

St. Alban's in the Glen celebrates 90th birthday

By Oksana Buhel

Those visiting Glen Williams tomorrow (Sunday) might believe themselves trapped in a time warp. People in early 1900 dress will be strolling through the streets, enjoying horse-drawn wagon rides, and chatting with neighbors and new-found friends.

To celebrate its 90th anniversary, St. Alban's Anglican Church in Glen Williams, affectionately called "The Glen," has organized a historical day and is inviting everyone to attend.

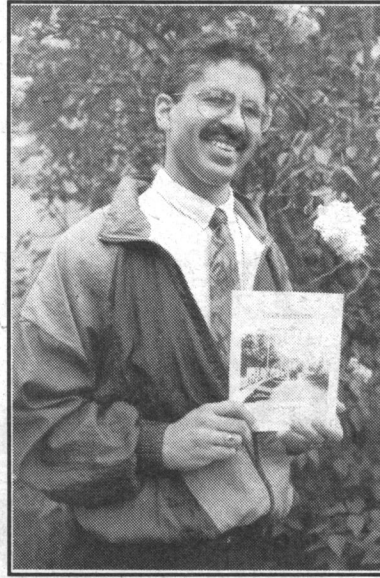
The Credit Masonic Lodge laid down the first cornerstone of St. Alban's Church on September 8, 1902, after the land had been bestowed to Rev. Thomas G. Wallace by Glen Williams resident Rose Ann McMaster in 1901.

St. Alban's was completed and opened on the feast of St. John the

Baptist June 24, 1903. Rev. Wallace directed his opening ceremony to a congregation of approximately 400.

According to a newspaper feature about St. Alban's, published in the July 3, 1903 edition of the Brampton Conservator, the church was described as having a "dignified and churchly appearance," and the edifice - "a gem of church architecture." Period pictures reveal St. Alban's has not visibly changed much in 90 years.

The biggest renovation involved the replacement of the church floor in 1982, because of all the damage cause by consistent spring flooding of the Credit River. A 1950 picture of the church, released by the Esquesing Historical Society, shows the water level at the church doors. Since 1903, St. Alban's has



Mark Rowe

been a parish for 16 clergy members, some staying two years - oth-

ers, over 20. Carol Skidmore, current reverend at St. Alban's, is helping to organize tomorrow's historical day.

The day will begin with a community worship service at 10:30 a.m., led by guest preacher, Rev. Richard Ruggle, who was St. Alban's parish priest between the period 1968-1980. Slide and photo presentations, about the church and the Glen, will follow. A wedding gown display, and a mock early-1900's wedding will be held at the church. Rev. Skidmore explained why there is an accent on weddings.

"A lot of people have been married at this church," she said. "It's a quaint church, and people consider it romantic."

Children will be entertained with games, horse-drawn wagon rides, and by clowns and musi-

cians. Guided walks through the town will be conducted by local historian Mark Rowe.

Rowe has just completed "Glen Williams on the Credit River," a history of the hamlet, to coincide with the church's anniversary. Much of the information was gathered through newspaper articles, town hall minutes, in local archives, and simply by talking with people. Rowe has lived in the Glen for 10 years.

This is not an especially long time by 'Glen standards.' "The majority of people have been there for many years, even generations, and take a lot of pride in their history," said Rowe. Asked for his own opinion of Glen Williams, Rowe responded, "I love it. I wouldn't live anywhere else."

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Environment groups "clean-up" in U.S.

By Oksana Buhel

Citizens and environmental groups in Halton Hills accumulated eight of 14 awards at a ceremony, organized by the Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste organization, in Washington D.C. May 14-17.

Five local environmental groups were honored; I.C.E., F.O.A.D., H.E.L.P., B.I./B.I. and Envirowatch. Three individuals also received awards; Dr. Leonard Landry, Rita Landry and Diane van de Valk.

"This year's ceremony was different than in previous years - the Canadians received their awards first," said Rita Landry. "It was a real honor for us."

