#### New minister at Kilbride

# Church responding to 'inner needs'

the new minister of Carlisle and Kilbride United Church congregations, but his name is not entirely new to the community.

More than 120 years ago, the minister's great-grandminister of a Kilbride church. minister in Kilbride in later

Wedding

Rev. George Lewis offic-

iated at a double-ring wed-

ding ceremony at St. Paul's

United Church on Saturday,

and Janet Elizabeth Brodie

The bride, a teacher at

Halton Board of Education, is

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

A. D. Brodie of 379 Williams

Ave., Milton. The groom is

the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W.

Black of 62 South Oval,

Hamilton. Both are teachers

with Halton Board of Edu-

Mrs. Judy Hunter was solo-

were married. .

cation.

Rev. Alfred McAlister is the community after serving as a minister in Thornhill for

> Ontario, the 50-year-old minister admits the move to the rural community will mean significant changes for him and his family.

Accustomed to living in a, large urban district of Toronto, with a congregation approximately families, his new appoint-

Rev. McAlister comes to ment is a complete change.

DOWN APPLEBY LINE on a racing bike is quite an experience. Mem-

bers of the Ontario Cycling Association took part in the Halton Hilly Half

Hundred Sunday morning. The ride took them from Burlington to Low-

ist at the wedding, and Mrs.

Marjorie Magee organist

The bride's sister Caroline

played a flute solo during the

A friend Heather Boswell-

. Fair of Orangeville was

matron of honor and the

bride's sisters Nancy and

Caroline Brodie were brides-

maids. John Scarrow of Oak-

ville was best man while Mike

Daymond of Oakville and the

groom's cousin Larry Black

A dinner and dance follow-

ed at Lions Hall, with 150

attending. Master of cere-

of Milton were ushers.

ville, Campbellville, Milton and back to Burlington.

Black - Brodie

Aug. 12 when Timothy Black signing of the register.

He will serve nearly 300 evening at Carlisle Church. Carlisle as United Church minister in the community.

"It is a different pace of life here, but it is also a very stimulating and inspiring congregation in this area," said the new minister who preached his first sermon on Sunday, Sept. 3.

His induction into the new church was held during a

monies was Howard Scannell

of Milton and the toast to the

bride was offered by the

bride's uncle, Gord Fry of

attendance and guests at-

tended from Chatham,

London, Stratford, Windsor,

Victoria BC as well as Oak-

trip to the Thousand Islands,

the newlyweds have taken up

residence in Oakville.

Following a honeymoon

Prior to the wedding, the

bride was honored at three

showers, a pantry shower

given by the staff of Harrison

Public School in Georgetown,

a miscellaneous shower given

by Pat Scannell and Millie

miscellaneous shower given

by the bride's friends and

A Jack and Jill shower was

given by John and Kathy

Scarrow and the best man

and ushers organized a stag

Dance in Milton, and

relatives in Chatham.

Four grandmothers were in

Missisauga.

ville and Milton.

It will still take some time however, before the new minister is familiar with both of his congregations and the

challenge," he said of his new position, adding that he felt he had a lot to learn from the people and wanted to get to know his congregation well. before establishing new extra church activities.

"They are a very active he noted appreciatively, pointing out that the church has already established itself as a centre for a number of children, youth and adult programs. Although Rev. McAlister has not at this time decided to what extent he will become nvolved in the various church groups, he is particularly interested in activities involving senior citi-

A former member of the board of directors for the Thornhill church, he was a key person in the development of a \$3 million senior citizen apartment complex in that community.

He is also a licensed bus driver, and took great delight in chauffeuring the church group of senior citizens on bus trips all over southern

In addition to his duties to the church and groups, he has been very active with the York Region Children's Aid. The father of six children Rev. McAllister feels that significant changes are oc-

curring in the church today. "The pendulum does tend to swing, and right now, people are in the process of rediscovering the power of faith in church," he said. He feels the church is now

more than ever responding to the "needs of the inner man. "In the last two decades, we have been distracted by the tremendous pressure to

possessions to achieve material happiness, he noted, adding that people are now "finding that insufficient and are beginning to backpaddle. "The church has been pre-

