

Nassagaweya Presbyterian takes a step toward independence

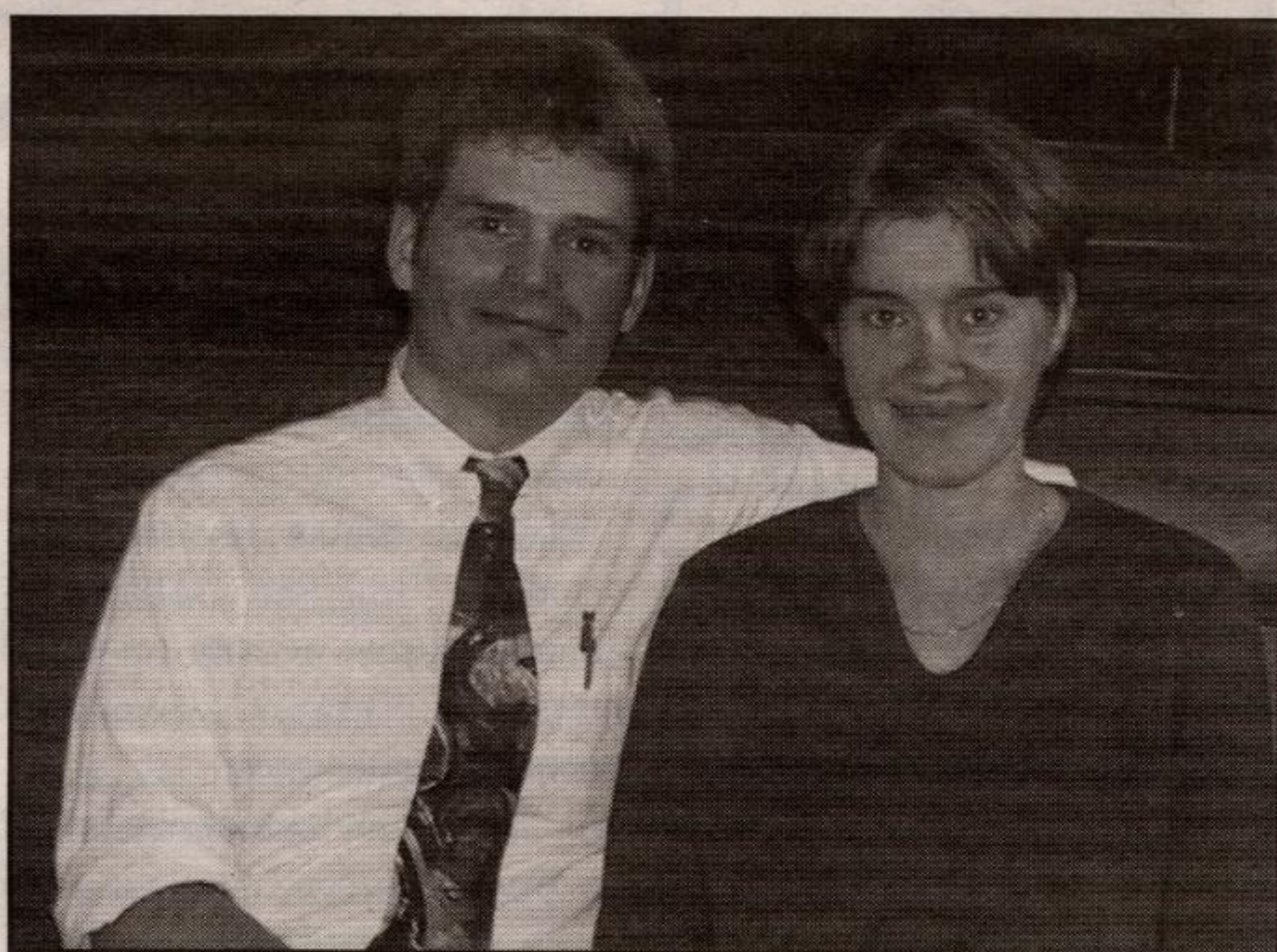
by Deborah Quaille

A church's foundation is more than the thick fieldstone that pioneering forefathers pulled from the earth and built up into walls. It is, of course, the people and their desire to continue the work of God within both the walls of their house of worship and the community where they live.

