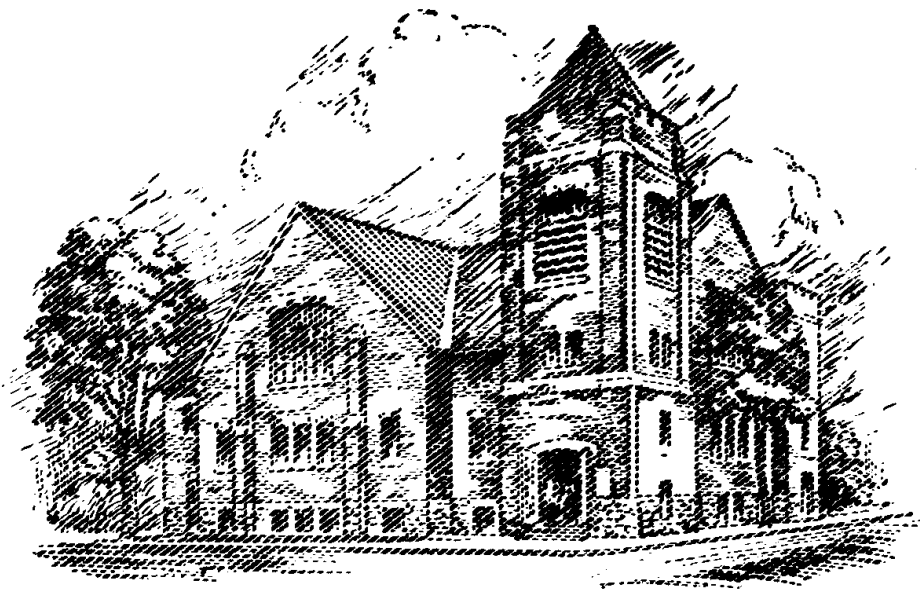


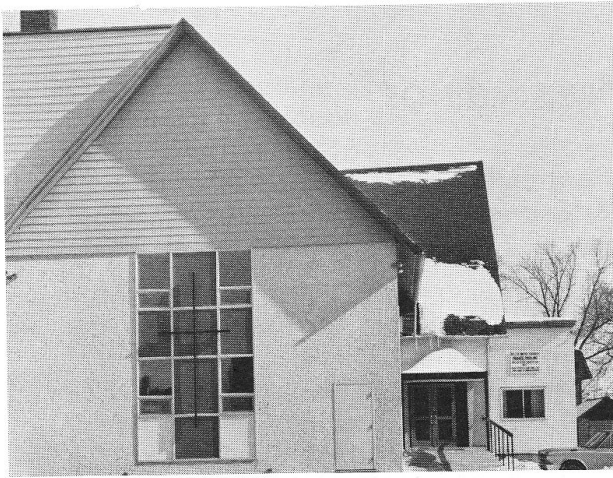
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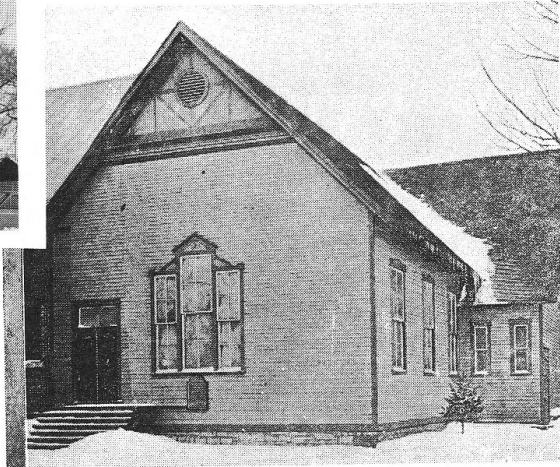
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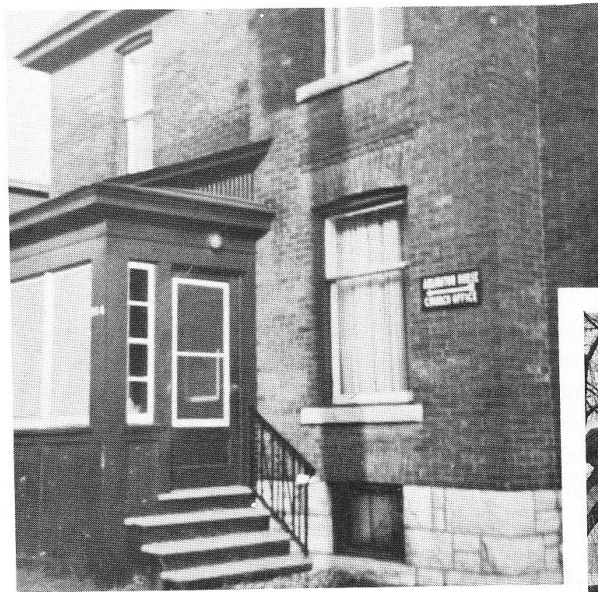
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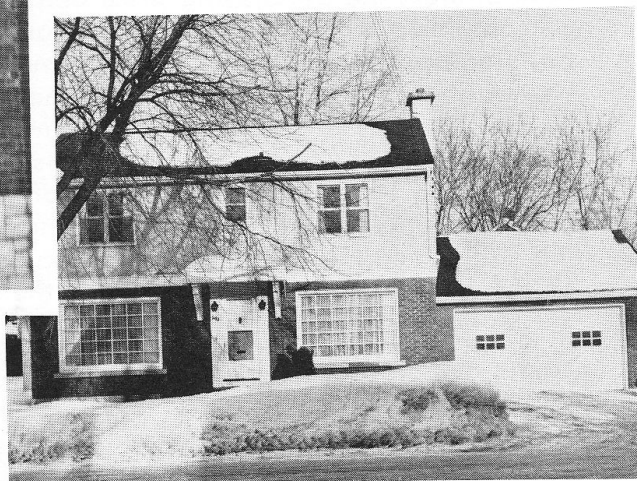
BELL STREET UNITED CHURCH HALL
— Renovated and re-dedicated in 1969 —



