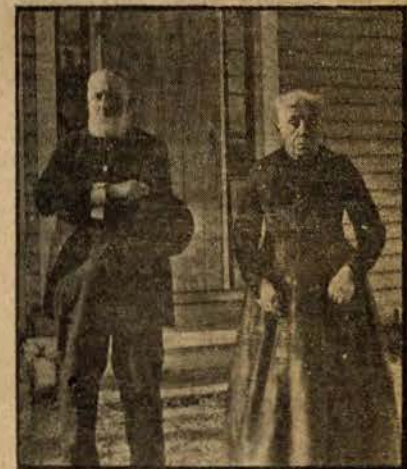


The St. Thomas Daily Times.

ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO, SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1914

Residents of Shedden and Vicinity, All Over Seventy Years of Age



One afternoon recently a number of the older residents of Shedden and vicinity spent the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Abe Sells, Shedden, and as each one of the guests and their hostess was over the allotted span of life a group photo was taken by G. H. Sells, who at the time was at his old home on a visit from Tacoma, Wash. There are few communities anywhere that can boast of eighteen as well preserved and active people, all over seventy years of age, and all close friends, and The Times succeeded in securing permission to reproduce the photo.

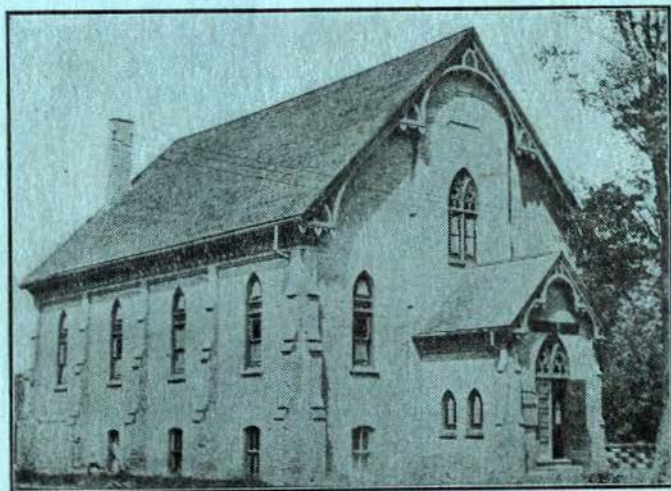
Reading from left to right the names and ages of those in the group are: Mrs. John Sells, 85; Mrs. Abe Sells, 64; Mr. L. Bainard, 86; Mrs. L. Bainard, 77; Mr. David Sells, 72; Mrs. D. Hughes, 72; Mr. Wm. Farrah, 74; Mrs. Wm. Farrah, 68; Mr. Thos. Brown, 79; Mrs. Thos. Brown, 74; Mr. Wm. Lumsden, 83; Mrs. Wm. Lumsden, 75; Mr. Dan Warner, 77; Mrs. Wilson Warner, 67; Mr. Thos. Armstrong, 81; Mrs. Dan Turner, 77. In the small picture to the right of the group are shown Mr. Joseph Spackman, 85, and Miss Eliza Spackman, 79. Mr. Spackman was present at the gathering at Mrs. Sells' home, but is not shown in the group photo, but he and his sister, Miss Eliza Spackman, who was unable to be present at Mrs. Sells', had their photo taken especially by Mr. Sells.

Souvenir

5/20/36

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

SHEDDEN UNITED CHURCH
AND SUNDAY SCHOOL



SHEDDEN - ONTARIO - CANADA

1886 - 1936

SPECIAL SERVICES SEPTEMBER 27th and OCTOBER 4th

*Issued to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the
Founding of the Church*

**FORMER MINISTERS WILL PREACH AT THE
FOLLOWING SERVICES:**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

11.00 a.m.—Rev. W. T. Eddy, B.D., West Lorne, Ont.

7.30 p.m.—Rev. A. E. Moorhouse, Goderich, Ont., assisted by Rev.
Anson Moorhouse, B.A., Yarmouth Centre, Ont.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th

11.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.—Rev. A. J. Love, Brantford, Ont.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

3-6 p.m.—Women's Association Reception.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

8 p.m.—Young People's Union Rally.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st

8 p.m.—Women's Missionary Gathering.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

2.30 p.m.—Rally Day Services.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th

2.30 p.m.—Commemoration Service in honor of former Sunday
School workers.

