

Talbotville United Church. 1954-57.

Rev. H. Mervyn Wright accepts call.

Mrs. Emma Merrill Stricken At Dutton

DUTTON.—Mrs. Emma (Ackford) Merrill, a resident of the village for 44 years, died Thursday morning of a heart attack at her home. She was in her 92nd year.

Born in Talbotville on Feb. 20, 1864, Mrs. Merrill's parents were the late William and Emmeline Ackford. She resided in Talbotville until nine years after her marriage to the late Kenneth Merrill. They then moved to Dunwich in 1900 where she and her husband farmed on Shackleton street west. In 1912 they moved to Dutton and Mrs. Merrill had resided here ever since. Her husband passed away in 1913. Mrs. Merrill had enjoyed good health and was active about her home until her sudden death this morning.

Mrs. Merrill was a member of St. John's United Church and in her earlier years was an active member of several church organizations. She was a life member of the W. M. S.

One daughter survives, Mrs. Mildred McNeil, Dunwich Township treasurer.

The remains are resting at the Cyril J. Beill funeral home here, the funeral service there Saturday at 2:30 p.m. to be conducted by Rev. Clarence E. Beacom, of St. John's United Church. Interment will be made in Fairview Cemetery. Jan. 1456

Children Baptized At Talbotville

TALBOTVILLE.—Miss Betty Ribeiro, of Alma College, will be guest speaker at the annual W. M. S. service this Sunday, 11:30 o'clock, at the Talbotville United Church. A combined Mother's Day service was held on Sunday last with Ralph and Albert Auckland in charge. A choir of mothers sang an anthem, Miss Eleanor Parker read a story and Rev. H. M. Wright gave the address and conducted a baptismal service.

Garry James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Latimer; Cynthia Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Siple; Joan Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Humphries; Lillian Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fife, and Cathy Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kettlewell, were baptized.

Rev. H. M. Wright Accepts Call Here

Rev. H. M. Wright, of the Burns-Mooreline charge of the United Church, near Sarnia, has been called to the newly formed charge of St. Andrew's (St. Thomas-Talbotville), and has accepted. He will assume his new duties July 1.

The new charge is part of a shuffle of five congregations in the district which was authorized at a recent meeting of Elgin Presbytery in Fingal. In the change, the old Suburban Charge which took in Talbotville, Yarmouth Centre and Townline churches was dissolved and the co-operative agreement between St. Andrew's and Homedale Churches in St. Thomas was discontinued.

Rev. Mr. Wright was called after a meeting of the combined official boards of the new charge, preceded by a meeting of the Pastoral Relations committee. The committee was chaired by Rev. E. J. Robertson, of Sparta, retiring chairman of the Presbytery; and the Board meeting by Rev. A. H. Johnson, of Grace Church, chairman of the Extension committee of the Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Wright has been for the past six years at his present charge near Sarnia, and has been for some time associated with churches in the Lambton Presbytery.

June TALBOTVILLE 27th

TALBOTVILLE.—The regular meeting of the Woman's Association will be held Wednesday in the Sunday School hall with Mrs. R. Turner as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Williams, Edgeware road, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. A. Auckland, and family.

Miss Freddie Sells, Payne's Mills, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Eaton, visited Mrs. E. C. Gilbert last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wallis, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. Allan, left on Monday for Calgary.

Miss Catharine Cossey, of Detroit, is spending her vacation with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Auckland are spending several days at Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays, where the former attended the High School Trustees' convention.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club entertained the church congregation at a social in the Sunday School hall last Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. Winlaw. The program included solos by Terry McCallum and Mrs. G. Clinton; duet by Mrs. E. Gunning and Mrs. F. Helkaa; readings by Mrs. W. Bawden and Mrs. E. Cole and James Gunning read an appropriate address. Mrs. C. Voaden presented Mrs. Winlaw with a cup and saucer and James Brokenshire presented Mr. Winlaw with a bill fold.

The induction service for the Rev. Mr. Wright will be held on Friday evening, July 2.

William Hicks has returned home from St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital.

Rev. H. Mervyn Wright, who last Sunday began his ministry at St. Andrew's Church here and at

Talbotville United Church, is not new to this section of the country. He informs The Times-Journal that while he was a student he served as junior minister on the old six-point Malahide circuit of the Methodist Church and for three months on the old Shedden five-point circuit. After ordination he was sent to the old Lyons four-circuit. This was just before Church Union in 1925. He said also that during the Church Union period he was associated with Rev. Dr. M.

