

THE SALVATION Army citadel, depicted by Harry Whitwell, has little resemblance to the original citadel.

# Original Salvation Army citadel was log building

By ARMITA JANES  
Sentinel-Review staff writer

INGERSOLL — The Salvation Army Citadel depicted in this sketch by Harry Whitwell is a far cry from the log building on the same site where in 1883 the Ingersoll Army began under leadership of Captain Annie O'Leary.

It was the seventh corps formed in Canada during the year the town was celebrating its 18th birthday.

The Ingersoll branch was an offshoot of the London, Ont. corps formed the previous year by two English immigrants, Jack Addie and Joe Ludgate.

The two early soldiers would travel back and forth to Ingersoll preaching about love of Jesus Christ to men and women untouched by ordinary religious efforts.

At first they preached on street corners and later in a

Charles Street house.

The Salvation Army in the early days in its effort to reach people who never attended church, held open air meetings and organized marches.

Flags, brass bands and religious songs set to secular tunes were used to attract.

Margaret Kennedy (Happy Minni) of Salford was a member of the Ingersoll Salvation Army band around the turn of the century.

Her daughter, an Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute student, also played the tamborine in the band.

Aimee Semple McPherson, the tamborine player in the local Salvation Army band, became the most noted female evangelist the world has probably ever known.

# Trailer purchase sought by local Salvation Army

BY C. J. CLARK

The Ingersoll Salvation Army wants to add emergency relief to its already vast list of community services.

Lt. Ernie Reid of the Salvation Army presented a prepared report to council last week, with proposals for the purchase of a trailer for emergency relief.

In emergency situations, "The town of Ingersoll has trained personnel and ready resources in terms of fire fighting, police, ambulance and communication," Reid's report read. "There is, of course, a need for a compassionate dimension at such a time."

Fire fighting in the winter was an example cited by Reid. He noted firemen can fight fires for hours and can be found dripping in ice. The Salvation Army, with its proposed trailer, would be at the scene

providing warm refreshments, blankets and food, not only for the firemen, but for the victims as well.

If the Salvation Army's proposal becomes a reality, a team of six members would be formed for emergency situations. All would be qualified to drive the vehicles and at least two would have first aid qualifications. Police or the fire department would alert the emergency relief unit when their services were needed.

The proposed trailer would be stocked with blankets, pillows, food, tea, soups and first aid equipment that would be issued at the scene of a disaster. Reid also said he would like the trailer to be equipped with a CB radio so contact with the police and the fire department could be maintained.

Reid was present at last week's council meeting not to solicit funds but to solicit the town's endorsement of the plan. Council thought it was a good idea and a

formal approval is expected at next month's regular meeting.

As for funding, Reid suggested two alternatives.

The first is raise the estimated \$1,000 needed through the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal. The second is to raise funds privately through individual firms, industries and good will donations.

The Ingersoll Firefighter's Club ~~think~~ the Salvation Army's plans to purchase a trailer for emergency relief is such a good idea, they want to make the first contribution.

The 16-member club agreed last week to donate \$200 towards the purchase of a trailer, Treasurer Ted Hunt said Monday.

"It was a unanimous decision," Hunt said. "We think the trailer is a good idea that can be used not only for the firefighters but others as well."



Burn, baby, burn. The Ingersoll Green Giants Optimist Club held a Mortgage Burning Dance Saturday in their home which they officially owned last month. Paul Jagoe (left) was president of the club when the purchase was made and Joe

Labron (right) was president when the final payment was made. With smiles on their faces they are shown setting lighters to a mock mortgage.

# Salvation Army buying cabin-type emergency trailer

INGERSOLL — The police and fire protection committee will request council to support an emergency trailer proposed by Ingersoll's Salvation Army.

Mayor Doug Harris said he was ready to accept a resolution at last council meeting supporting it, because both the police and fire chief had offered their support for the trailer.

Fire Chief Ken Campbell said the volunteer firefighters association in Ingersoll is planning to donate \$200 toward the emergency vehicle.

