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Victoria United Church Centennial Celebration

MAYNARD, ONTARIO, SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1959

We, the Minister and the members of the various church Boards, send you this invitation to the celebration of our church's hundredth birthday. We are hoping that you may have the time and inclination to be present with us during that time.

Our plans call for a week of prayer, starting on the evening of Monday, September 7th, and going through to the following Sunday, which is our Anniversary Sunday, namely, September 13th.

Plans are not final yet with some Church leaders with regard to a special missionary for the week. The names will be given when plans are definite, to be announced in the local news.

We also call your attention to the banquet in connection with our anniversary and this is to be held under the auspices of the Women's Association on the evening of September 16th

To all phases of this anniversary, we invite your participation. Come and renew old acquaintances if you have been a member in the past; those who are now members, help us to welcome our visitors. Strengthen us by your interest and presence.

The Boards of the Victoria United Church,

Per REV. J. T. ANGUS,

and Mrs. B. R. Connell, Church Secretary.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR ENJOYED A BOAT TOUR
OF THE THOUSAND ISLANDS WITH
ORGANIST Mrs. Fretwell and
CHOIR LEADER Mrs. Robinson



Included in this group are -- Noar Dulmage, Harry Leonard, Irwin Robinson, George Perrin, Nellie Byers, Dorothy Barton, Wilhelmine Barton, Bob Byers, Charlie Ball, Cecil Moore, Eddie Byers, Pearl Knapp, Bruce Connell, Goldie Perrin, George Bradford, Mabel Saunders, Hubert Barton, John Robinson and Mrs. George Robinson, leader.

Not all the members of this group were choir members, but were friends. Equally true, not all members of the choir were from Victoria United. It was a mixed grouping of young people from the community.



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Altar at VICTORIA



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Mark Maynard Church centennial at banquet

One hundred years of service through the present church building was acknowledged in the centenary banquet sponsored by the congregation of Victoria United Church, Maynard, Wednesday evening.

Ivan Lane was chairman for the evening, with the meal preceding the program, in the dining hall in the church basement. Grace was asked by the Rev. J. T. Angus, pastor.

Greetings were brought from the Dundas-Grenville Presbytery by chairman the Rev. Nathan Bowering, Elma, and from the Montreal-Ottawa Conference by the chairman, the Rev. F. A. C. Doxsee of Montreal.

Tribute to the painstaking work of preparing the centenary historical booklet was paid to Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Carson by Arthur Dulmage, chairman of the Official Board, who also made a presentation to Mrs. Delbert Armstrong in recognition of her efforts as organist and choir director.

A. L. Crossland, Personnel Manager, Maitland Works, Du Pont of Canada, Limited, compared the work of the church to industry as he listed five main problems: organization, the right man in the right job, the problem of the new idea, the problem of semantics, and "seeing the big picture."

Mr. Crossland stated that the first problem was not so much of organizing as "in organizing to meet your needs and in keeping your organization tailored to current needs."

Getting the right man for the right job is a real problem in industry, and from his experience he knew the same problem existed in church work. Many changes have taken place in the last half century. Modern methods require more learning, and there are many tests claiming results to fit men and jobs. General speaking, Mr.

Crossland said, the interview is the main tool of selection. "The trick is to get them to talk and you listen—and evaluate. Also, one must remember of all those who "can", not all of them "will".

An organization must be alive to new ideas to keep abreast of advancing times, said Mr. Crossland as he noted several classical examples of industries refusing to accept new ideas. So the church must be alive to changes.

"Semantics", the science of

words, is a big problem. The meaning of words change over the years, verbal instructions lose their essence when repeated several times, for people are not precise in their use.

Then, finally, there is the big picture, said the speaker. "I know of one church where there is always a problem because certain groups are in the habit of depositing their funds in a separate bank account instead of putting it directly into the church fund. Do you think these groups will change? Do

you think they can see the Big Picture?"

In closing, Mr. Crossland stated, "Remember, it's not the work you do that bothers you... it's the work not done that creates worry."

John M. Robinson introduced Mr. Crossland, and Delbert Robinson expressed the appreciation of the gathering.

The toast to the congregation was proposed by Mrs. C. A. Whitland, a former child of Victoria Manse, and the reply was given by Mrs. O. L. Carson.

The latter told the history of the cornerstone which bore the date 1859, when the church was built by the Episcopal Methodist congregation, and which had been turned about and the new date carved when union was made in 1889. Now, the stone has been turned to show the original date, a symbol of tribulations now fully forgotten.

Mr. Lane read a poem especially written for the centenary by Lt.-Col. S. LeRoy Spicer, of Maynard.



Principals at the Centennial Banquet of Victoria United Church, Maynard, are shown as they appeared last Thursday evening, back row, left to right, Rev. Nathan Bowering of Elma, Chairman of the Dundas - Grenville Presbytery; Rev. F. A. C. Doxsee, Montreal, chairman of the Montreal - Ottawa Conference; Rev. J. T. Angus, pastor; Mr. K. McAllister, Inkerman, former pastor; A. L. Crossland, personnel manager,

Maitland Works, Du Pont of Canada, guest speaker; front, Ivan Lane, banquet chairman; Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Carson, who compiled the centennial booklet, and Arthur Dulmage, Chairman of the Official Board. Mr. Lane and Mr. Dulmage are the only two persons carrying on the names of the original congregation members of Maynard.

—Journal Photo.

