

Worship as a Family

Grace Anglican marks 100th anni

WEST LORNE — The Anglican Church has played an important role in the history of Elgin County, being early established in the Talbot Settlement at St. Thomas, Tyrconnell, Port Burwell and Port Stanley. In West Elgin, at Tyrconnell, the heart of the settlement, was St. Peter's, built in 1827.

Anglican worship in Aldborough did not begin, however, until 1862. Presbyterians and Covenanted Baptists were among the earliest churches in the township, whose earliest members were Highland Scots.

In 1862 Anglican worship began in the township, but was not formally established until 1874, when Rev. Eidelstein, a converted Jew, became the first Anglican minister in West Lorne. The Anglican congregation first worshipped in the Presbyterian Church at McKillop's Corners, and later in the Lutheran Church on Middle St. at Churchville. Later the Anglican congregation rented the Temperance Hall, in West Lorne, which they purchased and eventually moved in 1883 to its present location on Morden Dr.

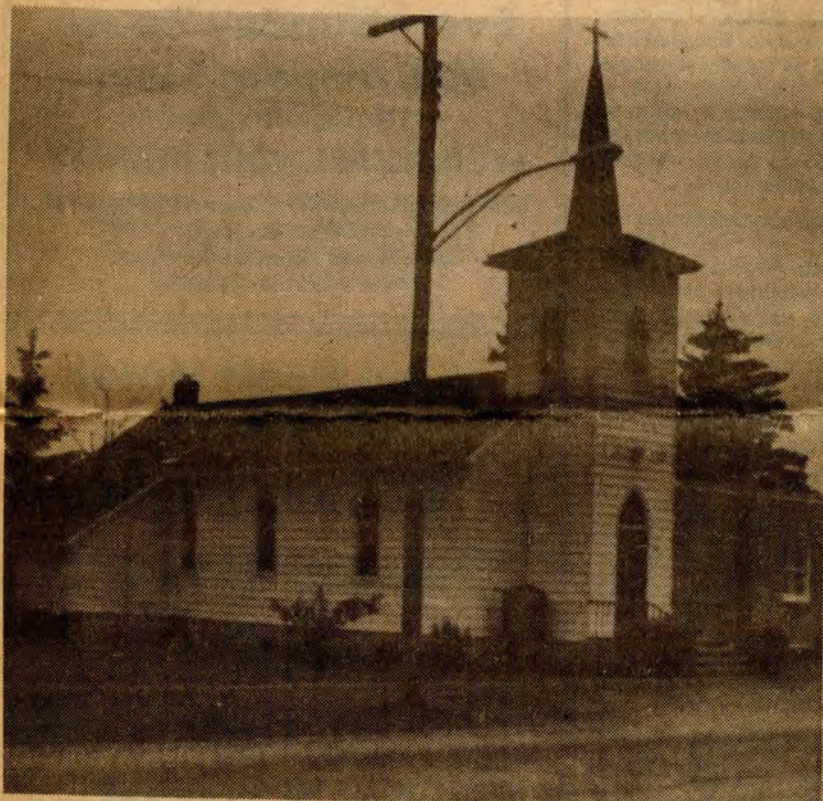
In 1881 Dr. John Schulte, D.D., Ph.D., a man of great talent and rich church and cultural background, resigned his professorship at Huron College and was appointed by Bishop Isaac Hellmuth as Anglican Missionary in Aldborough. In 1882 the congregation of Grace Anglican Church, Bismarck, was organized and recognized as officially in union with the Synod of Huron.

TOOK THREE YEARS

For three years Dr. Schulte laboured to lay the foundation of the present parish. He spoke German fluently and was permitted to use the Lutheran Church on Middle St. for the conduct of Anglican services. His chief lay support during this period came from John Christopher Schleihauf.

"Squire" Schleihauf was a farmer and a lumberman and a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Churchville, but he proved a pillar of the Anglican cause.