W. Goodrich, now of Shedden and Frome United Churches in bringing together the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations in the village of Culloden, north of Brownsville. He is a native of Kent County and served there six years before going to Lambton County where he has been for the past nine years before returning to Elgin. Mrs. John Brewer Wilson avenue, wife of the late foreman of the composing room at The Times-Journal, is a first cousin.

July 4th. 1954

Four new ministers come to United Churches in St. Thomas and Elgin County this coming week, and all but one will be inducted at services in their respective churches on Friday evening next, July 2, at 8 o'clock. They are Rev. H. E. J. Moorhouse, who comes to West Lorne and Eagle from Burks Falls; Rev. D. M. Stinson, who comes to Strathfordville, Port Burwell and Vienna from Cedar Springs; Rev. H. M. Wright, who comes to the newly-formed charge of Talbotville-St. Andrew's (St. Thomas), from near Sarnia and Rev. Duncan McTavish, who comes to Rodney from Bridge Street Church, Belleville. Mr. McTavish will be inducted in September, but the other three will be inducted before they preach their first sermons July 4. The induction at West Lorne will be conducted by Rev. Hill Hamilton, who is retiring and leaving the congregations of Eagle and West Lorne, where he has ministered. The one at Talbotville will be conducted by Rev. Garnet Husser, of Aylmer, and the one at Strathfordville will be conducted by Rev. George Shields, of Springfield. Each of the ministers conducting the services will induct the new ministers. At Strathfordville, Rev. W. G. Rose will preach and address the minister.

June 27th. * 1954

1954 - 1957.

Talbotville United Church
Induction Service - Rev. H. M. Wright.
Friday, July 2nd., 1954.

The induction service of Rev. H. Mervyn Wright as pastor of the United Churches of Talbotville, Ont. and St. Andrew's (St. Thomas) was held in the United Church at Talbotville on Friday evening, July 2nd. with members of both congregations in attendance.

Rev. T. Garnet Husser, of the St. Paul's United Church of Alymer, Ont., chairman of pastoral relations committee, conducted the service. Scripture was read by Mr. R. C. (Currie) Winlaw, former student minister of Talbotville United Church for past year.

Dr. M. W. Goodrich of Shedden United Church addressed the new minister, Rev. H. M. Wright, and Rev. A. H. Johnston of Grace United Church of St. Thomas, Ont. addressed the congregations of the two churches.

The impressive induction service was then conducted by Rev. Garnet Husser, of Alymer, Ont.

Talbotville Church Choir led in singing of hymns, and an anthem, with solo by Mrs. George Clinton.

After the service, a reception was held in the church School Hall, for Rev. and Mrs. Wright, and Miss Joan Wright (daughter), and an opportunity given to members of the two congregations to meet the new pastor, and his family.

Lunch was then served by members of the Talbotville Woman's Association, and a social half-hour enjoyed.

Rev. H. M. Wright assumed the pastorate of the new charge (Talbotville and St. Andrew's) on Sunday, July 4th, 1954. He will take his vacation all of month of August, 1954.

Mr. R. C. (Currie) Winlaw, student, will have charge of new circuit of Homedale, Townline, and Garmouth Centre. He preceded Rev. Wright at Talbotville Church. Dated July 5th, 1954.

Talbotville United Church.

Oct. 10th, 1954.

76th Anniversary.

1878 - 1954

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

Seventy-sixth Anniversary Services

— of the —

Talbotville United Church

Sunday, October 10th, 1954

GUEST PREACHERS

11.00 a.m.—Rev. H. M. Wright, B.A., Talbotville United Church

7.30 p.m.—Rev. T. Garnet Husser, B.A., B.D., St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer, Ont.

THANKOFFERING OBJECTIVE IS \$600.

Name _____

Anniversary Turkey Dinner, Wednesday, October 13th, 5.30 - 8.00 p.m.

76th Anniversaryth At Talbotville^{Oct. 10, 1954}

TALBOTVILLE — Talbotville United Church celebrated its 76th anniversary last Sunday. Despite the many showers during the day, good crowds attended both morning and evening services, heard two splendid sermons and enjoyed the special music. Members of the sister church, St. Andrew's United, of St. Thomas, were welcomed.

In the morning, Rev. H. M. Wright, B.A., the pastor, read from Philippians, chap. 4, and delivered a sermon on "Thankfulness." He traced the history of the annual Thanksgiving Day from the days of New England colonists in 1621, and urged, that we, who live in a land of unparalleled opportunity, thank God for His infinite goodness.

The church choir, under direction of Mrs. Ralph Auckland, organist, led the singing and contributed two anthems, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes," and "On the Old-Time Glory Road." Mrs. George Clinton was the morning soloist and sang "I Need Thee, Lord, Turn Not Away."

