

Christ Church Congregation attendance keeps climbing

By ERKKI POHJOLAINEN

STOUFFVILLE — Last year was one of transition for Christ Church (Anglican), interim priest David Bolton told the annual vestry meeting, Jan. 26.

He said change and decay are not always synonymous. While change is not necessarily growth, there can be no growth without change. And Christ Church is still going through change.

Rev. Paul Scuse was inducted as parish priest, Thursday, to succeed Mr. Bolton, who served the church after Rev. Philip Poole left to join the staff of Trinity College, Port Hope.

Attendance at Christ Church has risen steadily over the years. Back in 1981, Sunday services attracted an average of 131 people. In 1985, the average had climbed to 167. In that same time, the parish list has nearly doubled. That year 110 names were listed while this year began with 212.

Another indication of the church's gain is evident when comparing financial contributions between 1984 and 1985. The total collected in envelopes, during services, went up more than \$5,000 to \$54,600.

However, removal of income from the Chick-a-dee Nursery School, that was \$6,700 the year before, and a decline of more than \$6,000 from fund-raising activities, reduced the amount gained by the church by over \$6,000. Yet the total receipts for the year were \$7,856 more than the year before. This was primarily caused by the mortgage fund, that received \$12,623.

Christ Church still owes about \$64,000 in mortgage money on the new sanctuary. Eleven payments of \$900 were made last year. As well, Christ Church received a \$20,000 grant from Synod which went towards construction costs. Total mortgage on the new church was \$75,000.

The only conclusive evidence of the gain in popularity with the new church is apparent when comparing attendance figures of the past two summers. During this time when many go away on weekends and take vacations, the church attracted an average 33 more people to Sunday services. Comparisons of any other time period would be inconclusive because other factors, namely Mr. Poole's leaving the parish and the move into the new church, also cause major variances in statistics.

The Christ Church Wardens for this year are—Peter Parent, (Rector's Warden); Jim Green (People's Warden); George Sled (Deputy Rector's Warden) and David Bowman (Deputy People's Warden).

Editor's Mail

Mother Nature needs a hand to control deer

Dear Editor,
Your editorial in the Jan. 29 edition of The Tribune, came down hard on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Uxbridge Twp. Council for endorsing a deer hunt in the northern part of the municipality.

There are two sides to this issue. You obviously have not experienced the negative side.

I pose two questions: (1) Have you ever struck a deer or had one vault across the road in front of

your car? It's a frightening experience.

(2) Have you personally witnessed the damage a deer herd can inflict on a farmer's crop? It's often extensive.

To preserve these (beautiful) animals, wild life must be kept in proper balance. Sometimes Mother Nature needs a hand.

Sincerely,
Trevor Burgess,
R.R. 4, Uxbridge



All in the family

Gerald and Carolyn O'Grady, Sir Galahad Place, Markham, participated both individually and as a duet in a piano recital at the Salvation Army Temple, Willowdale, Friday night. Both are students of Louise Clarke, R.R. 4, Stouffville.

Aid cattlemen

By ERKKI POHJOLAINEN

YORK REGION — Cattle farmers enrolling in the "tripartite stabilization" plan will receive subsidies for losses due to the low prices paid for beef last year.

Senior Policy Advisor Martin Jaeger of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food explained the plan at the York Cattlemen's annual meeting in Newmarket. Simply, tripartite uses revenues from the provincial and federal governments along with premiums paid by the farmer. It subsidizes low prices paid for cattle during periods of low market prices and is geared to the national average of the previous five years.

"Producers (farmers) put money in during good times and take money out during bad," Mr. Jaeger said.

The retroactive plan for 1985 includes payments from both federal and provincial governments. Ontario will pay 4.6 cents for each pound gained, before slaughtering, to a maximum of \$37.95 a head. In addition, the federal government will pay 2.52 cents a pound of the cattle's final weight.

However, the 1985 subsidies only apply for cattle that went to slaughter. To claim payments, receipts are not required. But for steers weighing less than 1,000 pounds, and calves less than 900 pounds, proof of slaughter must be included.

The forms must be filed as soon as possible, Mr. Jaeger said, or the applicant will not receive the full benefits in the beginning.

If the farmer wants to drop out of the plan, he must give three years notice. And if he wants to return, he will have a two-year waiting period before receiving full benefits. The cost of this stabilization is approximately \$7 a head for the farmer, Mr. Jaeger said, but that's not definite yet.

Tripartite is a 10-year plan and will be reviewed after five. If after the 10 years, the plan is operating at a deficit, the provincial and federal governments will absorb the loss. But if the plan has holdings at that time, the money will be divided equally between the two governments and the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

Equal representation from the two governments and the association will control the plan, Mr. Jaeger concluded.

'Herc' comes home

Lou and Lynn Schroeder found their dog, 'Herc' after he'd spent six days hiding in a nearby barn. Residents of Dickson's Hill, about a half-mile from the Schroeder home on Hwy. 48, had complained something was causing their dogs to bark at night. As well, several local residents phoned Mrs. Schroeder to say they'd seen their pet.

But Herc is a shy dog, Mrs. Schroeder said, and likes to hide from people. The Schroeders' perseverance finally led them to the right area. Mrs. Schroeder and her sister Cathleen Murray, took Herc's sister for a walk in the area and the missing dog, came running out. Mr. Schroeder said the dog suffered no ill affects during its absence. Rather, he said, "it was at the right weight" when retrieved.

Herc, a Malamute-German Shepherd cross, weighs about 60 pounds.

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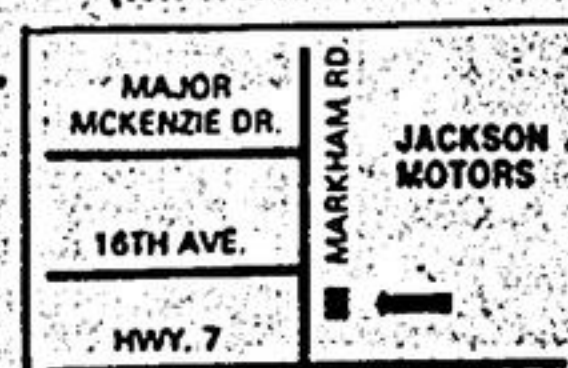


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