

Mimico to Wesley.

To Rev. Brewster January 12, 1964.

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THE
STORY OF
WESLEY-MIMICO
1864-1964

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



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The Rev. F. James Telford, M.A., Th.M.

FOREWORD

The history of every Canadian community is shared by the history of the Christian Church. The early settlers were eager to establish places of worship, and here in Mimico the beginning of the Christian Church coincides with the arrival of the first settlers.

It may be hard for us who live in towering apartment structures and well-established homes in Canada's fastest growing metropolitan area to visualize that here, not many years ago, were large tracts of vacant land traversed by a little stream lazily wending its way toward the lake. Nor is it easy for us to realize that a few years earlier still it was a common sight to see a horse-drawn sleigh cutting across the snow-blown fields on a quiet winter Sunday morning, bringing the faithful to the little village church.

From tiny acorns come the mighty oaks, and from small and humble beginnings our congregation has grown. It is well for any people to "Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were digged." History is a sobering thing for it enlarges our horizons and makes us not only aware of our heritage and our indebtedness to those who have gone before, but also our continuing dependence upon the Eternal God, who, while the generations come and go, abideth forever the same.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. Ross English, Vice-Principal of Mimico High School, a member of our Session and a long-time resident of this area; his steady research and arduous labours have been largely responsible for the history recorded in the following pages. We would also like to record our thanks to the Centennial Committee, who have been laying plans for the past year; and to Mrs. Albert Paul, our church secretary, for her helpful assistance. Through their

efforts this authentic history of the first one hundred years of our congregation has been recorded.

And now to the future. As we start our second century we have been given a fine edifice and a strongly united group of faithful workers who are dedicated to carry out their witness for Jesus Christ in this place. We would invite others to join with us in our work. We are set in a rapidly changing community which will undergo as great changes in the future as it has in the past.

The sacred responsibility and opportunity that lie within reach should deeply challenge all of us, and cause us to set our faces to the great task before us, remembering that we can be true to our heritage only as we faithfully build upon the sure foundation. The effort of our predecessors can be made complete by us and, as they went forth in faith and trust, so may we, confident in the knowledge that the Eternal God is our refuge and our strength and that "he who began a good work . . . will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

F. James Telford.

Wesley United Church Study,
Mimico, Ontario.
February 26th, 1964.

PREFACE

This year (1964) Wesley United Church in Mimico will observe its 100th anniversary. On April 5, and on succeeding Sundays, the members of our congregation will meet to celebrate this very important milestone in the life of our Church. It will be an occasion of rejoicing, of thanksgiving, and of rededication to the service of mankind everywhere.

It is fitting on such an occasion to turn back the pages of history, to give our members a broader concept of the heritage which is ours: the story of the men and women of the two churches who laboured to keep their faiths alive in the community, and who later joined forces to form the Wesley United Church in Mimico.

Because of the lack of written records, there are many who are unnamed. We ask you to forgive these omissions.

The preparation of this historical sketch has been a fascinating project, and I am sure that, as we enter our second century of existence, you will enjoy this brief recapitulation of the past.

May this summary of difficulties overcome and victories won give us the courage to work ever harder to continue the ministry of this Church to the everlasting glory of God.

Ross S. English.

The history of Wesley United Church in Mimico prior to church union in 1925 is, in reality, the history of the Mimico Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church of Mimico.

THE EARLY METHODISTS

According to information contained in the Tenth Missionary Report of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the year 1835, there were only three circuits in Toronto and vicinity connected with the Methodist Church of Canada. These were known as the City of Toronto Circuit, the Yonge Street Circuit, and the Toronto Circuit.

The "Cooksville Branch" of the Toronto Circuit is first mentioned in the report of 1845-46. The "Mimico Branch" of the Cooksville Circuit first appears in the records of the conference years 1849-1850.

Mimico, at that time, included all territory adjacent to the Creek — the small river which had been named "Mimico Creek" by the Indians many years previous.

In the year 1852, the term "Mimico Branch" disappeared from the records and was replaced by "Wesley Branch". About this time a church was built on Dundas Street, in that part of Etobicoke now referred to as Islington. This church was called "Wesley Church" and the territory it served — north for many miles and south to the lake — was referred to in all conference records as the "Wesley Branch". Not until the year 1860 does the name "Mimico" again appear in the conference reports but from this time onward, it has never been erased.

Of particular interest is the fact that in the conference years 1858-60, pounds, shillings and pence gave way to dollars and cents in the financial reports of the church.

The earliest Methodist services in the village now known as Mimico were held in the old log house which stood on the property later occupied by Mr. Douglas Davidson (father of Mrs. George Gauld) and his family. This

property is on the east side of Lakeshore Boulevard opposite Hillside Avenue, and at present is occupied by an apartment building. "In this humble home lived a Mr. and Mrs. Hurst and family, and upon the earnest solicitation of the mother, whose heart was anxious for the spiritual welfare of her sons, the Wesleyan Ministers preached for some little time to the congregations that gathered at their fireside."

A short interval elapsed between this and the establishing of regular Methodist services in the community. The first Wesleyan Preacher was the Rev. Noble F. English, whose pastorate on the circuit, of which he made this a part, lasted from 1858 to 1861. He held services in the old frame school-house which stood on the west side of Concession "B" (Royal York Road) on the property now occupied by the Dominion Store.

About this time also, the Episcopal Methodists held services in the school-house; they soon withdrew, leaving the territory to the Wesleyans. In the year 1862 the property on Royal York Road (just south of the Public Utilities Building and occupied by the gymnasium of the present John English School) was acquired for \$25.00, and it became the site of the Methodist Church.

The following announcement appeared in the Christian Guardian of June 24, 1863:

"The new Wesleyan Church at the Mimico station, on the Cooksville circuit will be dedicated to the worship of God on Sabbath, the 5th day of July. Sermons will be preached in the morning at 10½ o'clock by the Rev. Enoch Wood, D.D., General Superintendent of Missions and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Wellington Jeffers, D.D., Editor of the Christian Guardian. A collection will be taken up at the close of each service to aid in liquidating the debt incurred in the erection of the church. A tea-meeting in connection with the opening services will be held on the Monday evening following. Tea to be served at 5 o'clock. Several eminent speakers will address the meeting and a number of pieces will be sung. Tickets for the tea, 40 cents each, may be obtained at the door of the church.

Cooksville, June 22, 1863.

James Greener."



Our Church Building — 1863



Our Manse — 1890

This building served as the Methodist Church from 1863 until the present building on Mimico Avenue was completed about 1924. The pastor at that time (1864) was the Rev. James Greener. Those who remember the old Methodist Church will recall the addition on the east side, which later served as the Public Utilities Offices, when the older part of the church became the Council Chamber. This addition was built during the pastorate of Rev. James Pearen, 1889-1891. It was about this time that the parsonage, too, was built. The latter is now the residence of Mr. G. H. Hogle.

Of peculiar interest is the statement of the expenditures of the "Ladies Aid Society" for the year 1904-1905:

Wallpaper for Church	\$ 7.90
Carpet for Church	11.96
Matting for Church Aisles	13.73
Mat for Church Door	2.75
T. Eaton Co. for Church Renovations	39.10
T. Eaton Co. for papering parsonage	
dining-room	9.70
Harvest Home printing	3.00
Harvest Home Concert — expenses	6.50
Repairing parsonage well & pump	5.00

The first pastor to occupy the parsonage was the Rev. John Mahon in 1891. He was followed by Rev. S. M. Brown, Rev. Charles E. Perry, Rev. J. T. Caldwell and Rev. Wm. Blair.

Very little of the history of Wesley Church from 1906 to the present time appears on written record. Fortunately there are members of the congregation whose memories have recalled for us some of the history and events of this period.

