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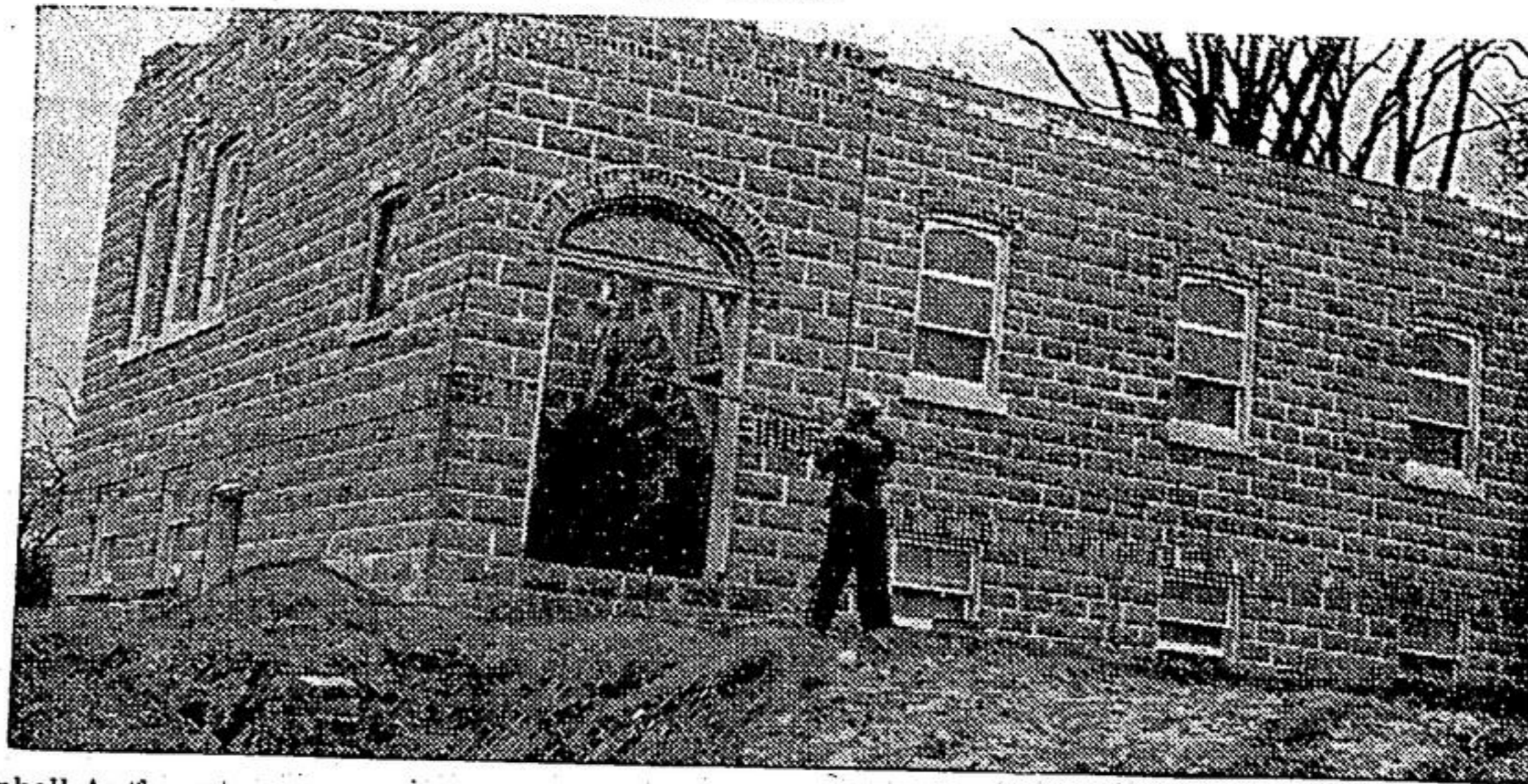
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Local dealers— Madill's Store and Overland's Store

Building New Church at Whitevale



Interior of the new church will be finished by September 1, members' hope. Frank Herbert and W. A. Hiltz (left to right) are seen insulating the ceiling.