Salvation Army Lieut. Ernie Reid said the corps is planning to establish a team of six volunteers to man a small cabin-type trailer which can be used in time of an emergency in town.

The trailer — to be equipped with a citizen band radio, food, blankets and first aid supplies — could be used to assist firefighters and workers during and after a disaster.

Although the trailer could cost upward of

\$1,000, the Salvation Army hasn't asked the town for financial support because funds could come through the Red Shields drive or through another fund-raising drive.

Reid said the trailer should be stored in the downtown core area for easy access and preferably inside to protect it from vandalism.

Although the project will need initial funding the Salvation Army plans to look after the upkeep of supplies and materials, he said.

He said the Salvation Army is well equipped in other communities and has a good reputation for speedy and understanding service in disasters like tornados, floods and earthquakes.

"Sometimes when we're called out it's not a pretty sight and we want to be prepared," he told council.

He said there is no time limit on the project, but it could be used two or three times during the winter months.

Salvation Army emergency unit

# Trailer fund halfway to goal

By GLENN OGIVLIE

Sentinel-Review staff writer INGERSOLL — Donations towards the purchase of a Salvation Army "emergency" trailer have reached the halfway mark, says publicity chairman, Bonnie Mott.

Mrs. Mott said a total of \$575 has been donated and the organization still needs another \$500 to \$600 to purchase the trailer.

The Salvation Army has proposed buying a trailer which will be equipped with first aid supplies, clothing, blankets and food supplies, plus a communications system as a backup for firefighters and police during an emergency.

Once the trailer is purchased and equipped, the Salvation Army will maintain and keep it supplied with goods.

Mrs. Mott said two members

of the six-member emergency team supplied coffee and sandwiches to firefighters and police during a 12-hour battle to extinguish a fire last week which left a family of five homeless.

"It will be much easier with a trailer because they (the emergency team) could have made coffee and sandwiches for the men right there," she said. "They were there for 12 hours

and the firefighters were very grateful for warm coffee because it was a bitterly cold night."

Mrs. Mott said donations for the trailer were slow because a formal campaign to raise funds has not been launched.

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Salvation Army



MARK CUMMINGS says he is looking forward to role as Salvation Army officer in Ingersoll.

(Staff photo by Barry Ward)

## Town appeals to new officer's sense of beauty

INGERSOLL — The new Salvation Army officer in Ingersoll likes what he has seen of the town in his first few days on the job.

Lieutenant Mark Cummings, who holds a university fine arts degree, said the town appeals to his "artistic sense of beauty."

"It's a beautiful little town," said the Toronto native. "I'm going to love it."

This is the first appointment for Cummings, 25, since he graduated from the Army's training college in Toronto. He was originally heading for a teaching career before receiving what he termed a "call of God to be a Salvation Army officer."

He was commissioned during the Army's convention in Winnipeg two weeks ago. On Sunday, he handled his first service since taking over from Lieutenant Ernie Reid who has been appointed to Essex near Windsor.

Contrary to earlier reports, Cummings is not married although he said that should change within a year. He is engaged to Lynn McMurter who is currently an assistant in Dunnville. She will assume the same role here after their marriage.

Cummings said he is a third generation member of the Salvation Army. Five of the six members of his family played in an Army band.

He prepared for his posting here by receiving field training during his studies at college. He said he was encouraged by the enthusiasm of the local members he has met.

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# New lieutenant arrives in town

Lieutenant Mark Cummings may be a new-comer to Ingersoll but he is certainly not a newcomer to the Salvation Army. Three generations of his family have been involved in the Army, and he's not about to be left out.

"Both my grandparents were from Newfoundland, where they got involved, although my mother's parents didn't become involved in the Army until they came to Nova Scotia," he said. "That's how I became involved in the Salvation Army. But why I became an officer is between God and myself."