For a short time, approximately 1906-07, the Rev. Mr. Harton was the pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church. He was followed by the Rev. Joseph Wilson who occupied the pulpit from 1907 to 1911 and then returned for a second term in 1914 and remained until 1917. A number of our present members will recall Joseph Wilson, for upon his retirement he returned to live in Mimico in the late 20's. By this time, Mr. Wilson was almost completely paralyzed. This did not prevent him from attending church regularly.



The Rev. J. O. Johnson



The Rev. T. G. McAteer

and he was always ready to assist in the ministerial duties when called upon to do so. Rev. Aikenhead was the minister in the intervening period between Mr. Wilson's first and second term. In 1918, Rev. John Morgan became the pastor and continued his duties for the ensuing four years.

Rev. J. O. Johnston followed Mr. Morgan and it was during his term in Mimico that the new church on Mimico Avenue was built.

By 1922 the old building on Church Street (Royal York Rd.) could no longer meet the needs of the congregation. It was at this time that preparation got under way for the new building which we now occupy. The first sod was turned by Thomas Wixon, June 3, 1922 and the cornerstone was laid on September 23 of the same year.

Much credit is due the pastor, Rev. J. O. Johnston, for his capable and energetic leadership during this period of construction. Mr. John C. B. Horwood was the architect; he was assisted by his son Eric, who is still a member of our congregation. Other members who shared in the responsibility of building and financing the new church are worthy of mention — Thomas Wixon, William H. Rumball, Charles Heather, John Cameron, Chester Ferrier, Sr., James Harlock, Charles Parker, William Lubbock, William Strongman, Ralph Hendry, Dr. H. R. Conn, Manley Chisholm and Edwin Eland. Of these, only Ralph Hendry and Manley Chisholm are living today.

The new church contained the first gymnasium in the Lakeshore area. Instructors from the Y.M.C.A. were employed and classes were non-denominational. Youth of all faiths in the community were able to benefit by this program.

When Mr. Johnston moved to take over his new duties at Berkley Street Church in Toronto, the Rev. Thomas McAteer became the pastor. His term of office was probably the most eventful in the church history. It was during his time that the congregations of St. Paul's United Church and Wesley United joined to form one congregation — Wesley United Church of Canada. They occupied the present building on Mimico Avenue.



Mr. Chester Ferrier

Chester Ferrier, Esquire
Member
Wesley Church, Mimico
1896 - 1947

Upon the occasion of your ninetieth birthday we, the officers and members of Wesley United Church, desire to express our profound affection and regard for you, and to record your valuable membership of more than fifty years. We further desire to pay tribute to your high qualities as a Christian Gentleman; taking your full share of the responsibilities as a member of the governing boards of the church, and always contributing more than your share towards the success of its work. Your life and usefulness among us will be remembered with appreciation for many years to come. This token of our sincere esteem is presented to you with our best wishes and congratulations upon this happy birthday occasion.

January 3rd, 1947.

OUR PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE

Reference was made earlier to the fact that the history of our church was in reality the history of two churches.

At this point, we might turn back the pages of history as it pertained to St. Paul's Church — formerly the Presbyterian Church. The union of the two groups was not without some disagreement. Those who chose to remain outside the church union worshipped for some time in St. Andrew's Hall on Church Street. Later arrangements were made for them to use the church building at the corner of Mimico Avenue and Church St. (Royal York Road).

Just as the name of Mr. Chester Ferrier, Sr., is synonymous with the Methodist Church, and his wisdom and leadership were important factors in guiding the Wesley Church into union, so the name of Mr. George Gauld, Sr., repeatedly appears in the records of the Presbyterian congregation — meeting after meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the home of Mr. Gauld. His influence and wisdom show themselves in many of the recorded motions. Mr. Gauld continued to serve as an elder for 35 years, until his death in 1925.

The following excerpts from the records of the Presbyterian Church before union illustrate some of the difficulties and problems that confronted the church in that era.

Rev. Alexander MacMillan (father of Sir Ernest MacMillan) had taken over as pastor in 1892 and resigned on October 8, 1895 to take a church at Deseronto.

“The monthly meeting of managers was held at the drug store. Mr. Hendry informed the meeting that there was a deficiency in Mr. MacMillan's salary. The amount due him up to October 12 would be \$146.00. There was considerable discussion as to how the amount was to be met, but nothing definite was arrived at. Mr. Dyer collected some \$29.00 from members of the congregation at the asylum, which was received with thanks. Moved by Mr. Slater, seconded by Mr.

Dyer, to give Rev. Mr. MacMillan what funds are on hand and to send the balance in the near future. The meeting was adjourned.”

At a later meeting, March 9, 1896 it was reported that \$71.00 still remained unpaid.

At one meeting on January 6, 1903, Mr. Gauld reported having engaged Fred Phillips as caretaker of the church at a salary of \$3.00 per month, subject to approval of the board. Needless to say approval was given, in spite of the fact that the previous rate had been \$2.50 per month.

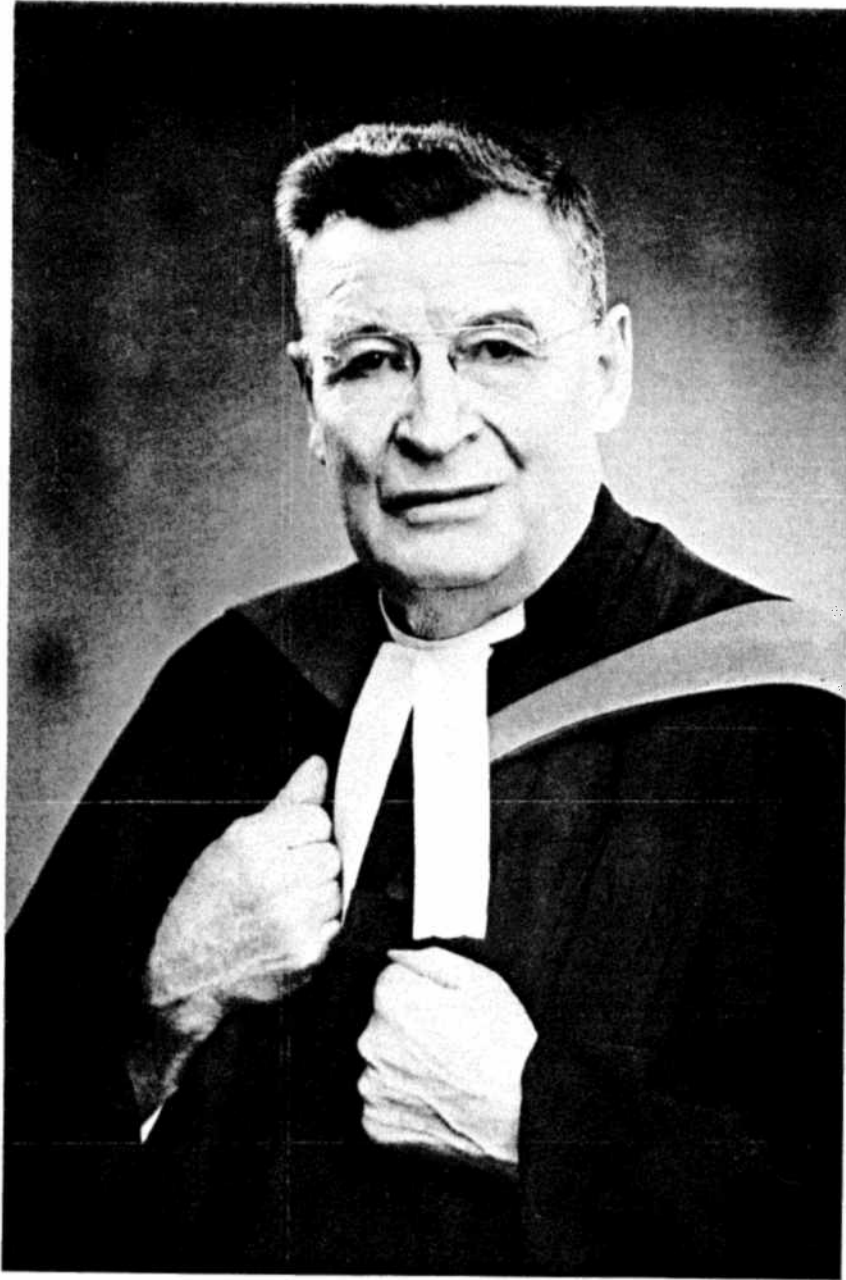
In February, 1902, Rev. Joseph Hamilton resigned and was succeeded by the Rev. G. McKay — father of Dr. George McKay, now of Primrose Avenue, and a member of the present congregation. Rev. Mr. McKay occupied the pulpit until the fall of 1903; he was followed by Rev. Mr. Morrin in May, 1904. On March 9, 1908, at a special meeting of the congregation, the members voted unanimously to call Rev. Alexander MacMillan for a second term.

