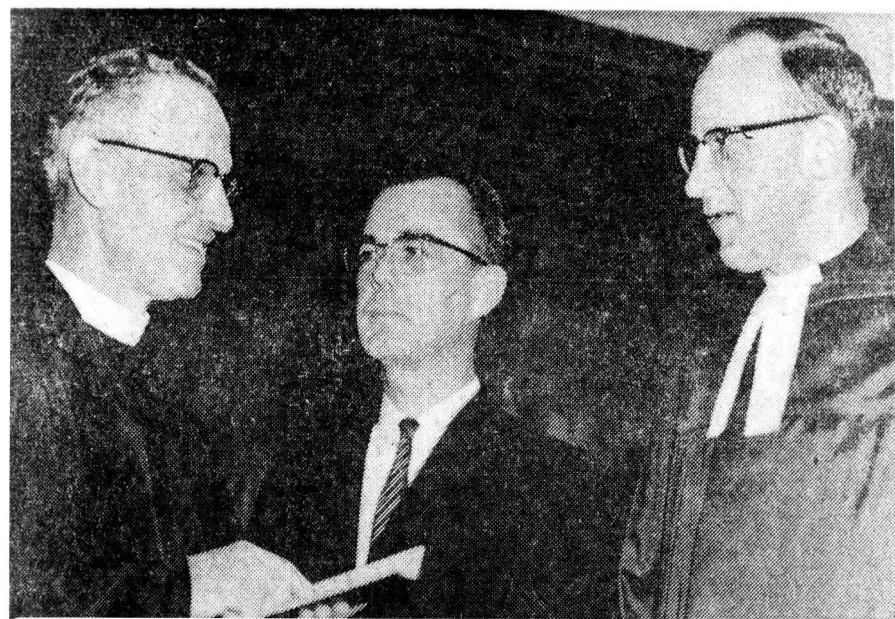




MR. AND MRS. DWIGHT HINTON

Mr. and Mrs. Hinton and Stephan moved to Corinth and immediately began work. Mrs. Hinton had attended Bible School in the west which prepared her admirably for helping her husband. Mrs. Hinton took two preaching services each Sunday for the balance of the year and then Mr. Earl Norton, a layman in First United Church at St. Thomas agreed to supply two pulpits each Sunday. He was a very fine man, a good speaker, and much liked by the congregations.

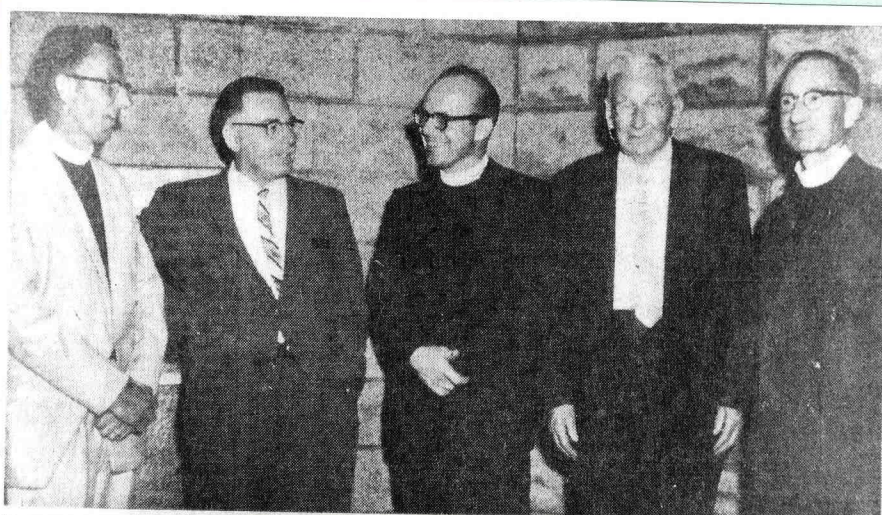
While on the charge one of the highlights of Mr. and Mrs. Hinton's service was the Daily Vacation Bible School which was conducted all week, and then on Friday there was open house so that the parents could see what the childred had accomplished.



Licence Service for Mr. Dwight Hinton held in Ingersoll United Church

Rev. O. Glen Taylor of St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg; Mr. Hinton; Rev. A.M. Manson of Drumbo

Mr. Hinton studied at Western University and later at Toronto and he left to take charge at Mona Mills so that it would be more convenient to get from college to his preaching charge.



BAYHAM PASTOR INDUCTED—Inducted as pastor of the Bayham United Church last night during ceremonies at Richmond was Rev. K. B. Passmore, of Sarnia. Seen in informal discussion prior to the service are, left to right: Rev. W. H. Carnes, of Sparta, guest speaker; Earl Norton, St. Thomas, lay supply preacher; Rev. Passmore; Rev. C. C. Strachan, of Richmond, a former pastor of the church, and Rev. G. G. Heffelfinger, of St. John's United Church, Springfield, who conducted the induction.—(T.-J. Aylmer Bureau Photo).

