

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH

Shedden, Ontario

175th Anniversary of the Congregation



THE UNITED CHURCH, SHEDDEN, 1886.

JUNE 8, 1986

This History of Bethany United Church, Shedden, has been compiled to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the Congregation and the 100th Anniversary of the building of the Church.

Information for the History has been obtained from the Souvenir Books published at the time of the 50th (1936) and the 75th (1961) Anniversaries of Shedden United Church; the 60th Anniversary of Woodview United Church, Lawrence Station (1945)); news items printed in The Dutton Advance; recorded Church records; The United Church of Canada Archives, Toronto; and from family members of this church.

Any errors or omissions have been unavoidable and unintentional.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

I feel we all owe a debt of gratitude to Dora McArthur for putting together this excellent brief history of Bethany United Church, Shedden, and its relationship with other churches in the area. One reading for me wasn't enough; I had to go through it a second time to visualize the significant changes that took place in the past. The longer you live in an area the more meaningful the history becomes and the more one appreciates the family name that have been here for years. It also makes one want to dig in and work a little harder to carry on the good work our pioneers started. A careful reading of this history will give us strength and encouragement for Christian living and help us all to be better church people.

Sincerely,

Bert Loree
minister

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH, SHEDDEN, ONTARIO

Previously recorded histories of this church state that the first church services were held about 1811 in a log barn loaned by Peter Sutton. Following a revival service at which over one hundred people were converted and joined the church, preparations began for the building of a church.

Peter Sutton donated a site for this church on the outer south-west corner of the village and a church was erected about 1837 or 1838. It was known as the Methodist Episcopal Church of the London District in the Niagara Conference. Early ministers at this church were Rev. John H. Huston, Dr. James Gardner and Rev. William Myles Fletcher.

The United Church Archives in Toronto provided us with the obituaries of Rev. John H. Huston and Rev. William Myles Fletcher.

Obituary Notice of Rev. John H. Huston - (died 1851)

Brother John H. Huston was a native of Ireland. The first we learn of him is, he was engaged in teaching school in the Township of Toronto.

It is more than twenty-five years since he entered the itinerant ministry, and for many years labored in the vineyard of the Lord. Br. Huston was unassuming in his manners, prudent in his management, and of industrious and studious habits. For some years previous to his death he sustained a superannuated relation to the Conference. But he has ceased to labor and suffer in the church militant, and, we humbly trust, rest from his labors in the church triumphant above. He died in peace, October 9th, 1851, at his own residence, in the Township of DAWN, after an illness of three

weeks. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

REV. WILLIAM MYLES FLETCHER PH. B. (Taken from the Minutes of the London Methodist Conference 1886)

The declaration, "In the midst of life we are in death." has been verified by the removal of our brother whose name stands at the head of this obituary notice. For him, though, death had no terror, its power being conquered by his risen Lord.

Brother Fletcher was born in the year 1853, in the township of Barton, a short distance south of the city of Hamilton. During his childhood he was surrounded by religious influences and taught in his home the importance of loving and serving God. As a consequence of this at an early age his mind was impressed with the thought that his life work would be to teach the Gospel.

His conversion took place when he was quite a young man, engaged as a school teacher in the State of Michigan. The impressions of his boyhood then took definite form in a call to preach, and he returned to Canada, having decided to engage in the work of the ministry in his native country, and in the church of his family and friends.

In the year 1877 he was admitted on trial by the Conference of the late Methodist Episcopal Church held in St. Thomas.

During his probation he passed his examinations with credit, and was duly received into full connexion and ordained. His ministerial life was brief - but crowned with blessing and success. The following circuits on which he labored, Oakland, Dunnville, Saltfleet, St. Davids, Essex Centre and Shedden, give evidence of his concern for the salvation of souls and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. On each of

these charges he proved himself to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". In addition to his circuit duties he successfully prosecuted a course of study, and a short time before his death obtained his degree of Bachelor of Philosophy.

As a man, Brother Fletcher was genial and obliging; as a Christian, his daily life bore its own testimony; as a student, he was diligent; as a preacher, he was effective.