At the evening service, Rev. T. Garnet Husser, of St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer, was the guest preacher. His subject was "Living in the Sunshine." He gave several vivid word pictures of those who work and play in the sunlight, and continued on living and working in God's light.

Special music was sung by the Talbotville choir at this service. A quartet composed of Mrs. Elbern Gunning, Mrs. Fred Helkaa, Lester Longhurst and Ralph Auckland sang "Live Closer to Jesus," and the choir contributed two anthems, "Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Nations," and "Beloved, Now Are We the Sons of God."

Baskets of autumn flowers adorned the church and were arranged by Mrs. Victor Martyn, Mrs. H. French, Mrs. R. Turner and Mrs. Charles Kettlewell.

Former residents and other guests from St. Thomas, London, and surrounding district, were welcomed to the services and enjoyed a renewal of old acquaintances and friendships. One resident of Talbotville, Herbert Hicks, who attended the opening of this church 76 years ago, was present. He has been a life-long member and regular attendant.

Wednesday evening, the annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner was served in the church school hall by the Woman's Association, with president, Mrs. Chester Voaden, and dinner-convenor, Mrs. Gordon Lyle, in charge. 1954.

Sept. 4th, 1954 TALBOTVILLE

TALBOTVILLE. — Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Wright have returned to the parsonage after their vacation, and Mr. Wright will resume his pastoral duties on Sunday, Sept. 5th, at 11.30 a.m. During his absence in July, preaching services were taken by Mrs. Lucille Neal, of St. Thomas; R. C. Winlaw, of Yarmouth Centre.

A new furnace has been installed in the parsonage, and an outside chimney is being built for this.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, Talbotville United Church will observe its 76th anniversary, with 2 preaching services. At 11 a.m., Rev. H. M. Wright, the pastor, will preach. At 7.30 p.m., Rev. T. Garnet Husser, of St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer, will preach. Everyone is welcome.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, the annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner will be served in the Church School Hall, beginning at 5.30 p.m. Tickets will be available from members in the near future.

Sept. 4th, 1954

Silver Cutlery Stolen 1954

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, when the members of the Talbotville Women's Association were making preparations for their turkey dinner, they discovered that a sneak thief or thieves, had entered the church kitchen and carried off most of their silver knives and spoons.

Sunday, October 10th, 1954.
ST. ANDREWS UNITED

Minister: Rev. H. M. Wright

Music Director: Miss Nora Armstrong

Services withdrawn in favor of

TALBOTVILLE ANNIVERSARY

Services at 11:00 and 7:30 — Talbotville

Special Music . . . Everyone Invited

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You Are Cordially Invited to the
Talbotville United Church Anniversary
OCTOBER 10th, 1943

PREACHERS -

10.30 A. M.—The REV. C. W. MORROW, S T L.

2.30 P. M.—The REV. E. J. ROULSTON

7.30 P. M.—The REV. J. W. HUNT.

The Stewards request the same offering as last year, ...: **75.00**

Name.....

Amount.....

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver"

1944

You are cordially invited to attend the Anniversary Services of the Talbotville
United Church, on Sunday, the 8th of October, 1944.

The Stewards request the same offering as given last year, namely, \$475.00.

Preachers:

10:30 A.M.—The Rev. Denny Bright, London.

2:30 P.M.—The Rev. Sylvanus Edworthy, B.A., St. Thomas.

8:00 P.M.—The Rev. Harry Royle, Pastor.

Name.....

Amount.....

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

1948

We Extend to You a Hearty Invitation to the

Seventieth Anniversary

— of the —

Talbotville United Church

Sunday, October 10, 1948

GUEST PREACHER:

REV. A. E. DUFFIELD, B.A., B.D., of Lambeth

SERVICES—11.00 A.M. and 7.30 P.M.

Thankoffering Objective is \$500.

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"Come ye thankful people, come"

Talbotville United Church Anniversary Services

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1947

10:30 a.m.—Rev. Hill Hamilton, B.D., Wallacetown

2:30 p.m.—Rev. D. A. Cowan, B.A., B.D., Aylmer

7:30 p.m.—Rev. Hill Hamilton, B.D.

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE CHOIR

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO FORMER MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS!

Pastor — Rev. A. R. Taylor Yarmouth Centre

TALBOTVILLE ANNIVERSARY

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1948

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Guest Preacher —

REV. A. E. DUFFIELD, B.A., B.D.

11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Special Music — Cordial Invitation to Visitors

Plan to attend our Chicken Supper, Tues., Oct. 12,
at 6:00 p.m. Children 50c, Adults \$1.00.

