



*McKenzie Church, 1945.*



*Mrs. MacKenzie beside the church.*

group would be interested in knitting socks for the soldiers overseas. The ladies readily agreed, and the Red Cross furnished them with khaki wool, all they could use, and they knitted socks. Some of the ladies didn't know how to knit but they were soon taught by the ladies who knew how.

Some of the members of Mrs. McKenzie's first mission group were Miss Annie Innis, Mrs. Jessie Flett, Mrs. Esther Clarke, Mrs. Jane Roe, Mrs. H. Chapman, and Mrs. Ginnie Clarke.

P.S. To my knowledge my grandmother, Mrs. Esther Clarke, is the only surviving or living member of the original mission group.

## **McKENZIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*submitted by Steve and Rose Rapko*

Mrs. Mary MacKenzie was born in Glenrines, Dufftown, Banffshire, Scotland August 4, 1861. She met and married Rev. Ewan MacKenzie at the age of 25. Rev. MacKenzie had been given a charge in Nova Scotia and Mrs. MacKenzie followed shortly after. They later spent some time in New Brunswick, Oak River, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Rev. and Mrs. MacKenzie adopted and raised an Indian baby girl from the Hurricane Hills Reserve in Sintaluta, Sask. There Rev. Ewan MacKenzie died in 1915. The people of the Mission asked Mrs. MacKenzie to remain and preach in her husband's stead. She stayed four years.

In 1919 Mrs. MacKenzie came to East St. Clements with her sister Miss Anna Innis. They lived on a 10 acre lot, just back of the church as we know it today. There she planned to retire but soon found herself teaching Sunday School in her own home. When the group became too large, she rented a tent for the summer. A shanty was built to shelter her congregation in the winter. They also opened a work for the young people which gradually grew until their resources were exhausted. In 1921 the Presbytery of Winnipeg came to their rescue, acknowledging the work and recommending that the Women's Missionary Society assume the responsibility for the work.

In 1926, Mary MacKenzie, now a Deaconess, was

appointed to the staff of The Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society. She organized a branch of the Women's Missionary Society in the district where the group did Red Cross work during the war and saw that the needy in the area received articles of clothing, such as sweaters, mittens, toques and toys. Many a little girl's heart beat with joy at receiving their first doll and boys their first trucks.

Mrs. MacKenzie donated the property for the church which was built in 1930 and called "ALL PEOPLE'S MISSION". Each Sunday she drove 5 miles to Ashfield and 3 miles to Gonor to preach. She laboured in our area from 1921 to 1942 and went to her heavenly rest Dec. 6, 1948. After Mrs. MacKenzie's death, the name of the church was changed to "MACKENZIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" in her honour. She was always ready to give a helping hand to anyone who needed it, visiting the sick and comforting those in sorrow, always doing acts of kindness. The church supplied not only the spiritual needs but also the recreational needs of the people.



*Bill Reid and Mrs. MacKenzie beside the shanty she began the work in. It was moved by the Church during W. W. II.*

We thank God for Mary MacKenzie's dedication and faithfulness. She will never be forgotten for her great work. May we, who follow after her, carry on in faith the work begun by her for God's glory and praise.

Proverbs: 31:31 "LET HER OWN WORKS PRAISE HER IN THE GATES".

## MCKENZIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORY

*submitted by Steve and Rose Rapko*

McKenzie Church has seen many changes through its sixty-two years in existence. It has survived some thirty student workers, laymen and ordained preachers. Mrs. Mary McKenzie founded the work and served for twenty-one years, 1921 to 1942. Rev. Earle Wanamaker 6 years, 1963-1969. The latest minister being Rev. Ivan Carroll, Minister of the Knox Presbyterian Church, in West Selkirk, who served the congregation for the past 14 years, 1969-1983. At present we have a student, Richard Hein. Student workers usually stayed for three months to, two or three years. Deaconesses stayed that long too.



*60th Anniversary of MacKenzie Church, 1981.*

faithful teachers who gave of their time as the Romaniuk's, Lazaruk's, Zawad's, Kreviazuk's, Kupchiks, Zilychs, Rapkos, and others to keep the work going through the years.

In 1981, the McKenzie Church congregation celebrated their 60th Anniversary on Sept. 13, 1981. Well over a hundred people were present: Former pastors, members, and friends all joined in a happy time of reunion, reminiscing, fellowship and blessing. It was a beautiful day and lunch was served outdoors. The service was a blessing to all who came as former choir members joined in bringing special numbers in songs of praise to God. There was one hymn sung in Ukrainian "This World is not my home", done by former choir members. Richard Swain and Mrs. McLean were pianist and organist for the service, which brought back many fond memories of the past.