Soon after returning home from last Conference symptoms of malarial fever appeared in his family. This gradually developed into typhoid fever, prostrating his wife and two children besides himself. The progress of the disease was stayed in the other members of the family, but the hopes entertained of his recovery were doomed to disappointment. During his illness of nearly four weeks he was graciously sustained by the presence of the Saviour, and when free from delirium he gave to his brethren in the ministry who visited him, and to others, the most comforting assurances of peace with God, and readiness to accept of life or death according to his Heavenly Father's will. He passed away on the 17th of September, 1885.

On the day of his death the Financial District Meeting, of which he was a member, was in session, and the sad intelligence reached the meeting just after his name and Circuit had received consideration.

His wife and three children mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father; his circuit, of a faithful pastor, and his brethren, of a devoted fellow-laborer in the vineyard of Christ.

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About 1867 this first church was remodeled and

used until a new church on a new site was dedicated about twenty years later. The old church was sold to W.J. Wallis who moved it to his farm. (This farm is now owned by Mr. Arthur Hoerenz.)

Preparations for the building of the present brick church began about March 1886 with the contract for the new church being let to Powers and Stafford in June 1886. In August of the same year the cornerstone of this new Methodist church was laid by George E. Casey, M.P. Rev. Robert Thompson, the newly appointed pastor of the church, conducted the ceremony and the Ladies' Aid group served an evening supper. The church was completed in December 1886 and W.H. Morrison was granted the contract for the installation of the two furnaces in the church basement.

The dedication of the new church was held in January 1887 with three special services during the day and 600 people were in attendance.

Dr. Parker of St. Thomas took the 10 A.M. service and Rev. Ezra Stafford D.D. of Toronto, whose birthplace was only a short distance west of the church, conducted the afternoon and evening services. At the noon hour a roast beef and fowl dinner was served and in the evening a tea meeting was held. Tickets for the meals were .25¢ each.

The following were the members of the trustee board at the time of the building of this church: James Hamilton, W.J. Wallis, James Orchard, Laurence Bainard, W.E. Stafford, Caleb Stafford, John D. Francis, Joseph Ball, James Powers, Richard N. Stafford, William Orchard, J.G. Moore, Abram Waugh, Joseph Horton, Christian Heidt, John Horton, John Sells, Henry Orchard and James Bainard.

At this time the Shedden Methodist circuit had two preaching places, namely Frome and Shedden. Later Southwold Station (known as Hunt's then) Iona

and Lawrence were added. This necessitated the hiring of two ministers and a student minister who served on a yearly basis.

In March 1912 the Methodist Church at Frome burned so that Congregation became part of the Congregational Church that was located directly across the road from the burned church. This made one less church on the Shedden circuit. Then in 1919 Iona became attached to the Fingal Methodist church and this left the Shedden circuit a three point charge consisting of Shedden, Lawrence and Southwold. This arrangement continued until 1925, the year of church union and the formation of the United Church of Canada, then Lawrence, McBride's and Cowal became a new circuit and Shedden, Frome and Southwold became another circuit. The United Church at Southwold Station closed its doors in June 1962 and its members joined with other neighboring churches.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School also goes back to the year 1811 when it was formed under the Methodist Episcopal Church, long before the village began to take shape.

In 1811 an old log house situated where the Fire Hall is now, was used for the first gathering, and out of that grew the present Sunday School. The records of that early group however are lost and the present Sunday School dates back to the beginning of the organized congregation in 1886.

The first superintendent of the present school was John Horton. Following him: Joseph Horton, McLellan Anderson, James Orchard, Jestin Moore,

Nelson Bawtenheimer, Leonard Moore, Albert Bawtenheimer, Alfred Silcox, and Clarence Palmer.

THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

In 1962 all women's organizations in the United Church of Canada amalgamated and became The United Church Women.

Before 1962 the Women's Association and the Women's Missionary Society were the active groups in Shedden.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

This organization was formed in 1903, under the supervision of Mrs. Nethercott under the name of Willing Workers, later changing the name to Ladies' Aid. In 1923 and 1924 this 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.

On Monday evening, October 29, 1923 the congregation had the honour of having as their guest, Sir Adam Beck, who officially pressed the button to turn on the lights of the church, and the entire village. In 1925, at the time of Church Union, this ladies' group was re-named the Women's Association.

