

Two fine congregations for 145th anniversary

By Mrs. R. McLean
Ebenezer observed her 145th anniversary with two fine congregations. In the morning, Rev. George Dunlop, B.A., preached on the subject "My Brother's Keeper" from Matthew 25. He also quoted from Job 31. Job's comforters had the idea that punishment followed sin; this is not always the case.

In the east, bread is sacramental. An American missionary, in a hurry in Africa, gulped down his noon lunch. Not so his African guide, who said "I am eating my wife." He went on to explain that his wife had put thought and affection into the preparation of his meal, so he would not eat it thoughtlessly.

"Back of the wheat is the snowy flour,
Back of the flour is the mill,
Back of the mill is the wheat and the shower,
And the sun and the Father's will."

All we receive is a co-operative effort between God and man. Food, clothes, everything we enjoy is the result of hard labor. And we grumble. We are dependent on each other. If one man doesn't spray his apples or kill his weeds, the neighbors suffer.

When Christianity does not share, Communism steps into the breach. Man shall not live by bread alone.

Mrs. Sandra Boles sang sweetly "When you're one step away from God." The choir's anthem, with Sue Ward at the organ, was "Green Pastures."

At the evening service, our pastor, Rev. Russel Finley, gave an anecdote-laden address from Matthew 6, 19-34. When Jesus advised his followers not to be overly anxious, how much more does His advice apply to us in this hurried period of time. When you are in a state of anxiety, keep busy.

When the grandfather clock was a young grandfather clock, he started to worry about his ticks. He calculated 120 ticks per minute — that's 7,200 ticks per hour. That would work out to 63,072,000 ticks in a year. When the clock figured that in ten years he would have to tick 630,072,000 times, he had a nervous breakdown. After a while, the grandfather clock realized that all he had to do was to tick one tick at a time, so he measured the hours happily away until he was an old, old clock.

We should be like the old southern workman, who said "When I works, I works easy; when I sits, I sits loose; and when I worries, I sleep." We need a faith deep enough for the changing times, like the plant in Arizona in the shifting sands. His roots go deep enough to reach water.

In the Catacombs, where the early martyrs are buried,

the pictures carved into the stones are all of Jesus — His hazards, His cross and His crown. Remember that you and I don't have to run this universe. It's God's Kingdom, God's world. He can make use of us. It's a thrill to know He can use us. However, He's not turning His back on us and leaving us to run the world.

When we make plans and say "We're going to do this and so." There's God who likes to go His way. Jesus knows the way; all we have to do is follow Him. Let us learn patience to walk by His side.

The Eden Mills Presbyterian choir with Mrs. Don Blacklock at the organ, sang two splendid anthems, "O Magnify the Lord" and "The Lord's My Shepherd."

Mrs. Wilson Bewley and Mrs. William Bewley have returned from a trip to Victoria, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomson, formerly of R.R. Acton, now residing at R.R. 3, Arthur, are on a trip west to attend a wedding.

