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SECOND-LIEUT. IRWIN D. FIFE, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Fife, Talbotville, renewed acquaintances recently at Belleville, Kingston and on the mission field at Cloyne, Ont., where he served as student minister while at Albert College. The lieutenant noticed the faithful disciples carrying on in spite of the general modern formalism that is hindering spiritual life in the church and community today. Lieutenant Fife is now assisting in the Men's Social Department of the Salvation Army in Quebec City.

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Mr. Irwin D. Fife, youngest son of Mrs. Elizabeth Fife of Talbotville, Ont. and late Thomas Fife, native-born son of Talbotville, who entered ministry, serving Salvation Army. He has served in numerous places, including Quebec City, New Liskeard, Ont. Whitby, Ont.

APPOINTED
COMMISSIONER



MRS. L. C. WHITE, of Talbotville, past president of the London Conference Branch of the United Church W.M.S., who was appointed Commissioner to the General Council of the United Church of Canada at the recent meeting of the London Conference, being the first woman to be so honored by the London Conference in twenty-five years. Mrs. White is well-known throughout the London Conference for during her four-year term as W.M.S. president, which has just concluded, she visited each of the nine Presbyteries of the Conference, including Algoma, and was the speaker at forty-five W.M.S. church services in addition to the many meetings which she attended. Mrs. White was succeeded as Conference W.M.S. president by Mrs. Ralph Burton, of Burgessville, at the recent annual meeting.

Sat. June 24th, 1950.

Mrs. L.C. (Alice) White was wife of Rev. Leroy C. White, a United Church minister, on a sick leave, who resided in Talbotville Church parsonage, 1945 to 1952. (during following residence of Talbotville minister in Yarmouth Centre)

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This is an Invitation to You and Your Friends to Attend the

Seventy-fifth Anniversary Services
— of the —

Talbotville United Church

Sunday, October 11th, 1953

GUEST PREACHERS

11.00 a.m.—Rev. W. G. Hume, B.A., North Street Church

8.00 p.m.—Rev. R. B. Craig, B.A., B.D., First Church, St. Thomas

— Special Choir Music —

THANKOFFERING OBJECTIVE IS \$500.

Name.....

Anniversary Turkey Dinner, Wednesday, October 14th, 5.30 - 8.00 p.m.



Sunday, Oct. 11th, 1953.
Talbotville, Ont.

A VENERABLE TRIO are these three persons who attended the anniversary services of Talbotville United Church Sunday morning, 75 years after they saw the present building erected. They are Bert Hicks, 81 (left), his older brother, William, 86 (right) and Mrs. Emma Merrill, of Dutton, and formerly of Talbotville, who will be 90 in February. They are believed to be the only three still living who saw the church erected, and stood for their photograph a short distance from the cornerstone which Mrs. Merrill, then Emma Axford, recalls as having seen "well and truly laid." The two men have been members of the congregation continuously since the building was opened.

Mrs. Delena (Purdy Smith)
born at Talbotville 1872 would have been 6 yrs old at time. She was daughter of Wm. Smith (blacksmith) & Mary Ann Miller. She died 1966.

TALBOTVILLE UNITED CHURCH

75th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 1953

11 A.M. SERVICE

Speaker: Rev. W. G. Hume, B.A., North Street Church

8 P.M. SERVICE

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First United Church, St. Thomas

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Talbotville United Church 75 Years in Same Building

Talbotville United Church on Sunday will mark the 75th anniversary of its present building with special services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. to be followed by a congregational turkey dinner in the church hall on Wednesday night of next week.

In the absence of the minister, Rev. Scott Milley, who is convalescing from an illness, the morning service will be taken by Rev. W. G. Hume, of North Street Church, on the Lambeth circuit, and the evening service by Rev. R. B. Craig, of First Church, St. Thomas, who was guest preacher at the anniversary a year ago. Special music is being provided by the Talbotville church choir under Mrs. Ralph Auckland, the organist and choir director.

For at least three persons, the anniversary occasion will be of very special significance. They are William and Herbert Hicks, lifelong residents of Talbotville, and Mrs. Emma Merrill, of Dutton, formerly of Talbotville. All three recall the opening of the church 75 years ago, and are believed to be the only ones still living who were members of the congregation when the church was built. The Hicks brothers have been members of the congregation continuously since then. Both they and Mrs. Merrill plan to be at the services on Sunday.

The congregation has a long and distinguished history that dates back far before the erection of the present building. These facts were gathered together and set down in printed form by Rev. J. W. Hedley, who was pastor of the church in 1938 when the 60th anniversary of the building was observed.

First Church In 1844

Mr. Hedley records that it isn't definitely known who the first minister was who travelled these parts, but there is a record that in 1844 Rev. Edward Baillie held services in the community. That same year a tract of land was purchased as a site for a church at a cost of £10, 10s, and construction begun of a frame building 30x50 feet, without vestibule or basement.

"One stove near the entrance heated the building," the historical sketch reads. "The pulpit was at the far end, entered by a door on either side, while immediately in

front was the choir. The pews had doors at each end, facing the aisles. On each side of the pulpit were pews in the form of a square." It states that at the time the sketch was written in 1938, the old church building was still in existence on the farm property then owned by a Mr. Helkaa.

By 1859 the name of the circuit had been changed to the St. Thomas Circuit, with a minister paid a salary of \$286 in Canadian currency. Certain changes were made and by 1874 the circuit included Talbotville, Salem, South Dorchester, Delaware township and Byron. In 1875 only the first four appointments as listed were named, and in 1886 it was formed with the Town Line and Talbotville, churches being associated. The parsonage connected with the original church was purchased in 1860, enlarged with a brick front in 1875, and other changes made from time to time.