Lieut. Cummings began his new position straight from training college in Toronto, where he was born and raised. He replaces Lieutenant Ernie Reid, who has been transferred to Essex, Ontario. "In my fourth year of university, I felt I should be an officer," Lieutenant Cummings explained. He graduated from university with a degree in fine arts before entering the Salvation Army's training college. "I was planning on becoming a high school teacher. I'd even applied to the faculty division."

Single, Lieut. Cummings comes from a family of two brothers and one sister, all of whom are actively involved in the Army.

Working in a small town, as compared to the City of Toronto, is a shock to the system.

"As of right now, it hasn't hit me, although I imagine it will," he said. "It will take

some adjusting to, although I am close to London and Toronto. But I like small towns. I was walking down the street yesterday (Monday and people waved and said 'hi'. That doesn't happen in Toronto."

The training college in Toronto serves most of Canada, although one in Newfoundland usually serves local people. As a result, Lieut. Cummings said he was pleased he was stationed so close to Toronto. "I was expecting to go almost to the west coast," he said. "In my training I was sent to the east coast, so I thought I'd go the other way. I did go west, but not near as far as I thought I would."

a small town, as most officers straight out of college usually are stationed in one.

His training in college, he explained, was split between academic, biblical, study on how to run corps programs, and field training.

"We learn how to do personal evangelism outside the Army," he said. "We do the taverns, taking the War Cry (The Salvation Army's publication) to patrons of the tavern. They're usually the ones you won't find in the parish.

"In Toronto, we're very well received," he continued. "I've yet to meet someone hostile. The goal isn't to sell the War Cry to someone, it's to befriend them so they know the Salvation Army is available

to them."

He also has done work in prisons, which, he said, he enjoyed very much.

Specialization, he said, is something that is becoming more common in the Army. "If an officer studied psychology he might be placed in a certain field that would apply to that," he explained. "Or if the officer was a doctor he might go somewhere where a doctor was needed, like mission work."

He said with his degree in fine arts he might see himself working at the publication of the War Cry.

The Salvation Army, he continued, is short of officers in all areas. "Our leader is always saying there is a great need for officers in the parishes. Canada is one of the largest territories for the Salvation Army in the world."

Lieut. Cummings said he hasn't had much of a chance to meet the people, as he only arrived in Ingersoll Saturday night. "I haven't even unpacked yet," he said. "I've met a few people over in the town offices, but that's all."

So far, he hasn't any definite plans or goals for the immediate future. "I haven't had the opportunity to plan," he remarked. "I see the church as a family unit. It's the congregation's church home, and they should be the one's to plan. I might be the avenue for them to pursue their plans."

"But I'm happy to be here," he continued. "I'm looking forward to a good stay."



Lieutenant Mark Cummings came to Ingersoll this weekend, replacing Lieutenant Ernie Reid of the Salvation Army. Born and raised in Toronto Lieut. Cummings is looking forward to the chance to work in a small town. His family has been active in the Salvation Army for three generations.

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# New assistant for local

## Salvation Army

BY LAURA PLUMTREE

Another new face can be seen at the Salvation Army; as Lieutenant David Carey joins Lieutenant Mark Cummings, who came to Ingersoll from Toronto less than two months ago.

Lt. Carey will be an assistant to Lt. Cummings. "There's certainly enough to do for two people," he explained. "The area itself is feeling the economic crunch, and there's a lot of unemployment. Between us there's a good number of people needing assistance."

Lt. Carey, 23, is just out of Toronto's training college. He was in the same section as Lt. Cummings, and admits it is a surprise to be working with him.

"It's a pleasant surprise to be assigned to him," he said. "We're close friends."

Lt. Carey has spent the last three years before college in Winnipeg. "The western provinces are my stomping grounds," he smiled. "I also spent a lot of time in Prince Rupert, B.C."

His parents were Salvation Army officers, he continued, which gave him some exposure to that way of life.

"Basically, my religious persuasions prompted me to become an officer," he explained. "I had some exposure to it through my parents, but I felt that was what God wanted me to do."