NOTE: Sir Adam Beck was Chairman of the newly created Ontario Hydro Commission. He was a prosperous businessman, Mayor of London, and for many years represented London in the legislative assembly of Ontario. He funded schools, clinics and hospitals and made major contributions to the University of Western Ontario. He built his home "Headley" a 16 room mansion on Richmond St. in the 1870's. He was born June 20, 1857 and died July 15, 1925.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

In May 1910, under the direction of Mrs. Gordon Wright, then President of the London Conference Branch, this group was organized. It was a strong spiritual force in the church and contributed liberally in money, bales of clothing and to the general work of the W.M.S.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The Purpose of The United Church Women is "To Unite the women of the congregation for the total mission of the church, and to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service".

Bethany United Church Women is composed of two units - Lawrence and Shedden. The two units meet separately, following their own programs, but much co-operative activity takes place through the year. Money-raising projects are undertaken together, and usually once or twice a year one unit entertains the other in a special way.

Monetary assistance to the church is considerable, and a substantial sum is allocated to the Mission and Service Fund. The budget also includes regular donations to local and other centres of social work.

In 1986 the President of Lawrence Unit is Chris Firby; Secretary, Doris McNaughton, and Treasurer, Marion McIntyre.

The Office of President in the Shedden Unit is shared by the members chairing the meeting; Secretary, Muriel Waite and Treasurer, Marilyn Lunn.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations that have played a large part in

the past life of this church have been the Epworth League, Young People's Society, Canadian Girls In Training, Trail Rangers (Sigma-C), Mission Band, Explorers, and Messengers.

ORGANISTS AND CHOIR LEADERS

Known organists are: Mary Ann Gilbert, Lawrence Stafford, Dorothy (Horton) Palmer and Florence Graham.

The Ministers at this Church are as follows:

Rev. R. Thompson	1887 - 1889
Rev. Mr. Staples	1889 - 1891
Rev. M. Briers	1891 - 1893
Rev. Mr. Barltrop	1893 - 1895
Rev. C. Deacon	1895 - 1897
Rev. J. Henderson	1897 - 1900
Rev. Mr. Waddell	1900 - 1904
Rev. Mr. Nethercott	1904 - 1907
Rev. Mr. Thibaudeau	1907 - 1910
Rev. A. E. Moorhouse	1910 - 1913
Rev. Mr. Taylor	1913 - 1915
Rev. I. W. Kilpatrick	1915 - 1919
Rev. E Matthews	1919 - 1920
Rev. J. Millian	1920 - 1921
Rev. P.E. James	1921 - 1925
Rev. F. Manning	1925 - 1927
Rev. W. T. Eddy	1927 - 1933
Rev. A. H. Plyley	1933 - 1937
Rev. A. E. Hopper	1937 - 1944
Rev. J. Bright	1944 - 1948
Dr. M. W. Goodrich	1948 - 1954
Rev. Erla Currey	1955 - 1959
Rev. W. T. Eddy - 2nd Term	1959 - 1963
Rev. T. P. Moulton	1963 - 1965
Rev. C. Lewis	1965 - 1966
Rev. Alex Taylor	1966 - 1972
Rev. T. Mitchell	1972 - 1978
Rev. A. E. Loree	1978 -

WOODVIEW UNITED CHURCH, LAWRENCE STATION

The brick church at Lawrence Station was built in 1885 by Powers and Stafford, the same men who were to build the Shedden Church one year later. This Church was closed at a service held in September 1966 and the Congregation joined with Shedden to form a new congregation meeting in the Shedden Church. In 1968 the name "Bethany United Church Shedden" was chosen.

This history is being recorded here to preserve the heritage of this Congregation whose members are now active in the life of Bethany United Church.

There had, however, been an active Methodist Congregation and a former church building for some time previous to 1885.

The families in North Southwold Township who held to the Methodist Faith, first met in their homes, and the services were conducted by the old time circuit riders. As time went on, these families decided to get subscriptions to a building fund. The years 1867-68 saw the erection of that church on land donated by William Irvine on the 1st Concession. This was located at the end of the road that passes Donald Miller's farm. The first minister was Rev. Mr. German who came from Mount Elgin Institute, across the river Thames, and organized it as a Wesleyan Methodist Congregation with Mr. and Mrs. William Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. John Ibbotson as the first members.