Centennial Services Well Attended At Maynard Victoria United Church

MAYNARD.—Centennial services recently concluded at Victoria United church, Maynard, attracted many former members and friends from near and far to one or more of the various services. Preparations were begun months in advance by the congregation, with the complete redecoration of the interior of the building, and many minor repairs effected by the men of the church. A door was opened at the rear of the Sunday school hall, and a suitable entry built to facilitate the work of the ladies in the kitchen.

SERIES OF SERVICES

Services began with Rev. Thomas Knowles, retired minister who lives near Brockville, as guest preacher. The ladies' section of St. Paul's United church choir, Prescott, with Mrs. George Birch as organist, were heard in two anthems, and Mrs. John Helgeson sang a solo. The second service was conducted by James Gibson, student minister from the North Augusta charge, and Mrs. Gibson contributed a solo. Mrs. Delbert Armstrong, organist and choir leader of the Maynard church was in charge of the local choir. Rev. Naboth Winsor, of Cardinal United church, delivered a challenging message at the third service. Mrs. Cecil Moore was guest soloist. Rev. John Angus, resident minister, conducted the final evening service.

On Centennial Sunday, Rev. J. F. Armitage of Brockville was guest speaker, taking as his text "My conversation is in heaven". Mrs. R. J. Kelso, Roebuck, sang "Bless This House", and a full choir rendered the anthem "All Things Are Thine". At the evening hour the Rev. J. Leslie Dean, Iroquois United Church pastor, delivered an inspiring message, using the text "Ye are the salt of the earth". The Shanly mixed quartet, consisting of Mrs. H. Johnston, Mrs. Cecil Bennett, Messrs. Carl Reilly and Earl Pitt, with Mrs. T. Armstrong accompanist, was heard in two numbers.

The speakers, in congratulating the congregation on reaching the centennial of the present building, commented on the splendid condition of the structure itself, reflecting the loving care and attention of past generations as well as those whose responsibility it is today. Much thought and work has gone into the upkeep of

this large brick building, once known as "The old elephant", and into modernizing it as the years progressed. Methodism in Maynard dates back 170 years and four churches, to the pioneer settlers when the Hecks, the Lawrences and the Emburys settled in Augusta township, bringing with them their faith and their desire to worship. A complete history of the congregation and these churches has been prepared by Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Carson, and may be obtained from any church official for the cost of printing.

"This church has had an influence for good, even upon those residents who never darken its doors," said Rev. Dean. "The whole community is a better place in which to live and work and raise a family because of its very existence."

Before, and at the conclusion of the Sunday services, sacred music was played on a Hi Fi set loaned for the occasion by Bill Louwerse. The church was decorated at all sessions with an abundance of autumn flowers, through the kindness of members of the Women's Association, a committee headed by Mrs. W. L. Durant. Ushers were Delbert Armstrong, Bill Louwerse and Leslie Dulmage. Blessed with ideal fall weather, the church was filled to capacity at the Sunday services, with many from the Bethel and Donville churches present, former members from Prescott, Roebuck, Brockville and other points, and guests from a distance as well.

Among those present who had lived in the parsonage were Mrs. Evan Graham, now of Ottawa, formerly Mrs. Hubert Fresque, who served this charge from 1938-45 with her late husband, Rev. Hubert Fresque. Their son, Gordon Fresque, with his wife and family, were present from their home in Napanee. Their daughter Jean, Mrs. Charles Whiteland, Brockville, was chosen to propose the toast to the congregation at the banquet. The family of the late Rev. J. Holt and Mrs. Murray (1923-27) returned for the evening worship hour—Mrs. Ward Payne, the former Grace Murray, with Mr. Payne, from Prescott, Mrs. Rheta Blair and J. Lyman Murray, both now residing in Kingston. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dempsey came from Brockville to renew

friendships made during their stay here when their son, Rev. Allison Dempsey began his ministry on the Augusta circuit (1936-38).

Letters of congratulation and good wishes were received from Rev. Edward Lacey and Mrs. Lacey, now of Toronto, who served here 1930-34. Their only child, Fraser, who was born while they occupied the parsonage, is now also an ordained minister with a wife and family. Rev. Allison Dempsey sent his good wishes from his present charge at Millgrove, Ontario, as did Rev. David Gray (1945-50), now living in retirement at Smiths Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McAllister (1951-57) now at Inkerman were able to be present and participate in the banquet. Rev. James Spicer, minister of the Church of the Good Tidings, California, a native son of Maynard, sent a fine message to his friends in the church here. Mrs. H. L. Morrison, Brockville, whose father, the late Rev. Joseph Pinel, was minister 1908-12, sent greetings.

The Centennial banquet was a success in every way, under the sponsorship of the W.A. and its energetic president, Mrs. Edward Byers. Presenting greetings from Presbytery was the Rev. Nathan Bowering, and from the conference, the Rev. F. A. C. Doxsee. Banquet chairman was Mr. Ivan Lane. Mr. John Robinson introduced the guest speaker, Mr. A. L. Crossland of DuPont of Canada, Maitland Works. Presentations were made on behalf of the Official Board by chairman Arthur Dulmage to Mrs. Delbert Armstrong for her work in securing such fine music for the services, and to Mr. and Mrs. Carson for their compiling of the church history. Copies of this book and souvenir plates showing a picture of the church were on sale, and are still available.

Generous financial contributions were received from many former members, as well as from those worshipping here now. The officials are most grateful for their kind remembrance of the old home church, and hope thus to pay for all the improvements made during this year. They are also appreciative of the hard work of many busy people, which assured the success of this great undertaking, to all who shared in the services, to the local press for publicity, and to all who entered into the spirit of the happy occasion.