

Rev. Mary Farmery

New pastor at St. David's

By Ann Hauprich-Nielsen
There are now two female ministers looking after congregations in the Milton area.

The Rev. Mary Patterson Farmery assumed pastoral duties at the Presbyterian churches in Cambellville and Nassagaweya recently after completing four years of service as director of Armagh in Clarkson.

She was called in by the congregation of the local churches and inducted into her new role on Feb. 24.

The other female pastor in the Milton area is the Rev. Beverly Shanley who was ordained into the Anglican priesthood last November and is in charge of pastoral care at St. George's in Lowville and St. John's in Nassagaweya.

Originally from Scotland, Mrs. Farmery came to Canada as a teenager and completed her post secondary

education in Toronto. She graduated as a registered nurse from Bellville and worked in this capacity amongst service men and women for a number of years.

She later attended the Ontario Bible College in Toronto and took her Masters in Divinity at the University of Toronto about 1970. Mrs. Farmery was ordained into the Presbyterian ministry shortly after her graduation from the Bible College.

For a time, she was assistant to the Minister of Victoria Royce Church in the west end of Toronto, but was asked by the church to become director at Armagh, a home for unwed mothers and women in distress in 1973.

There she was in charge of a dozen staff members and about two dozen young women in need of counselling and care.

In fact, it was through her

work at Armagh that Mrs. Farmery first became acquainted with members of St. David's and Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church.

"I've been to this area several times to lecture on the work being done at Armagh," Mrs. Farmery explained, "so I had an opportunity to meet some members of the congregation during these visits."

Mrs. Farmery said a new director has been appointed to replace her at Armagh and that her involvement at the home will be in a strictly advisory capacity from now on.

"I expect to be kept nicely busy working with the two congregations here," Mrs. Farmery said.

This is Mrs. Farmery's first pastoral job and she said she regards her calling to the

Ministry as "a privilege".

She said she hopes to become actively involved with the various church groups at St. David's and Nassagaweya and to spend time with members of the congregation who are sick in hospital or otherwise in need of special attention.

"I will also be baptising, performing marriage ceremonies and delivering sermons," Mrs. Farmery said. "I believe it is a privilege to be able to perform these duties as a service to Christ."

"This is a whole new, wonderful field opening for me," she said.

Mrs. Farmery is married to the Rev. Iner Farmery, director of men's work at an inner-city mission in Toronto.

She said she and Mr. Farmery try to help one another mutually in their

ministries as time allows.

For example, she said, Mr. Farmery recently joined the church choir at St. David's to get to know members of her congregation, and when she worked in Clarkson, she often gave him a hand in his mission work.

In addition to her ministerial work and nursing experience Mrs. Farmery is also an accomplished author.

She won a literary award in Centennial Year for a light musical play she wrote entitled "My Sainted Aunt" and has also had several devotional articles published in magazines such as "The Presbyterian Record."

Mrs. Farmery has also recently completed a manuscript for a historical novel on Pascal which she will try to have published at a future date.



REV. MARY P. FARMERY is the new pastor at St. David's in Campbellville and Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church. Prior to coming to the local churches a month ago, Mrs. Farmery spent four years as a director of Armagh (a home for unwed mothers and women in distress) in Clarkson. Mrs. Farmery is the second female minister to be appointed head of a congregation in this area.

New lambs, kids signs of spring

With the end of the winter season Bronte Creek Provincial Park finds itself busy preparing for spring programs.

Both new lambs and kid goats have made their appearance at the Spruce Lane Farm and the Children's Farm and can be found frolicking by their mothers' side. The birth of other young animals is expected during the spring months.

From April 16 to May 23 the park will be presenting its Spring Wildflower Program at the Visitor's Centre. An audio-visual presentation will be shown at half-hour intervals each weekend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the park wildflowers. This program

has been designed to aid visitors in identifying flowers which they are unfamiliar with along with the more common varieties found in the park.

In the early part of May visitors can watch the farm staff cultivating and planting crops in the fields at Spruce Lane Farm using the antique equipment and work horses.

The farmhouse will again be open on weekends and a special demonstration on shearing sheep will be held on May 22-23. This will include a display on wool dyeing using natural plants and vegetables found in the park along with a demonstration on the art of carding and spinning the sheared wool.

Premier Davis to open campus

Premier William Davis will officially open the new Brampton Campus of Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology on Friday, April 1, as part of the college's 10th anniversary celebrations.