*MacKenzie Church, 1936.*

Sunday School has been held weekly on a regular basis winter and summer with a very good attendance, as many as 65 on the roll.



*Kay and Sam Senoff, Missionaries in Mombasa, Africa.*

A new organ was purchased and dedicated to the memory of Kathrine Kreviazuk, a lifetime member in 1972.

A new piano was also purchased for the Church in 1981.



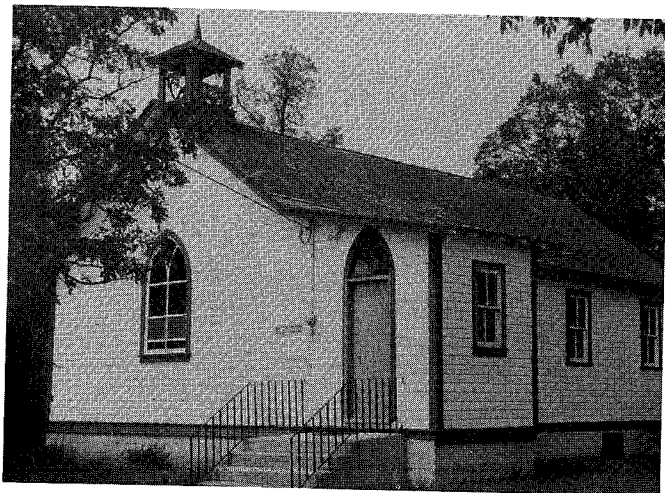
*Sunday School of MacKenzie Church.*

The Sunday School work is carried on by dedicated teachers from the congregation. Today we are seeing the third generation growing up in the faith. Thanks to such

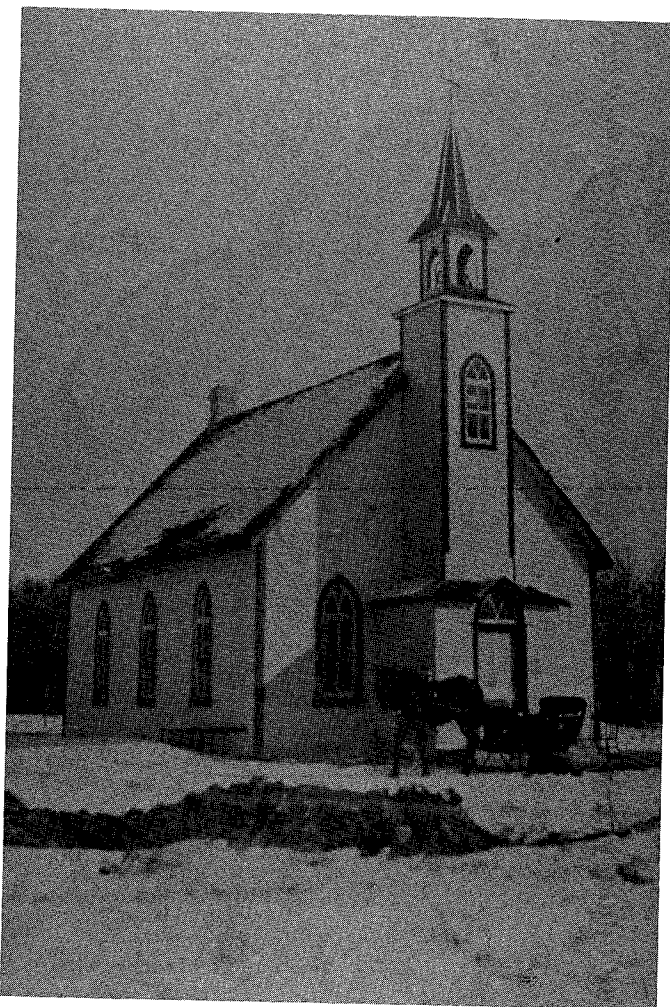
Today services continue to be held on alternate Sundays with St. Andrews Church in Kirkness.

May McKenzie Church continue to be a lighthouse in this area for the Glory of God until Jesus comes.

years and most became ordained preachers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. They are now serving in various parts of Canada, at home and abroad.