In January 1910, “to raise funds in order to light Presbyterian Church by electricity”, a social was held at the home of Mrs. Gauld and a concert was given in the church by Mr. Ernest MacMillan and the Knox Church Quartet.

At a meeting on February 23, 1910, the congregation approved a motion to purchase the lot at the corner of Mimico Avenue and Church Street (Royal York Road) and to proceed with improvement of the building.

Rev. G. McKay, returned to St. Paul's for his second term in 1915. He was assisted in the work of the church by Mr. French, Mr. McFayden, Mr. Douglas Davidson, Mr. G. Gauld, Mr. Holdenby. In 1920 the Rev. Mr. McKay resigned, and the Rev. Capt. Wm. Fingland was called. Now the names of A. Donaldson, E. Blair, W. H. Shaw, W. E. Gordon (now of Islington and founder of Knights of the Round Table), L. F. Tice, T. P. Loblaw, H. Stansfield, appear in the records.

“At a meeting on March 9, 1926 a joint meeting of the session and managers was held in the Presbyterian Church. The question of union with our sister church was discussed



The Rev. W. Finland

fully by all present, and it was decided to appoint a committee to meet representatives from the other (Wesley) Church.

“On the motion of W. E. Gordon, seconded by Dr. McKay, the following were named to the committee: Mr. D. McFayden, Mr. D. Davidson, Mr. Arms, Mr. George Gauld, Mr. Crammond, Mr. French.”

Mr. George Gauld is the only surviving member of this group. The committee from Wesley Church consisted of Mr. Charles Parker, Dr. A. R. Conn, Mr. Edwin Eland, Mr. Wm. Lubbock, Mr. Chester Ferrier and Mr. John Cameron.

On November 4, 1926, a joint meeting of committees from Wesley and St. Paul's Churches was held at the home of Mr. Ferrier on Main Street for the purpose of discussing and making definite plans for the uniting of the two churches. Mr. Ferrier explained the three points which, in the opinion of the committee of Wesley Church, were a good basis for the union:

“1. That there be a dual pastorate until the end of the present conference year.

“That both pastors resign and the congregation call a pastor who will take charge after the annual conference.

“2. When union is effected, or as soon after as advisable, the church as united should reorganize according to the procedure laid down in the ‘Basis of Union’. All officers resigning for re-election.

“3. It is understood that the united congregation cooperate in the matter of the financial obligations resting on Wesley Church.”

Mr. Ferrier then undertook to prepare a statement of assets and liabilities of Wesley United Church. The church was valued at \$60,000 and the parsonage at \$7,500.

At a congregational meeting of St. Paul's Church on February 16, 1927, approval was given to the terms of union and the committee instructed to work as quickly as possible.

On April 20, 1927, at a meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, the following motion was passed:

“That this congregation of St. Paul's United Church — formerly the Mimico Presbyterian Church — in annual



The Rev. Finnis Marsh

meeting assembled — hereby confirm and authorize the consummation of Union of this congregation with the Wesley United Church, Mimico and hereby authorize and direct the trustees of this congregation to transfer and convey to the trustees of the new church congregation comprised of these two churches when united, all lands, buildings and properties of this congregation, the St. Paul's United Church.”

— *Carried.*

The first years of the union of the two congregations brought their own special problems. The St. Paul's people had not unanimously supported union. In fact, union passed with a scant majority of 33 out of a total membership of 350.

Even among those who supported the union of the two churches, there was disagreement over one of the terms set down as the basis for union — “That there be a dual pastorate for one year after which time both pastors would resign and a new one brought in”. This had been agreed upon by both pastors and the committees set up to bring about the union of the churches. Things did run smoothly for the first part of the year. However, as the time approached for the resignation of the two pastors — Rev. Thomas McAteer and Rev. Wm. Fingland — a large part of the group from the former St. Paul's congregation and some from the former Wesley congregation started a movement for the retention of Rev. W. Fingland as the pastor. The balance of the Wesley group insisted upon sticking to the terms of the original agreement, the resignation of both pastors and the calling of a new one. A stormy congregational meeting was held. Representatives of both sides were given the opportunity to express their opinion. Finally a vote was taken — “Rev. Fingland or a new pastor” — Mr. McAteer had already resigned. One hundred and thirty-seven voted for Mr. Fingland and eighty-five for a new pastor.

The matter still had to be approved by the newly formed Toronto West Presbytery. At a meeting of this body in Runnymede United Church in May 1928, presided over by Dr. Laidlaw, each side was again given the opportunity to be heard. Mr. Chester Ferrier spoke in favor of Rev. Wm. Fingland and Mr. Edwin Eland pressed for a new minister.



The Rev. A. E. Black

As a result, Rev. Mr. Fingland received the call and continued as pastor for three years at which time he left to become pastor at St. Andrew's United Church, Niagara Falls. Rev. Mr. Fingland was followed by Dr. W. H. McVicar who came from Montreal and served the church from July, 1931 to July, 1933. Rev. Finnis Marsh followed in July, 1933 and remained until July, 1938.

The pastorates of Rev. Mr. Fingland, Dr. McVicar and Rev. Finnis Marsh were the difficult years of the great depression. Many of our members who had never experienced unemployment were out of work. The Lakeshore municipalities were in financial difficulty. Elected councils were forbidden to spend money without the consent of Mr. A. J. Gray who was employed by the Department of Municipal Affairs to act as the watch-dog of municipal spending. Naturally the church, too, had difficulty in meeting its obligations — but it did survive.

In 1938 Rev. A. E. Black came from Edmonton to take over the pastorate. He left to take a church in Guelph in 1943, and Rev. Harold Stainton of Guelph came to Mimico. These were the war years. Again our church responded to the needs and demands of the community and the country.

It was during Mr. Stainton's service at Mimico that the financial struggle, which started in 1922, came to an end. In 1945 a debt of \$11,000 was still outstanding and a determined effort was made to liquidate this. Through the efforts of a committee, headed by Mr. Wm. H. Shaw and Mr. Bert Lang, the money was raised and the church freed of debt.

On October 27, 1947 the organ chimes were installed and dedicated to the memory of F/O James Stewart Ferrier, R.C.A.F. The chimes were presented to the church by Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Ferrier in memory of their son who was lost over Germany on March 31, 1944.

On March 23, 1947, a memorial window in memory of F/O Charles Wesley Miller, R.C.A.F. was unveiled. This was presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller in memory of their son who was killed in action on December 21, 1943.



The Rev. Harold Stainton

Wesley United Church is proud, too, of another of its members who lost his life during the second world war. David Hornell was the first Canadian airman to be awarded the Victoria Cross (posthumously). Dave was a very active worker both in the church and Sunday School.

