



ANNIVERSARY GOODIES: Acton's Knox Presbyterian Church celebrated its 147th anniversary on Sunday with a special day of worship and song. Long-time Knox members Wannetta Stiles and Anne Moore prepare to serve the birthday cake. (Tanya Marissen photo)

Knox Presbyterian Church celebrates 147 years

BY TANYA MARISSSEN
Knox Presbyterian Church celebrated its 147th anniversary Sunday in a day filled with remembrance of the past and hope for the future.

Guest minister, Rev. Wayne Maddock, chaplain at Sunnybrook Medicare Centre, gave an uplifting sermon, and the congregation enjoyed the beautiful sounds of the choir.

Rev. Craig Criber gave a tribute

to those pioneers who made the church possible and expressed hope for the younger generation to continue their dedication to the church.

Acton resident Mac Sprowl is related to the very first pioneers of Knox Presbyterian Church. Mr. Sprowl's grandfather, Robert Sprowl, aided building the first Presbyterian church by drawing stones from neighbouring farms for the foundation of the church.

The need for a Presbyterian

Who's the good guy and who's the bad guy?

Justice is displayed as a lady holding scales but one sometimes wonders in whose favour the scales really tilt.

First we have the Young Offenders Act which does not allow the release of names and a young offender can murder and get only five years for it. How can we defend ourselves when we don't even know who the person is?

Then we have criminals paroled which only go out and commit further crimes. I always thought criminals were put in jail to pay for their crimes — NO, that's not true, we're the ones who pay.

They now have a council, or should I say a union, who has the right to protest because they aren't being given privileges or treated right. They eat the best of food, they're paid the minimum wage, they have TVs, they receive schooling — yes, they even attend university to get a degree, all at our expense. And yet, the government is putting the cost of education so high that honest, hard-working people can't afford to send their children to university today.

Then we have the Justice Department telling our policemen that

Seniors Scene

With
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if they draw their gun they have to write up a report as to how, why and when. It doesn't matter that their life or someone else is in danger and that they are being shot at. I don't blame the policemen protesting. There's paper work for everything they do. Not only that, if they put someone on charge, they have to appear in court even if it's their day off, sometimes to have the judge dismiss the charge and hand out only a mere reprimand. I'd say it's pretty darn frustrating trying to carry out duties when the courts tilt the wrong way, civilians criticize and groups shout "Unfair".

Let's face it, it's a wicked world out there and we're lucky to have the "Boys in Blue" out there do-

ing their very best to protect us. My hat is off to them and I'm glad to ment to protect you and me.

Went up today to make plane reservations for Dec. 5 to travel to Winnipeg as my oldest sister will be celebrating her 90th birthday. Then I came home to hear Winnipeg had had a severe snow storm. Guess I'd better pack my "long johns". Mind you it's cold in Winnipeg but it's a dry cold and you can dress for it.

Gee, I can remember way back when I was young (that was only a few years ago) and living in Port Arthur when the thermometer never went up over 40 below, that's "F" not "C" for 10 days and we walked to work, well bundled up mind you and yet if it goes to -10C here, I shiver and shake.

Maybe I should start buying lottery tickets because if I won anything worthwhile, I'd sure head to a nice warm climate for the winter. I can dream, can't I?

ACTON LEGION

Branch 197 News

BY MIKE MATTOCKS

J. Van Tent where are you? You missed winning the Loonie Draw. The carry-over is now \$228. Better luck next time!

Euchre Winners on Nov. 12: U. Zions, L. Bonfield, V. Colyer, W. Schenk, A. Gordon.

Meat Draw Winners on Nov. 14 were: Early Bird: Dave Thompson. Regular Draws: Jean Earl, I. Molody, J. Jensen, K. Papillon, Mark Brill, Sharon Barker, Barb Leech, Alvey Gordon, Larry Frizzell, Jackie Higgins and Jean McKee. Large Prize: Sharron Barker.

Remembrance Day — It was nice to see such a good turn-out on Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph. Many thanks to Gord Dawe of Dawe Real Estate for the use of his store front window for our Remembrance Day display. The display looked great and it is hoped lots of passers-by stopped to look it over. A couple of weeks ago in this article I mentioned the importance of passing the meaning of Remem-

brance Day on to our youth. I recently spoke to a teacher in Guelph at great length of how they try to pass the message on to the children and some of their frustrations. This is a world of Ninja Turtles and World Federation Wrestling, so they certainly have their work cut out for them. The nice thing is that our teachers really work at putting the day into focus for the students.

Coming Events:

Nov. 21 — **Initiation Night.** Come and welcome our new members.

Nov. 29 — **Christmas Euchre.** Starts at 2 pm sharp in the auditorium. Everyone welcome. Admission charge \$5 per person. Cash prizes, refreshments available. It is nice to see this event back. It was always a favourite leading up to Christmas.

Dec. 12 — **Turkey Roll.** In the games room, starting at 2 pm. Prizes are IGA Gift Certificates. Members and guests welcome.

Dec. 24 — **Christmas Get-Together.** In the games room, food available, courtesy of Branch 197, members and guests. What better way to relax after all the hurried preparations for Christmas.

Dec. 31 — **Gala New Years Eve Dance.** Nine pm in the games room and auditorium. Tickets are \$55 per couple, prior to Dec. 19, thereafter the price increases to \$60 per couple. This is always a sell-out event, so you had better get your tickets early.

Jan. 1 — **President's Levy.** Come on out and wish your fellow comrades a Happy New Year.

See you at the Branch!

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