The Rev. Mr. Cross and Rev. A Edwards were succeeding ministers.

After a time, this congregation, known as Miller's Church, was joined with the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Fingal to make a double circuit. The senior pastor was Rev. Ferguson, with junior pastors Revs. Sparling, Dean, Daniels, and

H.T. Crossley of evangelistic fame at a later date.

After the first Church Union the church, with Iona and Muskoka, were formed to make the Iona charge. The first minister here was Rev. Mr. Hackett, followed by Revs. W. Smith, W.H. Cooper, T.T. George, E. Medd, Fairchild, and J.J. Sinclair.

This brings us up to the time in October 1885 when under the pastorate of Rev. W.H. Cooper, the new church in Lawrence Station was built on land donated by Mr. John Killins (Harry Killins' grandfather).

The first board of Trustees were: J. Killins, J. Miller, W.H. Miller, J. White, W. Cade, J. Simpson and Amasa Wood, for whom the church was named "Woodview", as he assisted by supplying funds to quite an extent.

In 1888, during the pastorate of Rev. T.T. George, the Muskoka appointment was dropped and Southwold Station taken on.

Later, the circuit was changed again and the three churches added to Shedden and Frome churches to form a double charge under the pastorate of Rev. C. Deacon.

Again in 1919 came another change, when Shedden, Southwold and Lawrence formed the Shedden Charge, and remained so until 1925, the year of the birth of the United Church of Canada, when Lawrence, McBride's and Cowal were joined under the pastorate of Rev. Neil A. Campbell (Father of Mrs. D.C. (Sylvia) Turner).

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Once they had a congregation organized and a building to meet in (1868) the thought of the people was for a Sunday School, which soon became a reality, with Mr. John Miller as superintendent.

This school carried on until 1883-84, when a town hall was erected at Lawrence and the members

residing there wanted the Sunday School close at hand, so a Union Sunday School was organized and held there and the Methodist Sunday School closed for a number of years.

In 1898, under the pastorate of Rev. J. Henderson, a Methodist Sunday School was again organized, with Mr. E. Bodkin, Superintendent, Mr. J.A. Turnbull secretary, Mr. Lorne Campbell treasurer, Mr. W. Rinn librarian, and Mr. John Miller, Mr. S.H. Weldon, Mrs. W. Miller, Miss. S. Hacker, Mr. W. Widden and Miss. C. Halpin as teachers.

Succeeding Superintendents have been S.H. Weldon, Fred W. Miller (25 years), Thompson Howe, James F. Oldham, Duncan C. Turner and Mrs. Allan Plain.

THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

In 1962 all Women's groups in the United Church were amalgamated to form The United Church Women. Prior to this time the Women's group at Lawrence Station was called "The Ladies' Guild". This group was organized in 1920 under the supervision of Mrs. F.W. Miller with the object of the society, "To promote the welfare spiritually and financially, of our own church and to assist in any worthy cause that may appeal to us".

As there was never a W.M.S. in the church, the Guild devoted part of their work to missionary causes by supporting the M. and M. Fund of the church and sending bales to needy places in the North and West.

THE Y.P.S.

The first Young People's Society was organized in 1898 by Rev. J. Henderson under the name of the "Epworth League of the Methodist Church" and met

every Wednesday evening. The first president was Miss. Sara Hacker and first secretary Mr. Robert Bryce.

During the years which followed changes were many, but it was always active and was participated in by all the community young people.

THE CHOIR

As no records are obtainable of the music or musicians of the old church, nothing can be said.

When the church was erected in 1885 an organ was presented by Mr. Amasa Wood of St. Thomas. The first organist was Miss. Ada Huntly (Mrs. A.P. Campbell) and the first choir leader Mr. Harry Watts.

A complete list of organists is not obtainable, but among them have been: Miss. Nettie Smith, Mrs. A.D. Turner, Miss. Minnie Miller, Miss Charlotte Campbell, Mrs. J.A. Murray, Miss. Reba Crosson, Miss. Dora Chamberlain, Miss. Kathleen Firby, and Miss. Marilee Somerville. Mr. Duncan C. Turner was the choir leader for many years in the latter life of the church.