I.C.E. (Incineration Counteracts the Environment) was started four years ago when residents of Halton Hill discovered 14 areas in Halton Region were targeted for waste incineration sites. I.C.E. was instrumental in later influencing the NDP provincial government to ban waste incineration in the region.

F.O.A.D. (Furiously Opposed to Acton Dumping) is almost two years-old and addresses issues concerning proposed dumping in the Acton quarry.

The same issue, but devoted to the Dufferin quarry, on the border of Milton and Halton Hills, is addressed by H.E.L.P. (Halton Environmental Land Protectors). The group was recognized for organizing opposition to the Dufferin quarry, three-and-a-half years ago.



Diane Van de Valk

"B.I./B.I. (Biomedical Incineration/Ban Incineration)," claimed Rita Landry, "is our biggest victory. We didn't even have to do anything. A Toronto paper found out we would be organizing a group to protest a proposed biomedical incineration plant in Hornby, and the plant's location was moved before we even talked to them. That's how we (environmental groups) operate - it takes a while to develop a reputation, but once you do, people really take notice."

Envirowatch differs from the other groups because it does not focus on a specific issue. Being an umbrella group, Envirowatch organizes groups in the area, which meet regularly to share ideas on environmental concerns.

Dr. Leonard Landry was recognized for many years' work lectur-

ing on environmental issues. His wife, Rita, has been either president or board member of each of the previously mentioned groups. Diane van de Valk, as well as being project manager of Wastewise, located in Georgetown, is a board member of F.O.A.D. and I.C.E.

Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste is an American organization which honors the accomplishments of international environmental groups. Representative came from as far away as Germany and Australia.

"We don't have a group like this in Canada," Rita Landry said. "We have the Ontario Environmental Network, but that's more information-based than action-based."

Asked if she would organize a Canadian group of this nature, Landry responded, "Well, I have my fingers in quite a few pies now, but we'll definitely have to organize something."

**First Georgetown
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Babysitter trial delayed again

Heather Holmgren, the Acton babysitter charged April 5 with manslaughter involving a six-month-old baby boy, and assault of a 6-1/2-month-old baby girl, has had her case held over for the sec-

ond time.

The original trial date was set for April 26. It was then set over to last Tuesday. The trial date has now been set for June 9.

Former priest on sex charges

A 60-year-old retired Milton priest was arrested Tuesday and charged with two counts of sexual assault. Fr. James Bernard Scoles, formerly of Holy Rosary Church in Milton, allegedly sexually assaulted a 14-year-old boy - the first time in the church rectory, according to Halton Region Police. The second assault took place outside Halton region, but police were not able to specify where.

but were not reported until Tuesday. Scoles is retired and now lives in Ayton, near Hanover.

"We're very concerned about these allegations," admitted Fr. Peter Hundt, of the Hamilton Roman Catholic Diocese, which oversees Milton. "However, that's all they are for now - allegations."

Scoles is to appear in court June 21. Police at 11 Division, are continuing their investigation.

No excuses, we blew it
Editor's note: In attempting to get our newspaper to press and out to our readers after the Victoria Day holiday weekend, we committed a cardinal sin. Instead of checking, re-checking and checking our product yet again, in the rush to print, this didn't happen.
 Because of this oversight, the 17th annual Bang-O-Rama, staged Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Georgetown Fairgrounds by the Georgetown Optimist Club was inadvertently credited to another local service club.
 The Georgetown Optimist Club need not take a back seat to any other local service club when it comes to the staging of events or the charitable work it provides to the community in any number of areas.
 Over the years, its hardworking members have battled the elements time and again but have always produced a well-received event. This year's Bang-O-Rama proved no exception.
 On behalf of Halton Hills This Week, I would like to extend a sincere apology for our shoddy work.
 I would also like to extend a personal apology to the Optimist Club and the individual members. I take full responsibility.
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