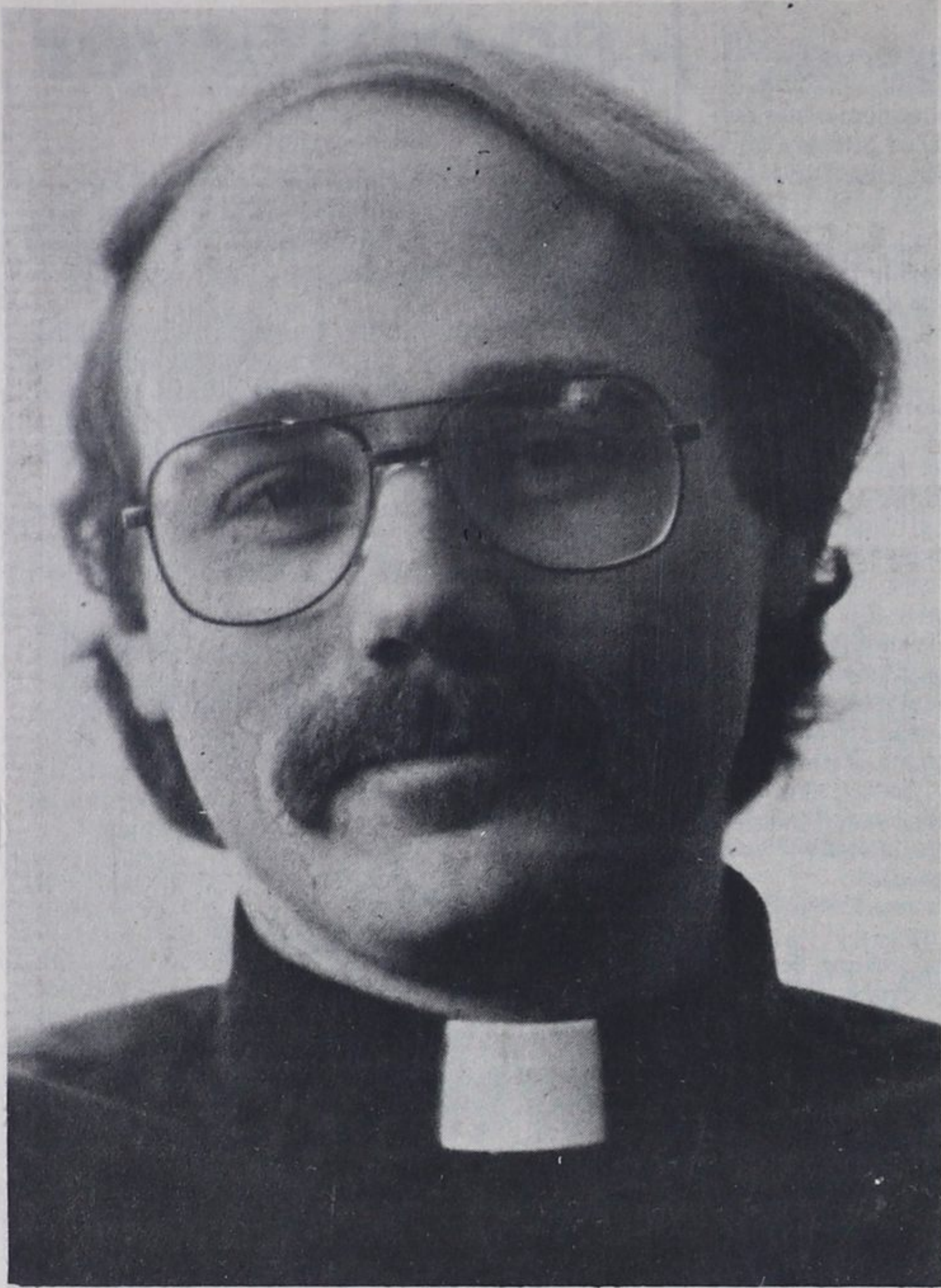


## That's My Line



# Wayne Manne

Deacon

by Fred Sharp

'I once struggled with the idea of becoming a priest,' confesses Mississauga-native Wayne Manne.