His wife, Sarah Gilbert Schleihauf, was a devout communicant of the Anglican Church, coming from Tyrconnell in 1875. In



CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL — Grace 11 a.m. Guest preacher, Rev. Percy C. Church, (Anglican) West Lorne, will mark Dodd, Rector of St. George's Church, its 100th anniversary Sunday. Service at Windsor.

1883 the family deeded the land where the present church stands in consideration for \$1.

That same year the Temperance Hall was moved to its present site, where it was enlarged, renovated, and furnished as a church. Most of the work was carried out by volunteers from the congregation.

Mr. Schleihauf gave lumber and wood for interior trim, and Richard Bale constructed the pews. On Feb. 19th, 1884 the Rt. Rev. Marice S. Baldwin, D. P. consecrated the edifice as Grace Church. Walter Minot Paris and Robert E. Mogg were the first wardens.

EARLY PIONEERS

Among the early pioneers of the parish were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Schliehauf, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bale, Mr. and Mrs. James Wescott, Mr. and Mrs. John Chasley, Walter Paris, John, Sam, and Robert Mogg, John

Mann, Mrs. John Morgan and William Trigger and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Milner.

In 1897 the mission of Dutton, Bismarck and Rodney was established, and the first priest in charge was the Rev. J. C. Ferrier. The following year Rev. S. P. Irwin was ordained and put in charge of the parish which he served for five years.

There have been different alignments ending with the present alignment of Grace Church, with Nativity of Dutton, St. Peter's of Tyrconnell, and St. Stephen's of Burwell Park.

Over the years Grace Church has seen many changes, notable the complete renovation and redecoration in 1948-49, when many new memorial windows were given as well as a new organ by Mrs. Gertrude Wilson, an altar cross, book rest, pulpit Bible, and an aisle carpet.

In 1954 a new altar was constructed, and new candelabra added. In 1960 a beautiful new Parish Hall was constructed and dedicated. The same year a new organ was given by the J. R. Sloan family.

Much credit is due Mrs. Herb Chaplin who has served as organist for about 20 years.

This Week

versary Sunday

In 1980 the church was renovated again with new siding and the interior being repainted. In 1981 the church and the Parish Hall were insulated and the latter was panelled. These renovations were carried out to beautify the church and preserve it for future generations.

MINISTERS

The following ministers have served the preceding and present generations: Rev. Eidelstein 1874-?, Rev. Dr. John Schulte 1881-84, Rev. Jeffrey Hill 1891-94, Rev. M. Steele 1895-97, Rev. J. C. Ferrier 1897, Rev. S. P. Irwin 1898-1903, Rev. T. B. Howard 1903-06, Rev. Kenneth McGowan 1906-09, Rev. W. B. Hawkins 1909-11, Rev. R. J. Murphy 1912-18, Rev. J. H. Colclough 1919-20, Rev. William Wallace 1920-24, Rev. E. W. McKegney 1924-26, Rev. J. H. Smith 1926-29, Rev. C. L. Langford 1930-39, Rev. R. C. Capper 1939-42, Rev. R. M. Weekes 1943-49, Rev. W.

K. Morrison 1949-51, Rev. C. P. Bennet 1952, Rev. W. R. Parson 1952-57, Rev. F. A. Gadd 1957-60, Rev. P. C. Dodd 1960-67, Rev. B. F. Brassel 1967-70, Rev. Bryan Foxton 1970-73, Rev. Brian Holt 1974-77, Rev. Gordon Simmons 1977 to present.

For over 100 years Grace Church has served the Anglican population, and working with other churches. May she continue to serve future generations

as faithfully as she witnesses today to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

LOCAL/ONTARIO

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Fargo actress has ties to St. Thomas, West Lorne

Frances McDermond's uncle lives in city and her mom's from West Lorne

BY LORI RIEGER
TIMES-JOURNAL STAFF

Watching the Academy Awards will be a heart-pounding experience for one St. Thomas resident this year. Carman Nicholson said he can't wait to see if his niece, Frances McDermond, gets the Best Actress Oscar for her role in Fargo.