Ceremonies will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will take place in the central court area of the campus, located at the corner of McLaughlin Rd. and Steeles Ave. just west of Highway 10.

Also included as part of the anniversary celebrations is Springboard 77, a three-week exhibit of work by graduating students in the School of Visual Arts, located in all three towers of the Toronto-Dominion Centre.

Dr. Harry Parrott, Minister of Colleges and Universities will officially open the exhibit on Monday, March 28, at 2:30 p.m. in the Observation Gallery of the Bank Tower

(54th floor). The opening ceremonies will be followed by a press preview and judging by a panel of experts.

OPP ask for help

Milton OPP are asking for public assistance to help them identify the driver of the car which hit Bhatti Bashi Ahmed, a security guard at Frankel Steel, while he was walking to work just before midnight Friday.

The 21-year-old Mr. Ahmed, of 144 Wilson Dr., is currently in the Milton District Hospital in satisfactory condition after suffering a broken leg and facial injuries in the hit and run accident.

Mr. Ahmed was struck by a car while he was walking on the Highway 25 bridge over Highway 401. Police suspect the car either continued north to Acton or took the west-bound ramp to London.

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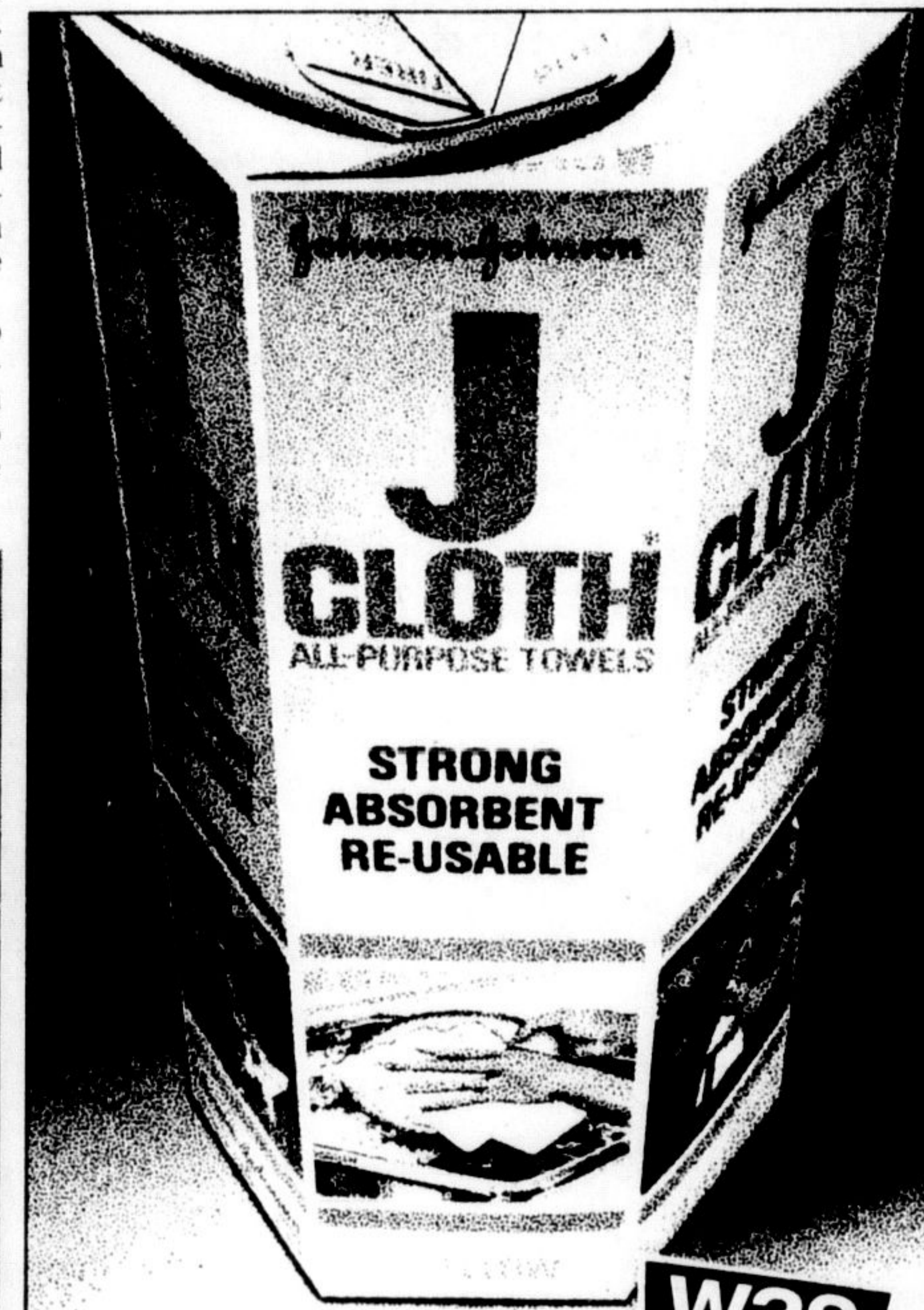
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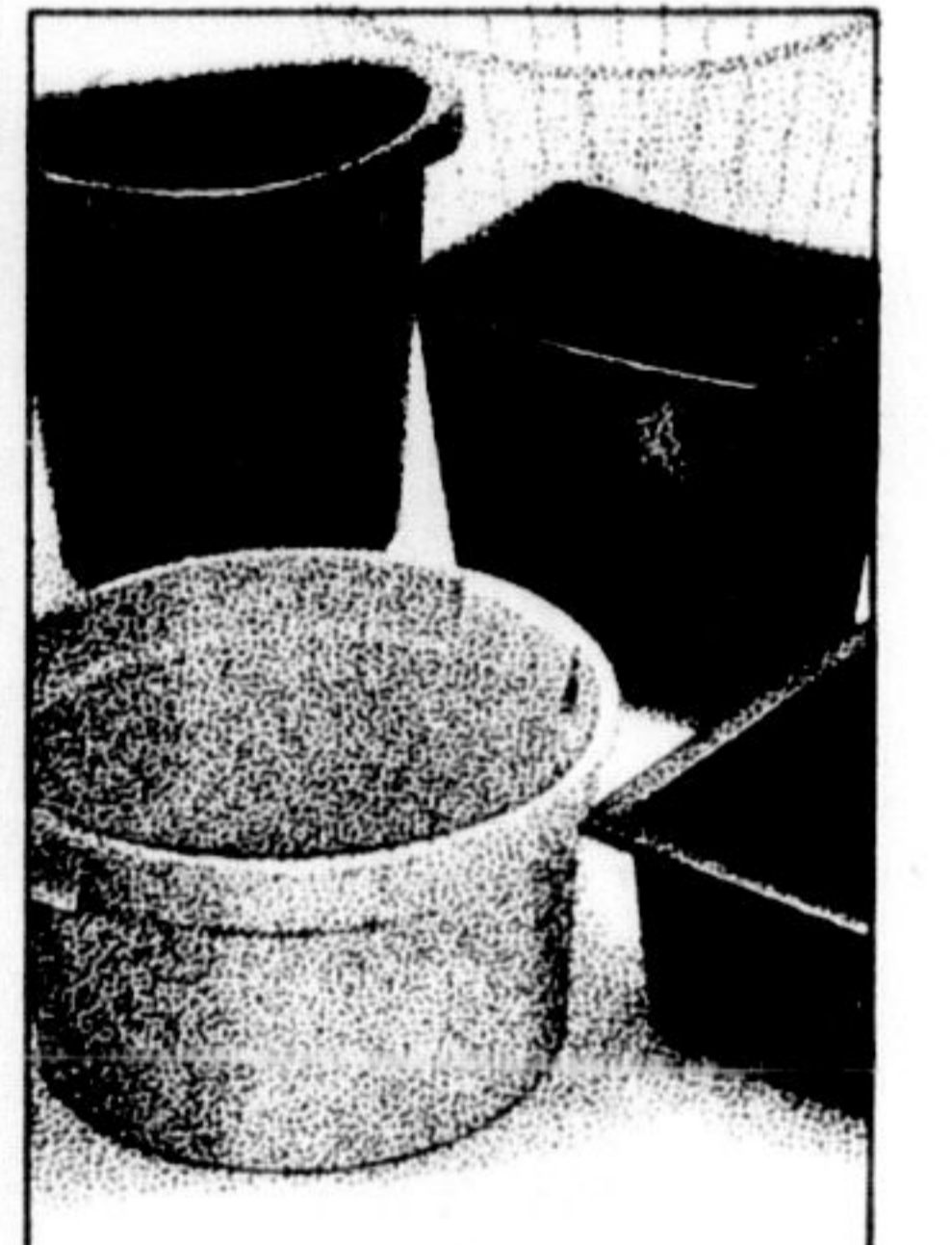
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