He admitted it was a hard decision to make, as he was torn between a career in the army, and a career as a writer.

what happens."

During college, he explained, the training was geared to try and expose the cadet to different situations. "We came in contact with people in different situations in a wide range of social status," he said

"I write fiction, short stories and poetry," he said.

Lt. Carey said his functions at the Salvation Army are basically the same as Lt. Cummings'. "I'll have responsibilities within the Salvation Army and the community," he said. "Lt. Cummings will have the final decision. But we're really co-workers."

Lt. Carey started his career in Ingersoll July 16, and already he's felt the warmth of this community.

"The people have given me a warm reception," he smiled. "I'm enjoying my time here."

He's not sure how long he will be stationed in Ingersoll, although he's quite certain he'll be here at least one year. "I'm engaged to be married in a year," he explained. "My fiance is at the Salvation Army's training college, and we'll be stationed together when she's finished."

The future Mrs. Carey will be working as his assistant; however, he points out it's only assistant by name. "A wife complements the ministry -- she can do a lot of things I can't. She's more than an assistant."

Lt. Carey said he really doesn't have any specific goals in the future. "I want to work hard, and preserve who I am," he said. "I want to be of service to people within the community."

"It's hard to have set idealist views, because you usually get disappointed," he continued. "I'll just work within the confines of my own personality and see "There are so many different aspects of the Salvation Army." For the time being, though, he said he'll just concentrate on helping people in the Ingersoll area.

"I love people," he said simply. "I'm committed to the Salvation Army."

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Lieutenant David Carey has joined the staff at Ingersoll's Salvation Army. He will be assisting Lieutenant Mark Cummings, who joined the Salvation Army two months ago. Lt. Carey has recently graduated from the Salvation Army's training college in Toronto.

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## Salvation Army 100th anniversary

The Salvation Army has its 100th anniversary plans finalized and the occasion will be marked on the Victoria Day weekend, May 20, 21 and 22.

To raise money for the celebration, the Home League will hold an Old Tyme Bean Supper this Friday at the Masonic Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. For \$3.50, it's all you can eat.

To kick off the 100th anniversary, a banquet will be held May 20, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Dignitaries from the Salvation Army and local officials will be on hand to bring greetings. The roast beef dinner is open to the public at \$10 per person. Tickets are available from the Salvation Army office.

Saturday, May 21, the Mississauga Temple Band will play a concert in Dewan Festival Gardens from 1 to 2 p.m. The band has 40 members who will be billeted in Ingersoll homes over the weekend.

That afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m., there will be an open house at the Salvation Army Citadel. Various artifacts and photos will be on dis-

play and a light lunch will be served.

Saturday night the Temple Band will perform at Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and teens, in advance. At the door tickets are \$4. They may be purchased in advance at Carr's Book and China Shop.

A breakfast will be served at the Masonic Temple on Sunday morning, with the Canadian Commissioner, Arthur Pitcher, speaking. Tickets are \$3.

The Sunday services will be conducted by Commissioner Pitcher at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Citadel.

To coincide with the anniversary, Salvation Army member Jack Savage is preparing a souvineer brochure. It will contain the history of the local corp as well as the highlights of its 100 years.

July 1, 1983 was the first meeting of the local Salvation Army and was held in the old town hall.

The brochure will be available in the middle of May and will be sold for \$5.

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## Salvation Army marks 100 years

**INGERSOLL** — A banquet, band concerts and displays of old artifacts and photographs are some highlights being planned for the 100th anniversary celebrations of the Ingersoll Salvation Army in May.

It was on July 3, 1883 that the first Salvation Army meeting in Ingersoll was held.

A three day weekend of festivities begins Friday, May 20 with a banquet at First Baptist Church. Salvation Army dignitaries, such as the Canadian commissioner Arthur Pitcher, of Toronto, and the divisional commander from London, along with local officials, are to issue greetings.

