

Grand proportions

St. John's Anglican receives a millennium makeover

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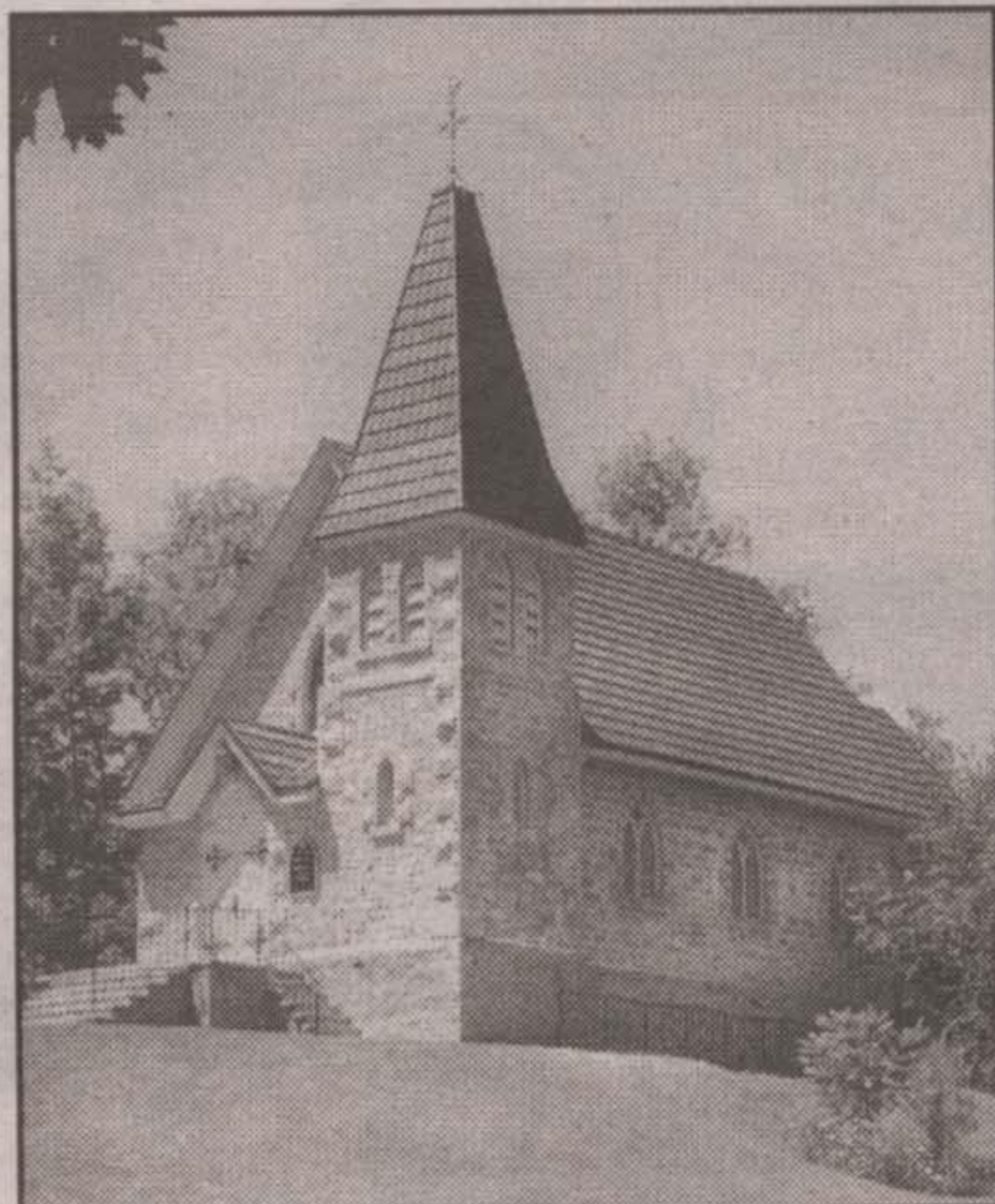
The congregation at St. John's Anglican Church in Rockwood is quite pleased about the improvements they're undertaking.