To pay tribute to these and all the others who served our country faithfully in the two World Wars and the Korean war, a decision has been made to install two memorial windows during this centennial year. One window portrays the Risen Christ; the other, representatives of the three armed services looking unto Him who is the Resurrection and the Life.

Reference has been made of the contribution made by the late Mr. Chester Ferrier. On April 16, 1961 two windows in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier were presented to the church by their daughters, the Misses Amy and Irene Ferrier.

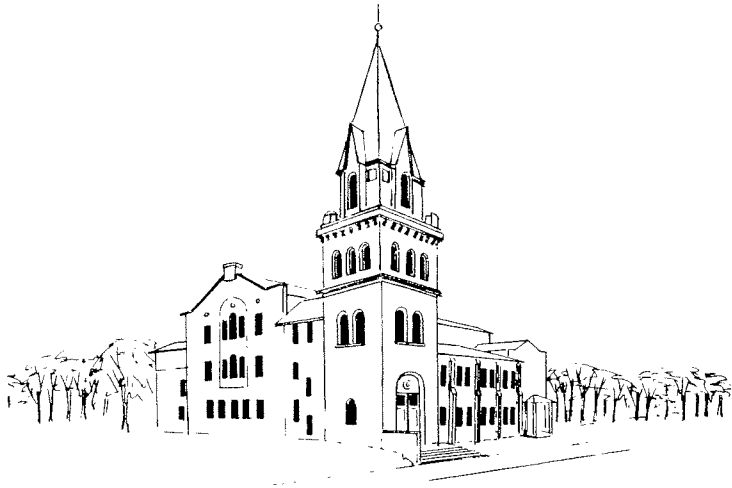
Another memorial window in the church was donated by Mrs. Lloyd Pike, and bears the names of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill. Mrs. Hill was a most faithful worker in Wesley United Church.

A beautiful desk for the vestry was donated in memory of Mr. George Coombs by his family. Mr. Coombs had been a Clerk of Session, a Sunday School Superintendent and active in other phases of church life.

In 1925 the population of Mimico was approximately 2,000. Our church had been built to meet the needs of a community of that size. By 1950, many changes had taken place, the population had increased considerably and our building no longer provided adequate accommodation for the various church groups.

The first major change in our Church took place in the late summer of 1950. The Church Improvement Committee was able to proceed with the painting of the interior of the church and the installation of the new pews. The old pews were presented as a gift to the United Church Mission at Englehart in Northern Ontario.

Another important feature of this improvement programme was the creation of a Sunday School Chapel adjoining the gymnasium. This work was done entirely by a



Our Church — 1922



Our Church — 1954

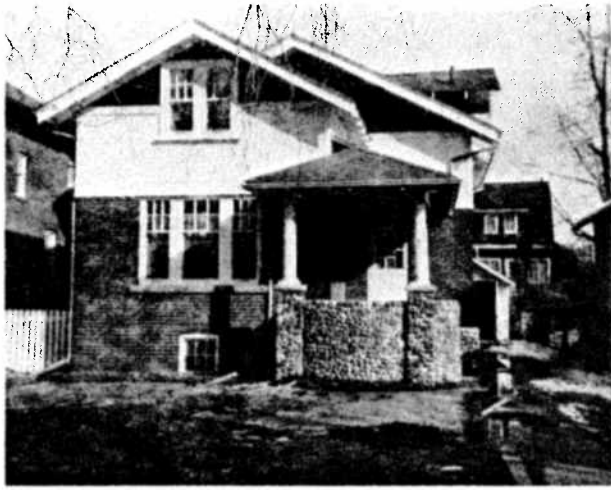
committee of volunteer workers under the direction of Mr. Roy Ellerker, who was Sunday School superintendent at the time. This is only one of the many contributions that Roy Ellerker has made to Wesley United. Roy has been an elder for many years, has been active in choir work, and served on numerous committees since he came to Mimico.

In 1952 the church undertook a campaign to raise \$125,000 to provide the much needed accommodation for our increased membership. By December of that year \$97,700 had been pledged and the Church Improvement Committee asked Mr. Eric Horwood to prepare the plans for the new addition.

On July 6, 1953 excavation got underway and initial construction work soon followed. The name of Mr. Donaldson McCloy is worthy of mention at this time. Donaldson was chairman of the Church Improvement Committee throughout the fund-raising campaign and the construction period. He, along with his committee (Mr. Maurice Cooke, Dr. Norman Easton, Mr. Roy Ellerker, Mr. Frank Eland, Mr. Eric C. Horwood, Mrs. E. B. Kirby, Mr. Douglas G. McCraw, Mr. Charles Miller, Mr. W. H. Shaw, Mrs. C. W. Rowan, Rev. Harold Stainton), spent hours too numerous to mention in arranging the financing, consulting with the architect and builder, and supervising the completion right through to the final stage when the new church addition was ready for occupancy. To Donaldson and his fellow workers we of the Wesley congregation owe a special debt of gratitude.

We now have a fine church building to meet the needs of the United Church residents of Mimico and district. We have good reason to be proud of it. But far more proud are we of the fact that, in the short space of six years, the congregation of Wesley United Church was able to raise the necessary \$132,000 to pay for the building and free our church of debt. This, to use the words of Mr. McCloy, "is truly a magnificent achievement".

Arrangements were made to have the new building dedicated on October 17th, 1954. The Right Rev. A. A. Scott, M.A., B.Paed., L.L.D., the immediate past Moderator of the



Our Manse 1938 - 1962



The Present Manse Built in 1962

United Church, was invited to officiate at the dedication service. But this was the weekend of Hurricane Hazel — a weekend of horror and tragedy. The Humber River overflowed its banks, bridges were damaged, homes were swept from their foundations and numerous lives were lost.

The bridge over the Humber River on Lakeshore Road was so badly damaged that traffic had to be routed elsewhere. The Bridge on Bloor Street was, at first, considered unsafe, and closed to all but emergency traffic. Fortunately, Dr. Easton's car, bringing the Rev. A. A. Scott, passed as an "emergency", otherwise this important service in the history of our church might have passed without appropriate recognition.

Our present minister, Rev. F. James Telford followed Rev. Harold Stainton in 1956. The past eight years under the leadership of Mr. Telford have been years of great change in our community. Homes have disappeared and apartments, large and small, have taken their place. The population of our community has become a shifting population. Our membership is continually changing. This presents an even greater challenge to the congregation and its officers in their efforts to minister to the community.

The year 1961 was designated "World Refugee Year". The aftermath of World War Two had left many displaced persons all over the globe, and Canadians were asked to do their part to help clear up as many camps as possible.

The people of Wesley congregation joyfully accepted this challenge. Early in the spring, the Session established a Refugee Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. D. C. Owen. In the month of May, a special offering was received amounting to almost \$800.00. The Canadian Council of Churches suggested several families. There was one in particular that the Committee felt they would like to assist. It was the family of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Koronkiewicz and their four children. But they were unwilling to leave Europe unless they brought with them their one surviving relative, Mrs. Margies. This was rather a large undertaking and the Committee was very happy to have the assistance of the



Our Kitchen — 1960



Choir Fiesta — 1951



Sunday School Teachers and Officers — 1938



Senior Choir — 1929



Senior Choir — 1948

Mimico-New Toronto Rotary Club. While the family was enroute to Canada, a suitable apartment on Royal York Road was furnished, and its cupboards stocked with staples.

Those who were privileged to welcome the Koronkiewicz family at the Union Station on that cold December morning in 1961, will remember the joy that was in their hearts and ours as they came to their new home in Canada.

Mr. Koronkiewicz had his first employment within a week and, during the past few years, he and his family have established themselves as members of our community. Furthermore, they have now added a little Canadian to their family.