Present Building Erected

A memo written in March 1878 referred to a decision to build a new church, and subsequently a new site was purchased for \$175, and a subscription raised sufficient to justify the start of immediate construction. Along with this a lot of free labor was donated, and the church was dedicated in October 1878 by Rev. Manley Benson, D. D. during the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Jackson.

In 1878 the membership of the circuit as a whole, with four preaching places, and a membership in the Sunday School at Talbotville of 73. The salary of the minister was given as \$540. In 1900 the records show 136 members on the circuit. During this period the ministers were assisted by James Voaden and Jacob Bainard as local preachers.

The Sunday School has been in existence almost ever since the church was organized. The Ladies' Aid was organized in 1877 and following Church Union in 1925 it was reorganized as the Women's Association. In 1895 an Epworth League was organized with the object of training young people in Christian service. The Woman's Missionary Society was organized by Miss Martin, Conference organizer, in 1910, with five charter members. Later a mission band was organized and still later a C. G. I. T. group.

Talbotville Church Marks Anniversary

In the best of sunny autumn weather, Talbotville United Church celebrated the 75th anniversary of the opening and dedication of its present church building on Sunday last when many former members and friends returned to worship with the present congregation and to renew acquaintances.

Guest speaker of the morning service was Rev. W. G. Hume, of North Street United Church, Lambeth rural circuit. He took as his subject, "Pillars of Bethel," and gave a splendid discourse, basing his theme on the Biblical story of Jacob's meeting with God at Bethel. He said that in times of stress, sorrow or trial we need a place to return and gain comfort, peace and counsel.

Rev. R. B. Craig, First Church, St. Thomas, who was guest preacher a year ago, returned in the evening to speak on belief. He challenged his listeners to risk the barriers of doubt and unbelief, and to take the leap of faith, expecting divine assistance to overcome doubts, disappointments and disillusion.

Anniversary music was furnished by the home choir under Mrs. Ralph Auckland, organist and choir director, assisted by Frank Thomas, of North Street Church, and Floyd Brown, of McBride's Church. Three splendid anthems were sung, as well as a beautiful solo, "Just As I Am," by Mrs. George Clinton. In the evening a male quartet, including Frank Thomas, Ralph Auckland, Lloyd Brown and Lester Longhurst, sang "I Want My Life to Count for Jesus." Mrs. Gilbert McCallum took solo parts in two fine anthems.

Among the special guests at the morning service was Mrs. Emma Merrill, of Dutton, who with William and Herbert Hicks, of Talbotville, are believed to be the only persons still living who were members of the congregation when the church was built. The Hicks brothers are life-long residents of Talbotville, and have attended the church continuously. They don't recall missing an anniversary service.

The congregation's oldest member, Mrs. Jennie Wallis, 87, and regular attendant for many years, was unable to be present due to a recent illness.

The flowers and fruit adorning the church was arranged by Mrs. Victor Martyn. Ushers were Stuart Fife, Jack Shiell, Earl Voaden, Douglas Osborne, Albert Auckland, Donald Shiell, Walter Bawden, Robert Brokenshire.

The anniversary will conclude with a community turkey dinner in the church hall on Wednesday night. Rev. W. G. Rose, of St. Andrew's Church, St. Thomas, will administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 11 a.m. next Sunday. On following Sundays, R. C. Winlaw, student at Emmanuel College, will serve as lay preacher.

Talbotville, Ont.

PROPOSAL OF AMALGAMATION OF ST. ANDREWS AND TALBOTVILLE
CONGREGATIONS

The General Council of the United Church requested at their meeting in Hamilton in September, 1952, that the boundaries of every Pastoral Charge be examined with a view to rearrangement for consolidation, with a resultant saving in Ministers and finances, with the latter applying in this case.

In order to carry out the request of General Council the Home Missions Board have requested a rearrangement of boundaries within the Sub-urban Area and St. Andrews-Homedale Charges. This being to eliminate the large rental grant being paid the St. Andrews-Homedale Charge and to utilize the vacant parsonage at Talbotville.

After preliminary meetings your committee appointed for the above purpose brings before you the following proposal for the basis of amalgamation:

1. That the Talbotville and St. Andrews Congregations amalgamate to become a Pastoral Charge as of July 1st, 1954;
2. That the Minister of the said Charge shall live in the Talbotville Parsonage;
3. That the salary of the Minister be set at the minimum (\$3100.00 a year) and that the share of each congregation be on an equal basis for salary, rent at \$40.00 per month, and any other expenses incurred by the Charge as a whole;
4. That the hours of service be as follows:
St. Andrews--10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Talbotville--11:30 a.m.
5. That a mail ballot be sent to each member to be returned not later than May 9th at 9:00 P.M. to the following addresses:
St. Andrews--W. C. Purcell, 50 Dunkirk Drive, St. Thomas.
Talbotville--A. Auckland, R. R. 7, St. Thomas.
This ballot may be placed on the Offering Plate.

Please cut out the following ballot and place in the small enclosed envelope. Seal the small envelope and place in the addressed envelope and sign your name. Mail or deliver the ballot so that it will arrive not later than Sunday, May 9th at 9:00 p.m., or place it on the offering plate before the above-mentioned time.

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I am in favour of the amalgamation of St. Andrews and Talbotville Congregations according to the above proposal.

Yes	X
No	

Please mark an "X" opposite your choice.