Campbell Anthony, a member of the new Baptist congregation, works on the new First Baptist Church in his spare time.



Rev. John Heal

Faith, aided by the strong arms of a willing congregation, is building a new church in Whitevale, Pickering Township.

On the long slope which forms the eastern boundary of this little valley hamlet, about seven miles south and a little west of Stouffville, a new Baptist church is taking shape, slowly but steadily, as funds and materials are donated, and as the congregation, mostly made up of farmers, find time apart from plowing and seeding to work on the new house of worship.

There will be no mortgage on the First Baptist Church, as it is called, in fact no debt of any kind. The whole structure, a cement block, two-storey building, which is becoming an impressive new landmark in Whitevale, is being built on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Manna Falls
"Everything has seemed to come just when we needed it. We have never been held up for lack of funds or materials. When no one else could buy bricks, last year, bricks for our church came, without trouble, just as we needed them," said W. A. Hiltz, a member who spends nearly all his evenings and Saturdays working on the new church.

On April 8, a thank-offering meeting, an annual event in many Baptist churches, was held by the congregation, and without any high-pressure appeal—none was necessary—the sum of \$1,533 was subscribed for the building.

The sixty-odd members of the First Baptist Church, who now meet in the IOF hall, would rather forget the events a year ago which led to their formation as a congregation and to their decision to build a new church.

Whitevale was divided last spring by one of the most disturbing events which can befall a rural community, a church split. For more than 50 years Baptists in Whitevale had worshipped together as the Whitevale Baptist Church congregation, in a historic old building built by early settlers in the village.

Church Splits
Differences of opinions among the

draw his candidature after the standing vote had been taken and Chairman Jack Phillips ruled that his name had to stand. "Mr. Phillips is entirely in error," Horace Brown told the meeting. "He is confusing a printed ballot with a verbal nomination. This poll vote is an entirely separate vote and Mr. Robinson is entitled to withdraw if he wishes."

Mr. Brown also protested what he claimed wholesale distribution of ballots by Secretary John Forgele

congregation arose last year over a number of matters, among them the question of whether the old church should be rebuilt. The congregation finally decided to divide, so Whitevale now has two Baptist churches. A portion of the congregation elected to stay at the old church. Some 60 others moved out and formed the First Baptist Church.

The minister of the old church, Rev. John Heal, a veteran of four years' RCAF service, went with the new group and is now their minister. The old church has a lay preacher who comes from Toronto every Sunday.

Story of the building of the new church is one of co-operative labor by the members. Bees were held in the early stages of the construction, to dig out the cellar, raise the wooden framework, lay the blocks and bricks.

Builder Helps
Few of the members knew much about bricklaying, but Jack Buckles, a builder, supplied the technical knowledge and also the forms necessary to make the cement blocks.

Dean Percy of Markham, a friend of the church who is an electrician by trade, is putting in all the wiring, free of charge. Other members, too numerous to mention, have given other items or assumed the cost of certain operations. The land for the building was donated by H. E. Pointer.

When finished, the church, 50 feet by 24 feet, will seat 100. A beautiful carved pulpit will be the gift of Arol Griffin, a navy veteran who is taking a DVA cabinet makers' course at Hamilton, and is making the pulpit as his graduation project. "God is certainly supporting us," Mr. Heal, the minister, said. "One night the men held a prayer meeting to ask for some needed funds, and ended up by giving an extra \$400 themselves, to show they weren't asking Providence to do it all."

Non-church goes, of course, see in the two churches, a rivalry that out-does other motives for worship in two churches where one should do.

AUDLEY

Fred Puckrin was about the first to start seeding last week. He has a warm soil and a good grain farm.

Fall wheat and seeds have come through the winter in first-class shape, although the cold nights and delayed warm weather may check the present outlook.