BELL STREET METHODIST CHURCH
— Dedicated in 1890 —
— Later to be the Church Hall —



ARLINGTON HOUSE
— The Church Office —
— The Church Parlor —
— The Caretaker's Apartment —



ATHLONE HOUSE
— The Church Manse —
495 Athlone Ave.

THE EARLY BEGINNINGS

The slogan across the annual statements of Bell St. United Church for years has been "Faith, Sacrifice, Service". Truly this is descriptive of this Church from its early beginnings.

In 1872 a group of neighbours and friends began meeting on Sunday afternoons in a pine grove on Louisa Street for the study of the Scriptures, to sing hymns, and to pray together. From these informal gatherings came the beginnings of our Church. In the spring of 1873 Reverend Dr. Mark, a minister of the Methodist Church of Canada, organized a Sunday School in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas York at the corner of Bell and Elizabeth Streets. The Sunday School soon outgrew its limited quarters and a piece of land was purchased on Lebreton Street on which a hall was built at a cost of \$200.00. The name "Mount Sherwood Methodist Church" was chosen for this building erected in 1881.

The first Anniversary Service recorded was held on November the first, 1885, with Reverend W. Scanlon as the guest speaker. Not only did the congregation emphasize the importance of worship and Bible study but from early times this Church emphasized fellowship by planning, as a part of the Anniversary celebration, a social event to which all the congregation and friends were invited. The first such social recorded was held January 30th, 1882. The usual charge for these socials was 25 cents.

Another active group which used the Church Hall in the early days was the Sons of Temperance group which met every Thursday evening. It is interesting to note that the young people met regularly and the older folk feared that they might damage the hall, as it is recorded in the Trustees' Minutes that 'this Board assumes no responsibility in the matter' of possible damage to the Church Hall by the young people.

The Church continued to grow in the area until it was decided that larger facilities were needed and that a new Church should be built. On September 2nd, 1889, the Trustees decided to purchase from a Mr. Bayley, one and a half lots of land on Bell Street on which to build a new Church, the purchasing price being \$800.00. They desired to have it all completed by December 15th. It was later found necessary to delay the building operations until spring. The purchase of the land was finalized in November, 1889. In February 1890 the following statement was recorded by the Trustees of the Church: "Whereas the congregation of Mt. Sherwood Methodist Church find their present Church building too small, and have taken steps to erect a more commodious Church edifice in which they will be enabled to prosecute their work to better advantage". At the same meeting the motion was passed to seek permission to dispose of the property on Lebreton Street, the proceeds to be directed toward the Building Fund of the new Church. Tenders were received for the building of the Church and the following tenders were accepted, R. Neil for wood-work, \$1,367.00; Jas. Burns for stonework, \$224.00; Parker and Welch for plastering, \$55.00; W. J. Murphy for painting, \$120.00; extras, \$30.00; the total being \$1,796.00. In order to raise the necessary funds to carry out the building project a mortgage of \$1,500.00 was taken out against property owned by the Church on Lisgar Street, and which had been deeded to the Church in 1872.s

The Church was opened on September 28, 1890 with Rev. Dr. Williams, President of the Montreal Conference, presiding, assisted by local clergymen. The Minister of the Church at the time was Reverend Wm. H. Stevens. Electricity was put in the Church in 1892 at a cost of sixty-five dollars. The property on Lebreton Street was sold to Mr. Alfred Slack in 1893 for the sum of \$400.00.

