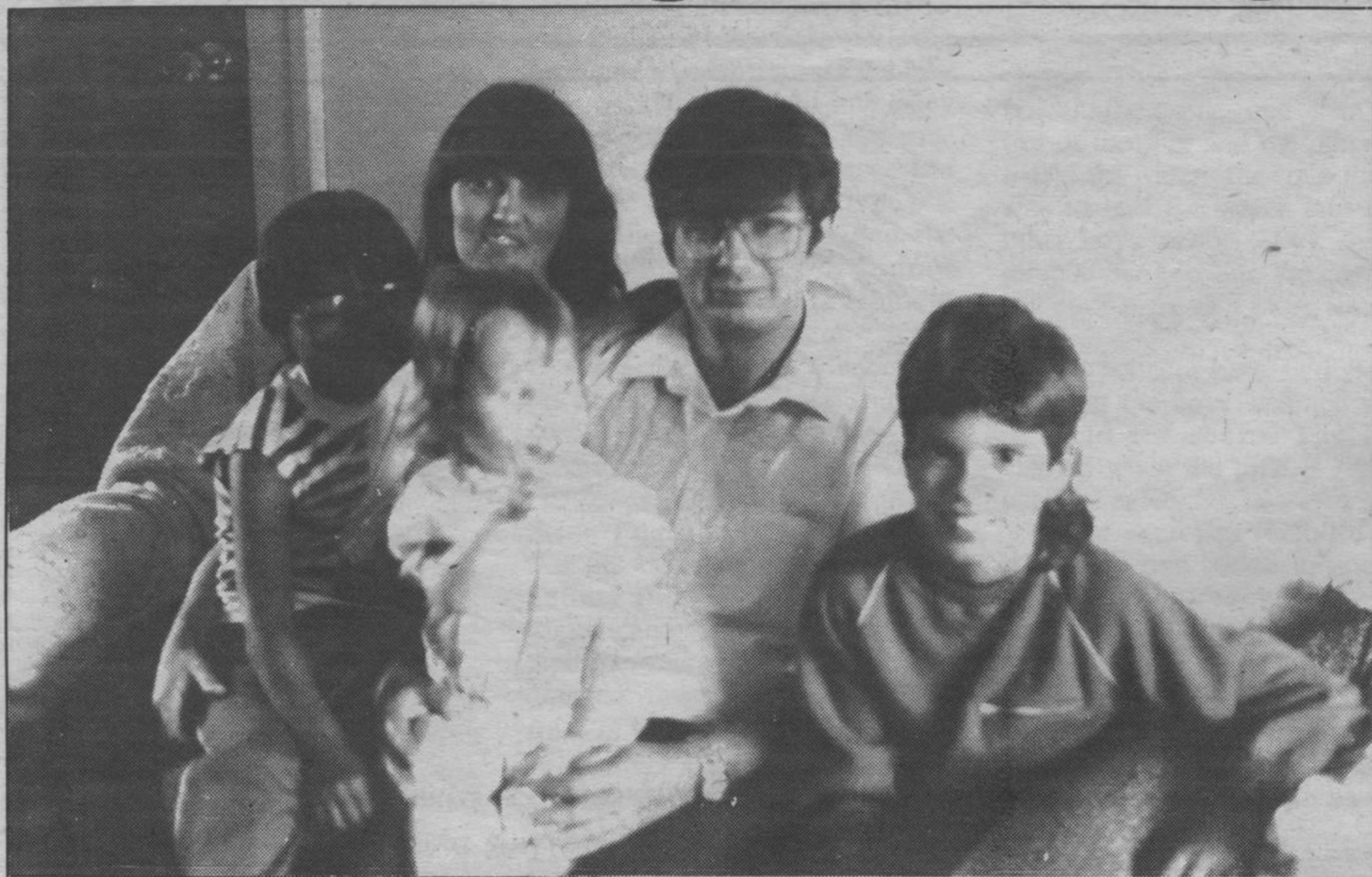


New Anglican Church minister and his family are not strangers to living in the North



Part of the family

New Anglican Church Pastor Bob Elkin and his family are shown above relaxing in their new home. Shown from left, front, are Maria, Kathleen and Jamie, and back, Connie and

Bob Elkin. The Elkins, who consider Northern Ontario their home, like Schreiber and say they have already made many friends. (Photo by Ken Lusk).