McDermond is up against Dianne Keaton, Brenda Blethyn, Kristin Scott Thomas and Emily Watson in her category.

"I think it's marvellous," Nicholson said. "We're very, very proud of her."

McDermond, who was nominated for best supporting actress in Mississippi Burning a



few years ago, has received rave reviews for her portrayal of a down-to-earth, very pregnant midwestern police chief on the trail of a series of brutal and interconnected crimes.

Nicholson, who has seen the movie himself, said she did an excellent job.

McDermond's ties to Elgin County don't end with Nicholson.

Her mother Noreen (Nicholson) McDorman was born in West Lorne and later graduated from Alma College.

She moved to the Niagara area with her husband, Vernon, two years after they married in 1949.

The couple now live in Benton, a community which is similar in size to West Lorne and is located close to Scranton, Pennsylvania. Vernon is a minister at Benton Christian Church.

In a telephone interview, both parents said they are excited for their daughter.

When asked about her daughter's chance at winning the coveted best actress Oscar, Mrs. McDorman is philosophical.

"If it's meant to be, it's meant to be," she said, noting that her daughter wouldn't be affected either way. "She's a very humble person."

The Academy Awards are being broadcast live tonight on CTV from 9 p.m. EST to approximately 12:15 a.m.

50th Wedding Anniversary



George and Mary Lippold

Congratulations and Best Wishes, love the family. An Open House is to be held on Sunday, December 10th, 2-4 p.m. at West Lorne Legion. No gifts, please.

Mary is a 20. I. member



This photograph was taken at West Lorne School in June of 1934. In the front row, left to right, are Vincent Barry, Mac Watterworth, Calvin Walker, - Gower, Roy Dawdy, Jim Barrett, Roger Schlichauf, Harley Gammon. In the second row are Altha Campbell, Effie McIntyre, Verna Ainslee, Byre Schlichauf, Jean Caton, Annie Ainslee, Donna Henderson,

Flora Bell, Tina Campbell. In the third row are teacher Everett McCurdy, Myrtle Mills, Margaret McEwen, Edna Henderson, Myrtle Newton, Jean Humphries, Florence Holden, Isobel Gillson, Dorothy Howse. In the fourth row are Norman Ainslee, Doug Wilton, Lyle Gower, George Barrett, Jim Bonner, George Leopold, Jack Monteith. Photograph contributed by Dorothy (Howse) Campbell of Fingal.

Vernard Frank

Vernard (Verne) Frank of West Lorne, formerly of Rodney, died at St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital, Friday, December 29. He was 61.

Born in Aldborough Township he lived all his life in this area. He was chairman of the board of the Church of Christ (Disciples) of West Lorne, and past master of Rodney Masonic Lodge 411. He was also a member of IOOF 291, Rodney, and of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 221.

He was a charter member and director of Four Counties Hospital Board at Newbury, was a member of the West Lorne Village Council for the past eight years. Prior to moving to West Lorne, he was a member of the Rodney PUC.

Until the early part of 1972, he operated a Chrysler car agency.

Son of the late Margaret McRae and William Frank, he was predeceased by one brother Wilfred in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, the former Helen Watson, two sons, James of West Lorne and Gary of London, a daughter Mrs. Harvey (Ruth Ann) New-



VERNARD FRANK

port of West Lorne, and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call at Padfield's, 202 Main Street West Lorne where funeral service will be held Monday January 1, 1973, at 2 p.m. with Rev. W. Wale of Church of Christ (Disciples) West Lorne officiating.

He will be assisted by Rev. Norman Schlarbaum of West Lorne Baptist Church. Interment in Rodney cemetery.