Messrs. Winters Bros. have been working at the Samac Boys Scout camp at Oshawa for several days.

Frank Wonnacott is bothered seriously with attacks of asthma. He was laid off a few days this week.

There was a film show at the Baggotsville school last Friday evening and a talk on the Federation of Agriculture by Heber Down, Brooklin at which many were present.

Harry Bedal with his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Brighton were callers on Sunday with F. M. and Mrs. Chapman.

Several from here attended the Masonic Ladies' night at the Chisholm Avenue Temple, Toronto, on Wednesday evening. This is a red-letter evening for most Masons and their wives and sweethearts.

M. S. and Mrs. Chapman, with Armand and Mrs. Chapman of Pickering were visitors at Grasmere on Sunday last.

Ross and Mrs. Bisney of Greenwood were callers in the vicinity last week. Ross is convalescing from a recent foot infection.

Henry Westney has the materials about ready for the erection of his new house on land that he has purchased from his uncle Frank. We believe that he is building a one-storey bungalow.

Urban Blake has purchased a new team of western horses to help him with his spring work. Horses are more of a novelty now than are tractors.

The next meeting of the Oshawa Presbytery of the United Church is being held in the church at Greenwood on May 8th, when the elections for the officers for the ensuing year will be held also. All regret the illness of Rev. Mr. Jull, Brooklin who has been secretary for many years, and who has resigned.

Master Keith Puckrin had an operation for tonsil removal and adenoids last week and is doing well.

Mrs. Geo. Puckrin entertained her sister Dorothy and her family from Toronto on Sunday last.

Pickering Township Council will hold their monthly meeting for May on Monday next. This Wednesday, the consultative committee on larger school areas for Ontario County is holding a meeting in the municipal building.

New Train Times for C.P.R. For Summer Months

Patrons of the C.P.R. will be interested to learn of the new train schedule now in effect in Claremont since the return of daylight saving time. All times mentioned in this schedule are STANDARD TIME. The regular morning train to Toronto, daily except Sunday, leaves the local station at 8.22, and the evening train to Toronto, daily except Saturday and Sunday, leaves Claremont at 6.32. Trains arriving from Toronto daily except Saturday and Sunday are at 10.20 in the morning and 6.32 in the evening. On Saturday, there is a train leaving Toronto at 12.30 noon and arriving in Claremont at 1.22, while on Sunday the morning train arrives at 9.59 a.m. and the evening train goes to the city at 6.56 p.m.

Village Gains New Family

Mr. and Mrs. S. Chambers who recently sold their farm just north of Stouffville have moved to Claremont to occupy the place vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper who are moving over the store of Chas. Cooper hardware. We welcome the Chambers people to our midst. Mr. Chambers is a blacksmith of other days and was well known around the race tracks where he was skilled in setting shoes for those running and trotting horses. He is a bit of a horse fancier, and a splendid conversationalist, so we look forward to Sam's (to his friends) sojourn among us.

Wife of Former Baker Passes

Matilda Jane Harsell, wife of William Harsell, passed away at her residence, 36 Everett Cres., Toronto, on April 21st. Mr. Harsell was a one-time baker in Claremont, operating a business in the house now occupied by John Beelby. Deceased was in her 69th year, and was an aunt of Robt. Beelby. She leaves to mourn her loss, a daughter, June (Mrs. McIntyre) of Sarnia, also three sisters Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Geo. Pickett and Mrs. Anderson of Uxbridge. Interment was made in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Educated Here Dies in Oshawa

The death occurred in Oshawa last week of Hallice Hulbert, beloved husband of Molly Spence in his 42nd year. Deceased was born at Balsam, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hulbert. He received his education in Claremont schools. The late Mr. Hulbert was an interior decorator by trade, and worked for General Motors during the war. Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Gladys Clark, Mrs. Mona Morrison and Mrs. Jeffery McGrath of Oshawa, also Mrs. Doris Harvey, Detroit, and a brother Lonson, also of Detroit. Interment was made in Oshawa Union cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman King spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan, Claremont.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. of the United Church will be held at the home of Mrs. T. Condy on Thursday, May 5th at 2.30 p.m. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Rawson's group. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

BROUGHAM

The Friendly Bible Class will hold their next meeting on Monday evening, May 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Willson.