*MacKenzie Presbyterian Church.*



*St. James Anglican Church, 1912. Founded by: The Bruces, Monkman's, Isbister's, Cook's, Davis', Bolin's, Boulton's, Gayleard's, Mattson's, and Anderson's. Heat was supplied by 2 box stoves, and the church was lit by Kerosine lamps.*

### **MINISTERS AND STUDENT WORKERS OF McKENZIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Mrs. Mary MacKenzie 1921 to 1942  
 Rev. George Gunn - ordained  
 Rev. A. Stewart - student  
 Rev. Troyer - student  
 Rev. Jim Clarke - student  
 Rev. Jim Marnock - student  
 Rev. Mac McLean - student  
 Peter Reid - student  
 Bill Reid Sr. - layman  
 Bill Reid Jr. - student  
 Miss Irwin - Deaconess  
 Miss Evelyn Walker - Deaconess  
 Miss Marguerite Quickfall - (Clarke)  
 Dr. Ralph Robertson - layman  
 Rev. Sam Heslop - student  
 Mr. Ron Courtenay - student  
 Mr. Ted Severns - student  
 Rev. Brian Penny - student  
 Rev. Neville Phills - ordained  
 Mr. Beaverstock - ordained  
 Mr. Collins - student  
 Rev. Mr. Lowery - student  
 Rev. D. Hill - ordained  
 Mr. Fluke - layman  
 Rev. Earl Wanamanker - 6 years, 1963-69  
 Alex. Mcsween - student  
 Jim Stein - student  
 Ean Gough - student from Scotland  
 Rev. Ivan Carroll - 1969-1983, 14 years  
 Richard Hein - student

The student Ministers usually served 3 months to 3



*Congregation of the St. James Anglican Church, 1930's, Poplar Park. The logs that built this church were cut, hewed and hauled to the church site by oxen.*





*At first our church was associated with the St. Phillips Church in Scanterbury. The first Minister was Rev. Coates. This photo shows the Confirmation Class at the St. James Church in 1939 ... Ola Aldridge, Leona Chappel, Violet Chernetsky, Vera Stilwell, Jonina Johannsson, George Longbottom Jr. ... all of Poplar Park.*



*Confirmation Class of 1939 at St. James Anglican Church.*



*St. James Anglican Church at Poplar Park.*

## ST. JUDES ANGLICAN CHURCH GRAND MARAIS

*submitted by Betty Linklater*

Two acres of land were given for a cemetery and Church, one acre by George Rupert and one by Alex Knott. Grandma Marie Knott, Alex Knott's mother, was the first one buried in the cemetery. Tommy Knott and Alfie Thomas were the witnesses of the gift. The church was built in 1896. It was built of black poplar logs, which were handsawn. One of the best men who could handsaw logs was Alex Kennedy, (Mrs. Sayer's father). Five men built the church with volunteer labor.

The first pews were handmade by Jim Raven, a one-armed Indian from Scanterbury. Some of the pews are still in the church. The original Holy Table and Shelf are still in the church; these were also made by Jim Raven. The bell in the tower was first used in the cement school, it was from the first fire hall in Winnipeg.



*St. Jude's Church of Grand Marais.*

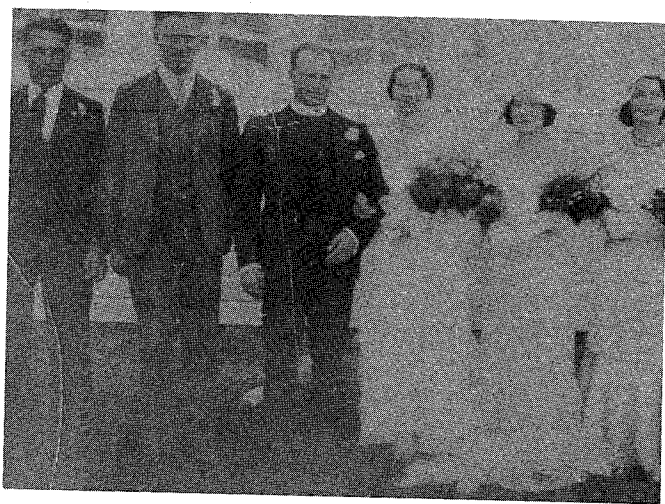
In 1931, the church was extended by adding the Chancel Sanctuary and two Vestry rooms. A small stained-glass window was placed in the Sanctuary by Mrs. Margaret Linklater, first W.A. President. The organ was bought in 1914. Canon George Smith of St. Peters helped raise the money to buy the organ by holding basket and pie socials. The Bishop's Chair was made by the Rev. Edward Thomas with the help of Jim Raven. Rev. Thomas was killed in 1917, when he had an



accident with his team of horses. In the churchyard, the first landowners of Grand Marais are buried, Gilbert and Harriet Dennett.