Manne is a 27-year-old seminary graduate who is in the process of becoming a member of the clergy, while serving a one year internship-like program at St. Margaret's Church in Midland.

Now, after three and one half years of theological training at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, and after 14 months of practical work experience as a deacon in the church in Midland, the idea of the priesthood as a vocation is more of an anticipation than a struggle, as it once was for him when he pondered it during his high school years.

The struggles with his misconceptions aside, Manne will joyfully and officially become a priest on May 8, when he is ordained by His Eminence Cardinal Carter at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto.

When he becomes a priest, Manne says he

hopes to emphasize the teamwork aspect of the church and to encourage the layperson to use the spiritual gift he or she has to strengthen the other members of the body. Manne points to the Apostle Paul's example as having contributed to his vision of 'building the community of faith by facilitating and co-ordinating the gifts.'

Manne cites one thing he learned while being a deacon at St. Margaret's has been the importance of having compassion and presence for the needs of other people.

Sometimes he says this involves 'letting go of your own agenda', and really listening so

as to hear what are peoples' needs.

Deacon essentially means servant with an emphasis on usefulness rather than on inferiority 'Being an instrument of God's work' is how Manne likes to define his present role. 'A love for people' is what he sees as the main prerequisite for the job. 'You have to enjoy working with people,' he adds.

He says he would like to possibly return to Midland after his ordination because he has found the people unique in their willingness to give of their time and energy to become involved in the life of the church.

'I find the people here fantastic,' he says.

# Meegan resumes his 18,600 mile walk

After wintering in Elmvale, the Englishman who is well on his way to walking from the far southern tip of South America to the top of North America is on his way again.

George Meegan, a native of Rainham, Kent, who has spent some of his 29 years as a sailor on freighters visiting many of the world's countries, his wife, Yoshiko, and his two children, left Elmvale yesterday bound for New York.

After five days there, during which time Meegan will meet with his book publisher, G.P. Putnam, to go over details of his account of his trek through South America, due to be published in the autumn of 1983, his family will return to Japan, and Meegan will return to Sault Ste. Marie, the farthest point of his walk when he quit for the winter last fall.

Meegan plans to set out next Wednesday. His destination is Vancouver before next winter, where he will be rejoined by his family. Next spring he will set out on the final leg of his 18,600 mile slog to Point Barrow, Alaska.

He plans to detour through the United States from Ontario and re-enter Canada in

Saskatchewan. He will be pulling behind him the cart that he has had since the start of his walk on Jan. 26, 1977, and on it a sleeping bag, clothing, and his other few necessities.

His four months in Elmvale united with his family was a time of great happiness for him, he said this week. 'I'm sad to leave. It's a wonderful place, and wonderful people.'

Between the age of 16, when he left school, and age 23, while a sailor for a tramp steamer company, Meegan visited 60 countries.

By the end of his walk he expects to hold the record both for longest walk, and for crossing more degrees of latitude than any other man, 100 degrees.

His daughter, nearly four years of age, Ayumi, whose name means Walk in English, and his son, one year old, Geoffrey Susumi (Keep Going), were born after he left Ushuaia, Argentina, over five years ago.



George Meegan  
On his way again

## Two fires

Midland Deputy Fire Chief Hal Belfry reports one oven fire and one chimney fire Wednesday, with no damage from either one.

## More need for firemen in Medonte

Area firefighters have had a quiet week on the home front, although some forces assisted with train derailment operations near Hillsdale.

Chief Ted Light of Penetanguishene reports only one false alarm, at the Mental Health Centre Wednesday. During the otherwise slow week, Penetanguishene firefighters sent two shifts of men to the train wreck as a part of mutual aid.

Chief Light said yesterday, "You really have to see (the wreck) to appreciate the magnitude of it. Huge cars were piled on top of each other, and we couldn't even see the tanker (containing Hydrofluoric acid) at the bottom of the pile."

Although fire departments from throughout the county have been helping through the mutual aid system, the chief said, "It's a real hardship for the Medonte firefighters; the guys down there are just beat."

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