Mothers' Day service will be held in St. John's United Church on Sunday, May 11. There will be a baptismal service also.

Mr. Cassells of Brockville visited his father and sister Mrs. E.E. Annis one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mairs and family visited with his aunt at Keswick on Sunday last.

Mr. Wm. Dunn of Belhaven spent the weekend with his son Bert and family.

Mr. Frank Hamilton has returned to his home at Columbus after visiting with his brother Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton.

Mrs. Albert Gray visited her father, Mr. B. Carter of Green River on Sunday.

Mrs. Ramsay and daughter Norma were in Oshawa on Saturday attending the wedding of her niece.

Mrs. Ellicott returned home on Saturday after spending a few days with her sister in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bate of Toronto visited his aunt Miss I Bate one day last week.

Miss Glen Hoskins spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. M. Ellicott.

Miss Barbara Knox spent the weekend with friends at Tweed.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knox on the arrival of a little daughter.

A number of new books have been added to the library which is now open to subscribers.

Mr. John White has a quantity of material on hand ready to build another new house.

The concert on Monday night sponsored by The Firemen proved a great treat. The hall was filled to capacity. Al Harvey was master of ceremonies entertaining all with his witty sayings. The singing by the West Hill Lions Club was enjoyed by all. Marilyn Bludd and Dianne Hillick, two tap dancers of Georgetown, accompanied by Miss Gertrude Cane, displayed wonderful talent. Dorothy Merrill delighted all with her accordion and Jack McLean's impersonations of radio fans was enjoyed by all. The "Did I Say That" broadcast with Harvey Dobbs and Don Wright brought several of our local talent to the front. All those who were not privileged to be present may hear this broadcast repeated by listening in on their radio on May 23. The firemen are to be congratulated on their effort and we will look forward to more such entertainment in the future.

The W.M.S. of St. John's Church held their Thankoffering service in the church on Sunday evening with a good attendance. Mrs. H. Malcolm lead the meeting assisted by Mrs. M. Ellicott who gave the scripture reading also Miss Norma Ramsay and Mr. Robt. Miller who each rendered a solo. The Canadian Girls in Training, Locust Hill, under leadership of Mrs. Cook, gave a very pleasing and entertaining sketch which was brought to a close by a solo by Edith Malcolm.

Mr. Harry Porter, barber, will be in his accustomed stand at Brougham next Wednesday, May 7th.

Ballots Used for First Time in School Vote

Ballots were used for the first time under the amended Public Schools Act of Ontario in a rural school election when ratepayers of Dunbarton Public School voted to elect Walter Lynde, local storekeeper, as trustee to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the resignation of Norman Littleford.

It was the largest school meeting ever held in Dunbarton. Mr. Lynde defeated two other candidates, Frank Perks, painter and decorator, and Stanley Robinson, mechanic. The vote was Lynde 46, Perks 35 and Robinson 11.

Up until last night's election all voting had to be either a standing or verbal vote. Horace Brown, president of the South Pickering Ratepayers' Association, pointed out that it was only right that Dunbarton should use this vote as conditions of voting had first been brought to the attention of the legislature by the SPRA through the Royal Commission on Education and the amendment to the rural Act thus made possible.

It was protested by several ratepayers that the Act had not been sufficiently amended and that the standing vote still required should be eliminated. Mr. Brown concurred in this.

"The standing vote is not democratic," said J. Westerman. "I feel inclined to reserve my vote every time a standing vote is called. It should be done away with."

A heated discussion arose when Stanley Robinson wanted to with-

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This is not charity, but a small token of appreciation for services rendered by British friends.

Lloyd Johnston, Clerk
Clerk.