The Manse at Lawrence Station was sold in 1966 to Mr. Joseph Lendvay, who has maintained his most attractive residence there since that time.

The Lawrence Church building was sold to Mr. Adrian Braam and is used as a storage barn.

MINISTERS SINCE 1925

Rev. Neil A. Campbell	1926 - 1929
Rev. R. Watson Langdon	1929 - 1937
Rev. O. Glen Taylor	1937 - 1943
Rev. T.C. Wilkinson	1943 - 1949
Rev. Bruce Guy	1949 - 1953
Rev. Joseph Harrower	1953 - 1957
Mr. A.G. Pease	1957 - 1958

Rev. Chas. Badger	1958 - 1960
Rev. C. A. Dukelow	1960 - 1961
Mr. J. Earl Burr	1961 - 1964
Rev. Chas. Lewis	1964 - 1966
Rev. Alex Taylor	1966 - Church Closed

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH, SHEDDEN - SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1986

Clerk of Session	-	Wm. J. Moore
Honorary Elders	-	Albert Orchard, Cecil Miller
Elders	-	Stewart Brown Carl Chamberlain Wm. Coutts Donald Firby Kenneth Firby Harry Killins James Lunn Malcolm McArthur Wm. J. Moore Donald Miller Douglas Orchard Grant Waite Doreen Brown Gerald Boughner
Secretary-Treasurer	-	Dora McArthur
Organist	-	Kay Chamberlain
Sunday School Committee	-	Debbie Logghe Linda Trybel Cheryl Dawdy Joyce Boughner Carol Gordon Cheryl Yeo
Anniversary Committee	-	Donald Firby (Chairman) Kay Chamberlain Margaret Moore Marion McIntyre Fran Beharrell Rev. A. E. Loree

THE ORIGIN OF FURNISHINGS AND GIFTS IN THE CHURCH
SANCTUARY

1. The Pulpit and 3 large chairs - a gift from a member of the Stafford family.
2. Wooden Baptismal Font # 1 "In Memory of James H. Bainard and Mary Bainard".
Wooden Baptismal Font # 2 (From Lawrence Church) "In Loving Memory of Mary and John Rinn, Presented by George Rinn".
The Communion Table from Lawrence Church is used in the Sunday School Room.
3. Silver Baptismal Bowl # 1 "Iona United Church In Memory of Mrs. George Robbins".
Silver Baptismal Bowl # 2 "In Loving Memory of J. Kenneth Buchan and Murray L. Chamberlain Presented by the Guild 1946.
These two young men lost their lives in World War 2.
4. Wooden Offering plates (c) 1948 - made and presented by Harley Koyl.
5. Plaque on East Wall "In Memory of John Stafford" Presented by the Trail Rangers, 1953.
6. Pulpit Bible - "Presented In Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Orchard and Dedicated to the Glory of God, Shedden United Church, Oct. 2, 1955. Rev. Erla M. Currey, Minister.
(Inscribed by Franklin Orchard)
On the same day the Orchard family planted the evergreens at the front of the church.
7. Wooden Cross - Hanging in the alcove - was made by Alfred Silcox in the early 1960's and was placed there to enhance the Worship Experience. It is made of oak and processed to give it its colour.

8. Illuminated sign in front of the church - A gift in 1960 from Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer and Miss Marion Orchard. The timed light switch was provided by Douglas Orchard.
9. Pulpit and Communion Table Drapes - "Dedicated to the Glory of God In Memory of Florabel Stafford, who passed away July 9, '68.
Presented by The Stafford Family July 27, '69"
10. Pair of brass vases - "In Loving Memory of Morley A. Stafford By his family 1899-1975".
11. Framed Oil Painting - Painted by Rev. Alex. Taylor.
12. The Book of Remembrance - Printed and bound 1973.
13. White Bible - "Presented in Memory of Diane Swick by Bethany United Sunday School" June 1973.
14. Two Wooden Pedestals - made by Harold Koyl from old Church Pews.
15. Pair of Candle Sticks - "In Memory of Clara Neal" presented by Grant Neal, and Dedicated June 5, 1977.
16. Gold Drapes in the alcove - Presented by the U.C.W. (1980)
17. Hammond Organ - In Loving Memory of Reba Crosson, Dedicated 1986.
18. Banners - on the walls of the Sanctuary have been made by the members of the U.C.W.
19. All Hymn Books, Service Books and Good News Bibles have been placed in the pews by the Congregation in memory of members and adherents of the Church who have passed away. The last Sunday in April has been proclaimed "Memorial Sunday" when additional gifts are made.