Fingal United Church.- Wed. May 12th, 1954

District Charges Shuffled In Move by United Church

FINGAL. — Acting on a strongly-worded report presented by Rev. T. G. Husser, of Aylmer, Elgin Presbytery of the United Church of Canada, in session here on Wednesday, moved to realign five congregations as two charges. The changes are to take effect June 30.

The existing St. Thomas Suburban charge, consisting of Talbotville, Yarmouth Centre and Townline congregations, is to be dissolved, and the present co-operative arrangement between St. Andrew's and Homedale Churches in St. Thomas is to be discontinued.

In place of this, the Talbotville and St. Andrew's congregations will come together under one minister, and the Homedale, Yarmouth Centre and Townline churches will be served by another.

This is part of a national scheme proposed by the General Council of the United Church in 1952 to have the boundaries of some rural charges rearranged so that each would have at least 150 families and a field to provide not only a challenge but an adequate

salary to a minister. It is the first positive action taken locally.

The move by the Presbytery on Wednesday followed a vote of members in the congregations concerned. In each case the congregation favored the proposed change. Under the new set-up each charge will have a residence for the minister concerned, one at Talbotville, the other at Yarmouth Centre. This will dispense with the necessity of paying rent for a residence in St. Thomas.

Rev. S. B. Stokes, of Aldershot, superintendent for home missions for the London and Hamilton Conferences of the United Church, attended the Presbytery meeting on Wednesday and congratulated the members on the start that had been made toward solving a pressing problem.

Rev. Mr. Husser, in his report, referred to moves of a similar nature in other parts of the Presbytery. Some haven't yet born fruit, others haven't resulted in a favorable reaction. Mr. Husser deplored the general apathy to the challenge of the General Council which was designed to release men to serve in sparsely settled areas. Mr. Husser said that Western Ontario is short 20 ordained men, and a realignment of the boundaries of charges is necessary to cut down that number and allow other places in Canada to be served as well.

While Presbytery dealt with the matter, the fine spirit of the congregations affected in this initial shuffle was commended and a special word was given in praise of Rev. W. G. Rose, the secretary of the Presbytery and minister of St. Andrew's and Homedale Churches; and of Currie Winlaw, the student minister of the other congregations. The resignation of Rev. Scott Milley, the minister of the suburban charge, was granted because of his illness.

The matter was only one of a great number dealt with during a busy day. Officers for the coming year were elected, representatives to the London Conference were named, and commissioners chosen to attend the General Council of the United Church next September in Sackville, N. B. In addition, there was a great deal of routine business and other matters to be cleared away.

Session
of
Elgin
Presbytery
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at Fingal, Ont.

Talbotville
and
St. Andrew's
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on
July 1st.
1954.

Historical Sketch of Talbotville United Church

Continued from August, 1945 to the present date, March, 1954.

"Seventy-fifth Anniversary"

The 75th Anniversary of the dedication of the present church was held in October, 1953, with a morning service in charge of Rev. W. G. Hume, B. A., North St. Church, Lambeth, Ont. and an evening service with Rev. R. B. Craig, B.A., B.D., First United Church, St. Thomas, Ont. Present at the morning service were three persons who had seen the building erected - Wm. Hicks, 86, his brother Bert, 81, and Mrs. Emma Merrill, 89, of Dutton (formerly Emma Ackford of Talbotville). The two Hicks brothers have resided in Talbotville and have been members of this congregation continuously, since the building was opened. Until October, 1948, the church Anniversary was observed with three preaching services, but for that year and the years following, the afternoon service was omitted.

Ministers

Rev. Angus Taylor served from July, 1945, to June, 1951, when he was appointed to the pastorate of Bellwood Park United Church, London, Ont. He was succeeded by Rev. Scott Milley who preached until May, 1953. Owing to illness, Mr. Milley was on sick leave from then, until June, 1954, during which time he continued to live in the Yarmouth Centre parsonage.

R. C. Winlaw, B.A., a former Social worker at the Ontario Hospital St. Thomas, Ont., who entered Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto in the Fall of 1953, became a student minister on this charge during Mr. Milley's absence. He resides with his wife in St. Thomas, and returns from Toronto to preach at the three charges each Sunday. From May to October, 1953, we were served by retired ministers and laymen in the pulpit each Sunday.

It is noteworthy to chronicle that the Thank Offering at the close of the year 1953 amounted to over \$750, the largest ever recorded. A turkey dinner on the Tuesday evening following the Anniversary is now an annual observance, and in October, 1953, six hundred tickets were sold.

In the Fall of 1952, a new coal furnace was installed in the church basement, also a circulating gas heater replaced the 2 wood burners in the Sunday School Hall.