

Rev. C. A. Perkins Inducted At St. Andrew's Church

July 3,

1957

At a service in St. Andrew's United Church here Thursday night, Rev. Charles A. Perkins, B.Th., was inducted as minister of St. Andrew's Church and its sister congregation in Talbotville. He has come this week from Woodstock to succeed Rev. H. M. Wright, who has gone to Monkton, Ont. He takes his first services on Sunday.

The act of induction was conducted by Rev. J. T. P. Nichols, of Central United Church, and Mr. Perkins was supported in the required responses by William C. Gowdey and Leslie Longhurst, officials representing respectively St. Andrew's and Talbotville congregations.

The message of the evening was brought by Rev. George Shields, of Springfield, immediate past chairman of the Elgin Presbytery of the United Church, and a personal friend of the new minister for some time.

REV. G. SHIELDS SPEAKS

"It isn't by physical right or speed or power that the Kingdom of God is to be established," he cautioned in addressing both the new minister and members of his two congregations. He said that through faith, courage, loyalty people gain the spiritual prizes that are part of the process of developing the Kingdom. He listed worship, witnessing, and the privilege of service as some of the spiritual prizes available to those in both pew and pulpit.

"The prize will be ours when we are the people that God wants us to be," he concluded.

The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Nichols and special music was supplied by a quartet including Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sanguine, Margaret Ann McCormick and Reg. Tuff, with Glenda Lawrence at the organ.

Later a social gathering was held in the church hall when Mr. Nichols extended greetings on behalf of the Ministerial Association; Mr. Shields on behalf of the Presbytery; Ronald Payson for St. Andrew's Church; and Albert Auckland for those at Talbotville.

MAYOR'S GREETINGS

Mayor J. M. Stirling, who was present, also extended greetings on behalf of the city. He said he had a special interest in the congregation because so many had attended nearby Elmdale School while he was its principal. He told Mr. Perkins that one of the striking things about St. Thomas was the religious tolerance shown by all denominations, Protestant and Catholic alike.

During the evening Mr. Nichols expressed the appreciation of all church people for the generous and sympathetic coverage of church news by The Times-Journal and its representative, Stewart Lavell.

Mr. Perkins, in a few words at the reception in the hall, said the church today is one of the most important organizations in a society where many forces from without are working to undermine it.

"The church becomes the church in its truest sense, not because of brick and mortar, but when you and I endeavor to usher in the Kingdom of God," he said. He added that this needed co-operation, and he felt that as time passed, both minister and people, working together, would see the results of their efforts.

The induction was held as the St. Andrew's congregation had virtually completed an extensive program of alterations that has improved the appearance of the building in many ways.



NEW MINISTER HERE—Rev. Charles A. Perkins, who is coming next week to the pastorate of St. Andrew's United Church here and the Talbotville United Church. He will be inducted at St. Andrew's Church next Thursday evening. He has been for the past seven years in Dundas Street Church, Woodstock.

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St. Andrew's and Talbotville Will Get New Pastor

Rev. Charles A. Perkins, minister of Dundas Street United Church, Woodstock, has accepted a call to become minister of St. Andrew's United Church here and the United Church in Talbotville. He will assume his new duties at the end of June.

Mr. Perkins is succeeding Rev. H. M. Wright who is ending his third year here. Mr. Wright resigned his position for reasons of health and has accepted a lighter charge at Monkton, in Perth County.

Mr. Perkins met with church officials here nearly two weeks ago and they were favorably impressed. He has completed a successful seven years at Woodstock, and comes highly recommended. He and his wife will live at Talbotville.

The transfers of the two ministers will be given formal confirmation at the meeting of the Elgin Presbytery which meets next week in Springfield.

Apr. 27,

1957.

Former Elgin Minister, Rev. J. M. Colling, Retires

Of interest to many people in the St. Thomas and Elgin County area is the announcement of the retirement from the active ministry of Rev. J. Morley Colling, minister of Strathroy United Church. He and Mrs. Colling



REV. J. M. COLLING

plan to make their home at Port Stanley after retirement becomes effective at the end of June.

