

W.A.P.V.A. Policing



John Goverde, of W.A.P.V.A., takes fingerprints (for family records only) of children at School Fun Day

WILBERFORCE & AREA POLICE VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

They didn't make news headlines during their second year of operation [the Courier attempts to keep them in the news as often as possible], and that suits members of the Wilberforce and Area Police Volunteer Association to a "T", because that means their community enjoyed a quiet year relative to crime and violence.

It would be difficult to put a

yard-stick to the extent to which the W.A.P.V.A. activities contributed to the above, but members of the Association like to think that the 1,200 hours they put in manning their Wilberforce office, their nightly patrols of Wilberforce and their tag checking of 1,300 area cottages were at least a part of the equation.

The latter activity, incidentally, turned up six unlocked cottages, whose owners were informed and took appropriate action. Nightly patrols of Wilberforce resulted in reports of 51 incidents, in the main unlocked doors of business premises.

The village was not entirely crime free during the year. Six break-ins were investigated by association members, who then filed a detailed report to OPP Minden.

Members on duty

at the association's Wilberforce office received 21 local calls which required requests for assistance from the Ontario Provincial Police communication centre in Minden; OPP Minden for its part requested association action on six minor incidents reported directly.

There were three occasions during the year on which Association members joined other citizens to look for persons missing in the bush. The last occasion involved two children, ages four and nine. All were located by W.A.P.V.A. members; the children after a three hour search.

Other activities included participation in the Wilberforce school Fun Day, during which children were shown fingerprinting techniques and fifty children were fingerprinted; a fund-raising roast beef dinner which proved a huge success; the regular 50/50 draw which was also well supported.

Association members were on duty once again providing security during Country Good

St. Margaret's Anniversary

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memory of Elaine Burt and Jim Ross.

He then dedicated the "People's Window" which depicts a figure of St. Margaret. This stained glass window is donated by the people of the congregation in memory of the faithful past members. The window was handcrafted by Wendy Ladurantaye and installed by Jack Wright.

The service began with lively singing of choruses led by Glenda

Burk, Mabel Everall, Myra Scholtes and Lindsey Coates from St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton.

The Ecumenical Community Choir directed by the organist Elsie Lewis provided fine spiritual and joyful music throughout the service.

Bishop Blackwell talked of the history of St. Margaret's and how the church has carried on through the ups and downs of changing times over its 7 1/2 decades.

The Christian Church began with tiny seeds and it was not expected to grow. The original leaders were not impressive but the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost made them strong. That the church has grown in spite of human manipulation is a miracle.

The church is the household of faith which must continue to reach out and bear witness to the love of God.

At least 130 people attended the service, many of whom watched on TV in the basement.

Communion was served upstairs by Rev. Greaves assisted by Rev. Gerry Johnson, Honorary Assistant of Haliburton Parish. Bishop Blackwell

served Communion to those downstairs assisted by Lay Reader Carolyn Beard.

The congregation gathered in front of the church to have photos taken after the service. A display of photographs, Sunday School books and other memorabilia illustrating the history of St. Margaret's was examined carefully and discussed with those present several of whom were former clergy or related to former clergy or student ministers.

Murray Agnew reminisced about his experiences and the people who worked for the church and the development of the church building.

The building had started as a bunk house, was moved to its present location in 1920 and has had many additions since then.

John O'Reilly, M.P. presented a Canadian flag and a congratulatory message from the Prime Minister.

"Thank you" to planners of the event went to Pat Grant who organized the meal, and Elaine Wright who was appointed Chairperson of the Anniversary Committee after she retired as Treasurer of St. Margaret's.

The Rodeo

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theme that God is not too busy to care about us.

Several groups sang and played Country and Western style Gospel music.

These included one of the young bull riders, Reuben Geleyne, and his mother Joyce, Lucille Kyle and 4 young children and Esther Robbins and her daughters. Ti-

lli played guitar with a group that included Bob McAuley with violin, Max Reynolds with mouth organ, Helen Reynolds with piano accordion and John Foreman with his banjo.

Randy Robbins used the description of the 4 horsemen in Revelations 6 as his theme. He interpreted the use of the objects carried by the horsemen in present day terms. The balances indicated how upheaval in politics and commerce is making it difficult for people to feed themselves with their wages.

Bill Reed-Lewis

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He passed away on May 20, 1995.

How should such a citizen be honoured?

The Bill Reed-Lewis Collection will emphasize World Travel, "that will give the flavour of the country." Bill had lived and worked in several countries, including Mexico.

The books will have a Geography flavour, concentrating on the culture of a nation, rather than

tourist information. One could imagine studying such books before taking up work in a foreign country - or even before taking a trip.

The Great Escape Book Store is helping to develop the collection.

This will be the second Memorial Collection in the Bancroft Public Library.

The Dorreen MacPhee Collection of Classical Literature was established in 1989.

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