In 1890 the name of the Church was changed to Bell St. Methodist Church because of its location on the street car line.

As pioneering in the West was an important part of the history of those days, in one record of Minutes in 1896 two members of the Trustees were replaced by other persons because they had moved to the North West Territories. Among those who are mentioned in the records of the early history of this Church, a number of persons repeatedly gave outstanding leadership. W. H. Kerr was Superintendent of the Sunday School when the congregation moved to Bell St. and was also a member of the Trustee Board for many years beginning in 1886. In 1897 two members of the Trustee Board were Mr. Rolla Crain and Mr. J. L. Spence whose daughters are at the present time members of this Church. Mr. George Fowler was the first secretary of the Trustee Board in 1882 and remained a member and secretary of this Board until after the present Church was built and dedicated in 1911.

The indebtedness on the Church built in 1890 was completely paid off by 1897. It is interesting to note that 64 loads of sand were hauled to the Church for \$6.40 and \$2.00 was paid for levelling the sand around the Church.

In 1901 a parcel of land adjoining the Church property was secured as the site for a new parsonage for the sum of \$600.00. In 1902 it was decided to build the new parsonage (now Arlington House) at a cost of \$2,575.00, Mr. John Kerr's tender for the erection being accepted. The property held by the Church on Lisgar Street was sold in 1902 for \$3,000.00. Previously a small portion of the property held by the Church on Lisgar Street had been sold to the City of Ottawa.

It is also to be noted that the first use of individual cups for Holy Communion was introduced into this Church in the fall of 1904.

In 1906 the Trustee Board of the Church made a resolution suggesting that since the present property was inadequate that permission from Conference be requested to sell the property and to buy a site in a more central location on which to erect a new Church and parsonage. The price requested for all this property put up for sale was set at \$12,000.00. In 1909 the Sunday School petitioned the Trustee Board for added accommodation to more effectively carry on their work in the community. It was agreed by the Trustees that something had to be done. Before the year was over a motion was made by the Trustees to proceed to erect a new Church. Under the leadership of Reverend J. E. Mavity, D.D., the congregation dropped all plans to sell the property and proceeded with plans to build our present Church at a cost of \$30,000.00. The cornerstone was laid in 1910 and the new Church was dedicated on February 12, 1911.

The Church continued to grow but had large financial obligations. In 1947 the congregation was labouring under the load of a \$20,000.00 debt. Under the able leadership of their Minister, Reverend Arthur O. Lloyd, a financial drive was organized and was so successfully carried out that the debt was retired that same year.

With the building of our present Church the old Church structure became the Church Hall. In 1969 this Hall was re-dedicated as a Christian Education centre after a complete renovation of its interior. The indebtedness for this work was retired in 1972.

INTERESTING IN RETROSPECT

- * Three other Churches closely associated with Bell St. Church in its early beginning were Western Methodist Church, McLeod Methodist Church, and Dominion Methodist Church.
- * The first Minister's salary was \$500.00 per year and the sexton was paid \$1.00 a week. The sexton's services included keeping the Church clean, cutting wood, looking after fires, and caring for the grass and shrubs around the Church.
- * The opening celebrations in 1911 included a supper at the cost of 35 cents, the menu including ham, vegetables, pie, cake, pickles, bread and rolls, tea and coffee.
- * The first wedding in our present Church was the marriage of Miss Margaret Allum and Mr. John Aust. The second wedding was the marriage of Miss Nina Evoy and Mr. Harold Parr.
- * The first baby baptised in our present Sanctuary was Elmer Linttell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Linttell.
- * Mr. J. A. Beamish, who was one of the officials holding the tray for the burning of the mortgage of our present Church, was one of the Sunday School scholars who met in the York kitchen when Bell St. Sunday School first began.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

- * Bell St. Church, throughout its existence, has been fortunate in the able leadership it has had in both clergy and laity. Being a Methodist Church, prior to Church union in 1925 the clergymen served a three or four year term. All of the clergymen who served this Church were able men each leaving a contribution of leadership which kept building up the congregation spiritually and numerically. The ministry of Rev. A. O. Lloyd stands out not only for long years of service (17 years) but also for the many things accomplished during those years.