Rev. K. Barry Passmore became our minister in July 1961. He took the first month for holidays and then brought his wife and infant son to start active service in August. Earl Norton continued as assistant minister. Rev. Passmore was an energetic reorganizer and circuit builder. This was his first charge and he had many new theories to try out. Mrs. Passmore was well equipped by education and training to be an excellent helper. Some of the things they were able to accomplish were: the forming of the Explorers group with Mrs. Ken Gagnon as leader - The Hi-C group with Miss Barbara White as President and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hevenor as consellers - The Tyros with Peter Pybus as leader. Mr. Passmore also conducted a study class with the first book recommended by the new curriculum committee - "The Word and the Way."

Mr. Norton had to stop assisting in September of 1963 on account of his health. Later, Mr. Norton, who was a fine gentleman and much loved by his congregations, died.

For the rest of the term Rev. Passmore got lay supply as he was able to find it. During 1963 and 1964 the circuit boundaries committee had been studying the circuits with a view to making changes and a new circuit was formed with Springfield as the home of the coming minister. Corinth and North Bayham were added to the Springfield charge making up the three point charge.

The furniture in the Corinth parsonage was sold and the parsonage was also sold.

Rev. Passmore accepted a call to Richard Memorial Church in London and Rev. Henry Macdougall became our minister. He was a scholarly man, a conscientious visitor of the sick and shut-ins while he was here. He and his family moved in August 1966 to South Woodslea.

Under the direction of Presbytery we were able to secure Mr. William Zeigler. He was a candidate for the ministry and a student at Huron College. He and his wife and three boys moved to the parsonage in Springfield in the fall of 1966 and served the community very acceptably. He completed his studies at Huron College and attended Emmanuel College.



Mr. William Zeigler and family

Mr. Zeigler has revived the Hi-C group and they have regular meetings. He has served as counsellor at Pearce Williams camp, and has encouraged the younger groups to attend the camp and has also recruited some counsellors. Mr. Zeigler gave leadership and direction to the various organizations of the church. In his sermons he shared with us some of the newer ideas in the religious field of thinking, which he got from his studies and discussions with groups in university.