Deaths

FRANK — At the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital, on Friday, December 29, 1972, Vernard (Verne) Frank of West Lorne, formerly of Rodney; son of the late Margaret McRae and William Frank; husband of the former Helen Watson; father of James, of West Lorne, Gary of London and Mrs. Harvey (Ruth Ann) Newport of West Lorne. Friends may call at Padfield's, 202 Main Street West Lorne where service will be held Monday January 1, 1973 at 2 p.m. with Rev. W. Weale of Church of Christ (Disciples), West Lorne, officiating, assisted by Rev. Norman Schlarbaum of West Lorne Baptist Church. Interment in Rodney Cemetery.

HETHERINGTON — While visiting at London, Ontario, Thursday evening December 28, 1972, Malcolm Hetherington of 340 Mill Road, Apt. 1704, Toronto, 652, and formerly of St. Thomas, husband of Mrs. Betty Dunlop Hetherington; father of Miss Janis Louise Hetherington and Terrence Hetherington, both at home; and son-in-law of Mrs. Dorothy Dunlop, 39 Wellington Street, as the result of a sudden heart attack in his 54th year.

A private funeral service was conducted at the L. B. Sifton Funeral Home, 118 Wellington Street on Saturday afternoon with interment being made in the family plot of Elmdale Memorial Park.

LOOKING BACK

KILLED BY TRAIN
WEST LORNE, April 27 — One of the village's best-known citizens was killed instantly under the wheels of a New York Central train at the Graham street crossing today.

William Clark, 81, one of this community's early railroad station telegraph operators, was on his usual Sunday walk when the train struck him. He had left his home just 10 minutes earlier, on his Sunday visit to his nephew, Carmen Robinson, N.Y.C. pumphouse engineer in West Lorne.

The well-to-do retired widower, who was born in this area, railroaded here and farmed in Saskatchewan for a while before returning to a farm here, had adhered to his usual Sunday routine. He attended West Lorne United Church in the morning, had Sunday dinner and was en route to visit his railroading nephew.

The double-track crossing is protected by wig-wags. He had crossed one track before he was struck.

Popular In District

Mr. Clark lived with his brother, Daniel, and was popular in the community. He went west as an operator for the Canadian Pacific Railway when a young man. Later he farmed at Rosser, Manitoba, and, before returning to West Lorne, had owned lumber and creamery businesses in North Battleford, Sask.

Another brother, Richard, lives in Kansas City.

Constable L. E. Doolittle, of Dutton, investigated the accident. The members of the train crew, he said, were: Foster H. Becktel, St. Thomas, engineer; Harry Goold, Detroit, conductor; Ed Beattie, St. Thomas, fireman; John Omstead and Charles Pook, St. Thomas, trainmen.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. from the R. L. Prevett funeral home, West Lorne. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery. The Rev. Hill Hamilton, of West Lorne United Church, will officiate.



Pride and joy

Art Ross of West Lorne shows off his "pride and joy," a 1920 Model T Ford he owns with his wife Jean, on a trailer on his front lawn. The

couple has owned the car for close to three years. — (Staff)

Community effort opens new centre for Eagle seniors

EAGLE (Staff) — The hamlet of Eagle has another rich resource not visible to the naked eye: a genuine concern for its seniors.

Sunday marked the official opening of the Eagle Adult Community Centre "Miller Room".

The Miller Room will serve as an activity centre for area senior citizens. It is located in a one-time school house on Highway 76 just south of the hamlet's main intersection with Highway 3.

Mary Payne saw the need for such a centre over two years ago. "I approached Mr. Hewitt who is involved with New Horizons, an agency that helps fund senior projects, and the Aldborough Council and that started the ball rolling."

Rolling indeed. In order to receive funding the centre needed a membership of 10; they recruited 100 — a sign of things to come?

New Horizons donated \$13,000 dollars. Under the guidelines of the grant half was for renovations and half for equipment.

Ray Lemmon, president of the adult centre, stated: "The money from New Horizons was helpful but we were still a little short so the ladies sold quilts, baked goods to nearby trailer camps and a host of other fund raising projects. Before you know it, we had another \$7,000. Enough to see the project through and pay all outstanding debts."