The following day, Saturday, May 21, the Mississauga Temple Band performs at Dewan Festival Gardens from 1 to 2 p.m. The band's 40 members are to be billeted in Ingersoll homes for the weekend.

The same afternoon, an open house will be held at the Salvation Army Citadel until 4 p.m., featuring artifacts and photographs. The Temple Band gives another performance Saturday night at Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute.

Sunday begins with a morning breakfast at the Masonic Temple with a speech by the Canadian commissioner who will also conduct services later in the morning and in the evening.

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# Salvation Army celebrates 100th

Ingersoll's Salvation Army celebrated its 100th birthday last weekend, with a variety of activities.

"The Salvation Army has been operating undisturbed in Ingersoll for 100 years now," reported Lieutenant Mark Cummings proudly. "This is a landmark in our town because in other places the Salvation Army has been forced to close its doors. Before, there was a citadel in every nook and cranny of each town."

The Salvation has survived he said because of its devotion to people.

"It means 100 years of service of God and man. We celebrated to give glory to God for all he's accomplished right here in town," he said.

Lieutenant Cummings said the weekend went so smoothly, "it was almost a miracle."

Festivities started off with a celebration banquet Friday evening at First Baptist Church. In attendance was M.P.P. for Oxford Dick Treleaven who gave a provincial flag and greetings from premier Bill Davis. Bruce Halliday, M.P. also presented a Canadian flag, and letters from Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau,

and Leader of the Opposition, Eric Neilson.

The highlight for Lieutenant Cummings was the speech made by Basil Craddock, divisional secretary for the Salvation Army in Southwestern Ontario.

"He brought us a message challenging us is the power of God to build upon the foundations which our forefathers started in Ingersoll."

Saturday, The Mississauga Temple band played selections including a special dedication written by Tim Cummings on the 100th anniversary. The band played in Dewan Festival Park and then proceeded to make its way to the Salvation Army Citadel in a parade led by Salvation Army commissioner, Arthur Pitcher and Mr. Craddock. The band played again in the evening at I.D.C.I. as part of a musical festival.

Mayor Doug Harris said it was a privilege to share in the Salvation Army's celebrations.

"It's just outstanding work that they've done in this community for a number of years. To think that Ingersoll has an army that is seventh in its longevity is remarkable," he said.

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The Mississauga Temple Band contributed to the Salvation Army's 100th anniversary celebrations with their marching music. Here, they are playing "Ingersoll 100th" a selection written especially for the occasion by Tim Cummings.

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May 25<sup>th</sup> 1983.

# Departing Sally Ann officer has fun with Christianity

By RICK HUGHES  
of The Sentinel-Review

**INGERSOLL** — Some people may remember Lieut. Mark Cummings for the day they saw him walking down the main street of town in full Salvation Army uniform carrying a toilet plunger over his shoulder like a soldier on parade.

Others may remember him for appearing at the Home League meeting dressed as a woman.

Still others may remember him for singing on the Christmas relief fund telethon.

Those are hardly the dignified images a Salvation Army corps officer would normally want to project. But while there is no question Lieut. Cummings takes his work and faith seriously, he refuses to let the uniform change the type of person he is.

And that is why, after he gives his last service in Ingersoll on Sunday, he will be remembered as a sincere officer with a great sense of humor.

"I have a lot of fun with my Christianity. A lot of Christians look like they've been sucking on lemons. But that's not what it is to me. I have a lot of fun, and I don't have a guilty conscience because of it."

In keeping with a well-established Army tradition, he is being moved to a new posting after three years in Ingersoll. (As an indication of just how deeply established that tradition is, Lieut. Cummings is the 98th corps officer in the local congregation's 102 year history.)

## STILL A SURPRISE

Although not unexpected, the news still came as a surprise, said Lieut. Cummings.

"I didn't think they would move me this year. It came as a bit of a shock. But as a good soldier..."

Lieut. Cummings and his wife, Lynn, are being sent to Kanata, a suburb of Ottawa with a population of approximately 35,000.