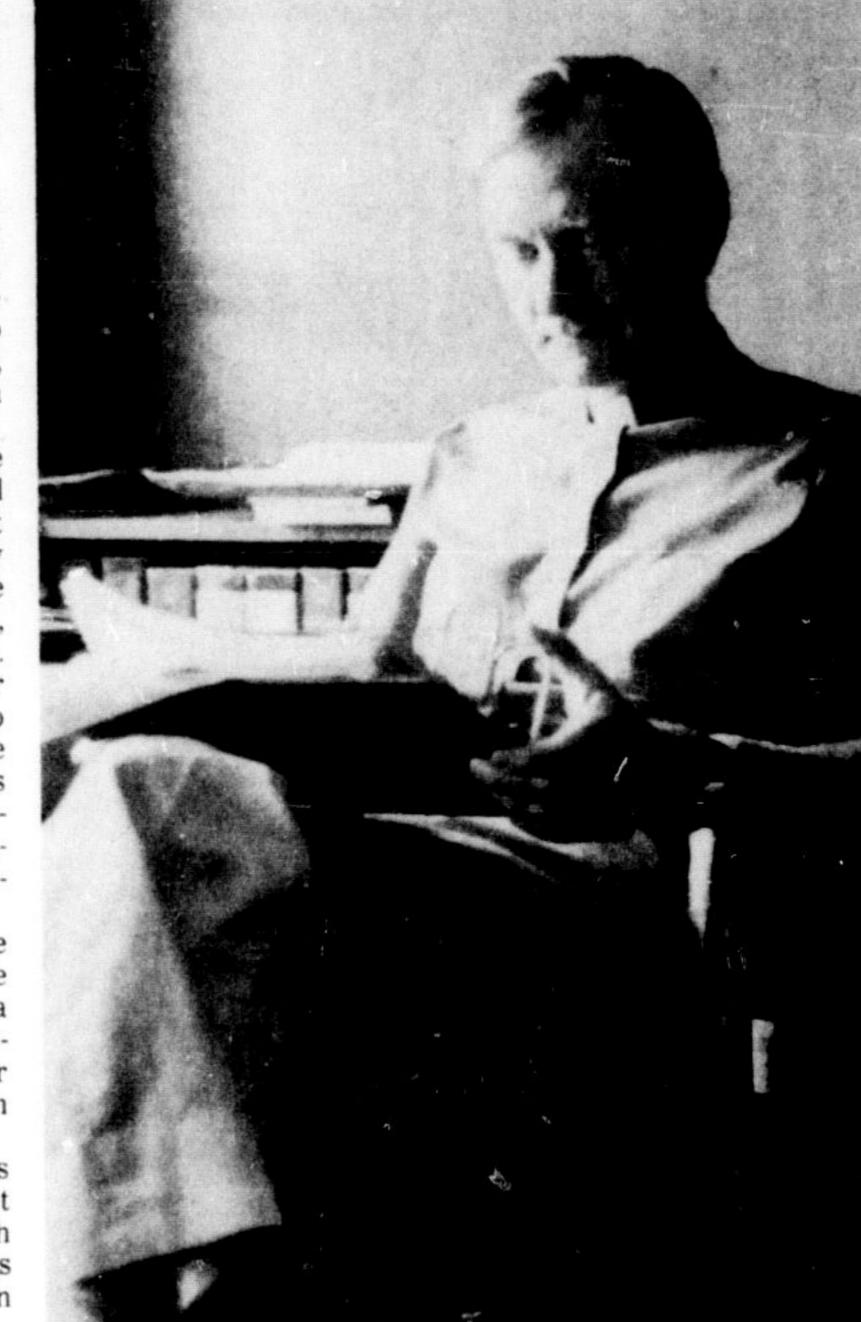
occupied with social and political issues," he stated, "but it now has the challenge to meet the needs of the inner At the same time, he noted.

there are endless alternatives to church today, citing sporting events and entertainment as several forms of distractions. "But those attending

church do so out of a genuine desire to serve God, despite distractions. Rev. McAlister is married

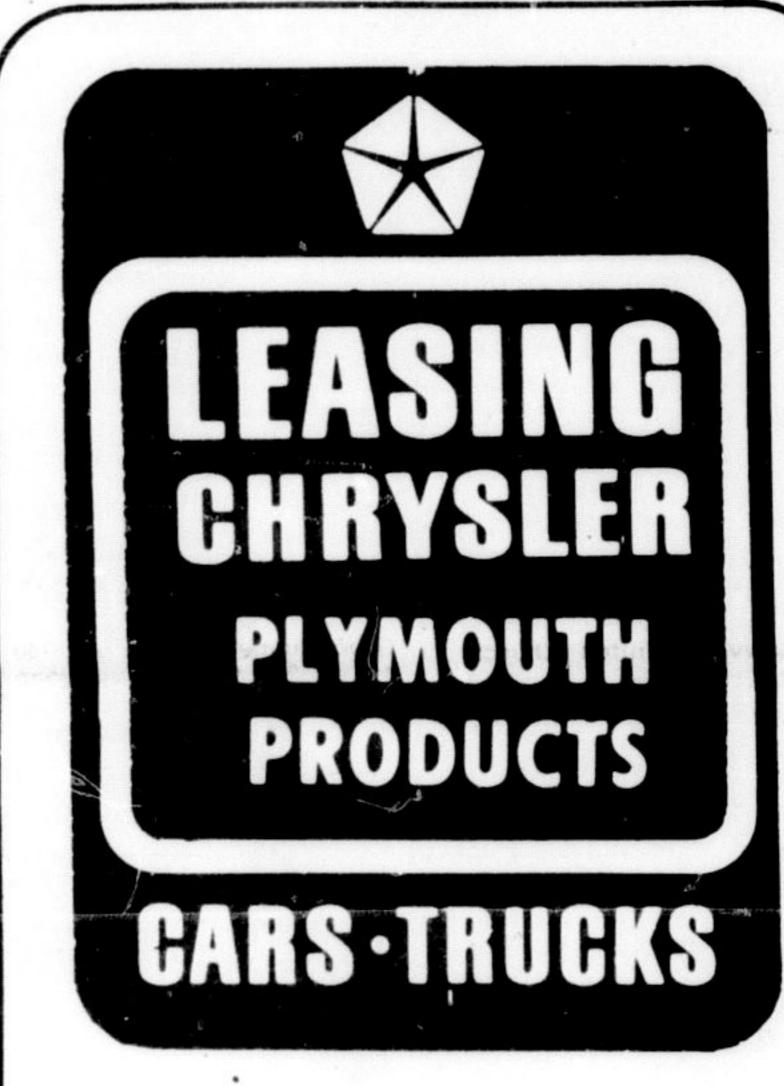
to Ann-Louise McAlister. They have six children-Peter, 20; Ruth, 19; Martha, 17; John, 16; Mary, 12; and