Mr. Colling began his ministry

at Talbotville in 1920. Here he met his wife, the former Nina Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark. Mr. Colling has spent the entire 40 years of his ministry in the London Conference of the United Church, being located at Lambeth, Kingsville, Devine Street Church, Sarnia, and Park Street Church, Chatham, where he was before he went to Strathroy seven years ago.

During his career, Mr. Colling has been a member of the General Council, the highest court of the church, three times. He was elected president of the London Conference in 1947. At present he is a member of the United Church publishing committee.

Mr. Colling served in both World Wars. In the first war he enlisted as a private in the 135th Middlesex Battalion, and in the second he was a senior chaplain in Italy. He was mentioned in dispatches and also received special mention by the Judge Advocate branch for his aid to personnel with special problems.

On his retirement, Mr. Colling will take over as supply minister of Fingal and Iona United Churches. Mrs. Colling attended public school in the Iona area. Their daughter, Pauline, is married to Dr. Blair McGugan, biologist at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Mar. 30th/57

Rev. J. Morley Colling began his ministry in Talbotville, Ont., in 1920, after his return from World War I. He was ordained in the Talbotville Church in 1920, and also was married to Miss Nina Clark while in Talbotville. He moved on to Lambeth, Ont., after one year on the Talbotville & Townline (Wellington Road) circuit.

REV. ANGUS TAYLOR PRESBYTERY HEAD

1948

Succeeds Rev. E. A. Poulter
as Chairman

Rev. Angus R. Taylor, of Yarmouth Centre, minister of the St. Thomas Suburban Charge of the United Church, was named chairman of the Elgin Presbytery of the church at sessions held in Fingal on Thursday. He succeeds Rev. E. A. Poulter, of Fingal, who has held the post for the past year.

The elections were among a number of important items on an agenda that covered requests from three different congregations in the Presbytery to proceed with building projects; the appointment of delegates to the sessions of London Conference in June and the General Council sessions in September; the application of one man to enter the ministry; and various committee reports.

Associated with Rev. Mr. Taylor on the new executive will be Rev. J. V. Clarke, of Sparta, and Claude B. Monteith, of Aylmer, who were returned as secretary and treasurer, respectively. The Presbytery also named Carl Voaden, of St. Thomas, as chairman of the Presbytery Laymen's Association. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Presbytery in Rodney at a date in September.

On the recommendation of the property committee of the Presbytery, three requests for building projects by different congregations were approved. The largest was from First United Church, St. Thomas, which plans to break ground for their new edifice before the year is out. Union United Church also intimated its intention of proceeding with the rebuilding of its building, also destroyed by fire. Approval was likewise given the Union congregation to dispose of its hall for the purpose of a community centre. The congregation of St. Andrew's, St. Thomas, laid before Presbytery plans to proceed shortly with the erection of a \$16,000 hall in which to carry on activities apart from worship. The request of Springfield church to dispose of some sheds was granted.

The retiring chairman, Rev. E. A. Poulter, was named as a commissioner to the General Council in Vancouver in September, with James Kelly, of Rodney, in the same capacity as a layman. Rev. E. J. Roulston of St. Thomas, and Eugene Sweet, of Crossley-Hunter, were chosen as alternates for these delegates. Representatives from the ministers and laymen of Presbytery to attend London Conference in Windsor from June 1 to 4 were chosen at the meeting.

A change in pastoral relations in some of the charges of the Presbytery was noted at the sessions. Rev. Grant Mills, of Saskatchewan, has been called to the church in Dutton with the retirement this June of the present incumbent, Rev. Walter Nichol. West Lorne has extended a call to Rev. O. R. Dyke, of Bruce Mines, who succeeds Rev. F. G. Purchase. A call has also been extended to Rev. J. T. White, of Springfield by the congregation at Oakdale.

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THE REV. ANGUS TAYLOR, of St. Thomas, who has been appointed to the pastorate of Bellwood United Church, London.

June - 1951

Rev. A. Taylor To Bellwood Park

June 9 - 1951

Free Press St. Thomas Bureau

ST. THOMAS, June 8—Rev. Angus Taylor, for the past six years pastor to St. Thomas suburban charges, has been appointed to the pastorate of Bellwood Park United Church, London, it was announced today.

The appointment, made through the London Council of Churches, is effective at the end of this month with Rev. Mr. Taylor to occupy the Bellwood Park Church pulpit on Sunday, July 1, 1951.