SUMMARY OF RENOVATIONS TO THE BUILDING

- 1954 - Ceiling of Church lowered and Lighting updated.
- 1956 - Heating Systems updated.
- 1961 - Washrooms installed.
- 1972 - Ceiling lowered in Sunday School room
- New windows installed in the Sanctuary.
- 1973 - Carillon and Tower Installed. The Carillons played for the first time on Friday Mar. 9, 1973 at 6.00 P.M.
- 1975 - Church Pews removed and replaced with chairs. The Choir area was re-designed using the original railing. Wood used for the floor was taken from the old pews.
Mr. Harold Koyl also made three pine cupboards from the church pews and gave them to each of his three children. One of these may be seen in The Old School House Tea Room.
The iron Pew-ends were sold in pairs and made into benches by many of the families in the community for use in their homes and patios.
- 1976 - New Furnace installed.
- 1977 - New Choir Gowns - Gold with blue collars
- Dedicated Sept. 1977.
- 1979 - New Hydro Service Installed.
- 2 Flags for the Sanctuary - Provided by the Choir and Sunday School.
- 1980 - Gold Drapes - Provided by the U.C.W.
- Brick Work repaired.
- 1981 - Oil Furnace converted to Gas.
- 1982 - Walls and ceiling of church insulated.
- 1985 - Hammond Organ purchased.
- 1986 - Carpet laid on floor in Sunday School room

The passing years have seen many changes in this church. At the present time it sponsors the "Beavers", and the facilities of the building are used by the Girl Guides, Brownies, Dancing Class, and Women's Institute.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Alex. Taylor the Southwold Charge formed a Couple's Club, but in 1985 it was re-named "All Friends Group" to encompass all who wish to share the good fellowship this group provides.

The future years are bound to bring more changes, but as we celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Congregation, the hope prevails that its life will continue indefinitely.



175th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Bethany United Church, Shedden June 8, 1986
Pastor: Rev. A. E. Loree Ministry of Music: Kay Chamberlain

MORNING WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord is great and greatly to be praised.
PEOPLE: Honour & majesty are before him; strength and beauty
are in his sanctuary.
LEADER: Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
PEOPLE: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
fear before h'im, all the earth.

HOLY, HOLY

THE CREED (in unison) (see inside back cover of red book)
HYMN #12 - All people that on earth do dwell

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by the Lord's Prayer (sung)

SOLO - HARLEY KOYL

RESPONSIVE READING #527 (red book)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

ANTHEM

REMARKS BY Dora McArthur

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING - Response #290 (red book) - Dedication

PIANO SOLO by Laurie Boughner - "Andante"

SOLO - HARLEY KOYL

STORY

HYMN #146 - The Church's one foundation

SERMON - Rev. Earl Burr

ANTHEM

Hymn #45 - Stand up and praise the Lord

Benediction & Choral Amen

Parting blessing - (see inside back cover, Red book)

A SPECIAL WELCOME this morning to our Anniversary Speaker,
REV. EARL BURR of Thamesville; to our soloist HARLEY KOYL;
to the FROME CHOIR who will assist in the service. This
evening a special welcome to the MELODY - MAGIC QUARTETTE
of St. Thomas. A warm welcome to all visitors at each
service and special thanks to the anniversary committee.

EVENING SERVICE

SONG SERVICE

HYMN #28 - Let us with a gladsome mind

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by Lord's Prayer, sung

SCRIPTURE LESSON

MELODY - MAGIC QUARTET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING - Response #290 (red book) - Dedication

HYMN - 166 - Jesus calls us

MEDITATION

MELODY - MAGIC QUARTET

HYMN #139 - How firm a foundation

BENEDICTION

PARTING BLESSING (see inside back cover, red book)

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Your Resource Centre is celebrating 10 years of
service in Elgin Presbytery. You are invited to
Open House at the Centre at Central United Church
on Tuesday, June 10 from 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Use the
north door off the laneway. Thank you for helping
us celebrate.