St. John's will soon begin construction on a building which covers just over 2,000 square feet, and provides over 3,500 square feet of working space. Much of the addition will have a lower floor, as seen in the artist's rendering (below) by Everton resident Susan Johnson. The addition will cost approximately \$250,000 and is made possible by an endowment by Joseph Oakes. Washrooms, a nursery, three meeting rooms, a fellowship room, a combined choir and altar guild room and a refurbished rector's office are part of the new design. All of the main floor will have wheelchair access as well as a fully accessible washroom.

"We feel truly blessed.

Actually, the way we finally agreed on the design was kind of interesting," remarked Johnson, who is also Chair of the Building Committee. "The architect listened to all our needs and came up with a design that the parish didn't feel was in keeping with the heritage design. So they asked to see previously rejected designs and also asked for two 'what-if-you-did-this' pictures.

"Altogether six colour sketches were produced and they took the best from each and asked for a final sketch, which is the design they approved." Johnson produced the seven illustrations for



St. John's Anglican Church, Rockwood
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the congregation.

Previously, the parish felt that the church was untouchable and no extension could possibly do justice to such a pretty 'heritage' building.

From inside, the new windows in the cloister will afford a wonderful view of the green and downtown. The exterior stone wall and old stained glass windows will remain exposed inside the cloister, and outside, the stone facing will match the original as closely as possible.

"We hope in time that aging will make it all appear the same," Johnson commented.

Construction is slated for a June start, with a target opening in September, just in time for

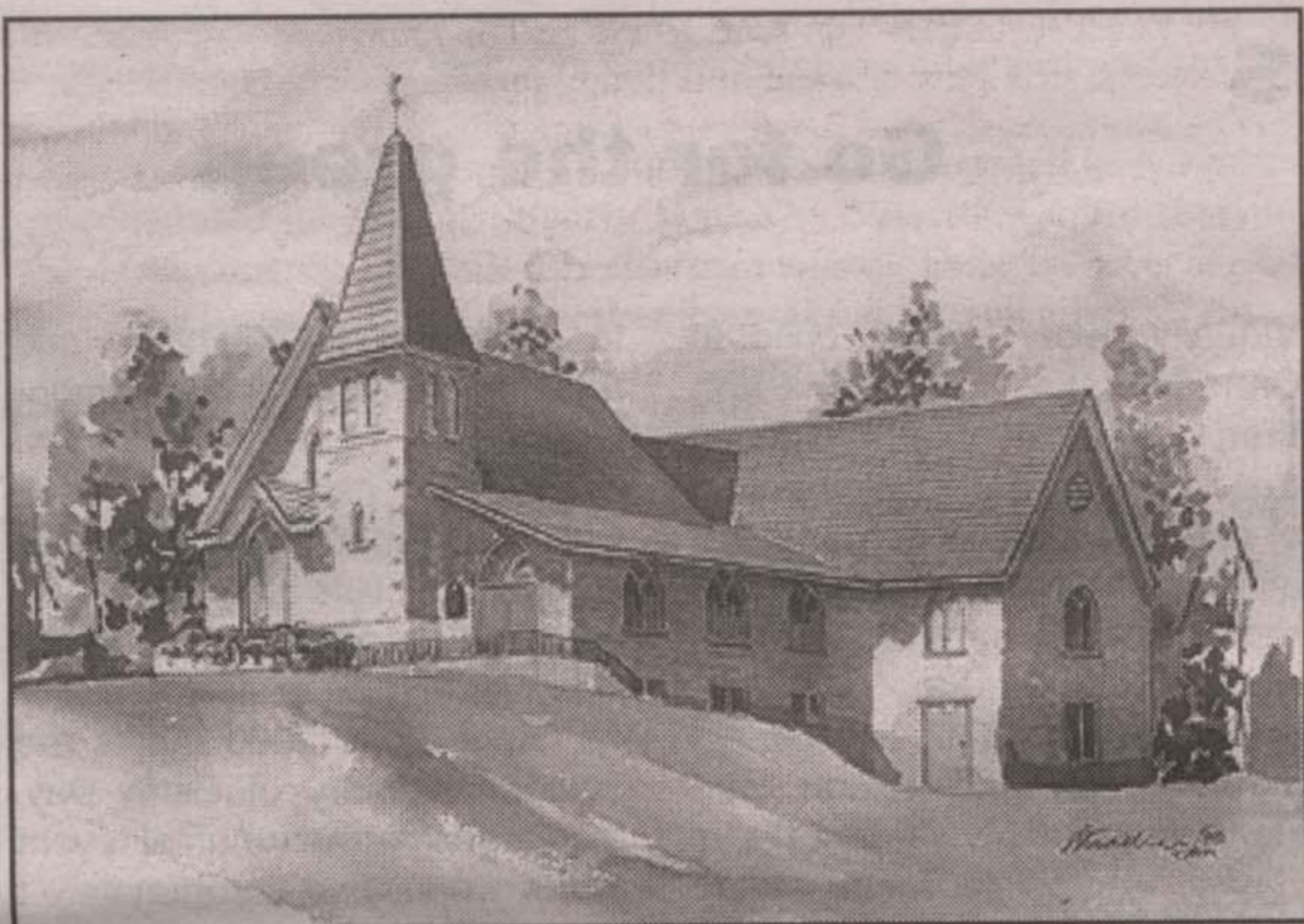
Sunday School.