Rev. Mr. Taylor, who resides at Yarmouth Centre, took over the St. Thomas suburban charges of Yarmouth Centre, Talbotville and Town Line churches on appointment from Mount Elgin. He earlier was stationed in Saskatchewan.

Farewell sermon to district charges will be presented on Sunday, June 24.

Rev. Angus R. Taylor
1945 to 1951.

Lynn W. Turner, of Dutton, son of the late Rev. T. R. Turner, whose last charge was at Wallace-town, was received at the meeting as a candidate for the ministry in a brief ceremony at which Rev. E. A. Poulter, the chairman of Presbytery, and Rev. Walter Nichol, of the Dutton church, officiated.

Rev. E. W. Brearley, of First Church, St. Thomas, referred to the recent joint letter from the Anglican Primate and the United Church Moderator on the conversations for a mutually acceptable ministry. The Presbytery approved a motion that these conversations would be given every consideration.

ST. THOMAS PASTOR APPOINTED TO LONDON

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RETIRING PASTOR AND WIFE HONORED

July 4th 1951
Talbotville Congregation Presents
Gift to Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Taylor

TALBOTVILLE, July 4. — A pleasant evening was spent by the congregation of the Talbotville United Church when they gathered on the spacious lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Helkaa to bid farewell and extend best wishes to the retiring pastor, and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Taylor, who are leaving to take up new duties at Bellwood Park United Church, London, after serving on this charge for six years.

James Gunning was chairman for the program which consisted of instrumental numbers by Al Kirke's orchestra, vocal numbers by Mrs. Fred Helkaa, Mrs. Elbern Gunning and Mrs. Ralph Auckland and a humorous reading by Mrs. Elmer Cole. Mr. and Mrs. Class, of Talbotville Sunday School, presented two humorous skits under direction of Mrs. F. Helkaa. Those taking part were: Mrs. Walter Bawden, F. Helkaa, Walter Bawden, R. Brokenshire, Mrs. F. Parker, R. Auckland and A. Auckland. Several motion pictures were also shown the sound projector being operated by Ralph Auckland.

Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Taylor were read an address of appreciation by James Fife and Walter Auckland presented them with a purse of money. Later the Women's Association presented a gift to Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. J. Auckland reading the address and Mrs. Gordon Lyle making the presentation. Rev. and Mrs. Taylor made suitable replies.

Lunch was served on the lawn, with Social Committee of Women's Association in charge.

On a previous evening Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were entertained by the Mr. and Mrs. Class and a presentation made at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chute.

Rev. S. J. Bridgette, of Lambeth, a former pastor, will take the services in Talbotville United Church for the month of July, and the new pastor, Rev. Scott Milley, from the Montreal Conference, will begin his new duties on Aug. 5.

Rev. Taylor was first minister
on new St. Thomas Suburban
Charge, & lived at Yarmouth
Centre.

ST. THOMAS
TALBOTVILLE
TOWN LINE
YARMOUTH CENTRE

Talbotville
Yarmouth Centre
Town-line.



TALBOTVILLE W.A. Members - - - 1929

BACK ROW- Mrs. E.H. Haines, Mrs. James Travers, Mrs. John Auckland, Mrs. Harley Appleford, Mrs. Fenner Merrill, Mrs. Wes. Abbott, unknown, Mrs. Harvey French, Mrs. Rev. R.C. Copeland, unknown, Mrs. Roy French, Mrs. Roy Turner, unknown, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. W.H. Sutton, Mrs. Geo. Berdan.

THIRD ROW- Mrs. Sarah Jane Barnes, Mrs. Napper, unknown, Mrs. Fred Bawden, Mrs. J. W. Coulter, Mrs. James Fife, Mrs. Sam Burtwhistle, Mrs. W. Mahoney and Doris, Mrs. John Billington.

SECOND ROW- Mrs. Will Hicks, Mrs. Jennie Taylor, Mrs. Frank Auckland, Mrs. Clarence Boughner, Mrs. Geo. Powles, Mrs. Dorthy Fife, Mrs. Morley Parker, Mrs. William McCallum.

FRONT ROW- Jamie McAlphine, Mrs. James McCallum and Helen, Mrs. Walter Auckland, unknown, Mrs. Geo. Johnson.