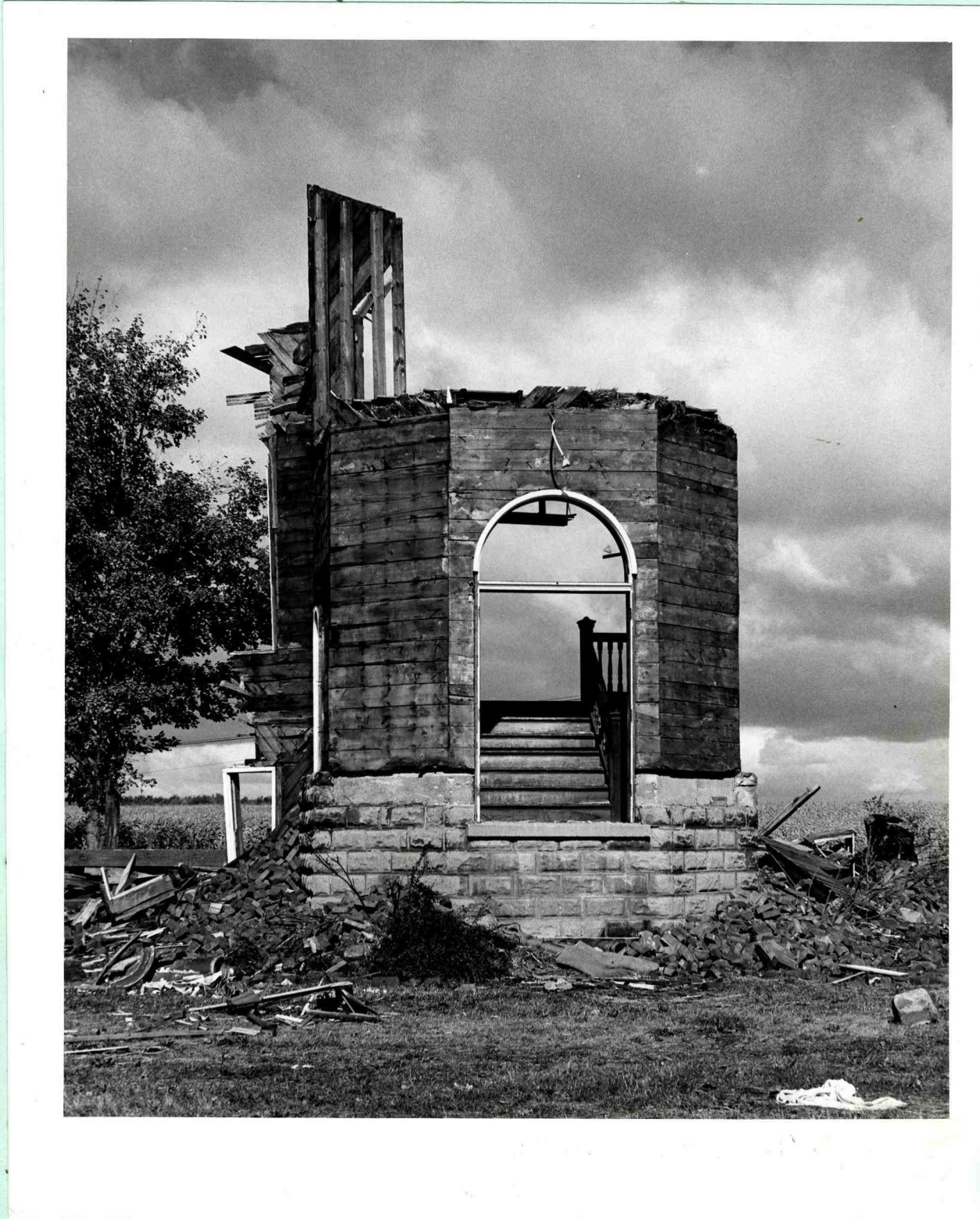
The 60th anniversary of the dedication of the church was held on Sunday, May 5, 1968 with Rev. G.G. Pickell, a former minister, as guest speaker for the morning services. Theme of his address was "The Forward Look" expressing that an anniversary is a time of looking back, which is good, but we should also look forward. We are able to look forward with greater optimism if we have a greater loyalty to God's church, a greater respect for our neighbours, an increased loyalty to the church and more evangelism. We must not neglect the one who has not yet become a part of our fellowship. Everyone should be a worker for Christ. The Brownsville choir supplied the music, rendering songs "I Will Praise Thee" and "Thee Will I Love." The anniversary cake was cut by Mrs. George Elliott and Mr. Alex Scott, two of the older members of the church. A buffet luncheon was served by the U.C.W. of the church. Murray Swance conducted the afternoon service with Mrs. W. Zeigler as the afternoon speaker. Memoirs' and reminiscence was given by Alex Scott. James Elliott read letters from former ministers and members who were unable to be present. Rev. Don Mannell and Rev. Gordon Pickell addressed the service. The Straffordville United Four supplied the music rendering songs "Shall I Crucify My Saviour", "How Great Thou Art," and "Jesus My Lord." Rev. Pickell offered the closing prayer and Rev. Mannell pronounced the benediction.

On November 10, 1968, a farewell closing service was held. The church was officially closed on November 15, 1968.

*You are invited to the
Sixtieth Anniversary
of the
North Bayham United Church
on Sunday, May the fifth
nineteen hundred and sixty-eight
Services at eleven a.m. and two-thirty p.m.
Lunch at noon
Speaker Rev. Gordon Pickell
Recording Secretary Ivan Hevenor
R.R. No. 1, Corinth, Ontario*

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On Tuesday, February 25, 1969, an auction sale of furniture, kitchen equipment, etc. was held. On September 25th of the same year the church building was sold and was removed by October 25th.



II Corinthians Chapter 5 Verse 1:

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The ministers during the history of the North Bayham United Church

Rev. R.A. Miller	1906-1910
Rev. John Hart	1910-1911
Rev. James Elford	1911-1915
Rev. L.C. McRoberts	1915-1919
Rev. Wm. Fagan	1919-1921
Rev. A.D. Whaley	1921-1925
Rev. P.E. James	1925-1927
Rev. A.R. Kellam	1927-1931
Rev. R.E. Davies	1931-1933
Rev. Charles Leslie	1933-1936
Rev. C.C. Strachan	1936-1940
Rev. J.L. Foster	1940-1941
Rev. H.E. Wright	1941-1947
Rev. J.N. Gould	1947-1955
Rev. A.M. Manson	1955-1958
Dwight Hinton	1958-1961
Rev. K.B. Passmore	1961-1964
Rev. H.C. Macdougall	1964-1966
William Zeigler	1966-1968

Ministers and student ministers who have supplied during the years

Rev. J.L. Blair	1934-1935
Rev. George Downs	1935-1937
Rev. George Barnard	1937-1938
Rev. Dr. Baker	1938-1939
Aubrey Edworthy	1939-1941
Donald L. Handford	1941-1942
Gordon Pickell	1942-1944
Robert Thompson	1944-Feb.-May
Rev. C.C. Strachan	1950-1955
Rev. J.N. Gould	1955-1957
Mrs. A.M. Manson	1957-1958
Mrs. Mary Hinton	1958-1959
Earl Norton	1959-1963

