

On May 24, 1978 the sod was turned for the addition seen in pictures. The work was completed in 1978 and a great deal of it was constructed by the men of the Church. In 1980 an addition was added to protect the south door which let in cold air on windy winter days. This was paid for by an allocation from the sale of the Lakeview Baptist Church. About this time a piano (1980), an organ and a sound system (1981) were added. Tom Allen of Aylmer made a large donation to the project at that time.





# Calton Baptist Church

RR 6, Aylmer, Ont., N5H 2R5

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(PHOTOGRAPH OF REV AMERICUS TIMPANY IN THE BACKGROUND)



A cake cutting ceremony was held at Calton Baptist Church Sunday, including front row, from left: The Reverend C.K. Dolby, oldest living former pastor; senior church members Ila Pardon, Orland Kinsey and; back row Bob Kennedy; and cur-

rent Pastor Dan Cudney. The members were celebrating 100 years in the current building, and 132 years as a congregation. Over 100 attended the morning service. (165)



# Calton Baptist celebrates 100th year

The congregation of Calton Baptist Church will be celebrating the 132nd anniversary of the founding of the church congregation and the 100th anniversary of the church building on Sept. 27.

Rev. Dan Cudney will conduct services at 11 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. The Bonds of Love, a male quartet from Woodstock will sing at the service in the morning and The Rodney Revival Singers, a mixed quartet from Rodney will perform at the evening service.

After the morning service there will be a cake cutting ceremony to mark the centennial of the church, followed by a dinner. The event will be an opportunity to see historical displays and to meet old friends. The congregation has invited all former ministers to the celebrations.

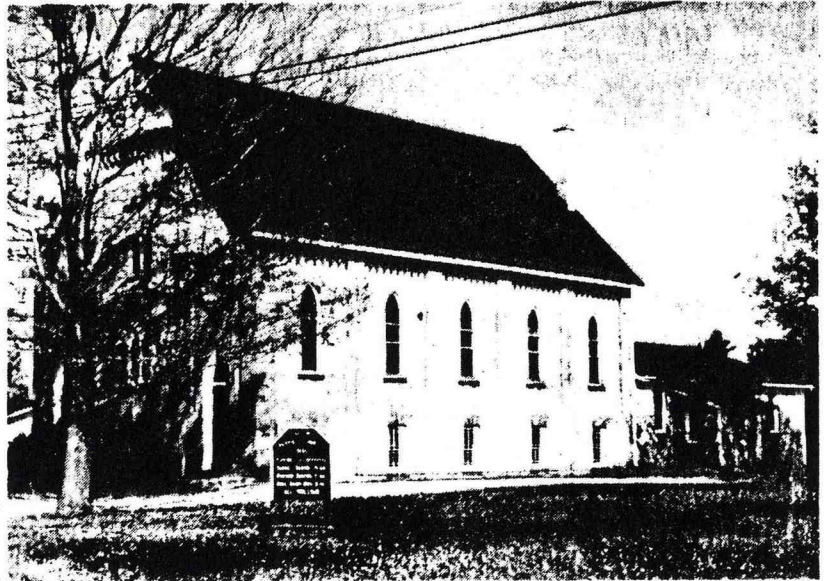
According to an account published in *The Canadian Baptist*, June 29, 1905, the congregation grew from a group of settlers from Nova Scotia. The first settlers arrived in Bayham about 1805 to settle in the Calton area. They were the Van Velzer, Corperon and Pritchard families. A few years later they were joined by the McConnells and B.J. Timpany, also from Nova Scotia.

These people were members of the Church of England. The first Baptist preacher to hold services in the Calton area was Elder McDormond. He held the first meeting in the open air. Continuing his mission with services in the schoolhouse, he converted and baptised about 37 who became members of the old Bayham church.