One of the first ministers was the Rev. Coats. The first delegate to Synod was Henry Thomas.

Rev. F. Longmore journeyed to Grand Marais in 1929, and continued on until 1931. Later in 1931 Chas. R. Harbord preached. From Oct. 25, 1931 to April 24, 1932, N.R. Clarke took the Services. N.R. Clarke later became the Bishop of the North. Rev. G.E. Sage was a missionary school teacher at Scanterbury, he came to Grand Marais from June 12, 1932 until July, 1942. He did have others help during the two years of his ministry, such as, Bishop Isaac O. Stringer, when 18 members of the church were confirmed, W.C. Turney, J. Morgan Davis, Mr. Eden (a lay reader also helped), G.A. Harris, S.J. Tolton, Ernest R. Roe, J. Mainer.



*The wedding of Rev. G.E. Sage and Natalie Froelich, July 11, 1934.*

Rev. G.E. Sage was married in St. Judes Anglican Church on July 11, 1934. He married Natallie Froelich, and Rev. F. Longmore performed the ceremony.

Rev. Sages Attendants were Stanley Sinclair and Les Linklater. On Jan. 3, 1943 W.E. Kerr, W. Eden and Rev. Sherstone conducted services through to 1945. On June 23, Rev. Geo. E. Phillips dedicated the Roll of Honor.

During the summer of 1946, different clergy came out from Winnipeg, J. Rance, J. Blewett, T.D. Conlin, Len Fryen, H. Elwall and J. Mckinney. By Jan. 1947, Lay Reader, Henry Harper was in charge of the Parish and attended to its needs with clergy coming out once a month to administer Communion. May 11, 1947 Rev. R.N. Holmes was appointed General Missionary.

WhitSunday, May 16, 1948, Captain W.A. Knight-Church Army was posted to Scanterbury and had his first Service here in Grand Marais, he used to walk from Scanterbury the day before and stay in the Parish Hall overnight. He continued coming to Grand Marais until 1952, he journeyed by foot, horseback, dog team, bicycle and finally a Model A. During his stay other clergy came for Holy Communion, Baptisms and Weddings. They were E.J. Hoad, Maurice Hardman, R.F. Dawson, E.W.



*Harvest Festival inside St. Judes Church, 1934.*

Davidson, Nelson Smith, R.S. Montgomery, Stanley Aikens, John Bethel, G.W. Ashton, Lay Reader and Joseph Davidson. Capt. Knight now runs a guest home for Senior Citizens at Laurier, Man. (March 1983)

From the Record Book.

July 31, 1953, Archbishop Sherman died in Brandon R.I.P. Aug. 2 Memorial Service for Louis Ralph Sherman was held by John Bethel.

During 1955, Bishop Barfoot visited May 11 for confirmation, 14 members confirmed. Visits were also made by J. Gordon Fairclough and E.S.W. Cole.

Miss Helen Isbister moved to the Parish Hall on May 20, 1956. Capt. George Hardy C.A. was posted here and stayed in the Hall with her. He was with us for only a short time when he lost his life due to an accident. His funeral was held in St. Judes conducted by Canon F. Glover and J. Burton Thomas. The body was then forwarded to Toronto for burial.

Donations were sent to St. Judes in Memory of Capt. Hardy. A new Lectern and prayer desk were made by Mr. Bill Martin. They were dedicated on Oct. 25, 1959 by Canon F. Glover and Mr. J. Davidson. The St. Judes W.A. also donated a Large Book "The Holy Communion" with Collects Epistles and Gospels in Capt. George Hardy's memory. It was dedicated by the Rev'd. Canon E.W. Scott in 1963.



*Mr. Tessmer, Ministers Warden and Mr. Joseph Davidson Layreader.*



*Back Row: Capt. Holmes, E. Linklater, B. Thomas, K. Hourie and C. Smith. Middle Row: P. Thomas, B. Hourie, W. Orvis and C. Hourie. Front: B. Mackelson, K. Smart and P. Mackelson ... Sept. 17, 1961.*



*Front Row: Angela Wonnacott, Cathy Smart, Penny Cullen, Elaine Mason. Middle: Gerry Mason, Joy Mackelson, Beverly Mackelson. Back: Janice Orvis, Eva Linklater, and Wendy Orvis.*

Mrs. R.S. Montgomery (W.A.) came out to St. Judes on June 16, 1957 and spoke to us all, assisted by Capt. Dominic Prosser who was posted here on June 9, 1957. Noted: Captain Prosser took our Easter Service April 6, 1957. Congregation was 112, Collection totalled \$25.26. April 20, 1957 was the last service Capt. Prosser had with us, he was posted to Laidlaw, Sask.

