

New Reverend seeks challenges

By Greg Huneault
the News

The newest member of one of the ministries servicing the area welcomes the challenge.

Reverend David Sparks arrived in Terrace Bay on July 20 to minister to the congregations of St. Andrew's United Church in Schreiber and the Terrace Bay Community Church.

David, as he prefers to be addressed, came from Thunder Bay where he was the minister of Westminster United Church.



Rev. David Sparks

He replaces Rev. Ernie Hunt, who was assigned to the Westminster United Church in a simple exchange.

David 'received the calling' at a comparatively later age than others. He decided to attend Cambridge University in England in 1968 to train for and study theology.

Prior to that time, he was a Medical Care Systems coordinator in the Maritimes.

He returned to Canada in 1980 to begin ministering. He started in Saskatchewan, where he was in charge of four churches in the area.

He moved to Thunder Bay in 1983 and remained there until this year.

David has managed to settle down and begin his responsibilities, which he expects to be greater than in Thunder Bay.

He told the News that counselling resources and facilities are "less available, so you tend to handle more of the pastoral care." He defines pastoral care as looking after the spiritual and feeling aspects of any person. They may be experiencing a crisis and in need of

a listener, or may need spiritual strength.

Among his duties and responsibilities, he plans on visiting hospital patients and shut-ins, as well as perform services at weddings, funerals and baptisms.

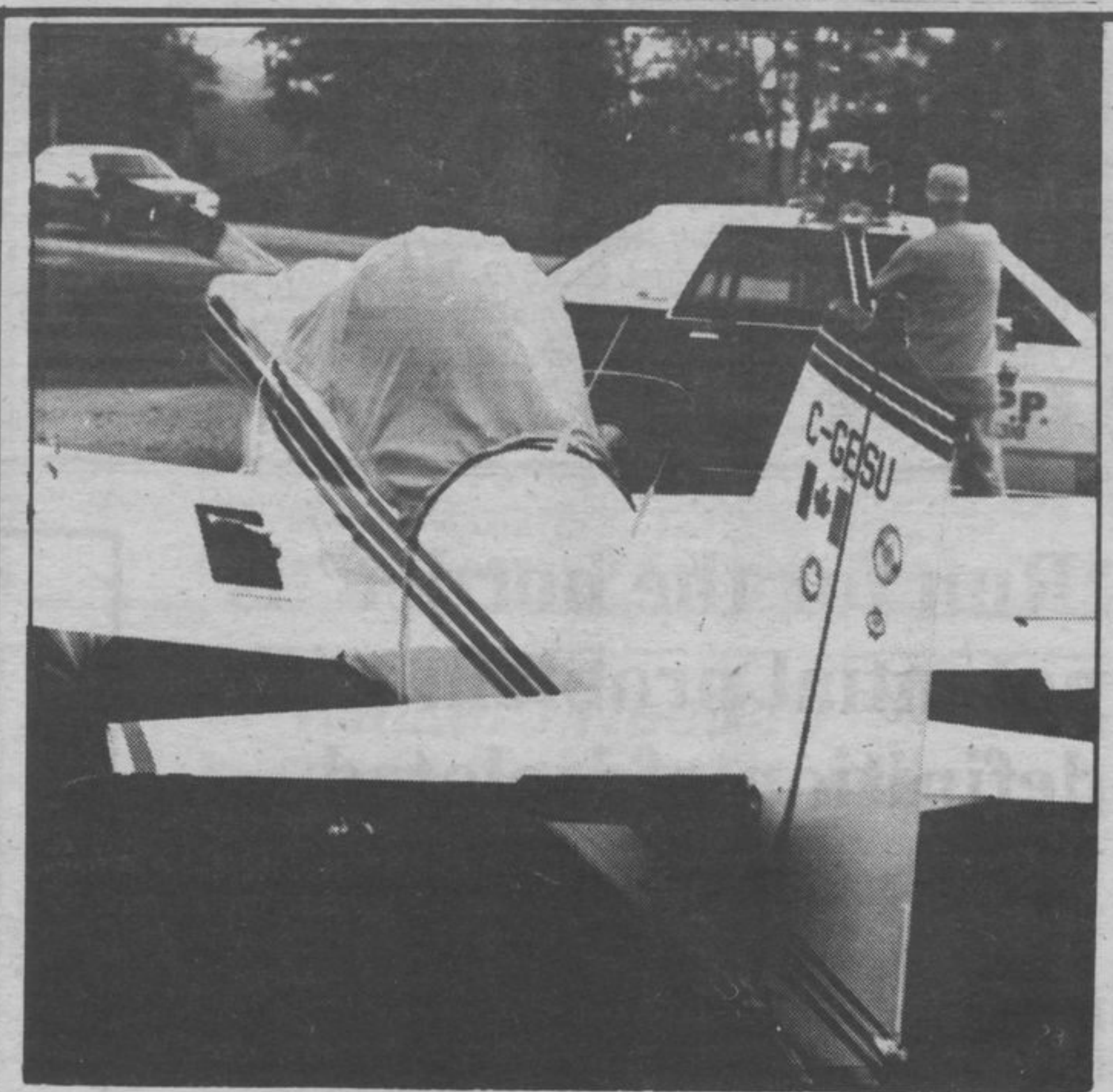
He has had the opportunity to begin, and says he enjoys the area. "I've had a friendly welcome from the community and the church-goers."