Registration forms for summer camps at Pearce
Williams Christian Centre are available from
your contact people or the Centre.

SHEDDEN LIBRARY BRANCH OPENING

DECEMBER 1st, 1984

1:30 P.M.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Master of Ceremonies — Reeve Ken Monteith

REEVE KEN MONTEITH — *Welcome and Remarks*

HONOURABLE JOHN WISE, M.P. ELGIN —
Government of Canada

RON McNEIL, M.P.P. — *Province of Ontario*

WARDEN BUD MARR — *County of Elgin*

DEPUTY REEVE JIM SHEILS — *Chairman*
Elgin County Library Board

MR. ELGIN WELLS — *County Librarian*

MRS. CAROL O'CONNOR — *Branch Librarian*

MRS. MARGARET TURNER — *Retired Branch Librarian*

PRESENTATION OF FLAG — *Reeve Ken Monteith*

DEDICATION OF LIBRARY — *Rev. A.E. Loree*

RIBBON CUTTING — *Warden Bud Marr, Reeve Ken Monteith, Mrs. Carol O'Connor, Mr. John Wise, Mr. Ron McNeil, Mrs. Margaret Turner*

Refreshments at Bethany United Church, Shedden catered by the Bethany United Church Women

SOUTHWOLD COUNCIL

<i>Clerk-Treasurer</i>	— R. Alex Pow
<i>Reeve</i>	— Kenneth E. Monteith
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	— Ernest H. (Bud) Marr
<i>Councillor</i>	— Hugh F. Lyle
<i>Councillor</i>	— James A. McIntyre
<i>Councillor</i>	— Keith McLean

COUNTY COUNCIL

Aldborough	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Dan Perovich
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	— Shirley P. Vojin
Dunwich	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Donald A. McWilliam
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	— Albert K. Ford
Southwold	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Kenneth E. Monteith
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	— Ernest H. (Bud) Marr
Yarmouth	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Richard Haddow
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	— William A. Martyn
Malahide	
<i>Reeve</i>	— William R. Caverly
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	— Emil Neukamm
Bayham	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Max H. Stewart
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	— Joseph A. Volkaert
South Dorchester	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Clarence R. Willsey
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	— R. James Sheils
Aylmer	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Robert G. Brooks
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	— Donald H. Pearson
Vienna	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Kenneth C. Emerson
Springfield	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Jack W. Hodgson
Dutton	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Robert (Bob) F. Purcell
Port Stanley	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Ray J. Lavereau
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	— Joan L. Wakeling
Rodney	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Robert F. Coles
West Lorne	
<i>Reeve</i>	— T. Harley Lashbrook
Port Burwell	
<i>Reeve</i>	— Jack N. Smyth
Belmont	
<i>Reeve</i>	— John R. (Ian) Fleck

SHEDDEN BRANCH STAFF

<i>Supervisor</i>	— Mrs. Carol O'Connor
<i>Assistant</i>	— Mrs. Dora McArthur
<i>Assistant</i>	— Mrs. Joyce Boughner

New library open for business

SHEDDEN (Staff) — It has been seven months since librarian Carol O'Connor, county library staff and a small band of volunteers wheeled shopping carts borrowed from a local grocery store across Highway 3, heavily laden with books.

But Saturday, more than 50 people crammed Shedden's new 1,000-square-foot library to celebrate the event and cut a ribbon to officially open the county's newest book facility.

The old library was located kiddie-corner from the new one and, with only 200 square feet of space, often felt like

a "little hole in the wall", recalled Margaret Turner, who was librarian for 16 years in Shedden until her retirement.

But little was done about the little library until a group from Shedden's Women's Institute complained to the county library board about the lack of books and urged the committee to seek grander accommodations.

The solution was to lease half a hardware store building across the street.

Books were moved economically in

grocery carts borrowed from Ralph Palmer's Red and White general store.

Mrs. O'Connor was one of several officials who took part in Saturday's ribbon-cutting ceremony and said special thanks to the Women's Institute which spurred the move.

Jim Shells, deputy-reeve of South Dorchester and chairman of the county library committee, announced community support for the new facility has been overwhelming. In less than a year, he said book circulation has more than doubled.