While the people of Wesley have been thrilled by what they have been able to contribute to these good people, we have received in far larger abundance from them, for they have been a source of inspiration to all the members of the congregation who have had the privilege of working in close contact with them.

With the continued growth of the Town of Mimico, it had been the concern of the congregation that additional help was needed, particularly in the field of Christian Education, to give leadership to the many youth groups and the growing Church School of the congregation. In 1959, Miss Betty Ann Chisholm was welcomed to the staff after graduating from the United Church Training School, now Covenant College. While she was with us for only a little more than two years, her sincere efforts among our young people contributed much to the present strength of our Church School staff.

Such is the story of Wesley United Church. This year we observe the 100th anniversary. Special programmes have been arranged for this momentous occasion. Details of the events commemorating our anniversary will be found on other pages.

It is hoped that every member will make the occasion a memorable one. Our community has undergone many changes during the past 100 years, but the church has been one of the stabilizing forces, and Wesley United has a record of which to be proud. Now it is up to us, the present

members, to maintain this record of service. Our time, our prayers, our financial support — all must be dedicated to the extension of the Kingdom of God through the witness of Wesley United Church.

SENIOR CHOIR

<i>Organist</i>	- - - - -	Mr. Allan Andrews
<i>President</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. R. Ripley
<i>Secretary</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. M. Bobyk
<i>Treasurer</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. E. Mills

CHURCH SCHOOL

<i>General Superintendent</i>	- - - - -	Mr. W. D. Coombs
<i>Secretary</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. E. Mills
<i>Treasurer</i>	- - - - -	Mr. E. Mills
<i>Bible Class</i>	- - - - -	Dr. A. Conn
<i>Intermediate Superintendent</i>	- - - - -	Miss M. Coombs
<i>Junior Superintendent</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. D. T. Doughty
<i>Primary Superintendent</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. W. D. Coombs
<i>Kindergarten Superintendent</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. J. Atkinson
<i>Sr. Nursery Superintendent</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. N. Burns
<i>Toddlers Nursery Superintendent</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. G. S. Waskett
<i>Jr. Nursery Superintendent</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. J. C. Brown

YOUTH GROUPS

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<i>Explorers</i>	- - - - -	Leader, Miss Joyce Rutherford
<i>Sigma-C</i>	- - - - -	Leader, Mr. E. Williams
<i>Hi-C</i>	- - - - -	Leader, Mr. Douglas Cooper
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WOMEN OF WESLEY

Throughout the history of Wesley, women have always played a vital role in the life of the congregation. In order to give a complete picture, it is necessary to trace the events which took place in women's work in both the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches prior to Church Union in 1925, as well as the busy years since Union.

On January 24th, 1906, the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church held an open meeting at which it was decided to affiliate with the Women's Home Missionary Society. The minister's wife, Mrs. Morrin, was the first president. Sewing was started immediately for a bale which was sent to the West and meetings were held in conjunction with the Ladies' Aid Society.

It is interesting to note that among the first members were four gentlemen, Mr. Ormsby, Mr. Crammond, Mr. Gauld and Mr. Turnbull. The first Life Membership was given to Mrs. Victoria Waites, who served as president from 1907-1909. The President in 1919 was Mrs. D. Hendry and there were 32 members prior to Church Union.

The Rev. J. O. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston were instrumental in organizing the W.M.S. in Wesley Methodist Church during Mr. Johnston's pastorate. Mrs. Chester Ferrier served as the first president. Other presidents in the history of Wesley Woman's Missionary Society were: Mrs. R. S. Code, Mrs. R. Cochrane, Mrs. R. C. McLeay, Mrs. A. H. Waites, Mrs. L. H. Richards, Mrs. E. B. Kirby, Miss G. Forrest, Mrs. K. G. Shellington and Mrs. H. M. Griggs.

Funds were raised in various ways. A series of teas were held in the homes in the early years of the work with the money going towards the Presbyterian allocation. Free-will offerings were encouraged through monthly envelopes, special thankofferings and mite box collections. A Spring Luncheon was always a highlight of the year's activities and provided fellowship for women from the neighbouring congregations with women from Wesley. Special Associate Members'

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until January, 1962. These groups were Triple V's, Mothers' Circle and Club Fidelis. Originally Triple V's were known as the Young Ladies' Bible Class. However, when so many of the class were recruited for Sunday School teachers it was decided to remain together as a group and meet once a month with a leader to direct the Bible Study. The name Triple V's was chosen from John 14:6, meaning "The Way (Via), the Truth (Verita) and the Life (Viva)." The leaders who remained for the longest periods with the class were: Miss Harriet Fox, Mr. George Coombs and Mrs. Dudley Ward. Each year one hundred dollars was given to the General Fund of the church and forty-five dollars to the Missionary and Maintenance Fund. For many years this money was raised almost entirely by members giving a tithe of one month's salary. The Triple V's was responsible for the upkeep of the vestry. When the Triple V's disbanded in December, 1961, there were twelve members who had belonged to the group for twenty-five years or more.

The Mothers' Circle was organized forty-two years ago in Mimico Presbyterian Church during Rev. W. Fingland's pastorate. After Church Union it was continued in Wesley United Church. Meetings were held twice a month with one meeting in the afternoon when mothers were able to bring young children, and one meeting in the evening when the business of the Circle was transacted. While this was not considered a money raising group, the members engaged in quilting and arranged small teas to raise funds for the purchase of the flowers which they placed in the sanctuary each Sunday. The flowers were then distributed after the evening service to the sick and shut-ins. The Mothers' Circle members assisted the late Mrs. Robert Herod, who was superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department, in taking birthday cards to the children on the Cradle Roll. They also assisted with a party held each year for the children and their mothers. For many years the Circle had charge of the morning service on Mothers' Day, providing the speaker and singing in a Mothers' Choir. The two flags now in the sanctuary were presented by the Mothers' Circle.

Club Fidelis was sponsored by the Triple V's in December, 1943. Mrs. F. Horniblow assisted Mrs. D. C. Owen in organizing this group of young married ladies, many of whom were new residents in Mimico. Their first objective was to furnish the Church Parlour, which was officially opened on June 6th, 1946. This parlour served the church groups until the extension of the building in 1954 when the present parlour was built and re-furnished again by Club Fidelis, with the addition of a new piano in 1959. Funds were raised primarily from an annual bazaar. Donations of money and baby clothing were given to the Victor Home, Christmas gifts to the children of the Loyal True Blue Orange Home and other social assistance to needy families. As their final gift to the church before disbanding in December, 1961, Club Fidelis presented a pulpit edition of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and a beautiful Antependium for the pulpit.

At the end of 1961 all women's groups in Wesley disbanded in order to enter the new organization for women of The United Church of Canada. The United Church Women, an organization created by the decision of The General Council of The United Church of Canada for the purpose of uniting all the women of the Church for the total mission of the Church, came into being on January 1st, 1962. During 1961 a Provisional Committee for The United Church Women was set up, with the minister the Rev. F. James Telford as Chairman. Members of this committee were representatives from the Woman's Association, the Woman's Missionary Society, Mary Scott Evening Auxiliary, Triple V's, Mothers' Circle and Club Fidelis. During the year several meetings were held to set up the necessary committees and provide planning to ensure a smooth and successful launching of the new organization.

The first general meeting of the U.C.W. was held in the Fellowship Hall in our church on January 3rd, 1962. The first U.C.W. executive was installed by the minister at an inspiring inaugural ceremony held in the sanctuary during the morning service on January 14th, 1962. There was a total

membership of 188 charter members divided into nine units which met monthly. Mrs. K. G. Shellington served as the first U.C.W. president during 1962 and 1963.