It will be a radically different situation for the Cummings. They are leaving a community with a well-established church, and going to one where the Army has only existed for a year.

"They don't even have a building. They are worshipping out of a church. As far as problems go, it means finding space to have an office. It means a lot of work in outreach, in meeting people and in going door-to-door. It presents to me the challenge of making the Army more visible."

## GROWTH POTENTIAL

While he will find it hard to leave Ingersoll, he is excited about the opportunity of "opening fire" in a new posting.

"The possibilities of growth in a community that has just been opened are tremendous. The size of the congregation doesn't bother me at all."

Lieut. Cummings came to Ingersoll as a 25-year-old fresh out of Salvation Army training school. He has no qualms about admitting how lost he was when he first arrived.

"My first year, I didn't have a clue. I made all kinds of mistakes. My second year, I spent trying to fix the mistakes I'd made in the first year, and the third year, I managed to settle down, and tried to move ahead."

"What I faced was not so much with the people here, but with myself."

## HELLUVA GAL

He dressed up as a woman for the Home League meeting to try to break the ice. He had only been in Ingersoll for two months and this was the first of their meetings he attended.

"I thought about how can two guys feel comfortable going to a ladies meeting. And I thought it was being one of the crowd."

As for the plunger, he had to bring it down to the Thrift shop anyway, so why try to hide it, just because he is a uniformed corps officer.

Lieut. Cummings said he has no ambitions, other than to stay in a position where he is in contact with regular people.

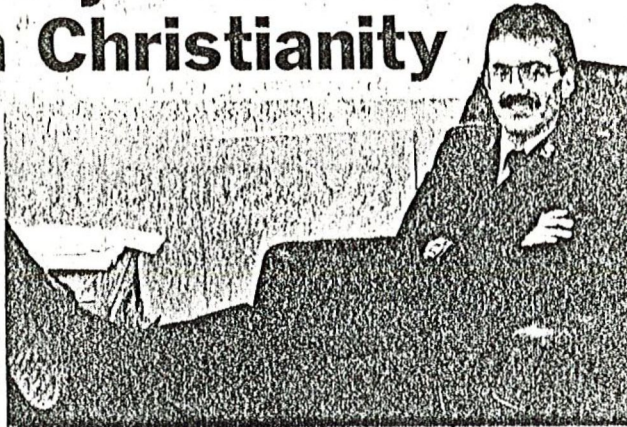
"I never want to lose touch with people at the grass roots level. That's where the action is."

## SPECIAL FAREWELL

Apart from all the experience he has gained as a corps officer, church leader and counsellor here, life in Ingersoll has also been an experience for him.

"I was born in Toronto, and I guess I'm a misplaced city boy. You walk down the street here, and people wave at you and say hello. It still mystifies me. They don't do that in Toronto. The warmth of this town astounds me. That's why I love it so much. I'll miss Ingersoll."

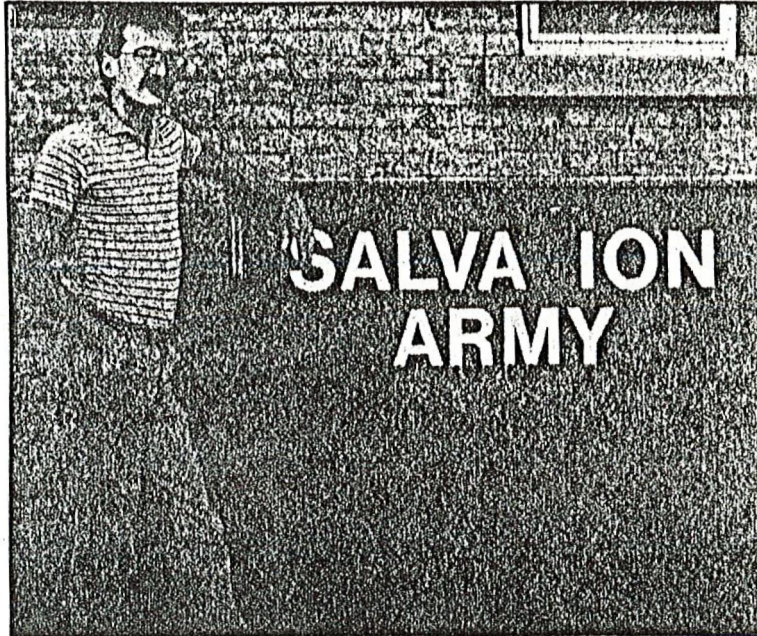
A special farewell get-together for Lieut. Cummings and his wife will be held tonight at the Citadel on Thames Street South, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to say their good-byes to them is welcome to attend.