Fowl Supper, Tuesday, October 6th, 6-8 p.m.

Followed by Concert.

FOREWORD

THE history of the origin of religious services in Shedden, out of which grew the Methodist Church (now the United Church) dates back considerably more than fifty years. It would be necessary to go back to the records of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Niagara Conference, New York State, whose ministers established the cause of Methodism in the vicinity of Shedden,^{*} which records, unfortunately, are not available at the time of writing.

The only information to hand has been obtained from those still living in Shedden who were members of the M. E. Church before the Methodist Church of Canada took over the work of the M. E. at the time of the Union of 1876.

We wish, therefore, to express our appreciation for the help received from all those who aided in securing the information leading up to the origin of the present congregation.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

A half century of service is cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father. It makes an irresistible and inspiring appeal to the idealism and enthusiasm of the present generation.



REV. A. H. PLYLEY

We look back with admiration that is almost reverence to the pioneers of the church. We are thrilled by their vision, their courage, and their indomitable purpose.

At the same time, we feel we should not be true to the memory of the Church and Sunday School pioneers if we take only a backward look, no matter how appreciative it may be.

*"New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still, and onward, who would keep abreast of Truth."*

We must go forward in our own day to even better methods of work and higher standards of teaching and living.

The heroic past is the foundation, built broad and deep, upon which we must raise a superstructure of continual growth and achievement. Great as have been the achievements of the past, others as great lie ahead of us.

It has been said by one of old that where age dreamed dreams, youth should "see visions;" the task that needs to be done and the means by which it may best be accomplished. To this vision and its responsibilities we must be true.

Who knows but this generation may "have come into the Kingdom for such a time as this."

Let us be ready to enter upon the second Fifty Years of history with fresh enthusiasm and determination, accepting the word of the Great Leader of the Church, Jesus Christ, who assured His followers:

"I WILL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK ME IN MY NAME."

ORIGIN OF THE WORK

The date of the first services, as far as can be ascertained, is somewhere about 1811. These services were held in a log barn loaned by Peter Sutton in which building services were held for a time and were most encouraging, resulting in a number of conversions. Later, a revival service was held, at which time over one hundred were converted and joined the church. This at once urged the people to begin preparations for the building of a church. A site was donated by Peter Sutton and the first church erected about 1837 or 38, known as the Methodist Episcopal Church of the London District, Niagara Conference. The names of some of the M.E. ministers, viz: Rev. W. Fletcher, Dr. James Gardner, Rev. Hueston, may still be remembered by some of the older members of the congregation.

This first church was remodeled about thirty years later, and sometime after the union of 1876 was disposed of and preparations begun for the building of a new church in 1885 and completed in 1886.

When the present church edifice was erected, it was considered a great achievement inasmuch as the membership was comparatively few in number, and limited financially, which made sacrifices necessary although readily made to achieve their purpose.

The minister in charge at the time of the building of the church was Rev. Robert Thompson, who gave unstintedly of his time and energy to further and complete the project so dear to the congregation.

It was most fitting that the dedicatory service of the new church should be preached by Rev. Ezra Stafford, D.D., well known to the people of Shedden and vicinity, whose birthplace is but a short distance west of the village and who became one of the most prominent ministers of the Methodist Church of Canada, serving in some of the largest churches of the Dominion.

At this time, Shedden Circuit had but two preaching places,—Frome, about two and one-half miles east of the village, and Shedden. Later, "Hunt's" (now Southwold Station), Iona, and Lawrence were added, making it a double circuit, requiring two ministers, one a probationer, a young man preparing for the ministry, being the assistant. These young men were stationed for one year only. Their names appear elsewhere in the booklet.

In March, 1912, Frome Methodist Church was destroyed by fire which necessitated the congregation to worship in the hall adjoining the site of the church for the remainder of the year.