On March 14, 1855, a memorial signed by 18 men and women was presented to the Regular Baptist churches in Malahide, Jubilee and First Bayham. These members requested permission to form a new congregation closer to their homes. Their petition was granted and on the fourth Saturday of April 1855 they formed a new congregation.

The new body was formally recognized by an ecclesiastical council which met in the barn of Deacon B.J. Timpany about a mile north of the present church.

A year later the congregation built a chapel which was shared by seven different denominations at various times. Pews in the chapel were privately owned at first, with the names of the owners on the doors. The owners of the pews included two kinds of Baptist, two kinds of Methodist, Anglicans and Universalists. When the chapel was paid for the doors were removed, and the news became free to all.



## Century celebration

The congregation of Calton Baptist Church will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the church building on Sunday, Sept. 27 with special services and events.

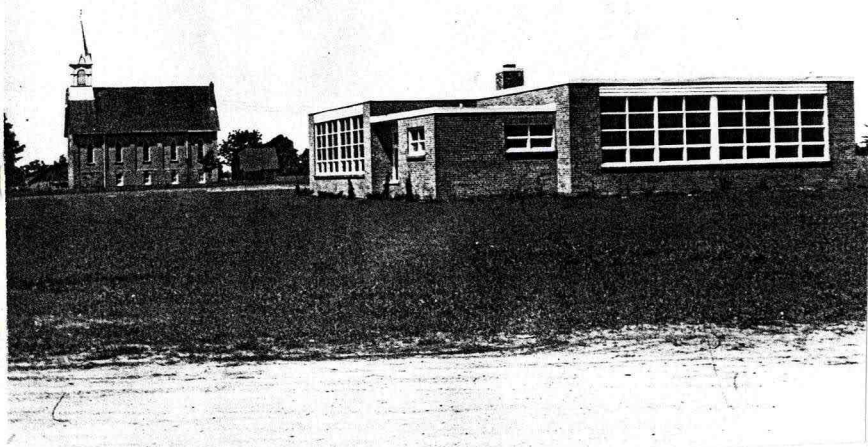
The Timpany family provided a missionary influence that reached into India and other parts of the world. The first was Americas V. Timpany, son of Deacon Bartholomew Tirhpany.

While on furlough in 1876, Rev. A.V. Timpany organized the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario. In one year he helped organize 30 mission circles as branches of the society.

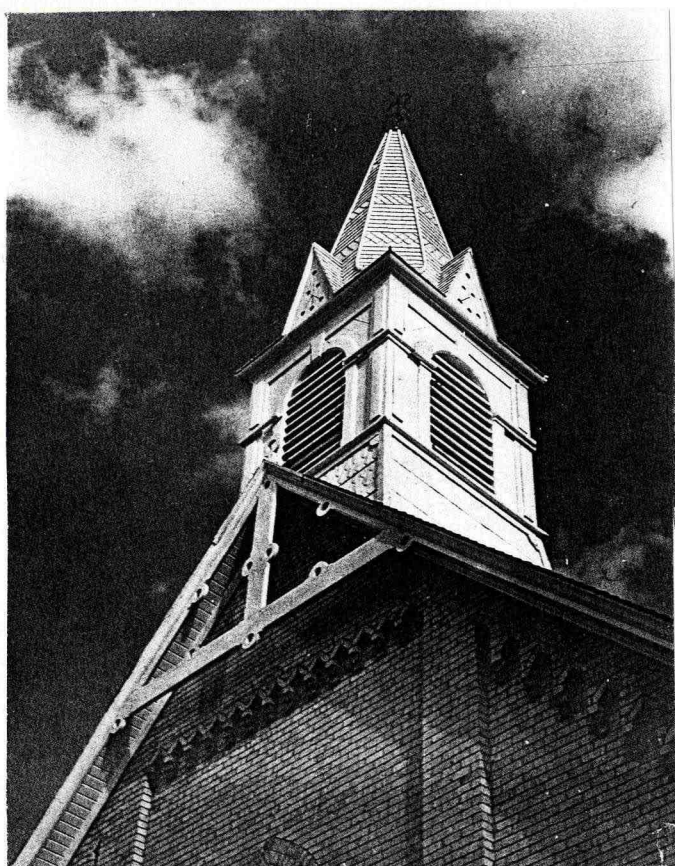
The missionary fell victim to Asiatic cholera and died in India in 1885. Five members of his family through the years followed him to India to serve as missionaries. Four others served in other fields.