After Capt. Prosser's departure we had visiting clergy out from Winnipeg, Blake Wood, W.H.J. Walter, John Raines, Andrew Lam, Our beloved Jennie Wright who came to live at Grand Marais. She had been a teacher Missionary in Northern Sask. Mr. J.P. Mullan, a lay reader, came to stay with us on Sept. 28, 1958. He stayed with us until July 10, 1960. We enjoyed visits from Deaconesses Enid Hives and Ruth Hall, they conducted a Vacation Bible School.

Captain David Holmes came to Grand Marais on Oct. 2, 1960, and he formed a choir C.B.L., Young People and a J.A. & G.A. He also took services at Balsam Bay, Scantebury and Victoria Beach. His last service was on May 12, 1963.

What a pleasant surprise, June 2, 1963, Canon Scott brought out three Church Army Captains, Doug Gray, Walter Ermine and Steven Beardy. Capt. Gray was to stay with us for three years. He conducted morning services at the three other churches as well worked hard with the young people. The Parish Hall was very cold to live in, the Roman Catholic Church on the Hwy. was for sale complete with living quarters. After many discussions the Diocese of Rupertsland bought it. It was dedicated by Bishop John Anderson on Oct. 25 at 11:00 am, 184 people attended. Doug Gray stayed until July 10, 1966. Rev. John N. Evans, Rev. C. Griggs and R.A. Wood, came out on the fourth Sunday to give us Communion.

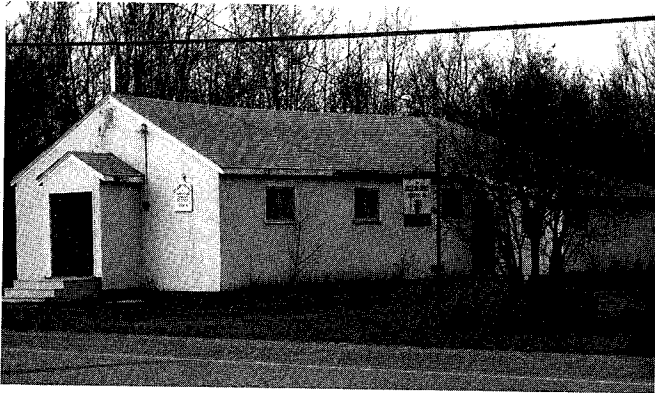
The Deanery of Selkirk had taken a replica of Miss Isbister's grave stone, had it framed and given to St. Judes.

The plaque was dedicated to Miss Isbister on July 30, 1967 by Canon G.E. Smith and Capt. W. A. Knight, also Burses and Veils were presented to St. Judes Church by the W.A. in memory of its former members who have passed on to greater glory. The names in memorial were: - Mrs. Margaret Linklater, Mrs. Jim Lewis, Mrs. Bob Donald, Mrs. Joe Donald, Mrs. John Orvis, Mrs. J. Bouvard, Mrs. Andrew Lewis, Mrs. A. Akins, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Tillie Folster, Mrs. Walter Irvine, Mrs. Joe Beggs, Mrs. Sam Sutherland, Miss Stanley, Mrs. Nickelson, Mrs. Mary Hourie, Mrs. Sam Wescott, Miss Jenny Wright, Mrs. Tessmer.

After Doug Gray left, Capt. Chuck Baldwin stayed until Sept. 25, 1966. On Sept. 4, 1966, Bishop Anderson dedicated Sanctuary Rail in memory of the Tessmers. Oct. 2, 1966 Rev. David Barclay arrived and stayed with us until Sept. 28, 1969.

Oct. 25, 1969, Rev. Robert H. Marsh was in charge of the four parishes. Rev. Marsh first, was a teacher at Hole River, a minister went to Hole River once a year. Mr. Marsh could see the need of a minister in that area. He took his training with his uncle Rev. Gorby (between Emerson and Morris). When he went back to Hole River, he was a Dentist, Doctor, and filled many other needs. His outside contact was a two-way radio. He helped build a church at Hole River and Manigotagan. He also spent 2 years in Fort Alexander. Mr. Marsh was the last of our resident ministers. Regular ministers drove out from either Winnipeg or Selkirk, E. Drewlo, Canon Hoad, Andrew Lam, J.W. Oliver (a nephew of Bishop Anderson's). G. Murdock (Canon George Smith's daughter, oh! could she ever sing beautifully and play the organ). R.S. Oliver, Canon Whitford, Daniel Ash. From April 25, 1976, Rev. G. Murdock was out every Sunday until Oct. 15, 1978.