The United Church Women has continued to care for the interests and commitments of the former groups. In addition to local work, there has been an increased interest and support of the missionary outreach of the church.

In 1962 the U.C.W. provided appropriate furnishings for the new manse built at 29 Central Avenue. These included new rugs, drapes and a clothes dryer for the laundry room. On May 25th, 1963 Open House at the new manse was held for all members of the congregation.

Contributions have been made each year to the General Fund of the Church, Wesley United Church Bursary Fund, Christian Education Committee, The United Church Observer, The Victor Home, Fred Victor Mission and other interests of The Toronto Home Missions Council. A total of one thousand dollars was given to complete payment of the congregation's commitment of fifteen thousand dollars to the Toronto Home Missions Councils' Rehabilitation Fund. This fund was established for the rebuilding of The Fred Victor Mission and other Church Extension work in the Toronto area. In 1963 a total of \$2,143.00 was sent to Toronto West Presbyterial for the missionary outreach of the Unified Budget.

Members of U.C.W. have been active in supply work, providing articles for a Home Mission bale and quilts for local social assistance as well as helping with Overseas Relief. The placing of flowers in the sanctuary for each service and distribution to the ill and shut-ins is still carried on by the women.

General meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month from September to May inclusive. Money for the budget is raised by systematic envelope giving as well as acceptable projects such as the Christmas Fair, Spring Luncheon, rummage sales, quilting and catering to wedding receptions.

The programmes within the units and at the general

meetings are in keeping with the spirit and purpose of The United Church Women. Bible Study, Mission Study and Christian Citizenship are emphasized.

After two years it can be said that the integration of women's work in Wesley has been highly successful due to the splendid co-operation and devoted efforts of the ladies of our congregation.

The U.C.W. is now represented on all boards and committees of our church, and our women are now contributing in a much broader sense to the total work of the local congregation as well as to the world church.

Throughout the years, women from Wesley have served on Presbytery W.A. and Presbyterial W.M.S. They are continuing to serve on Toronto West Presbyterial United Church Women.

The president in 1964 is Mrs. M. Rumball, and it would seem in this Centennial year, that under God's guidance the women of Wesley are moving steadily forward towards deeper spiritual commitment and greater service in the name of their Master.

THE CHOIR

Music has always been an important expression of praise and pleasure at Wesley. In the days before Church Union a number of aspiring songsters from the Methodist Church attended practice faithfully for six weeks prior to Easter under the direction of Mr. McCarthy in order to enter the "Festival of the Lilies". This was an annual massed choral event held in Massey Hall. Among those who took part were Wilton Heather, Bruce Harlock, W. Book, W. Lanchbury, I. Book, Helen Small, Hazel Watson, Irene Eland and Florence Eland.

The Senior Choir has made a major contribution to the beauty and enjoyment of the worship services held during the long history of Wesley.

In 1925 Mrs. W. H. Shaw was organist and Choir Leader of the Presbyterian Choir, while Miss Bessie Outwater was

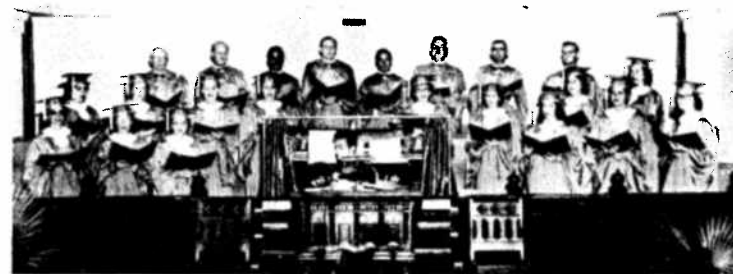
organist of Wesley Methodist Choir and Mr. Roy Spence was Choir Leader. When the two choirs united at Union, Mrs. Shaw retired and Miss Outwater and Mr. Spence continued as organist and choir leader of the combined group. Members of the choir at that time were: Phyllis Adair, Beryl Alguire, Mrs. Allen, Hazel Barnum, Evelyn Conn, Mrs. John Dixon, Mrs. Dawson, Marjorie Demill, Helen Eland, Mrs. John English, Amy Ferrier, Irene Ferrier, Bessie French, Mary Garbutt, Doris Henderson, Mrs. D. Henderson, Frances Heather, Mrs. A. Horniblow, Edna Jarrett, Mrs. Lucas, Violet Kelly, Mary McKechnie, Mrs. McKechnie, Mrs. J. Owen, Mrs. J. Small, May Stevenson, Florence Stevenson, Ruby Sherlock, Ella Smith, Mrs. Tarry, Mrs. Whitaker and Mrs. A. H. Waites. The gentlemen were Messrs. Ralph Hendry, Wm. Lubbock, Syd Crighton, Harold Bricknell, Paul Rumball, Wilton Heather, Charles Heather, George Bryer, E. H. French, Roy Spence and Dan Barrie. It is interesting to note that Beryl Alguire, now Mrs. Frank Horniblow, and Mr. Roy Spence are still active members of Wesley Choir.

While most of the music presented by the Choir has been of a sacred nature, various types of secular concerts have been presented from time to time.

During the leadership of Miss Jean Scott a very successful operetta entitled "Miss Cherry Blossom" was presented. This musical had a Japanese setting and since it was much too costly to rent costumes, choir members were kept busy sewing appropriate kimonos, as well as practising their musical score. Mrs. F. Horniblow and Mr. E. Gebhart were the soloists for this production.

In 1948 the first "Fiesta", under the direction of Mr. A. Wilkins, launched a new type of variety concert which has endured over the intervening years. Funds raised from these concerts have aided in the purchase of new choir gowns as well as curtains for the stage in the Fellowship Hall. They have assisted with the maintenance of the organ and at present are contributing to a Pipe Organ Fund.

During the leadership of Mr. Raymond Gould the choir was privileged to render the complete score of Handel's "Messiah" as well as a number of other sacred Cantatas.



Our Choir — 1962

In addition to Miss Outwater and Mr. Spence, other organists and conductors have been Mr. Fred Richardson, Mr. A. Eggaford, Miss Jean Scott, Messrs. A. Wilkins, R. Gould, B. Gosse, D. Barron and the present organist, Mr. A. Andrews.

In 1944 Wesley United Church Junior Girls' Choir was formed by Mrs. W. H. Shaw, at the suggestion of the minister, the Rev. Harold Stainton. At the formation of the choir there were twenty members and practices were held on Thursday afternoons at 4 o'clock. In order to provide money for choir gowns, the Lakeshore Ladies' Choir under the direction of Mr. Henry Rosevear gave a concert, the proceeds of which were turned over to The Girls' Choir. The gowns were cut out and made by Mrs. Shaw and the late Mrs. Armstrong, whose daughter, Carol, was a soprano soloist in the Senior Choir. The late Mrs. Fursman and other ladies of the congregation also helped to sew the gowns. These gowns were a rich wine shade, with white collars and made of fine cotton poplin, which incidentally, through Mrs. Shaw's influence with a textile firm, was purchased for the low price of 18 cents a yard.

In 1948 Mrs. Shaw found it necessary to give up her work with the Choir. Miss Marian Coombs then took over leadership and was assisted by Mrs. A. Catlow as accompanist. When Mrs. Catlow and her family moved away from Mimico, Miss Muriel Andrau (now Mrs. John Easton) became

the Choir's accompanist.

A former organist Mr. Raymond Gould, and the Club Fidelis, made financial contributions to the choir in 1956. The Committee of Stewards and the Regent Circle supplied hymnaries. Donations were also received from the Mothers' Circle, and music folders were the gift of Mr. E. G. Thomas and Mr. W. H. Shaw.



Our Girls' Choir — 1951

The Choir sang twice a month and occasionally with the Senior Choir in two part arrangements. Music was carefully selected and a library of good music was accumulated over the years. Mrs. Lorne Sears was the talented and faithful accompanist for the final years of the choir.

