

## St. Paul's Lutheran Hold First Service New Church

Two hundred twenty-four members and friends of St. Paul's Lutheran Church filled its new building to capacity Sunday morning.

Opening day brought the record number of worshippers. The church had been under construction since mid-June.

The Rev. Albert E. Myers, pastor of the congregation, preached the opening-day sermon, "A Bridge Into the Future."

He pointed out that the local Lutherans had completed the third phase of the development of their congregation. Phase one

was the initial interest in the organizing of a Lutheran Church in Richmond Hill.

Pastor Myers praised the vision and courage of the first few Lutheran families. Through their efforts, worship services were begun at Walter Scott School by the Rev. Richard Tubbe of Unionville.

The second phase was the official organization of St. Paul's Church under the leadership of Pastor Myers in January, 1962. At that time there were 62 charter confirmed members.

A building program was inaugurated in April, 1962.

Known as "Our Venture in Faith," it began phase three of the church's development.

That phase was completed Sunday morning. Pastor Myers called for renewed dedication as the congregation enters phase four.

"By God's grace we now have the tool — our new building," said Pastor Myers. "We must use that tool in developing a full Christian program."

Phase four of the congregation's development will concentrate on emphasis in evangelism, education, fellowship and service, and worship. "Our

goal is to be a dynamic, vital, progressive unit of the Body of Christ, His Church on earth."

Pastor Myers indicated that adult membership will have doubled at the church's third anniversary in January, 1965. He predicted more rapid growth in the immediate future.

The number of friends and relatives who attended Sunday's opening worship service was overwhelming. Available seats were quickly filled, and the vestibule was overflowing.

Next Sunday the congregation observes Thanksgiving Day, Holy Communion

will be served during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Finishing touches are still being applied to the new building. Parking lot paving is scheduled for this week. New chancel furniture is being completed by a local Lutheran, Henry Potzau.

Special recognition was given to Philip Limpert and his committee. They spent many hours preparing the building for Sunday's use and constructing portable dividers for the Sunday school.

A formal dedication service and open house are being planned for late fall.



MR. JOHNSTON (LEFT) WITH HIS WIFE AND A. P. LESLIE (CENTRE)

## Fought Forest Fires By Air, Research Chief Retires

The man who fought the first northern Ontario forest fire from the air in the 20's was honored at a retirement party by 200 of his friends and co-workers with the Department of Lands and Forests here last Wednesday.

World War I pilot and active traveller, Reginald N. Johnston, 68, holds the record of longest service to the forestry department, 47 years, the last 20 of which he has headed up the research division of On-

tario Lands and Forests at Maple.

With his wife, Margaret, he was guest of honor at a farewell dinner held in the Legion Court, attended by people from as far north as Sudbury.

Following his war service overseas as a Canadian pilot with the Royal Flying Corps, Mr. Johnston flew in the northern part of the province on aerial survey and forest fire spotting including the famous Haileybury fire in 1922.

At Wednesday's dinner he was called one of the pioneers of aerial surveying and photography by Frank McDougall, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests.

Among the guests were George H. R. Phillips, retired superintendent of Algonquin Forest and Dr. G. R. Dymond, formerly biology curator with the Royal Ontario Museum who said that under Mr. Johnston's direction some extremely important and valuable research results had been achieved.

Most venerable guest was Dr. E. J. Savitz, 90, who paid

tribute to Mr. Johnston's work.

Presenting the Johnstons with a hi-fi set (delivered Thursday morning to their Oriole Parkway home) was his assistant research director Andrew P. Leslie.

Mr. Johnston joined the department after high school graduation in 1916 and following his war service rejoined.

In the Second World War, he was an officer with the Canadian Army involved with the Alaska Highway project.

## Short, Furious Rain Friday, No Damage

Last Friday's short but furious downpour around dinner time damped down the dust but did little damage around Richmond Hill.

Richmond Hill Police reported no accidents for the period.

A telephone call to the town works department produced the comment that not one homeowner had reported any flooded basements.

## Dr. Winnifred Bryce Addresses United Church Women's Group

Reasons for thankfulness and children, and could decree their death if he so desired.

As Christian women, Dr. Bryce reminded her listeners, they should be joyful at all times. Too many of us, she said, have the "horrid sin of being casual" about some of the great things which God has given us.

Dr. Bryce will lecture at a ten week course at the University of Toronto Extension on the topic "India, What Next?" which began October 7.

The chapel in the Christian Education wing was completely filled for the occasion. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. L. D. Clement who led the devotional and introduced the speaker.

Two lovely vocal solos were given by Mrs. Eileen Robbins of St. Matthew's United Church. She was accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Ralph Wood.

Following Dr. Bryce's talk, the ladies adjourned to the church parlor for the business portion of their meeting, which was conducted by Chairman Mrs. James Pollard. Plans for the unit's November 7 bazaar were discussed.

## Thurs. Luncheon Was A Lucky One

A "lucky luncheon" featuring products of Canadian manufacturers, was enjoyed by 150 guests in Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church banquet hall last Thursday at noon. Sponsoring the event was the women's association of the church.

Home Economist Mrs. Betsy McLean and two helpers prepared the delicious food which was recommended as being economical as well as easily and quickly prepared. The menu featured Shirriff's frozen apple juice, Sealtest French onion dip 'n' dressing, Humpty Dumpty potato chips, meat pies, Shirriff's mashed potatoes with gravy and a jellied salad made from E. D. Smith's diet blueberry and cherry pie fillings, Christie's chocolate roll with Sealtest whipped cream, tea and coffee completed the feast.

Everyone in attendance received a package of Five Roses Miracle Flour to take home. Almost 100 women also received as lucky gifts food items donated by the above firms.

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