Dec. 31, 1978, Rev. A.G. Johnson was our regular



*St. Jude's Anglican Church of Grand Marais.*



*St. Luke's Lutheran Church of St. Peter's Parish. This photo shows a 1940 Confirmation Class. About 16 families worshipped at this church.*

minister from Winnipeg, Capt. Stevens came once a month. Rev. A.G. Johnson had his last service with us on June 27, 1982. Just at present we do not have a regular minister. On Oct. 24, 1982, Rev. Roy Barkett gave us communion, and someone has been coming once a month. Betty Linklater has been filling in.

The organists we had over the years were Mrs. Flora Sayer, Miss Maud Lester, Eva Linklater and Mrs. Marsh.

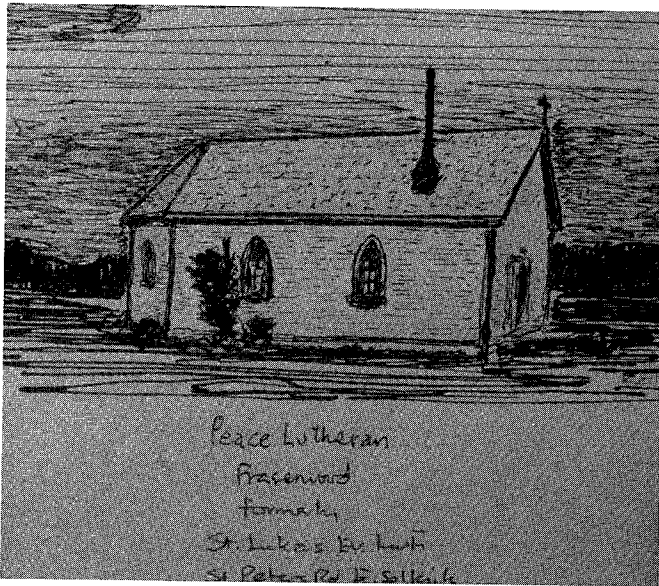
At present we have no organist either. "But where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them."

St. Jude's W.A. has put electric heat, an electric organ and carpet in the church. The W.A. consists of 8-10 ladies.

## **ST. MICHAELS UKRAINIAN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

*submitted by M. Furdyk*

With the advent of the immigrants into Canada, the Ukrainian settlers of East Selkirk wanted a Ukrainian Church. During the months of Oct. 1-Dec. 1, 1914, a church was built across from the Happy Thought School. It was called the Ukrainian Apostolic Catholic Church of St. Michael. Bishop Paul (Markevich) was the minister at that time. The first meeting in the home of John Kalinski on Jan. 20, 1915. Bishop Paul opened the meeting with a prayer, John Kowalski acted as chairman, and a Theology Student Rev. J. Kusee was Secretary. The executive chosen at that time was Wm. Kologinski, Stefan Ivanchuk and Nazarko Zahayko.



*Peace Lutheran  
Fraserwood  
Manitoba  
St. Luke's Lutheran  
St. Peter's Rd. E. Selkirk*

*St. Luke's Lutheran Church moved from East of Libau in 1941 to St. Peter's 3 miles north of Fuller's Road. The church was moved in winter by horses. In 1955 the church was sold and moved to Fraserwood, Man. and is in use today. It is now called Peace Lutheran Church. Part of the foundation still stands today on St. Peter's Road.*



*Bishop Paul Markevich and Rev. Mr. Krawchuk.*





*St. Michaels Church of East Selkirk.*



*The Bellfry of St. Michaels.*

In 1920 the church purchased a piece of land for the sum of \$1200.00 from Alex Shastko and built a Reading Hall and named it after an outstanding Ukrainian named Myroslow Shechinski. In that same year the name of the Church was changed to St. Michael's Ukr. Greek Orthodox.