They have moved from their former Thornhill home now reside in Carlisle



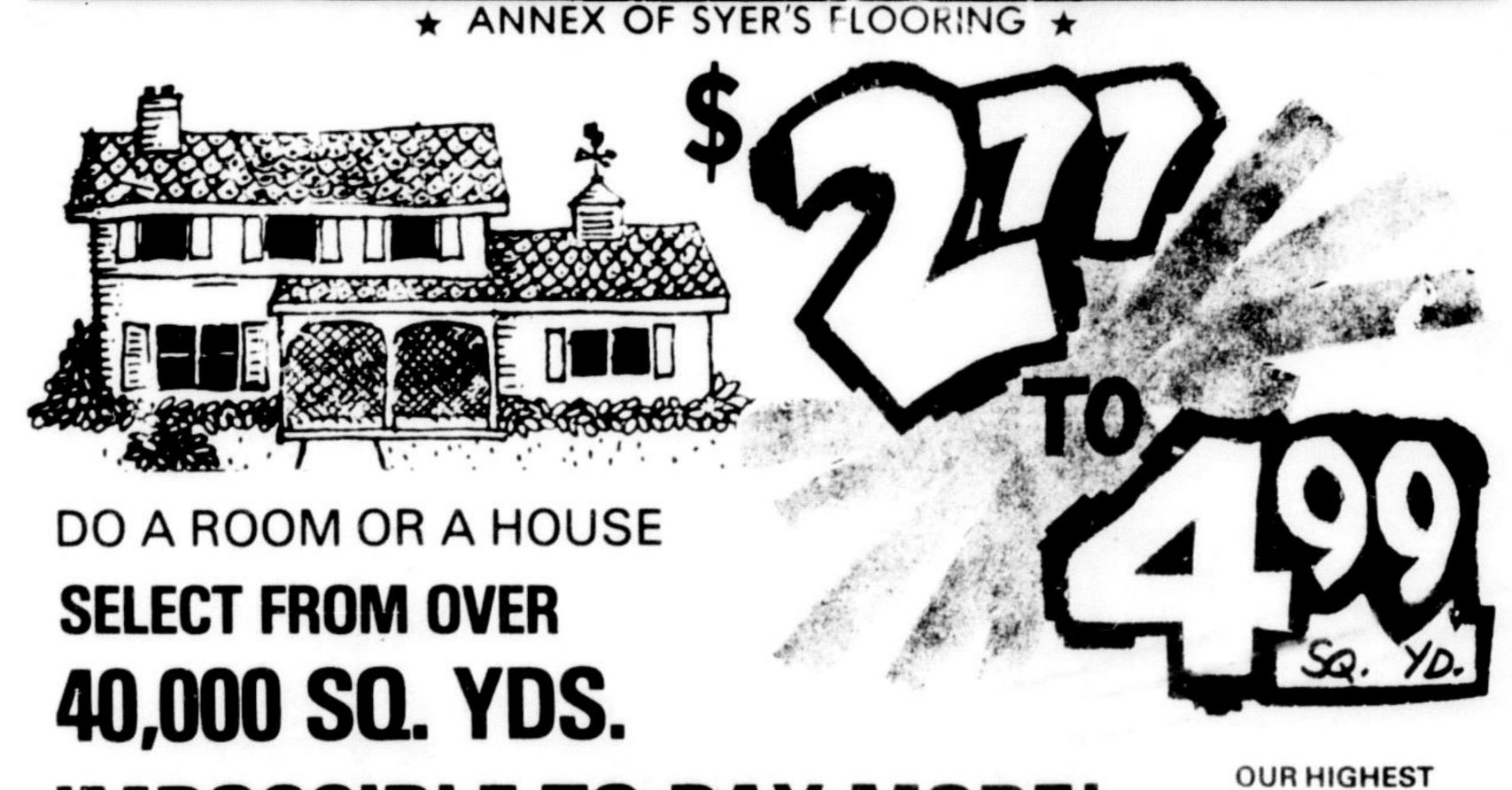
REV. ALFRED McALISTER is the new minister for Kilbride and Carlisle United Churches. He comes to the community after spending eight

years as a minister at Thornhill United Church.



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JANET BRODIE and Tim Black, both teachers with Halton Board of Education, exchanged wedding vows and rings Aug. 12 at St. Paul's United Church in Milton. They are living in Oakville. (Photo by William Stuckey,)



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