NORTH HALL CHURCH

Public worship was held in the North Hall section before the permanent church was erected. The ministers from Richmond used to come out and hold Sabbath preaching in the old Dobbie schoolhouse on the sideroad where the Hatch farm was located. In 1862 came the union of three school sections and the "Dobbie" school children then attended the "White Schoolhouse" south of Corinth. Naturally enough the children who met on week days for secular learning began to meet in the same place on Sabbath for Bible instruction. Thus the White School Sunday School thrived until it became a weekly event. People young and old, men and maidens in buggies, came from distances on Sunday afternoons. The place was crowded Sunday by Sunday.

But somehow the union Sunday School never became a union Church. The North Hall group, or the former Dobbie School congregation, used to attend Sunday School in the White Schoolhouse and then walk down the road for church service at the Templar's Hall, a crude edifice near where the North Hall Church was later built. The Templars were a lodge organized for the cause of Temperance and Ministers of the New Connection Methodist church preached in this hall. It was part of the Bayham circuit along with Jarnham's, Eden, Straffordville and the Brick Schoolhouse. This Templar's Hall later served as an Orange Hall. For 14 years this Hall served for the purpose of holding Divine worship, 1864-1878. This Hall had a large wood stove in the centre, while lengthwise of each sidewall, three tiers of wooden benches faced each other. The pulpit was raised in the unventilated end, farthest from the entrance. About the great stove on chilly winter Sundays would collect bonneted and shawled women with their home woven pressed flannel dresses and men in their homespun suits of cloth, "fulled and pressed almost to the smoothness of broadcloth", made by William Veitch of Wilson's Hollow. With the arrival of the minister the women dispersed to the benches along one side way, the men disposing themselves in the opposite ranks, only the innocence of infants and children daring to invade the No-Man's Territory in between. The people once fairly seated, the great stove which had been coaxed for warmth by the early arrivals, now awoke to its duties and rolled great waves of heat. The minister perspiring at his arduous task, would remove his coat and preach in his shirt sleeves of multi-hued checked flannel. Jack Dennis, in the absence of all musical instruments, led the singing. The North Hall Church was completed in 1878. The stalwart farmers who drew the bricks and timbers for the church through the mud and slush of the

old Forge road had no prophetic dream that the paved ribbon of Provincial Highway No. 3 would ever stretch its busy course before their quiet meeting place. But they did have a vision of a future law-abiding neighbourhood and church-going children and grandchildren. Hence they gave liberally of both time and labour and money for a permanent house of worship.

After the cramped and poorly ventilated inconvenience of the Templar's edifice, the new church was a luxury indeed. It was opened on a lovely autumn day in 1876, by the Rev. David Savage, then pastor of the Tillsonburg Methodist Church, but better known as the head of the famous "Savage Bands" of Evangelists, whose revival meetings profoundly affected the spiritual life of many of the local districts a short time later. The Tillsonburg Choir provided special music for the dedication.

By the time the church was built, the North Hall congregation had been transferred from the Richmond to the Straffordville circuit. At the time of the dedication the pastor was the Rev. Francis Nugent, of Straffordville.

On the church building committee figure the surnames of some of the oldest families in the district--Abram Todd, A.L. Cook, Henry Berry and Haggai Cook. The Hodgson Bros. did the brick work; J. Heron did the carpentering, and Fred Barber the painting.

The church was changed to the Corinth circuit in June 1909. On Sunday August 19, 1928, the North Hall United Church celebrated the golden anniversary of its erection. The pastor at that time was Rev. A. R. Kellam. The Sunday School superintendent and church steward was Gilbert Anger, who was repeating history by faithfully performing the duties initiated by his great-grandfather, Reuben Anger, who was Sabbath School Superintendent in the old Dobbie Schoolhouse. The Rev. R. A. Harrow, a former pastor, officiated at the morning and evening service for the fiftieth anniversary.

In August 1913 some damage was done to the church by lightning. Without other change than the re-decoration and repairs necessitated by wear and tear of time, the stout little red brick church weathered the storm and season and sheltered the unbroken Sabbath worship of a substantial, loyal congregation for over half a century.

In 1934, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the church they decided to offer the church shed to the Corinth community if Presbytery was willing. The old shed was torn down and moved to the village of Corinth at the United Church. They also asked Presbytery a period of 12 months during which time they would make disposal of the church property. On April 26, 1935 the Board of Trustees met to consider the tenders received for the building and