Here are some of the early members:

Sam Solnik  
 Stefan Ivanchuk  
 Nazarko Zahayko  
 John Kalinski  
 Stefan Korba  
 Wm. Kologinski  
 Paul Sawchuk  
 Mike Mitzak  
 John Saluk  
 Stefan Malanchuk  
 John Winger  
 Micheal Zarichney  
 J. Nikolaichuk  
 M. Solomka  
 John Kowalski

Manoley Bosisko  
 Katherine Sul  
 N. Deneka  
 T. Kostik  
 J. Starodub  
 Alex Solnik  
 A. Shastko  
 Fred Kashuba  
 A. Dumka  
 Wm. Nowasod  
 A. Nowasod  
 Dmytro Kutash  
 Harry Kebicz  
 Micheal Demchuk  
 Harry Zyla

J. Romanica  
 O. Krawetz  
 M. Koshuba  
 Dmytro Solnik  
 Andrew Sozanski  
 Nick Solnik  
 John Broshko

Others who joined later were: Mike Sawchuk, John Mitzak, C. Sawchuk, W. Burbella, Dan Unik, Peter Ozga, J. Wasio, Metro Skolski, Alex Plysiuk, Polly Baran, Mike Zegil, Nettie Zarnick, John Yurwich, John Korba, Fred Demchuk, John Yaremkwich, Stefan Meritzko, Tony Kologinski, Andrew Klym, Peter Hrymak, John Furdyk, Paul Zahayko, Peter Hakalo and Eva Kutash.



*Left to Right: Messrs: John Winger, John Mitzak, Bill Romanica, Mike Turko and Rev. Diachina ... of St. Michaels.*

In the later 1970's the interior of the church was dismantled and the church furnishings were donated to a new Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Thompson, Man.

### **ST. NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH GONOR, MANITOBA (1904-1982)**

*submitted by Alexander Pawluk*

The history of the St. Nicholas Parish commences with the year 1896-1897 when immigrants from Bukowina settled in the Gonor district. In reviewing the history it is interesting to note that the Gonor district was already established by a Jesuit Missionary, called Father de Gonnor, who through his efforts, assisted la Verendrye, the explorer, and some years later, the C.P.R. in 1877.

As the Ukrainian settlers emigrated to Canada, one of the terminal depots was here in East Selkirk, and from this point they travelled and walked to settle along the





*First St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Gonor.*

bank of the Red River in the Gonor district.

Since faith, physical strength, and hope, were their assets, the church and religion was very important in the lives of these early pioneers. They could not tolerate the lack of facilities, especially the church edifice, where they could individually and corporately open up their hearts to God. These early settlers soon organized themselves, and made plans for the construction of our first church in 1904. The church and belfrey were made of logs, which were brought in from the area which is now known as Birds Hill Park.

The twelve founding members of the St. Nicholas Parish were Dmetro Chopek, George Bazan, Mike Bazan, John Pawluk, Nick Gowryluk, Dmetro Krawchuk, John Gowryluk, Micheal Arseny, William Snatenchuk, John Bazan, Victor Lupul, and Kost.

As we study the archives of the parish, we note that the two 1/2 acre parcels of land were purchased for the church and cemetery from the late Mr. Nicholas Gowryluk and the late Alexander Macodon for the price of \$10.00.

Later, the manse was built next to the church where the parish priest resided and where members gathered for their regular parish functions and meetings.

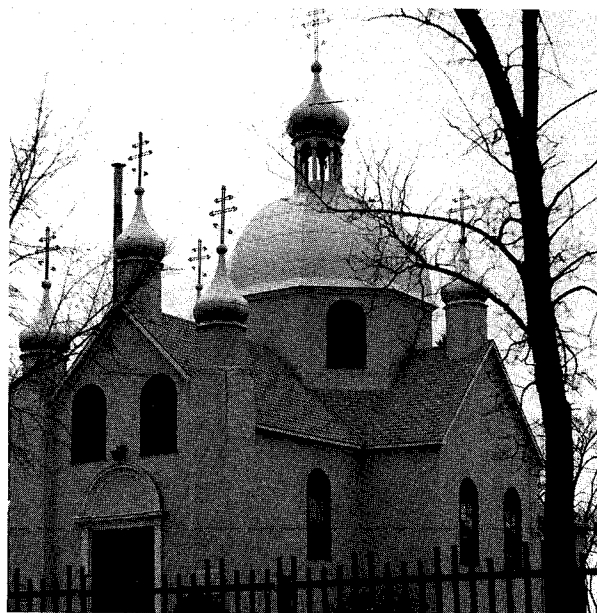
The church bell, which bears the year 1907 (which is in your church brochure) was imported from Bukowina. According to the information that is available, the bell arrived at the station in East Selkirk and because of the lack of communication and transportation, the bell was left at the station for approximately two months before it was delivered by ox-cart to its present location.

The trees that border the perimeter of the churchyard were planted by Mr. Zaversniuk, Nick Pawluk, Theodore Nahorney, Steve Pawluk and Eli Boyko.