In 1887 the congregation moved from the Malahide Union Church to its new home, Calton Baptist Church. The building included an auditorium with a gallery and a basement for Sunday school and prayer meetings.

About 10 years ago, during the ministry of Gerald Byron, a crusade under the leadership of evangelist Merle Dolan was held at the church. It was evident that new facilities were needed for such events. When the evangelist returned for a subsequent crusade, he found an addition that provided washrooms, a kitchen and more space for the Sunday school.



*Approx. 1952.*



CALTON PROGRESSIVE MENNONITE CHURCH & SCHOOL





**This school was built in 1951-52 to become a school integrated with the one at Straffordville. It was used in this way for about 25 years.**

**By 1976 it was sold as pupils were then bused to larger centres. By 1977 it was a thriving business, used by Roberta Phillips to teach Ceramics to young and old. As many as 80 attended her classes. An interest in ceramics developed not only in Calton, but all over Ontario. Since classes were often in the evenings anyone was welcome and many did take advantage of these classes.**

**Then another change come in the 1980's when it was used as a Church and a Day School was developed for some of the Mennonite children in the area.**

**At the present time (1992) the Principal is Steven Martin who has been there since 1985. Mr. Martin comes from the Rainy River district of Ontario. There are 5 teachers and an enrolment of 72 in grades 1 - 10. These children do not travel by bus. There are two portables, one used by the school and one other on Sundays as classrooms for the Church and Sunday School. The Sunday School enrolment is approximately 170 and about 200 attend the services on Sunday.**

MCQUIGGAN FARM



The McQuiggan farm is situated on the north side of Elgin Road 45 approximately 1 kilometre east of its Malahide/Bayham Town Line junction at Calton. The frame house to the west on the property was built in 1951 and the red brick house now occupied by the owners Lloyd & Barbara McQuiggan was built in 1971. The former house was moved to Silver Creek road east of Copenhagen. It was renovated and is the residence of Stan & Karen Jones.

The present crops planted in the spring of 1992 consist of 250 acres of beans and 750 acres of corn. Seasonally, beef cattle are fattened and then shipped to the market. At the present there are none.

The trucking business is extensive with 3 tractors (cabs) and 13 trailers in use all the time. Right now there is more business than can be handled. Son Tim is one of the drivers and the McQuiggans have a total of 5 employees.

There is also a seed business with 10,000 to 11,000 units of seeds sold per year. The McQuiggans have 3 children all married with children of their own. They are Tim, Chris & Melanie (Mrs. Jeff Smith)



PROGRESSIVE MENNONITES - MOUNT SALEM





**There are many and varied Mennonite Churches in Elgin County East. Most of these residents have arrived here from Mexico in the last 25 years and have tried to integrate their distinct faith and lifestyle.**

**The Mount Salem Church is pastored at the present time by Wilbert Friesen who arrived here about 2 years ago from Manitoba and Nicaragua. The present site was an abandoned school when taken over by the present congregation about 12 years ago. In 1986 an addition was added and they now have the Church and School seen in the photograph.**

**The Evangelical Mennonite Church which was organized at Mt. Salem was along with a similar group at Leamington. The first EMC mission in Ontario, today they are the only Ontario Churches. Their membership is about 125 but attendance is much greater. They have a regular choir and have a mixture of progressive and tradition in their church service and thus are not as Canadian as some of the other Mennonite Churches.**

**Concerning education in their school, they reflect a very traditional approach.**