In 1961 the Choir disbanded after almost twenty years of uninterrupted voluntary service. Undoubtedly many members of the congregation who attended Wesley during those years will remember with pleasure their splendid rendition of "The

Holy City" and other fine sacred music. Their contribution to the services of worship will long be remembered.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Wesley congregation has had an active programme of youth activities for children and young people from early days. In 1922 in the old Methodist Church a Cradle Roll was organized in the Sunday School with Mrs. Wm. Maddison as one of the early superintendents. She was followed by Mrs. R. Herod after Union. In later years Mrs. D. McIntyre and Mrs. M. S. Cooke carried on the responsibility of enrolling all babies baptized at Wesley.

Under the sponsorship of the W.M.S. a Baby Band was organized with Mesdames R. S. Code, H. Monsinger, K. Riddell, R. G. Ellerker, A. Foster, R. Braun and R. Mechem serving as superintendents.

In 1962 this work became a part of the Christian Education programme with members of The United Church Women assuming the responsibility of visiting the parents of newly baptized children.

A Mission Band was organized in the Presbyterian Church on June 28th, 1915 under the sponsorship of the Woman's Missionary Society. In 1931 the Mission Band was started by Mrs. H. Monsinger, and on several occasions won the pennant for their excellent work. Mrs. R. S. Code, Mrs. L. Clarke and Mrs. M. Bishop were leaders of these children who were taught missionary education through stories and visual aids.

In 1962 the Mission Band became known as the Messengers, with Mrs. L. Franklin and Mrs. Geo. Bryer as leaders. At present twenty-seven boys and girls ages 6, 7 and 8 years are enrolled in this group. The current mission study is followed at their meetings on alternate Mondays with Mrs. C. Livermore giving capable leadership.

In 1957 the Explorers group was organized by the W.M.S. and the Mary Scott Auxiliary. Mrs. F. Jas. Telford was Chief Counsellor for the first two years. This organization

for girls 9, 10 and 11 years met weekly. The membership soon reached forty-five. The motto of this group is "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only" and mission study forms part of the Explorers' programme. Money raised through projects and offerings was forwarded to the Toronto West Presbyterial W.M.S. for missionary outreach until 1962 when the change was effected in women's work. Since that time the Explorers have given a missionary offering to the local Missionary and Maintenance Committee on a special "Dedication to Mission Sunday" held each May. At the present time this group meets each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. with an enrolment of fifty girls and Miss Joyce Rutherford as leader.

There has been an excellent C.G.I.T. programme for girls of 12-17 years since Church Union. C.G.I.T. was organized in the Presbyterian Church and at the time of Union it was brought to Wesley by Miss Mary McKechnie and Miss Marjorie Demill. At present Mrs. E. Williams is leader with an enrolment of twenty girls. Wesley C.G.I.T. is well known in the Lakeshore area as an admirable example of a well organized youth group. Like the Explorers, the Canadian Girls in Training follow the current mission study and each year make an offering to the M. and M. Fund of the Church on "Dedication to Mission Sunday". Their annual Candlelighting Service each December is well attended and greatly appreciated by the congregation. Highlights of both Explorers and C.G.I.T. have been the Mother and Daughter Banquets held each Spring. Through these mid-week groups, young girls of our congregation have received splendid leadership training.

In the years before Church Union the Mimico Methodist Church organized a group of children for the purpose of temperance education. This group was known as The Band of Hope. There was also, in the Methodist Church, a very active group of young people whose motto was "Look up, and lift up, for Christ and the Church". This was the Junior Epworth League organized in 1916 by two interested parents, Mrs. John Austin and a Mr. Batstone, who felt the need of a

constructive project for young people on Sunday afternoons. The Eland girls became very active members, and, when the two original leaders left to become members of the congregation of the new Baptist Church in Mimico, Florence Eland became the leader until she married in 1924. Mrs. Fanny "Grandma" Smith served for a few years, followed by Miss Florence Stevenson who continued the faithful leadership until the year 1940 when she retired because of ill health. The League disbanded but emerged as a Junior Congregation during the morning church service. When Wesley Church was built, and Sunday School became an afternoon session, the Junior League then met in the Board Room at ten o'clock Sunday morning.

From its beginning, the young members were trained to assume the executive offices and took full charge of the programmes, planning the devotional periods and choosing the Bible Reading. The programme topics followed a monthly pattern; first Sunday, Christian Endeavour; second, Missionary; third, Literary; and fourth, Citizenship. Bible Study played a major part with emphasis on the memorization of key verses. Quickly finding a given book, chapter and verse in the Bible was a game and contest called "Sword Drill", which was one of the most popular items on the weekly agenda. Rallies for the Toronto West District of the Toronto Conference of the Epworth League were held in Toronto, and at these, Mimico members frequently won the Sword Drill Contest and the Missionary public speaking contest. Visits were also exchanged with Century United Church, in New Toronto.

To climax the year of work in fellowship, an annual picnic was held at Mimico Creek. The assembled group would walk up Station Road to Cavell, cross the railway tracks (a major operation) by the Shale Hole, and continue thence along a lane to the Creek. There a swing bridge and low flats gave access to a delightful walk which followed the curves of the Creek and involved fording the water when necessary until the area was reached north of Queen Street. The Parkers lived near here, and Myrtle Hill, the assistant



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First Candidate for Ministry from
Wesley United Mimico — Ordained in 1941
and at present serving as Minister of
Parkhill United, Parkhill, Ont.*



*Mr. William Fennell
Our present Candidate for the Ministry of
The United Church of Canada*

leader, often had to use their home for drinking water, medication, and relaying necessary phone calls.

Many of the members of this and other congregations took, in their day, the pledge of the League, "Trusting in the help of the Holy Spirit, I promise I will follow the example of my Saviour and Lord, and make an honest effort daily in all things to do the will of my God, my Heavenly Father". Thus, the League offered an earnest and practical Christian way of life to its young members.

There have also been activities for boys. During the early 1920's Mr. Herbert Moorhouse organized a group of Trail Rangers and Tuxis Boys. About this time a youth sports programme was started, with David Hazzard and Frank Horniblow assisting in the project. The boys' basketball team went on to win the Ontario Inter-church School Basketball Championship. Softball too was a popular sport with the young people. For a number of years our church was represented by teams in the various leagues in the Lakeshore.

Scouting has been popular at Wesley. First Mimico Scout Group (now known as 3rd Lakeshore) was formed in 1932 and chartered in 1933. For a number of years the meetings were held in the loft of a barn at the corner of Superior Avenue and the Lakeshore. The group was community sponsored. One of the original sponsors, Mr. James Edmonds, is still active in Scouting and still a member of the Group Committee. In 1943, after having met in various places, the meetings moved to the gymnasium of Wesley United Church and the Church became the sponsor. Mr. Harold Coulson, who is now District Commissioner, was one of the first Cub Leaders and later a Scout Leader. The Dave Johnson trophy for Knotting was presented in memory of Mr. Dave Johnson, one of the original Committee men who formed the group. Mr. Johnson served as a leader and later was made a Commissioner. The organization of Cubs, Scouts and Rovers has been successful in our church and we are proud of their members, many of whom have become leaders in Scouting. This group has always had an interested Group Committee and has been assisted for many years by an active

Ladies' Auxiliary, whose first President was Mrs. G. Jannaway.

During the late 1950's and early 1960's Mr. C. Watkins gave splendid leadership to boys' work when both Tyro and Sigma-C groups were active. Today there is a Sigma-C Group for boys 12, 13 and 14 years with an enrolment of fifteen boys, and Mr. E. Williams as leader.