He believes in physical activity and has run competitively in Thunder Bay. He participated in 10 kilometer races and enjoys long distance running. He also enjoys cycling, golfing and reading.

Rev. Sparks hopes to use that energy to address some local issues that relate to his congregations and to the area communities.

He told the News he looks forward to working with other clergy "to strengthen Christian life and faith in both communities," of the regular church-goers and those who attend special occasions only.

Among other goals, he is looking for "Reverend's" on page 12



"In preparation for landing..." — Residents of Jackfish were shocked to see a light plane land on Highway 17 and steer into the driveway of the Coach House Motel at about 8.30 p.m. on August 15.

Leo Frigon, of Madeleine, Quebec, told police that fog conditions were heavy, so he decided to land the plane for the night whereupon he booked a room at the Coach House. Leo used Hwy 17 as a run way when he took off at 10.15 a.m. the next day, while under the supervision of the O.P.P. no doubt. Photo- Paul Marcon

Teenagers say dances help to alleviate lack of amusement

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Most students look forward to summer holidays, but by mid-August many are itching to get back to school because 'there's just nothing to do.'

Some students and adults are addressing that problem by holding dances for those between grades 4 and 13 who would like a change.

Terrace Bay Council. Chris Joubert said he was approached by two concerned teenagers, Marcy Gallagher and Kelly Turpin, who expressed interest in having a dance to help break up the summer.

The second dance of the year was held over two weeks ago at the Terrace Bay Recreation Centre, and Joubert said it was a success.

"A lot of the younger kids were asking if they could have a dance. They seem to really enjoy it," Joubert said.

He added that there were "no problems" during the social outing. Adult and parent chaperons were inconspicuously present, and Joubert and Chief Kidder also volunteered to make sure the kids had a safe and enjoyable time.

A dance for students from Grades 4 to 7 was held one night, and a dance for those from Grades

8 to 13 was held the next night. Joubert said an estimated 80 attended the first dance, while about 130 attended the second evening.

Joubert feels that this is a way to provide entertainment to the younger residents in the community and fill a gap.

"I think it's great for the kids and I think it's nice if we can have functions like this for kids."

Marcy Gallagher agrees, and says that the dances are a way of satisfying a segment of the population which otherwise has no varied sources of entertainment.

"People our age don't really have anything to do," Marcy told the News. Aside from going to the local theatre or renting movies, she feels that teenagers don't have many sources of amusement or diversion.

She and Kelly Turpin volunteered to work at the door where they collected the \$2.00 entrance fee.

"A lot of people I talked to had a real good time. I'm positive if there was something to do a lot of people would join," Marcy stated.

Rev. Keith Milne says there have been local activities to join, and adds that teenagers must take

the initiative and responsibility for creating much of their own fun.

Rev. Milne has hosted dances and group activities in the past through the Terrace Bay Gospel Assembly. He said the choice of past activities, ranging from hiking, beach parties, dances to playing games in the church, depended on the age of the participants.

"Teenagers have said 'we're bored, so entertain us.' We're not in the entertainment business," Rev. Milne told the News.

"They haven't been very creative — a dance is the answer," he added.

But he says the problem of teenagers finding ways to keep themselves amused and busy is not limited to this area.

He sees it as a general problem. Using a recent trip to Victoria as an example, he said he saw "kids hanging around a park doing nothing." His 14-year-old nephew, who lives there, told him there were few things to do.

"Teenagers are going with the easy answers whether it is Detroit or Terrace Bay," he said of their general complaint of lack of activities.

"Having fun is more a frame of mind. If they decide they're going to have fun, they'll have fun."

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