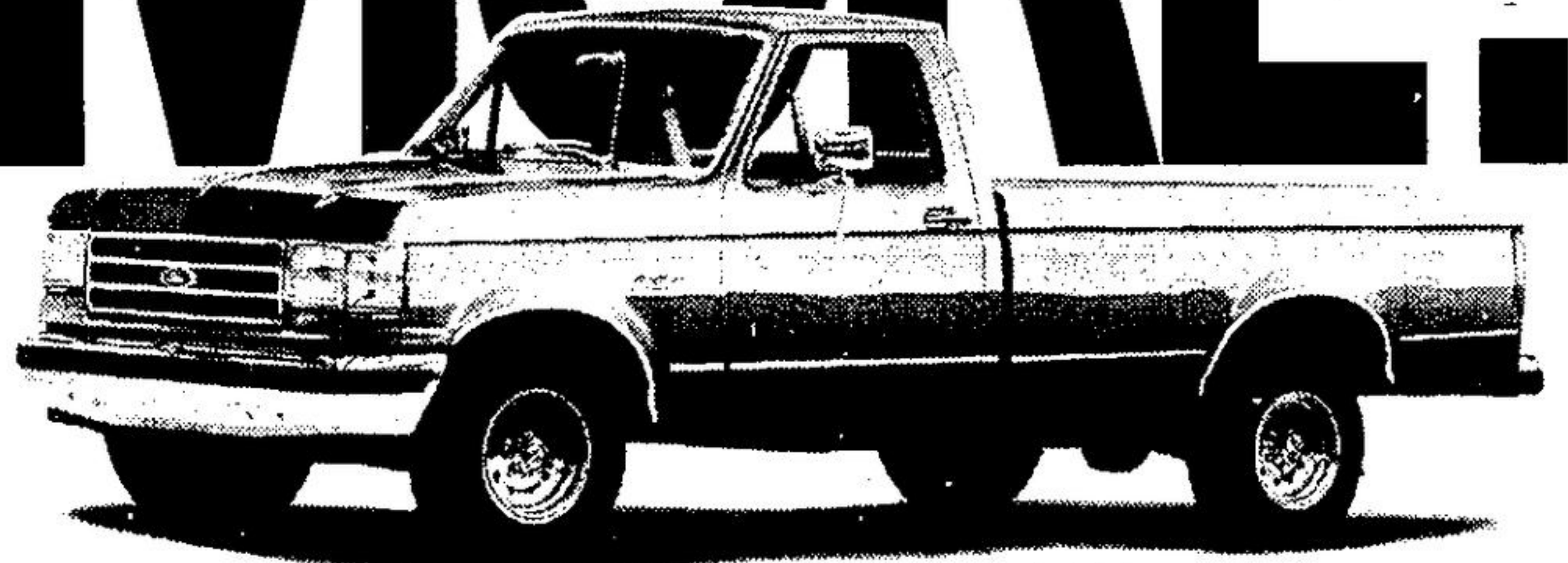
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