- * The Sunday School, which has been such an important part of this Church from its early beginnings, has had able men and women on the staff throughout the years. Such capable men as W. J. Cairns, W. D. J. McEwen, W. B. Crabtree, Mr. Kenneth Nesbitt, and others, including our present Superintendent, Mr. Frank Hare, served as General Superintendents of our Church School. Mr. W. B. Crabtree served at least 25 years in this office. Mr. Kenneth Nesbitt succeeded Mr. Crabtree in this office and served 19 years before becoming Clerk of Session, which office he still holds.
- * Other men whose influence was great in the history of this Church include such laymen as Dr. G. O. Barclay, Mr. W. L. Best, Mr. W. Dean, Mr. A. J. Beamish, and others whose names will be remembered by many who read this article.
- * The Women of the Church through all the years have been great in their influence in Sunday School, Ladies' Aid, Women's Missionary Society, United Church Women, Choir, and the governing bodies of the Church. Some names of women who gave outstanding service include Mrs. Suzanne Slack (Grandmother of Mrs. Freeman Rowe), Mrs. Lydia Payne, Miss Mary Cox, Mrs. Thomas Hewlett (Mrs. Orange's Grandmother), Mrs. Rolla Crain, Mrs. Edwin Aust, and many others not named.
- * Our youth have taken their place in the leadership of the Church from its early beginnings. In the days of the Epworth League our Church had as many as 107 members in its organization. Mr. Wesley Bick, a member of this group went and served as a missionary in Japan. Later in Young People's Union work Bell St. Church had one of the largest organizations in the Ottawa Valley and from its membership went out young people to serve all across Canada in the Ministry, in Christian Education work, and on the Board of Women of the United Church of Canada. These include Mrs. Jim Barclay (Gladys Dolman), Mrs. D. I. McLeod (Leanore Kettles), the late Rev. Lynden Barclay (tragically killed in a car accident), and Rev. John Ambrose. At the present time two of our young men, Murdock McFarlane and Bill Smith are training for the Ministry of the Church.
- * For many years an "All People's Mission" was carried on on Preston Street by the members of Bell St. congregation bringing much assistance to those immigrating to Canada and others needing special concern.

THE BEAUTIFUL WINDOWS IN OUR CHURCH

Bell St. United Church is noted for its beautiful stained glass memorial windows which include a large memorial window in honour of those who "gave the supreme sacrifice of their lives" in World Wars 1 and 2. This window was dedicated by Rev. A. O. Lloyd, Minister of the Church at the time and a former Chaplain of the Armed Forces.

As a Centennial Project a window from the Methodist Church, Penarth, Wales, has been given to the congregation and will be installed in two of our large windows in our Church as a memorial to leaders and members of Bell St. Church who served this Church in the first hundred years.



MINISTERS SINCE 1886

C. S. Deeprise; W. H. Stevens; G. S. Clendinnen; E. W. Crane; W. G. Wood; J. Grenfell; G. I Campbell; J. E. Mavety; W. Timberlake; T. A. Halpenny; G. S. Clendinnen (served twice); E. C. Laker; F. R. Meredith; W. G. Clark; F. Williams; A. O. Lloyd; F. J. Vowles; A. O. Lloyd (returned from war chaplaincy); G. G. Connolly; C. Curry; E. W. Oldring; M. G. McFarlane.





REV. MORGAN G. McFARLANE

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

It is a delight to have any part in the celebration of a 100th Anniversary but to be minister of a Church that has such a celebration is indeed an extreme privilege. In this book and in our special meetings and Worship Services of celebration we are doing many things that tie us with the past again — people recalled, decisions made, actions taken. Bell St. United Church has a very rich heritage. We want to claim it on this 100th Anniversary, and to this rich spiritual inheritance we wish to add our dedication and devotion to Jesus Christ toward the working of God's plan for His Church in our time in this place.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing our gratitude to the Anniversary Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. David Boal who, with sub-committees, planned so well for our Anniversary. We especially mention the Anniversary Book Committee; Allen and Gail Tysick, Book Committee Counsellors; and Bill and Linda Reid and Douglas Lee, Book Committee photographers; and the Intermediate and Senior Sunday School Department that had so much to do with the material that is in our Anniversary Book.