For a time there was a movement in favor of building a new church, but the possibility of church union was a stronger factor in determining results. After due consideration it was finally decided

to effect a local union, and in 1913 the Methodist congregation of Frome united with the Congregational Church of the same place, thus preceding the larger union by thirteen years.

In 1919 Iona was dropped from the Shedden circuit and became attached to Fingal, leaving Shedden a three point field again, viz: Lawrence, Southwold and Shedden. This arrangement continued until 1925, the year of the birth of the United Church of Canada, when Lawrence, McBride's and Cowal were formed into a new circuit, and Shedden, Frome and Southwold into the present circuit.

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

As far as it was possible to ascertain, the ministers serving on the Shedden circuit since 1886 served in the following order:

Rev. R. Thompson	Rev. Mr. Nethercott	Rev. Mr. Matthews
Rev. Mr. Staples	Rev. Mr. Waddell	Rev. Mr. Millian
Rev. M. Briers	Rev. Mr. Thibaudeau	Rev. P. E. James
Rev. Mr. Barltrop	Rev. A. Moorhouse	Rev. F. Manning
Rev. C. Deacon	Rev. Mr. Taylor	Rev. W. T. Eddy
Rev. J. Henderson	Rev. I. W. Kilpatrick	Rev. A. H. Plyley

Probationers — Not in order as served.

Rev. Edwards	Rev. Fowler	Rev. Haywood
Rev. Langford	Rev. Lawson	Rev. Watts
Rev. Millyard	Rev. Elferd	Rev. Lackland
Rev. Steadman	Rev. Elgood	Rev. Gundy
Rev. Peters	Rev. Midford	Rev. Morrison
Rev. Phillips	Rev. A. J. Love	Rev. Haines
Rev. Kennedy	Rev. Donnelly	Rev. R. Cock
Rev. Johnson	Rev. M. Stuart	Rev. Hewitt

It was obligatory in the early days of Methodism to divide the congregation into "Classes" over which was appointed a "Class Leader." It was the leader's duty to conduct the prayer meeting of his class, either in church or in the homes as was most convenient for the people. These weekly gatherings as a rule were usually held some week day evening.

The first class leaders were: John Sells, John Horton, Robert Plain and Abram Waugh.

The following were the members of the trustee board at the time of the building of the church: Jas. Hamilton, W. J. Wallis, Jas. Orchard, Lawrence Bainard, W. E. Stafford, Caleb Stafford,

John D. Francis, Joseph Ball, Jas. Powers, R. N. Stafford, William Orchard, J. G. Moore, Abram Waugh, Joseph Horton, Christian Heidt, John Horton, John Sells, Henry Orchard and James Bainard, the only surviving member of the first trustee board.

It is also of interest to note that there are thirteen of the charter members still with us, viz: M. B. Stafford, Mrs. D. Hamilton, Miss Clara Horton, Miss Margaret Orchard, Mrs. R. N. Stafford, Mrs. W. M. Moore, Leslie Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bainard, W. J. Sells, Mrs. John Wride, Geo. Wride and Mrs. A. Lewis.



REV. A. J. LOVE



REV. W. T. EDDY

THE SABBATH SCHOOL

Shedden Sabbath School had its beginning in the early days of 1811 under the direction of the M. E. church long before there was any semblance of a village.

An old log school house, situated between what is now the Bank of Commerce and Munroe's Funeral Home, was used for the first gathering, resulting in the organization of the first Sunday School. Again, records of the development and progress of the S. S. for a number of years are not available. Like the congregation, so the S. S. of the present is the outgrowth of the Methodist Episcopal Church and definite information at hand dates back to 1886 only.

The first Superintendent since the present church was built was Mr. John Horton. Succeeding him were: Joseph Horton, McClellan Anderson, James Orchard, Justin Moore, Nelson Bawtinheimer, Leonard Moore, Albert Bawtinheimer, Alfred Silcox.

The Sabbath School is very efficient and well organized. Nearly twenty-five years ago an orchestra was started and under the leadership of George Drake, who is still a valued member of the same. The Robert Raikes Diploma system, as well as Graded Lessons, Primary and Junior departments, all under capable management, add much to the success of the school.