On April 22nd, 1918, clear title was obtained for the church property on which the following names appear: Mr. Joseph Polenshi, Mr. Dmetro Krawchuk, Mr. George Donlychuk, Mr. George Posteluk, and Mr. Mike Arseny.

In April 1944, both the original church building and manse were destroyed by an accidental grass fire. The original belfrey containing the bell from Bukowina was saved and is still in use today.

Immediately thereafter, in 1945, it was resolved to build a new church building, which upon completion, the



*St. Nicholas of Gonor.*

congregation had the pleasure of having Rev. Doctor Shewchuk perform the first service in the new building.

The present church is approximately 1,100 square feet in area, is built of lumber and it takes on the form of Byzantine architecture. Mr. Anton Prychun, a resident of Tyndall, Man., was the master builder and all others worked under his supervision. The total cost of the building with labor and materials at that time was approximately \$5,000.00. All labor, with the exception of the head carpenter and painter, was provided free of charge.

On May 26th, 1950 three of our parish members, Mr. Peter Sandelowich, Mr. Steve Pawluk and the late Mr. George Chopek made an agreement with Mr. John Pushka to paint and decorate the church in the following manner: The ceiling has sky-blue oil paint spangled with white stars. The dome has cherubim angels on and between clouds on a sky-blue background. The altar, known as the Holy of Holies, is painted in a similar manner. The walls are painted a cream color and a border is stenciled in a Ukrainian motif throughout the church. The wainscoting has an oil paint, the final coat being panelled off into panels of marble and granite.

The entire Ikonastos is painted and decorated in the Eastern style. This consists of the picture of Jesus crucified at Galgotha, the Last Supper, and the twelve apostles. All are done in the true Ukrainian Greek Orthodox tradition.

Mr. Pushka made a donation of the four pictures of the four writers of the Holy Gospels, St. Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. These are painted on canvas affixed to their proper place on the walls and in order.

Prior to 1965, special church dinners and meetings

were held in the homes of the members of the parish. This situation was rectified by purchasing a parish hall from West Selkirk and moving it to its present location in the churchyard.

In 1966 a well was drilled near the hall for domestic use.

In 1973 the original covering of imitation siding on the outside walls of the church was removed and a stucco finish was applied.

In 1978, under the chairmanship of Rudy Zibroski, the belfrey floor and bottom plates of the structure were renewed. Also a new metal fence made of steel harrow bars was installed in front of the property.

Since the cemetery is an intricate part of the churchyard, it is interesting to note the character of the memorial markers that are standing.

- (1) Simple wooden crosses.
- (2) Home-made concrete crosses.
- (3) Granite crosses.

As economic conditions improved we have the modern design stone granite markers.

The first priests to serve in the original church building were from the Russian Orthodox Mission. Commencing with the organization of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada, this parish served henceforth by Ukrainian Orthodox Priests. For a number of years this parish was served by the Winnipeg and district priests and is now under the spiritual care of the Rev. Fr. D. Luchak.



*1979 Jubilee Year ... the Executive.*

The Parish executive in this Jubilee Year (1979) are as follows:

- Nicholas Kolynchuk - President
- Rudy Zibroski - Vice-President
- Edward Pawluk - Secretary-Treasurer

Members of the executive are John Pihulak, Henry Basiuk, Mike Kolynchuk, Peter Dreweniuk and Alexander Pawluk.

Members of the Women's Auxiliary are as follows:

- Evelyn Morgosh - President
- Stella Haydey - Vice-President

Executive members are Doris Kotowich, Jean Zibroski, Doris Bazan, and Lena Basiuk.

The renovations to the interior of the Parish Hall which was completed in 1982 cost a total of \$5,000.00. This consisted of the removal of the front stage, adding a feature wall, alternation of kitchen facilities from the basement to main floor and the updating of all electrical wiring.

## 78 years of Proud History



*The St. Nicholas Hall at Gonor.*



*The Bell Tower.*

## ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH OF NAROL

*submitted by Helen Doherty*

The Church was built in the year 1911 on land that was donated by Roman and Anna Bilyk. In January of 1912 Church records of births, marriages and deaths began.

The first trustees of the parish, originally known as the Russian Greek Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas were His Eminence, Platon (Rozhdestvensky), Archbishop of the North American (Russian) Orthodox Mission, Andrew Nebozenko, Nicholas Pronishen, Wasyl Barchyn and John Rybarchuk, all of the Rural Municipality of St. Andrew's in Manitoba.

The Church flourished due to its very dedicated parishioners who adorned the interiors with irreplaceable Church goods, icons and paintings, which were all