By Ken Lusk

The new pastor of St. John Anglican Church in Schreiber not only relishes the thought of his new placement in Schreiber, he has spent most of his life in the North- he feels right at home here on the North Shore.

In fact, Bob Elkin could accuse local citizens of being southerners- Elkin spent many years north of here in places like the Pikanjikum Reserve and Big Trout Lake (the former is 50 kilometres north of Red Lake)- more on these chilling facts later.

Wife and children

Bob Elkin brings with him to Schreiber from London, Ontario, his wife Connie and three children, Kathleen, 2, Jamie, 11, and Maria (from Korea), 7.

The Elkins, practically from the time they were married, have been foster and adoptive parents.

Kathleen, Maria and three older children (not at home) all have been adopted by the Elkins (Jamie is the Elkins' only natural child).

Connie said that she started fostering Kathleen at birth on a temporary basis.

Over time, Connie decided she wanted to keep Kathleen but she was not available for adoption. Eventually Kathleen did become available and the Elkins adopted her.

Connie told the *News* that immediately after she and Bob married they began fostering children (their first two were in 1970).

Connie made a point of differentiating between fostering and adopting.

Adopting, of course, is actually bringing a child into your home to live with you permanently.

Fostering, said Connie, is taking care of a child until a permanent home is found, usually elsewhere than the foster parents' home.

Connie has also worked with Children's Aid, again taking care of children until a permanent home could be found.

She said that to date she and Bob have fostered 26 children.

Mrs. Elkin has also been a relief parent. For example, she has taken care of retarded chil-

parents a break.

Out of the 26 fostered children, the Elkins have adopted five (previously mentioned).

Boat persons

Bob Elkin said that he and Connie first became involved with fostering and adopting children after being heavily involved with boat people.

Bob said he helped form *Thunder Bay Friends of Refugees*, an organization that looked for sponsors for these people.

It was through this involvement that Bob "realized the tremendous need for homes" (for these people).

Northern residents

St. John Anglican Church Pastor Bob Elkin most-recently hails from London, Ontario, where he received his masters of divinity in Theology from Huron College last April. He was ordained last May in Sault Ste. Marie by the Bishop of Algoma, Les Peterson.

But Elkin's post-high school

experiences started off in a different vein.

Beginnings

In 1969, Elkin left his hometown of Hamilton, Ontario, with his new wife Connie.

She is originally from Holland. In 1965, she came to Canada to visit her father on the Bruce Peninsula and since then has never wanted to go back.

Before leaving Hamilton, Elkin took one year of English at University. He then graduated from Teachers' College and went on to teach in Red Lake from 1969 to 1970.

It was during this time the Elkins adopted their first two children.

From Red Lake (where Bob taught Gr. 7 for one year) the Elkins were off to the Pikanjikum Reserve.

Asked to read

It was in Pikanjikum that Bob and his family got to know the minister. Bob was offered a job as a lay minister. Eventually he quit teaching and became a full-time

lay minister for the next two years.

It was in 1972 that the Elkins left Pikanjikum.

The next move was to Big Trout Lake where Bob began teaching again with the Department of Indian Affairs.

Then Bob applied to be a principal. He got the job and was sent back to Pikanjikum.

After two more years in Pikanjikum, Bob left in 1975 for Thunder Bay, the reason being he

said, so that his children could grow up in a more "urban" setting. Elkin and his family spent 10 years in the Thunder Bay area.

Declining enrolment

Because of declining enrolment in the schools, Elkin said he could not get a teaching position in Thunder Bay.

For awhile he worked in a

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