Officers of the S.S. for 1936: Superintendent, Albert Bawtinheimer; Asst. Superintendent, Alf. Silcox; Primary Superintendent, Mrs. C. Orchard; Secretary, George Ross; Treasurer, Lawrence Stafford; Orchestra Leader, Stella Stafford; Grading Officer, Mrs. W. Ross; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. P. Sells; Temperance and Teacher Training, Wesley Ross; Missionary, Mrs. L. Atkinson. Teachers: Beginners and Primary, Mrs. G. Ross, Mrs. L. Woods, Mrs. George Braddon; Juniors, Mrs. Alfred Silcox, Clarence Moore; C. G. I. T., Miss P. Raynham; Trail Rangers, Mrs. Wesley Ross; Young Men's Bible Class, Mrs. Plyley; Young Ladies' Class, Mrs. C. E. Moore; Adult Class, Mr. W. Ross.



REV. A. E. MOORHOUSE

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Women's Association was organized under the supervision of Mrs. Nethercott, in 1903, under the name of Willing Workers, later changing the name to Ladies' Aid.

Of the first seven years there is no record at hand, consequently no list of charter members. The present organization, however, is honored in that it has as active members the first President, Mrs.

D. V. Hamilton, and also the first Secretary, Miss Margaret Orchard.

The 33 years record of the organization is most commendable. Their achievements give evidence of wisdom as well as determination to meet and solve their many problems. It is with pardonable pride that reference is made to the years of 1923 and 1924, at which time the organization assumed the responsibility of installing electric lights, two new furnaces, and decorating both the church and basement, at a total cost of \$1,313.00. The crowning event of the re-opening services occurred on Monday evening, October 29th. The congregation had the honour of having as their guest, the late Sir Adam Beck, who officially pressed the button turning on the lights of the church, and the entire village.

Since Church Union, 1925, the name of the organization has again been changed to The Women's Association, though in aim and purpose the same, in that it endeavors not only to aid the church financially, but to assist in establishing the Kingdom of God upon earth. Our plea is for new members, new life, to take up the mantle as it falls from failing shoulders.

The names of the Presidents follow in the order served: Mrs. Moorhouse, Mrs. D. V. Hamilton, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. C. L. Stafford, Mrs. M. Horton, Miss M. Orchard, Mrs. James Orchard, Mrs. Chas. Pettit, Mrs. D. V. Hamilton, Mrs. C. L. Stafford, Mrs. Jos. Sells, Mrs. R. Leeming, Mrs. W. Ross, Mrs. D. V. Hamilton, Mrs. W. Ross, Miss C. Horton, Mrs. N. Bawtinheimer, Mrs. B. Morse, Mrs. W. Ross.

In the thirty-three years of work the ladies have raised approximately \$6,000.00.



SHEDDEN UNITED CHURCH PARSONAGE

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The first organization of the young people, "The Epworth League," took place during the pastorate of Rev. Barltrop, 1894, James Hamilton the first President.

Being unable to locate the first records of the League, it will be impossible to give a complete list of the Presidents. A list of a number follows: Harry Shackelton, Miss Annie Brown, Herculese Burwell, Lloyd Atkinson, Mable (Baird) Heggler, Len. Moore, Miss Margaret Orchard, Mrs. C. E. Moore, Morley Stafford, Margaret (Sells) Love, Mrs. L. McIntyre, Miss L. Moorhouse, Mrs. R. Leeming, Mrs. W. E. Murkar, Harvey Bainard, Albert Bawtinheimer, Albert Orchard, Lawrence Stafford.

Two young men went out from the League and became well known throughout the church for their service, Rev. Herculese Burwell, for some years missionary in China, and Rev. E. Lumsden, prominent in the M. E. church, United States.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Society of Shedden United Church was organized in May, 1910, under the direction of Mrs. Gordon Wright, then President of the London Conference Branch. The first officers were: Mrs. James Bainard, President; Mrs. Dan. Russel, Rec. Secretary, and Mrs. N. Bawtinheimer, Treasurer. Total enrolment at the time of organization was twenty-five. The first life member was the late Mrs. Walter Miller.