While the ladies were busy raising the money the men were volunteering their time—over 1,700 hours of free manpower.

The Miller Room is named for Martin Miller who, at 81 years of age, did all the carpentry work. Mr. Miller gave of his time for the last two years changing a "dungeon into a very

delightful place," said Mr. Lemmon.

Mr. Miller, who was a commercial fisherman before retiring several years ago, was surprised to receive such an honor.

"It's a lot better than just sitting around. There was a lot of help besides mine, that Carl Staddon and Bill Vandenzenden did a great job shaping this up," he said.

Mr. Miller must have a special affection for the community centre. He attended school here in 1904 when it was known as School Section No. 4.

"It's difficult to remember just how it looked but one thing is sure it's a lot better now" Mr. Miller said.

The Adult Centre meets the first Thursday of the month, with women holding an arts and crafts meeting the first Tuesday. There will also be a variety of special events throughout the year.



HELPING HANDS — Through the efforts of the Eagle community, the Eagle Adult Community Centre became a reality. Residents donated in excess of 1,700 free hours of work to see the project completed. Aldborough Township Reeve Dan

Perovich (left) joins in the festive ribbon-cutting ceremony with president of the Adult Centre, Ray Lemmon, Mary Payne, the force behind the project, and Martin Miller who, at 81 years of age, donated of his time over the last two years.

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West Elgin

Serving the communities in Aldborough, Dunwich and Southwold

LOOKING BACK



This photo was taken at a mill in West Lorne in March of 1920. A note at the bottom of the photograph indicates it shows 'Some of Elgin's last large stock of logs.' Photograph contributed by Dorothy Campbell of Fingal.

Adventure lies in Indonesia for West Elgin student

By ELLEN ASHTON
T-J Staff Reporter

What would have been a normal year in Grade 13 at West Elgin Secondary School has suddenly taken on the promise of excitement and adventure for Kathy Harris of Rodney.

A conversation with a friend who spent last year in Malaysia with Canada World Youth and an application to the government-sponsored organization have changed the course of her life for the next year.

Kathy will be spending 3½ of the next seven months in Indonesia working on a cultural exchange project. The other 3½ months will be spent in Alberta, training for the exchange and learning about the country from Indonesian students who will be working here.

The adventure will begin Sept. 14 when Kathy leaves Elgin County for Rocky Mountain House, midway between Calgary and Edmonton, Alta.

Since it is a "historical resort town, she expects work there will consist of restoring buildings and perhaps working on ski trails.

Approximately 20 Indonesian students will be in Alberta during the training period and Kathy said the Canadian students will be paired off with them for the duration of the tour including the Indonesian portion.

This will help in learning the language and "it will be good to have someone around to ask questions of", Kathy said.

In Alberta, the students will live in a group house but in In-



KATHY HARRIS

donesia they will be billeted with three different families.

While in Alberta, the Canadian group will take their Indonesian friends on ski trips in the mountains and tour resort areas such as Banff. This prospect of these recreational jaunts appeals to Kathy who enjoys both cross-country and downhill skiing.

There will also be a chance to travel in Indonesia. Although they will probably not leave the main island trips to different cities and ancient temples will be organized for the Canadians.

There will also be one-day stop-overs in San Francisco and Singapore en route to the Far East.

Kathy won't know exactly what kind of project she will work on until she gets to Indonesia but it will be in the area of communications, agriculture, social service or small business

and past tour groups have done such projects as building roads and planting rice or coffee.

Kathy considers the experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"I can do it now but later on I might not have the chance," she said.

She also hopes it will help her decide on the direction for a future career. Although she thinks she would like to work in social services, she has no definite career goals in mind.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Following her Indonesian experience she may decide to take her Grade 13 year or she may go directly to college.

Whatever comes after the trip will be a good learning experience.

Kathy said she knew nothing about Indonesia before she got the phone call late in July informing her that she had been accepted into the program.

Her immediate reaction was to hunt out maps and find out exactly where she would be going.