"We don't anticipate any difficulties, because we're not doing any major renovations. The current entrance will become a baptistry; the old front door will be a floor to ceiling window. The views are going to be even better from the inside.

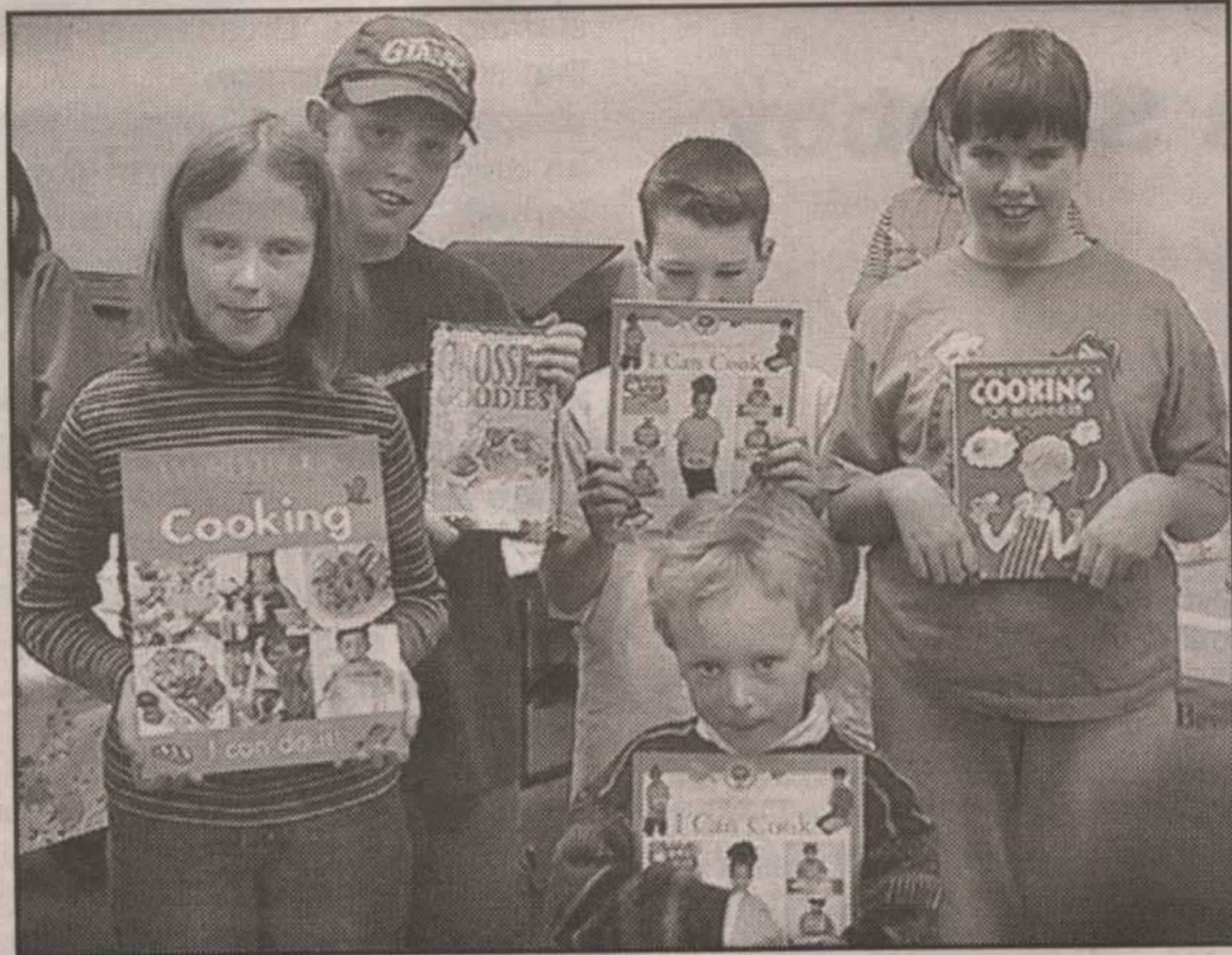
"The other nice thing about what we are going to do is that most of the space will be at the back of the church, so the view won't change that much. The hill will be mostly untouched, as will the green, so community happenings such as the St. Francis Day service, the Carol Sing, the Remembrance Day observances, tobogganing and other events can continue as before. Also, we are keeping the hall, which will still be available for rental.

"We're hoping to have an Open House in October when the work is complete, along the lines of the 1999 May Fair."