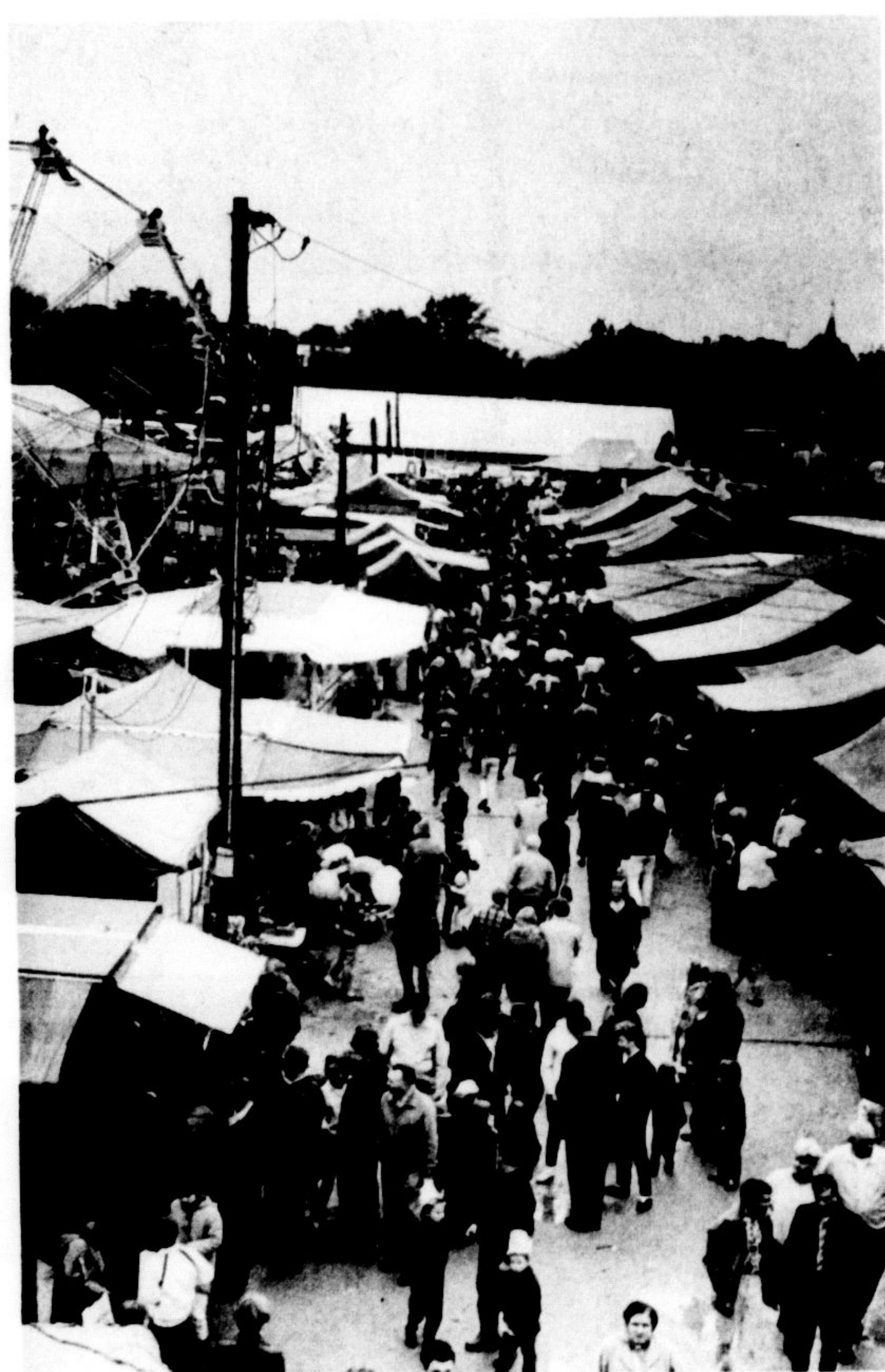
The community is deeply sorry about the loss by fire of the Bob Pittons' barn at Arkell. The 12 neighbors who managed to save the milking equipment deserve a great deal of credit. A neighbor has offered Bob the use of his stable for the winter. More power to you, Bob!

The church bulletins were printed on a Gestetner, which was purchased with the money from the Del Moffatt Memorial Fund. It will continue to be used weekly in his memory.

Among those attending the evening service was Mrs. Carter, whose late husband was minister at the time the present church was built. She now lives in Brantford and was the guest of the Misses Norrish of Guelph.

MEET CANDIDATES

A meet - the candidates night sponsored by the Sertoma Club will be held in Central High School in Burlington on October 10. Club president Art Bourassa said the meeting had been arranged to allow the public to hear the candidates speak. Each candidate will speak for 15 minutes and then answer written questions from the crowd.



A CROWDED MIDWAY, pictured in mid-afternoon Saturday, pleased the officials of the fair board who feared their 1967 fair might be an utter flop. Saturday's crowd was down from previous years, but still encouraging. The midway was busy all day. (Staff Photo)

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