MIXED FEELINGS

Although she has mixed feelings about being so far away from home, she is excited about the opportunity.

And a three-day pre-orientation conference this summer in Toronto allowed her to meet more than 30 other students from around Ontario who will be on the same tour.

"No one knew each other before so it was easy to get to know people and make friends," she said. "I met a few already that I know I will get along with."

Happy 95th Birthday Mom



Pearl Cummings

Love from all your family

Miss Tena McKillop

WEST LORNE — Miss Tena McKillop of 168 Elm Street, West Lorne, died suddenly, Monday, at the St. Thomas - Elgin General Hospital, in her 92nd year.

Born in Aldborough Township, the daughter of the late Daniel McKillop and Nancy McKellar, she was a valued member of the Church of Christ (Disciples), West Lorne, and was also a life member of the West Lorne Women's Institute.

She was a public school teacher, having retired from the West Lorne Public School 25 years ago.

Surviving are a brother, John L. McKillop, and a sister, Mrs. Dan (Ida) Kennedy, both of West Lorne; and several nieces and nephews. Four sisters and two brothers died previously.

Friends may call at Padfield's, 202 Main Street, West Lorne, where service will be held on Friday, April 26 at 2:30 p.m., with Rev. Halsey Wakelin of the West Lorne Church of Christ Disciples officiating.

Interment in Evergreen Cemetery, West Lorne.

Donations to the Canadian Bible Society would be appreciated.

Tena completed a Tweedsmuir history which is missing at this time.

LIFESTYLES

A WISH
COME TRUE

A Full House in California

Sunshine
trip
taking off

BY RUTH FERGUSON

FOR THE TIMES-JOURNAL

WEST LORNE — California, Here I Come! is what Ashley Murray and her family are singing.

Thanks to the Sunshine Foundation, Ashley's wish of meeting the "Full House" twins is finally coming true.

Eleven-year-old Ashley was diagnosed with cancer in early 1993 after falling during a skating practice in February 1993.

Ashley has rhabdomyosarcoma, a form of cancer that can appear anywhere in the body. She had a softball-size tumor in her upper right thigh, and the cancer was then discovered in her bone marrow and a bone chip, along with other areas of her body.

Because her cancer was in Stage 4 when it was initially discovered, the tumor could not be surgically removed. This meant that Ashley had to undergo radiation treatments and chemotherapy. She still undergoes radiation and chemotherapy whenever the cancer reappears.

Every child that has cancer is granted a wish by the Sunshine Foundation. The Rodney Legion decided to help Ashley get her dream. On Labor Day weekend 1993, a benefit for Ashley and the Sunshine Foundation was sponsored by the Legion, organized by member Helen Jones. The benefit raised more than \$7,800 for the Sunshine Foundation. The Legion has made the benefit for the Sunshine Foundation an annual event.

Ashley's dream has been to go to Hollywood and meet Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, the Full House twins. Ashley, her parents, siblings and grandmother, will be flying to Los Angeles on Wednesday, Jan. 11, for a five-day visit. On Thursday, the family will attend a taping of Full House and will then go backstage to meet the cast and crew.

Ashley will present the cast with a certificate as well as Canada pins, supplied by the Sunshine Foundation, so that they will remember that they helped make



Ashley Murray is excited as she holds the plane tickets for her family's trip to Hollywood. The trip was arranged by the Sunshine Foundation to make Ashley's dream of meeting the Full House twins come true. (T-J PHOTO BY RUTH FERGUSON)

Ashley's dream come true.

Connie Parker, Marilyn Rossiter, and Teri Phillips, all of the Sunshine Foundation, presented the Murrays with their travel plans on Sunday afternoon.

Except for attending the television show taping, the Murrays don't have any other firm plans for what they will do while in L.A. Disneyland and a trip to see Hollywood's Walk of Fame and

also movie stars' handprints and footprints enshrined in concrete are possibilities.

"We're just going to go day by day," said Ashley's mom, Lillian Murray.