



Rev. Wayne Reed and wife Marie, formerly of Whitchurch-Stouffville, returned home last week and took up residence in the new Stouffville United Church manse at 50 Linden Lane. Rev.

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Pastor is 'home' in United Church

BY JIM THOMAS

STOUFFVILLE — Rev. Wayne Reed and family are home.

The new pastor to the congregation of Stouffville United Church with wife Marie and sons Michael (13), Peter (9) and Phillip (6) have moved into their lovely, larger, newly-style residence at 50 Linden Lane. Rev.

Reed conducted his first service Sunday.

While he manses new to Wayne, Marie and children, the town is not at least not to Mom and Dad. Both were students enrolled at Stouffville District Secondary School. Marie (Pattenden) graduated in 1969. Wayne belongs to the Class of '70. Both have university degrees.

Now beginning his eleventh year in the ministry, Rev. Reed was located in the Town of Gaspe, Quebec when the "call" came through from Stouffville.

Difficult Decision

"It was a difficult decision," admits Wayne, "but my two years in Gaspe were well spent."

The benefits seemed to tip the scale in favor of the move, Marie said. They appreciate the closeness of Toronto and the accessibility of such services as the Royal Ontario Museum and the Science Centre. Also with eldest son Michael about to enter high school, the adjustment should be no more difficult, they feel.

They readily accept the challenge.

Wayne and Marie appreciate the concern shown by the pastoral committee. The manse, Marie says, suits their needs perfectly. Wayne reflects on his involvement with Stouffville United Church during his ten years. He was then active in the Hi-C under the leadership of Jim and Mae Richards and John and Fran Wylie.

Pastoral Care Important

While he looked out from the pulpit on a number of strange faces Sunday, Wayne says he's anxious to meet both established families and newcomers personally. He considers pastoral care a high priority.

Wayne also wants to become involved with the Ministerial Association when meetings reconvene this fall. He's already met several of the town's pastors. Rev. Jim Cline of the Missionary Church was a classmate at Stouffville High.

For Wayne and Marie, extra-curricular activities include cross-country skiing and camping. The boys join in too.

Rev. Reed says he's looking forward to several busy and rewarding years at Stouffville United Church. If the conclusion is comparable to the reception, then the years will be well spent. "We've been warmly received," he says. Wayne and Marie are anxious to reciprocate. "I believe in an open door policy," Rev. Reed concludes.

Friendship required in marriage

By MARGARET FOTH

"What was your first year of marriage like?" I asked on their anniversary.

"Better than I expected. My buddies had said stuff like: 'You'll be sorry!' 'You're heading into trouble!' 'No more fun ahead!' I really didn't know what to think. But our first year has been great."

It's fun talking to Dave and Ellen about their first year of marriage because they both light up! Dave's friends had painted such gloomy pictures for him that he had entered marriage a little like someone stepping into a house of horrors. But after a year, Dave says what he's enjoyed most is being together and doing things together. Ellen says, "I like having someone to do special things for, and having someone do special things for me."

Since I know this couple well, I appreciate the fact they're not talking about a year without real-life problems. They've had their share, including taking on a new job and having a car smashed in an accident. They must also cope with difficult schedules: "So

we're learning to make the most of our time together," they say.

Some see this time squeeze as a danger. One woman, now married 30 years says: "Heartfelt conversation simply cannot be squeezed into little snatches of time." I think many young couples face this dilemma.

Dale and Jenny are another couple who have reflected on this time bind. Before marriage they spent great quantities of quality time together. Jenny recalls: "We were 'best friends' and just preferred to be with each other. I'd even push aside my college studies to make time to be with Dale. Our relationship was more important to me than the difference between an 'A' and a 'B'."

However, after they were married, jobs and outside activities began to take on more importance. Dale said: "Our time together consisted of hurried meals, between dashes to the grocery store and long office hours. We weren't pushing other things aside to enjoy a bike ride or picnic in the park or a stroll through the neighborhood after dinner."

A family counselor says that a good marriage involves having more fun with each other than with any other people. It's a rela-

tionship built on friendship. He counsels couples to learn to enjoy each other by sharing the important things in life: feelings as well as tasks and fun.

Jenny and Dale looked for tasks they could do together. They started a garden and found it was a fun way to relax, enjoy each other's company and work towards a common goal.

Any kind of work or play done together is good for a couple. It doesn't matter what it is, so long as there is a common effort and a common achievement.

It's a big chance to begin thinking "we," instead of "I." That's one of the tasks of the first year of marriage. But "becoming 'as one'" does not mean dominance by either partner. For two people with individual strengths to live together will mean compromises.

Jenny and Dale each have strong opinions and their share of disagreements.

Their first conflict began so simply: Each one knew the "right" way to do dishes. Jenny rinsed the dishes in hot water; Dale used cold. Jenny wanted the dishes dried and put away after dinner. Dale thought letting them set to drip-dry was just fine. After all, that's the way his mother always did it!

Each difference seemed so important. And the more one of them

saw the other doing things the "wrong" way, the more irritating it became.

When they could finally laugh about it, they admitted that neither was "right." They were just used to different ways.

"I just want him to meet me half-way," Jenny told her mother. "Marriage is a 50-50 proposition, isn't it?"

Her mother disagreed. "In some areas you have to give 70 percent to get back 30. In other areas you may be able to give only 20 percent, which means Dale must supply eighty." Stop demanding miracles!"

One counselor calls this "the bitter price of discovering each other's uniqueness." He says

there is no road from the mountain peak of courtship to the mountain peak of marriage relationship without going by way of the valley.

Building a marriage is learning to work together, holding common goals; truly being "for" each other. In this climate, love grows, developing roots as well as blossoms.

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The Markham and East York Agricultural Society (Markham Fair) is holding its annual Fair Queen Contest, Friday, Aug. 28.

Location is the General Exhibits Building at the Fair Grounds.

The 1986 reigning queen is Lori Thompson, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville. Lori will participate in the ceremony and pass on the crown to her successor.

Sponsoring firms are invited to pick up entry forms from either Committee chairperson Linda Lewis (479-1576), or secretary manager Tony Arkell at the Fair Office (640-1576).

To be eligible, girls must be between the ages of 18 and 24 and reside north of Steeles Avenue and east of Yonge Street.

Each sponsor must provide an identifying sash.

The gala event, beginning with a social hour at 6:30, will include a chicken barbecue dinner at 7 and a dance at 8:30. Tickets are \$12 per person.

Ballantrae Fun Day Aug. 15

BALLANTRAE — The Ballantrae and District Lions Club will host its annual Beef Roast, Sat., Aug. 15.

The event, beginning at 2 p.m., will include hot air balloon rides; helicopter rides; hay rides and live entertainment.

Roast beef dinners will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$6 adults; \$4 for children.

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2nd Instalment due — October 23rd, 1987

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Supplementary tax bills under Section 32 (omitted 1986 and 1987 assessments) and Section 33 (added assessment for 1987) have also been mailed. These tax bills are payable in one instalment and due August 21st, 1987.

The PENALTY charged for non payment of 1987 taxes is one and one-quarter (1 1/4) percent imposed on the first day of default and on the first day of each month thereafter.

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