At Nassagaweya Presbyterian, the congregation has hired a half-time student associate minister to take over as the week-to-week pastoral leader. Sean Howard, son of a former minister Desmond Howard, answered an advertisement that the congregation placed in The Presbyterian Record. He is currently studying at Knox College, scheduled for graduation in the spring of 2004, and lives with his wife Rhoda in Toronto.

"I've really enjoyed (my work here)," he stated. "People have been warm and friendly."

Mrs. Howard also remarks,



The Howards

Photo by Deborah Quaille

"We came from a big downtown church and it's very much the same, but also very different... There is a close community within Nassagaweya. A number of people have said this church has a history of that."

The congregation is pleased to have the couple at the church, enjoying Mr. Howard's warm, easy manner, approachability, and interesting sermons.

Rev. Glen Soderholm, minister of St. David's Presbyterian in

Campbellville, is still involved in the sacraments and other duties that only an ordained minister can perform for the northern point in the charge.

"I will oversee Sean's ministry, but they will be free to forge ahead together in the direction that God takes them," he commented. "This is a result of what has been a good situation - both churches have grown!"

Although the Howards have only been working with Nassagaweya Presbyterian for about a month, they are settling in and enjoying their new association.

"I want to get to know people. I've been meeting the residents from this church to find out where the church needs to go - its needs

and its direction for the future."

Sean Howard can be reached during the week by calling Nassagaweya Church at 905-854-1055, or at his residence 416-535-8516. Intended office hours are Fridays at the church.

Tooth Chatter



by ALEX TRENTON, DENTURIST

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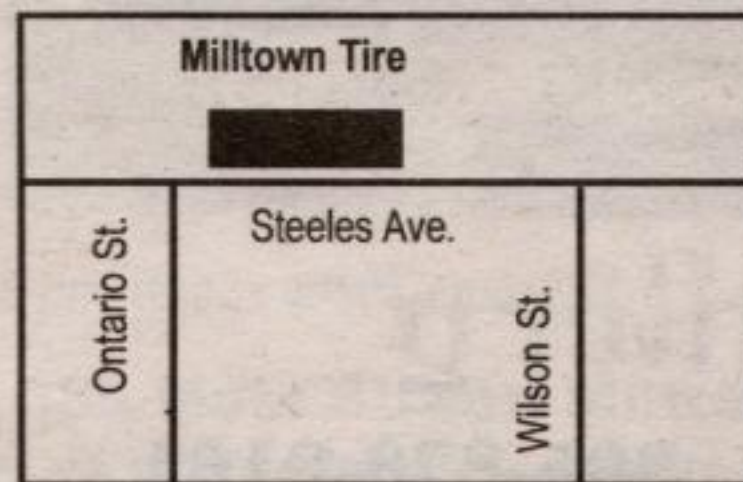
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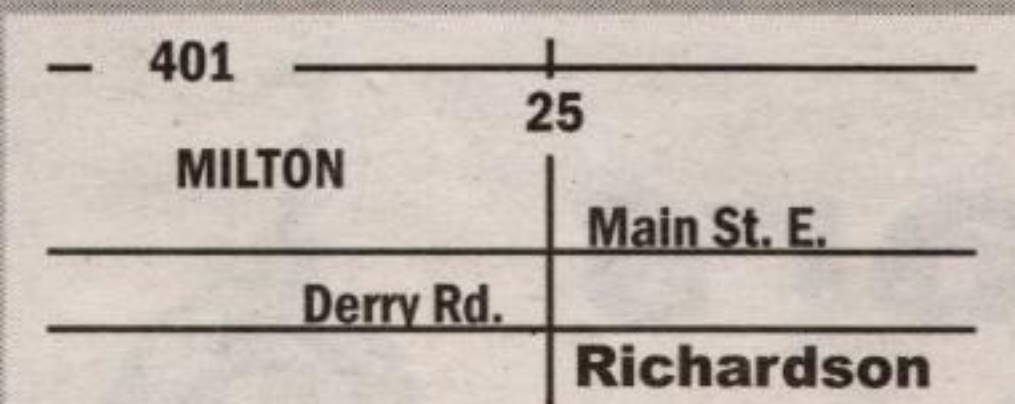
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