Our congregation is also proud of the Hi-C programme being carried on by a group of boys and girls of high school age. With an enrolment of thirty-five, these young people meet each Sunday morning for Bible Study with Dr. Alan Conn as their leader. Douglas Cooper is the class president, and mid-week meetings are held on alternate Tuesday evenings. For some years this group enjoyed the genial and capable leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Anderson. An Easter Sunrise Service followed by a hearty breakfast has become a happy annual event. Hi-C has proved to be a splendid medium through which our young people are learning more of Christ and the mission of His Church. A recent graduate and former president of the class, Mr. Bill Fennell, is at present a candidate for the ministry of The United Church of Canada.

During the 1930's the Young People's Society enjoyed an enrolment of 62, with an average attendance of 41 members. Committees were set up for Christian Fellowship, Christian Citizenship, Missionary Education, Dramatic Training and Music. Members were active in Choir and Sunday School work. Many excellent plays were presented by the group. Among the presidents who served the Young People's were Mr. Hugh Griggs, Mr. Jim Hazzard and Mr. Murray Monsinger. In 1935 the first Handbook of Wesley United Church was presented to the congregation by the Young People's Society. When the Second World War disrupted the normal pattern of living, many members left to join the armed forces. After the war, in 1946 a new church group, the Young Adults, was formed with Don and Betty Jannaway as the first presidents. The nucleus of this group was the former Young People's Society. The format of the Club was a social evening on the first Saturday of the month and a devotional and business meeting on the third Sunday

evening. During their years as a Young Adults Club this active group purchased a film strip projector for the Sunday School, sent gifts of clothing and money to The United Church in Muskoka and in 1954 purchased all the new cathedral style lights for the sanctuary at a cost of \$550.00. Funds were raised through an annual sale of Christmas trees.

In September 1954, the Young Adults decided to take the name, Wesley United Couples Club, because there had been so many marriages in the Club. Since that time this energetic group of married couples has given constant support in many practical ways to assist the life and work of the congregation.

In 1955 their project was to decorate and furnish the Junior Nursery with drapes, rug and coat racks, and in 1957 the Couples Club financed the installation of floodlights at the front of the Church. In the years that have followed, new clocks have been installed in the Assembly Room and Fellowship Hall, cupboards and toys have been provided for the Senior Nursery. A new Worship Centre has been built in the Assembly Room, and in conjunction with the Badminton Club new fluorescent lights were installed in the Fellowship Hall. In addition, gifts of money have been given to the M. and M. Fund, the General Fund, Five Oaks, the education of a student minister and The United Church Refugee Fund. Toward the end of 1957 the Couples Club was approached by the Missionary and Maintenance Committee with the suggestion that they edit a Church Newsletter. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Byers, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jamieson and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wice volunteered and the first issue of Wesley News came out in March, 1958. The Club continued this service until the fall of 1962. The church news is now published in "The Voice of Wesley", a publication edited by Mrs. Geo. Stephen, who is also a member of the Club.

In 1961 a 5-F Night was introduced, 5-F meaning: Family, Food, Fun, Fellowship and Frolic. Dinner was served to more than one hundred and fifty people and a variety programme followed. This was repeated in 1962 and again this year on March 7th, when 5-F Night was presented in keeping with the theme of Wesley's one hundredth

anniversary.

Wesley has also had its share of sports activities. The Badminton Club has been in existence since 1934. It was originally started as an outdoor activity in 1931 and was played on ground now used for the parking lot. Three years later it was decided to move inside to the gym. Some of the original members are still active at Wesley Church. Although basically a recreational organization, the Badminton Club has assisted the church in many ways. Donations have been given to the General Fund and the "Burn the Mortgage Fund". Stools were purchased for the new Church kitchen, and one hundred dollars was contributed to the new lights for the Fellowship Hall.

From 1947 until 1954 Wesley Badminton Club had a team entered in the Lakeshore League. They are still in possession of the cup for the Lakeshore Badminton Championship which they won in the 1949-50 season. Mr. Murray Monsinger was president for more than fifteen years and Mr. S. M. Jamieson has been president since 1955.

In the Spring of 1961 Wesley United Church was invited to enter a team in the Lakeshore Inter-church Men's Softball League. Many happy hours were spent in practise and league games during the ensuing summers. Teams were entered from St. Paul's United, Long Branch; Century United and St. Margaret's Anglican, New Toronto and Wesley United. In 1963 Wesley, under the able management of Mr. E. Williams won the trophy which had been donated by Century Church in memory of the late Rev. C. W. Tomlin.

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(2nd World War)

Jack Adam	Douglas Doughty
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Dorothy Bates	Murray Green
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George Bryer	John W. Hughes
D. W. Caldwell	Douglas Humphreys
Donald Campbell	Russell Hodgson*
Dr. Hartley R. Conn*	James W. Hughes (B.E.M.)
Harvey Currell	Walter Izzard
Kenneth Currie	John Ingram
James A. Coyle	Stuart Jamieson
Keith Conn	Harold Johnston
Robert Conn	Shirley Johnston
Fred Dath	Stanley Johnson
Donald K. Dawson*	Stanley Jones
William Dawson	Alan Jarrett
Dorothy Johnson	C. W. Pinkney
Doris Johnson	Roy Remmer
Gordon Kerr	V. A. Viley

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John Kerr	William Robertson
W. George King	Wallace Rockwell
Gordon King	Donald Rogerson
Clifton Leach	Murray Rogerson
Miller Lewis	W. G. Russell
William Lewis	John Scoones
William Lloyd	W. D. Shaw
Donald Lawson	Wallace Simms
Kenneth Lubbock	Lorne Slaght
John Magee	Hartley Smith
Alex Mann	Eric Smitheram
Dr. H. McClelland	James Spence
Ross McClement	Arthur Spencer
Alan McCullough	Jack Spencer
Lloyd McIntyre	R. C. Sperling
Donald McIntosh	Ralph Swance
John McKee	Vernon Swanton
Glenn McLeay	Lloyd Sweet
R. W. McLeay	William Spindler
Allan McNab	Stanley Sperling
Stanley McPherson	Sidney Tipple
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Dr. George F. Pennal	William Whiteley
Douglas G. Pike	Murray Whetstone
M. C. Pollard	Gertrude Wishart
Edward Prentice	Charles P. Wain

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CENTENNIAL SERVICES
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SUNDAY, APRIL 5th — "YOUTH SUNDAY"

- 11:00 a.m. — The Rev. Prof. Greer W. Boyce, B.A., B.D., S.T.M.,
D.D., Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology
at Emmanuel College.
7:30 p.m. — Mr. Ron Standen, Recreational Director for the Town
of Mimico. Special recognition of Wesley Sunday
School Superintendents.
Fellowship Hour to follow.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12th

- 11:00 a.m. — The Right Rev. J. R. Mutchmor, M.A., B.D., D.D.,
Moderator of The United Church of Canada.
7:30 p.m. — Special service of music by the Lakeshore Men's
Choir.
Fellowship Hour to follow.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19th — "WESLEY SUNDAY"

- 11:00 a.m. — Dedication of War Memorial Windows.
"Wesley today and tomorrow." The Rev. F. James
Telford, M.A., Th.M.
7:30 p.m. — "Reminiscing about Wesley."
The Rev. Wm. G. Fingland, M.A., B.D., D.D.
The Rev. A. E. Black, B.A., B.D.

*Reception hour to follow to honour our former ministers. The
Church will be open throughout the day for guided tours and
information for the benefit of former members and friends.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th — "WORLD OUTREACH SUNDAY"

- 11:00 a.m. — The Rev. Floyd Honey, B.A., S.T.M., D.D., Secretary
of the Board of World Mission, The United Church
of Canada.
A challenge to think of our responsibility to mankind
as we enter our second century of service.