To all who have planned so well our sincere thanks. Our hope — have a wonderful time with us in celebration. Our prayer — may God richly bless this occasion to the extension of His work in Ottawa.

Rev. Morgan G. McFarlane
Minister

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SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE OFFICIAL BOARD

One representative from each of the following — Church School, Trustee Board, United Church Women, Young People's organizations, Men's Association, Christian Education Committee, and the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee.

PRESENT DAY HISTORY

In 1925 a Union was consummated in Canada which included Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational Churches, and 1200 Union Churches of Western Canada. These formed the United Church of Canada. Bell St. Methodist Church became a part of this new Church and became known as Bell St. United Church. The Church now is structured differently than before union. The Church Session has spiritual oversight of the whole Church. The Committee of Stewards has responsibilities for the upkeep of Church property and the finances of the Church. The Trustees have oversight over official documents and special matters of the Church including power to sign documents for any negotiations of sale or rental. The Official Board, made up of representatives of all these bodies and other groups in the Church, is the over-all final governing body in matters not specified elsewhere or in matters referred to them.



THE CHURCH SESSION



THE COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS

THE LADIES' AID — THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION — THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The Ladies' Aid of Bell Street Methodist Church was organized under the leadership of Miss F. Bullis as first President. At that time the most important function was the upkeep of the Manse. Since there was not a manse until later, the Ladies' Aid paid the first Minister's salary of \$500.00. They also paid the Sexton's salary.

In 1929 the name of Ladies' Aid was changed to Women's Association. Later a Junior Women's Group was added.

From this Association Groups 1, 2 and 3 were formed. At a later date Groups 4 and 5 were added.

This was a very ambitious and hard-working Association of devout women who, over the course of many years, assisted greatly in the development, both financially and spiritually of this Church.

In 1962, the Women's Association and the Women's Missionary Society became one organization to be known as the United Church Women.

The activities of the United Church Women are many and varied. These include assisting financially and otherwise the following:

- The M. & S. Fund
- The Committee of Stewards Exhibition Project
- The Christian Education Committee projects of our own Church and the Ottawa Presbytery
- The Church Hall Renovation Fund
- The Hospital Chaplaincy Work
- The Cancer Society
- The Anniversary Dinner (annual) and the Annual Bazaar
- Contributions to the local Church Boards for maintaining the Church properties.

In 1959 the former manse at 384 Arlington Avenue was taken over by the Women's Association (later to be known as the United Church Women) and used as our long-awaited Ladies' Parlours. It also provided offices for the Minister and the Church Secretary.

At the present time our United Church Women is composed of five units and has an approximate membership of 65.

The following is a list of Presidents who served in this organization since its inception:

- Miss F. A. Bullis
- Mrs. E. Crane
- Mrs. W. B. Ralph
- Mrs. T. Hewlett
- Mrs. G. I. Campbell
- Mrs. J. H. Slack
- Mrs. Wm. Shore

Mrs. R. W. Porteous
Mrs. E. A. Lintell
Mrs. C. C. Coleman
Mrs. G. Yelland
Mrs. S. Matthews
Mrs. J. Edwards
Mrs. J. Kilpatrick
Mrs. F. Gibbard
Mrs. Freeman Rowe
Mrs. A. Atkinson
Mrs. B. T. Kelley
Mrs. Frank Stevens
Mrs. K. Gilmour
Mrs. A. Plummer
Mrs. A. O. Lloyd
Mrs. M. Halliday
Mrs. G. S. McGillivray
Mrs. K. Nesbitt
Mrs. J. G. Matthews



THE EXHIBITION TENT

Prior to World War 1 (possibly 1910) the W.C.T.U. of Bell St. Church began operating a Tent in which to serve food at the Central Canada Exhibition here in Ottawa. After doing this for a couple of years the Ladies' Aid of the Church took over the project and carried it on for many years except during the emergency years. The Tent was rented from one of the local companies.

During World War 2 the Exhibition Grounds were used as a military centre and the Exhibition did not take place. The Tent Project by the Church did not begin again until 1953. This time it was organized at the suggestion of the Committee of Stewards and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sandrock managed the project for the first two years. A new tent with a steel frame was purchased and many improvements have been added through the years since that time.

The operation of this tent has not only been a great help to our Church financially but has been a wonderful place to come to know Church members better and an opportunity for young and old of the Church to work together. It has been a means of spiritual enrichment to the congregation.