For further information about the addition at St. John's Anglican, contact Susan Johnson at 519-856-2364.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT



COOKING CONTEST WINNERS: The Rockwood branch of the Wellington County library held their 5th Annual Kids' Cooking Contest in March, with 27 entrants in all five categories. All entrants received a compiled cookbook of the recipes, and special category winners received a new cookbook and a certificate for their creations. Winners were (front) Adam Clark, Race Car Sandwiches; (back, left to right) Colleen Johnston, Apple Crisp; James Johnston, Meatballs; Johnathan Walsh, Puppy Chow; and Julie-Anne McLean, Bananaberry Muffins.

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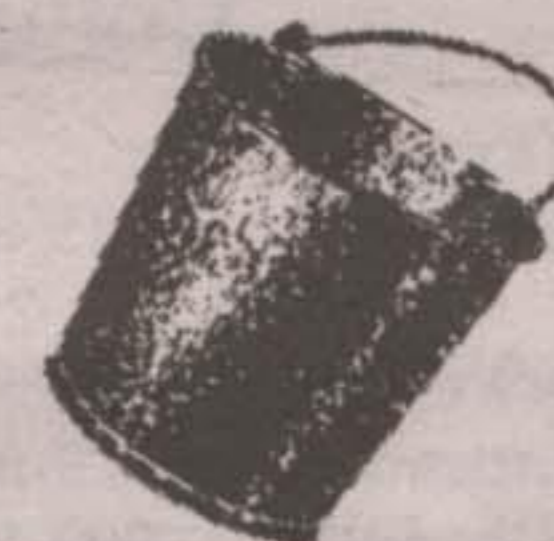
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