Elgin Warden Bud Marr, former librarian Mrs. Alex (Margaret) Turner, Elgin MPP Ronald McNeil, librarian Mrs. Dan (Carol) O'Connor, Elgin MP John Wise.

Shedden Womens' Institute

St. Thomas Times Journal
December 1984
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Shedden Branch Library

If you want to enjoy a summer of good reading, come to visit the Shedden Branch of the County Library. The building is small but you will find every available space crammed with reading material.

There is something for everyone including magazines, lots of paper backs, all types of fiction, non-fiction and local history. We have a fine selection of children's books, and particularly welcome them to the library. We can obtain any special book from the County Library, as well as large print books and films. A book exchange takes place at regular intervals so there is always fresh reading material.

The first library in the village was established in 1890 as a Mechanics Institute. It was housed in various quarters over the years, once before in the present building before being forced to vacate. In February, 1968, the Branch was re-located in the newly-renovated building which is owned by Southwold Township. There are many different people who helped to keep this small library in the community including Board members, librarians and assistants.

The library is open 6 hours a week and is free to all residents of the Township.

Library Hours: Tues. 3 - 5 p.m.,
Fri. 7 - 9 p.m. and Sat. 3 - 5 p.m.

Margaret Turner
Librarian

*The Council of Southwold
and the
Board of the Elgin County Library System
cordially invite you
to attend*



**the Official Opening
of the**



Shedden Branch Library

Saturday, December 1st, 1984

at 1:30 p.m.

Location: Shedden Library

intersection of Highway 3 and County Road 20

OPENING OF SHEDDEN LIBRARY

December 1, 1984

Written by Margaret Turner

I'm very happy to be here to-day to take part in the formal opening of our new Library in Shedden. I have been involved in the Library as long as I can remember, as a patron from childhood, as a member of the Board, and as Librarian for 16 years.

The first Library in Shedden opened in November 1890 as a Mechanic's Institute Library, the inspiration of one Sydney Silcox (a relative, I believe of the Warden*). * Ernest H. (Bud) Marr

W. H. Morrison (owner of the hardware beside us and perhaps this building) was the first Treasurer, continuing for 40 years. Miss Elsie Hamilton, Librarian for 30 years and Mrs. Arthur McIntyre (my mother) President for over 30 years, as well as other faithful board members, kept the Library operating through very financially troubled times. It is because of their foresight that we are here to-day.

I won't trace in detail the history of the wanderlust of the library from private homes to the small brick building which disappeared this summer, to two different quarters in Palmer's Grocery store and back again to the completely renovated small brick building this time bought by Southwold Township in 1968 from the Dep't of Highways. We were there for 16 years.

Then one Monday morning April 16, 1984 a trek took place across the highway, grocery carts filled with books. The council Members, their wives, the librarians, and half the village took part and by noon most of the work was done. It was a very happy occasion. - So here we are.

Before closing I'd like to mention the fine co-operation we always received from the Council Members. When the small building was renovated in 1968, the Reeve was Albert Orchard (who, I'm sure would like to be here today), the late Lawrence McIntyre, our friend and neighbour, was deputy reeve. Albert Auckland was retiring Reeve. Between Albert Auckland and me we managed to save a tree in front of the building, that others thought should go. Bruce Lyle, Councillor, was always concerned about the Library and never failed to ask me about any problems when we met.

I would also like to recognize the County Library Staff for their untiring efforts and concern for the branches, small or large. So to Mr. Wells, Ruth Prouse (who could tell this story better than I) and all the staff, Thank You. Last but not least I'd like to thank Mrs. Malcolm McArthur, who first as a board member, and later as Ass't Librarian for over 20 years, has faithfully served the Library.

NOTE: Pictures taken of the old Library and the moving day to the New Library can be found in the Tweedsmuir History Records.

Shedden Public Library

Re-Opening



The Shedden Branch of the Elgin County Library System will re-open on Tuesday October 16th at 2:30 pm. Our renovations have been completed, come and see our new look!

Ontario Public Library Week Celebrations

October 15-20th, 2007

Tuesday October 16th 6-8pm.

Open House/Service Ontario Demonstrations by Alex (CAP student)

Friday October 19th 11-12 noon

Preschool Storytime

All week

Name the library mascot contest

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