The society is a strong spiritual force in the church, and contributes liberally in money and bales of clothing, etc., for the general work of the W. M. S.

During the year 1935, under the capable leadership of their President, Mrs. P. S. Croft, the C. G. I. T. affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society.

C. G. I. T. AND TRAIL RANGERS

The Canadian Girls in Training as well as the Trail Rangers grew out of the Junior League which was organized during the pastorate of Rev. Millian, 1920-22.

The C. G. I. T., a most energetic group of young girls, was organized in 1922, under the leadership of Mrs. C. E. Moore.

Leaders since them: Mrs. J. P. Telford and Mrs. P. S. Croft.

During the term of service of Rev. Millian the Train Ranger group of boys became a very enterprising organization, and has carried on steadily with the exception of two years, under the following leaders: Rev. James, Rev. F. Manning, Rev. W. T. Eddy, Douglas Orchard, Alf. Silcox.

PRESENT STAFF OF OFFICERS

Members of Session—Wesley Ross; Nelson Bawtinheimer, Len. Moore, John Orchard.

Members of Steward Board—Chas. Stafford, Alf. Silcox, John Meek, Clarence Orchard.

Honorary Member of Board—James Bainard.

President, Women's Association—Mrs. W. Ross.

President, W. M. S.—Mrs. A. H. Plyley.

President, Young People's Union—Lawrence Stafford.

Superintendents of S. S.—Albert Bawtinheimer, Alf. Silcox.

Church Treasurer—Chas. Stafford.

Recording Steward—Wesley Ross.

Organist—Lawrence Stafford.

Trustees of Church—Len. Moore, Chas. Stafford, Alf. Silcox, John Orchard, George Drake, Clarence Orchard, Chas. Moore, Dan. Munroe, M. B. Stafford.



THE OFFICIAL BOARD



METHODIST CHURCH SHEDDEN, ONT.

Male Choir of Shedden Methodist Church

1922 - 1923



Perry Wintermute
 James Wride
 William White
 Archie Wride
 Duncan Turner
 George Drake
 Alex Carroll
 Morley Stafford
 Ernest Wride
 Lesgar Sells
 Mr. Clarke (bank manager)
 Dan. Munro
 Alex Turner
 Eula (Francis) Orchard (organist)

Shedden United Church Choir



BACK ROW:

Morley Stafford, Ross Stafford, Jim Orchard, Matthew A'Hara, Ernie McCall, Jeston(Sonny) Moore, Bob A'Hara, Franklin Small, Harley Koyl.

CENTRE ROW:

Nora A'Hara, Mrs. Frank Henry, Mrs. (Rev) Goodrich, Mrs. Charles Moore, Pauline Silcox, Effie Silcox, Marion Orchard.

FRONT ROW:

Tena Orchard, Kathleen Braddon, Marion Kilmer, Shirley Henry, Joyce Stafford, Marion Ayling,
, Mrs. Lord, Lola Baker.

SEATED:

Lawrence Stafford, Dorothy (Horton) Palmer.



HYMNS
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Members of a dramatic group of Shedden
United Church who presented the musical play
"The New Minister" in 1947.

Back Row

Matthew Ahara
Ernest McCall
W.J. Moore
Jeston Moore
Rev. Mr. Bright
Robert Ahara
Leslie Grieve
Allworth Silcox
Douglas Orchard

Centre Row

Mrs. Clarence Orchard
Mrs. Edna Carswell
Mrs. W.F. Moore
Mrs. E.S. Down
Mrs. Ernest Baker
Mrs. Charles Moore
Mrs. George Silcox
Mrs. George Braddon
Mrs. Ernest McCall
Mrs. Ernest Silcox
Mrs. E.C. Moore
James Orchard

Front Row

Mrs. Wesley Ross
Lawrence Stafford
Nora Ahara
Mrs. Lucien Lepage
Katherine Braddon
Pauline Silcox
Margaret McIntyre
Mrs. Hugh Silcox
Eileen Koyl
Hazel Koyl
Dorothy Irons
Mrs. Frank Henry
Dorothy Horton