

Anglican priest for 50 years

Parish honors Canon Mason



CANON FRANK MASON was recognized for his 50 years as a member of the Anglican priesthood following a Sunday evening service at Grace Parish hall. Canon Mason received a dollar for each year of service, presented in cheque form by Milton Mayor Brian Best, Rev. R. W. Foster (left) and Norman Pearce, (right) spoke briefly at the service. (Photo by D. Pink)

Canon F. H. Mason has been an ordained priest of the Anglican communion for 50 years. Sunday evening the parish of Grace Church Milton, where Canon Mason has been assistant priest since 1961, honored the anniversary of his ordination. He was presented with a dollar for each year he has served his church.

Canon Mason is a compassionate, loving man with a quick mind that stores many memories of his 82 years. Born in 1891 in Tumbidge Wells, Kent, England he was one of four boys. His keen sense of humor recalls "We'd have been more civilized if we'd had a girl!"

He married a girl named Mary Pickford in 1930 and they had a daughter, Margaret. Mrs. Mason died in September. Canon Mason was ordained deacon and priest in 1923, a graduate of Trinity College. From 1923 to 1927 he was curate at St. George's Church at Dominion Square in Montreal. From 1927 to 1929 he was priest in charge at St. Cyprian's in Toronto. From 1929 until 1936 he officiated at St. George's, Newcastle.

Appointed Canon He then began his 25 years as priest of St. Monica's parish in Toronto's East End. During this time he was appointed Canon by the Bishop. While there he was rural dean for eight years. In 1961 he retired, at the age of 70, coming to Milton to serve as part-time assistant at Grace Church.

Over the years Canon Mason has seen many changes take place in the church. He

feels there are more fundamental things needed in the church than changes in the form of worship. "That won't attract an otherwise indifferent congregation," he says. "It is a great temptation for some parents today to become worldly, bright and breezy but they lack depth."

Object to rezoning land for industry

Two residents of Nassagaweya have carried their objections to a rezoning of land from rural agriculture to industrial to the Regional Planning Committee. Gerald Sill and Don Duke both wrote letters to the Regional Planning Committee and the Ontario Municipal Board.

The land in question is west of Mohawk Inn and north of Highway 401 and is owned by Bert Day. At the planning meeting, Nassagaweya Councillor Jim Watson explained the application had gone full route at the local level and had received approval from planning board and council.

Both Duke and Sill noted the rezoning would increase the value of the Day property but would devalue their property.

Sill notes there are currently 145 acres of fully serviced industrial land not yet used. Both he and Duke note that with the 145 acres and the other unserviced industrial land in and near Milton, there was no need to allow industrial sprawl.

Both writers raised questions about the ability of the road system to handle traffic that would be generated by an industrial building in that area.

The regional planning committee indicated it wasn't yet in a position to comment on the rezoning. The application will need Ontario Municipal Board approval

"Years ago the evening congregations were bigger than those in the morning," he remembers. "The church isn't furnished yet, not by a long way. In the changing world it is vital that we bring the minds of the people the changeless message of Christ."

Acknowledging the many distractions people face on a Sunday, and the results of going to bed late Saturday night and loafing the next day, Canon Mason considers these to be a sign of the times. "People have embraced humanism," he says, "they think it is more important to keep busy than to worship."

"Today social service is considered a substitute for religion," he observes. "Social service is not a new invention of the 20th century, the church has instituted all the charities throughout the ages."

Concerned with the lack of leadership for young people in the church, he says, "Sunday school has never been as effective as it could have been because we don't have enough trained people to teach." However, he considers the young people today to be intelligent in their dissatisfaction with the church as with most other facets of our society.

"They will come back," he says confidentially, "they will see the church's timeless message of peace and calm for troubled people in a troubled world."

EMO will continue request is approved

Halton Emergency Measures Organization lived through yet another vote of non confidence at the administration and finance committee of regional government Wednesday.

The validity of having an EMO co-ordinator and department has been questioned on a number of occasions. The most recent came from Oakville councillor Mac Anderson. He said he wasn't convinced the EMO department was needed.

Regional Chairman Allan Masson explained municipalities across the province had expressed a wish to continue with the service. He noted the province had agreed to pick up the amount of money which the federal government had cut from its budget for that purpose.

Cut back funds The federal government recently announced dramatic

cutbacks in the amount of money it was willing to provide for EMO purposes. EMO co-ordinator, Bill McCreary asked that council allow his department to report to the clerk's department rather than the engineering department. The committee approved that recommendation.

The function of EMO was once to prepare for war time emergencies but now the function is primarily preparing for peace time emergencies.

NORTH HALTON



No quorum no meeting

Attempts to round up a quorum of members failed Wednesday and Milton District Hospital's December board of directors' meeting was never held.

Just six trustees arrived for the meeting and seven are needed to constitute a quorum. Trustees and administrator Ron Woods attempted to locate more members by phone, without any luck.

Christmas playlet presented at church

The Evening Anglican Church Women of St. George's Church, Lowville met at the home of Margaret Harris Dec. 13 for their Christmas meeting. President Lillian Mathies presided and scripture was read by Marg Harris. Kathy Powell gave the thought for the day. Carols and games were enjoyed.

Lois Richardson reported on baskets and flowers sent to the sick and shut-ins. Mrs. Jeffares was presented with a gift, and gifts were exchanged, then a pot luck supper was enjoyed. On Sunday, Dec. 16 the Rev. L. Presse of Burlington had charge of the services in St. John's at 9.30 a.m. and St. George's communion service at 11 a.m. The choir sang an anthem and presented a Christmas playlet God So Loved the World. The white gift offering was received with food and small pieces of new clothing for needy families to be distributed by the North West Halton Voluntary Services.

On Dec. 16 a pot luck supper was served in the church hall for the Sunday school pupils and a large number attended.

Afterwards the pupils presented a program. There was a Christmas tree with presents for all the children.

HOLIDAY BUS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 27, 28 and 29 — the bus will run on the Saturday schedule 9 to 4.45 p.m.

There will be regular service Christmas Eve - December 24th

No Bus Service Christmas Day & Boxing Day

No Bus Service December 31st or New Year's day.

Regular schedule resumes Wednesday January 2, 1974 at 6.45 a.m.

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