THE WILLIAM L. BEST MEMORIAL BURSARY FUND

The William L. Best Memorial Bursary Fund was set up in 1957 to honour this very faithful and devout member of Bell Street United Church. Mr. Best had served this Church and His Lord, our heavenly Father, for well over thirty-five years.

An amount of \$500.00 left in Mr. Best's will for a bursary, with later additions by his family and other friends, formed the basis of this Fund.

The money in this Memorial Bursary Fund is to be used to assist students entering theological training for the ministry or other full-time Christian work in the United Church of Canada.

This money has been given on a number of occasions since its inception to assist our own candidates from this Church, namely, the following: Rev. John Ambrose, Mr. Murdock McFarlane now studying at Queen's Theological College and serving as student minister at Wolfe Island, Ontario, and Mr. Bill Smith studying at Carleton University (St. Patrick's College) and serving as student minister at Chelsea, Quebec.

It is the hope of this Committee that many more young people will be assisted by this Fund in their preparation for the ministry of the Church.



MUSIC

ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR

Mrs. Diane Ferguson, A.R.C.T.



THE SENIOR CHOIR

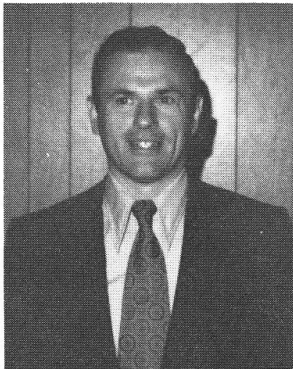


THE JUNIOR CHOIR

Directed by Gay McFarlane

Assistant — Jill Martin

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



MR. HAROLD CURRY
Chairman,
C. E. Committee



MR. FRANK HARE
Superintendent
Sunday School

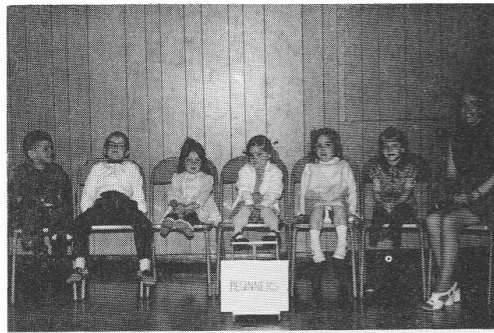
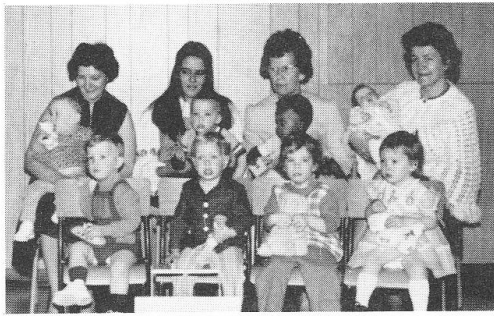


MISS VIOLET MARSH
Secretary
Sunday School



SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS

DEPARTMENT PICTURES





THE HI-C YOUTH GROUP



**THE CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING
(C.G.I.T.)**



C.G.I.T. LEADERS



THE EXPLORERS



SIGMA-C BOYS CLUB



TYRO BOYS CLUB



THE ARK/M CLUB
(Senior Adults)

THE UNITED CHURCH
WOMEN (U.C.W.)





Mrs. F. Rowe and
Mrs. S. Orange — And still
going strong

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION
— and still more coming



KEN NESBITT — Served as
Sunday School Superintendent for
19 years.
— Good for another 100



Mrs. J. G. Matthews —
has served in many offices in the
Church but known to the Church as
our capable Church Secretary



Mr. Perley Cole —
our Church Sexton — and keep
it clean he does!
BUT — don't forget Mrs. Cole



Mrs. A. O. Lloyd —
Beloved wife of The Rev. A. O. Lloyd,
who still worships and works with
us.

"THANK YOU"

To the Intermediate and Senior Class of our Church School who, under the able assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tysick, prepared the large Centennial Book on display and procured much of the material in the preparation of this Centennial Book.

The names and positions of the Students who have undertaken this project are as follows:

BRUCE BRAZEAU	— Editor of Children's Drawings
CATHY CHAMBERS	— Group Organizer and Interviewer
EDWIN COLE	— Editor
STEVEN CURRY	— Sports Editor and Interviewer
EARL FITZGERALD	— Editor of Children's Drawings
HELEN HENDERSON	— Interviewer
RUTH HENDERSON	— Interviewer
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