Ebeneezer Church

Time takes its toll —

By Mark Niblett MILLIKEN Overhead a 747 leaves

a smoky trail as, it climbs away from Toronto International Airport. On Steeles Avenue, cars and trucks rush past. But Ebeneezer United Church sits placidly back from the road, wrapped in a kind of timeless calm.

held a recently. Strawberry Festival on the grounds. The aim was to raise money for repairs.

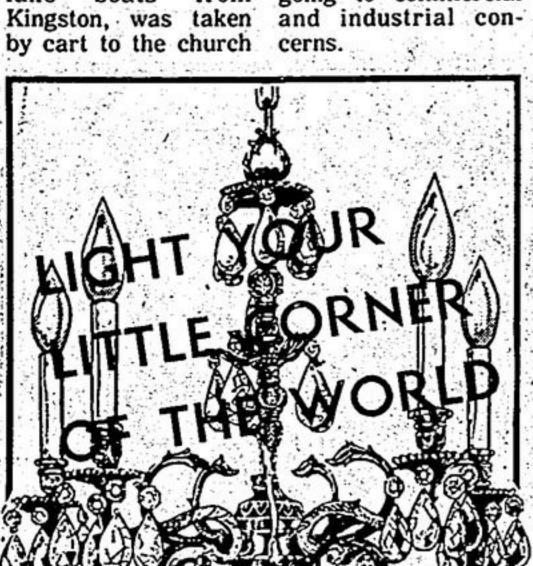
goes back some 140 years, although the church itself is only 90 or 100 years old. One. gentleman, Roy Risebrough, related greatgrandfather had helped with its building in the 1860's. The foundation stone, brought to Toronto via

site - a long and difficult journey in those days. Building the foundations was a real community effort, with everyone pitching in to complete the job in one day.

exists in the congregation although there are now only 55 or 60 active members. Wilfred Church members Creighton, one of the older members of the community, stated it succinctly:

"A lot of people have moved away, and a lot The congregation of people have moved up here," he said; indicating the graveyard, "It's not like it used to be."

has been at Ebeneezer for five years, agreed. the area have ties elsewhere. In ad- Woogie



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The church itself looks timeless; but its congregation is heavily affected by changes in the surrounding country. Most of the people at the Festival were in their 50's or 60's; there That same spirit still seemed to be few

young families. "There's not much spiritual feeling any more," said Art Creighton.

It's good to wander around in the churchyard and feel the timeless quality of it: the solid sanctuary, the ancient trees, the weathered headstones.

Even some of the

items sold speak of

another era. There Rev. Bob Ball, who aren't many places today where you can buy a Columbia 78, He pointed out that featuring Will Bradley many new families in and his Orchestra 'Boogie playing Conga'. dition, a lot of land is There's a sense of lake boats from going to commercial graceful old age around Ebeneezer United Church which is very comforting and perhaps decep-

> For the traffic still roars past, the planes still lay contrails across the sky, and the congregation continues to dwindle. In cold, objective terms, the church and its members may. eventually become extinct.

But they're putting up a great fight.

Summer Fun Days Three days of fun for the whole family, starts Thursday (today) in the Stouffville Park and concludes with a western jamboree, Saturday evening. The event is sponsored by the Kinsmen Club.

Sidewalk-Sale-Stouffville's downtown merchants are holding their annual Sidewalk Sale, Friday and Saturday on Main Street. Check the many bargains



Wilfred Creighton, (left), and his brother Art, enjoyed coffee and strawberry shortcake at the Ebeneezer United Church Strawberry -Mark Niblett. Festival.

Hamlet of Buttonville

By Jean Leaf to 6 p.m., except BUTTONVILLE

Buttonville was very and well worth it. 'Orange'. Even today, Paul Craigie left orange lillies are found Sunday for a cycling growing in profusion tour of the West. and picnics.

Museum 'Saturday. Donald Deacon, of Education. M.P.P., was on hand to bring greetings. Mayor Tony Roman and Mr. Deacon rode in the procession from_ the Fair grounds. The Museum is an interesting place, filled with memories of bygone days. The

hours from June to

September are 10 a.m.

Gospel

- Mondays. There is a Remember when - small admission fee,

with parades, pipes ceremonies. They are - .Christine Craigie, Cheryl Tennyson.

Once was Orange

along the roadsides Congratulations to and in many gardens. local students who For old-timers, July 12 graduated from Mark was a glorious day 11 School in recent

Many local people Regina Allen, Chris attended the opening Hood, Gordon Hooper, of the Markham Lorie Melvin and Among them were Mr. Cheryl won the special and Mrs. Russell Academic Award, and Boyington, Miss Dell was presented with a Stephenson, the book on Canada by the Rodicks and the Leafs. York Regional Board

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from York-Centre In M.P., Don Deacon, in a agreement on comrelease to The Tribune pensation is not this week.

The hold, according to Mr. Deacon, whose property is is due in part to a being expropriated to

- Government Bill, a tribunal to justify the This is the report need for the property. addition,

reached, payment is provided to individuals cover their cost of an independent property appraisal and legal services.

In spite of delays, way improvement must now publish their including the widening of Hwy. 7, Mr. Deacon feels it's preferable that these projects be so affected rather than the personal interests of the individual.

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The community extends sympathy to the family of Mr. George Todd and Mr. John Smith. They passed away, July 7. Gloria Miller suffered a foot injury when she caught it in her brother's bicycle

wheel: .. The old barn beside the tracks has been removed by Clarence Bunker 'and Luther

Wilson. - Rev. Benny Jones. no stranger to residents in Goodwood, will preside at the service, Sunday, in the Baptist Church.

Deer hunt for Uxbridge residents only

GOODWOOD Uxbridge Council has sent a letter to the Department of Lands and Forests to clarify regulations for deer hunting in the Township.

Open season will be November 1, 2 and 3. Only residents of Uxbridge Township will be permitted to hunt, and no weapon other than shotguns will be allowed.

Horse Show - at Al's Tack Shop, July 18.

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