LIEUT. MARK CUMMINGS in his tiny Citadel office. For all its smallness, it will be a hard to find luxury in Kanata, his next posting, as there is no Salvation Army building there at all.

(Staff photo by Rick Hughes)

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Salvation Army Corp Officer Lt. Marc Cummings will soon have more on his mind than a missing "T", as he is moving to Kanata this week to run the newly-established congregation there. He leaves Ingersoll after three years at the Army's mission on Thames Street South.

## New Army posting for Lt. Marc Cummings

BY IAN JOHNSTON

Three years of hard work and dedication came to an end last Sunday for Lieutenant Marc Cummings of the Salvation Army, as Ingersoll's corp officer gave his last service at the Salvation Army Mission on Thames Street, before moving on to a new challenge just outside of Toronto.

In what can be termed an annual process, the Salvation Army every May shifts some of its members to new locations. Lt. Cummings and his wife Lynn are being sent to Kanata, a town with a population of approximately 35,000.

Although he admitted his reassignment was a surprise, he said that at this time of year, most officers get a little nervous in expectation of a change, and he was prepared for it.

In moving to Kanata, Lt. Cummings faces a host of problems far removed from the well-established Ingersoll branch.

"It won't be anything like Ingersoll. The Salvation Army has been here for over 100 years. But in Kanata, the Army has only been there for a year."

Lt. Cummings said he must now face the reality of having no building to conduct services in; and no office. His goal for the possible five years he will spend in Kanata includes both the construction of a building and the increasing of the existing congregation from 24 to 75.

Reflecting on his three years in Ingersoll, Lt. Cummings said the most rewarding thing for him came in his contact with people.

"My biggest accomplishment was when I saw somebody down and out and was able to change his life, so he was doing something worthwhile."

Born in Toronto, Lt. Cummings said that the most drastic change he saw between the big city and Ingersoll was in the people.

"There's more community spirit here. People are interested in each other. I'll miss Ingersoll," he admitted.

Despite this regret, Lt. Cummings said he has never considered another line of work, finding his lighthearted character perfect for the job.

"You've got to have a good sense of humor. I live life to the fullest and have fun doing it. If humor can alleviate suffering, then that is wonderful."

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# New officers named to Salvation Army

BY GINETTE GRAVELINE

This may be their first congregation but Harold and Sharon Fox can't wait to see at least 100 members attend their services at Ingersoll's Salvation Army Church.

The couple and their two children, Sajah, 9, and Kamal, 7, took over the corps last week.

Originally from Bermuda, the couple have just completed a two year officership training program at Toronto's Salvation Army Training College.

The Foxes left their native home to pursue this training and have remained in Canada because this is the congregation they were given, said Lt. Fox.

The couple's long term goal in Ingersoll is to show the community that the Salvation Army is "more than just a social entity. We're also a church," Lt. Fox explained.

Mrs. Fox added that their perception of

the Salvation Army is different because people in her native country treat the corps "first as a church and then as a place to get help."

The couple plan to increase the present membership of 45 to at least 100 through "emphasis on pastoral leadership and youth worship," Lt. Fox explained.

Mrs. Fox, who will be responsible for the women's ministry, said it has been several years since Ingersoll was served by a couple with children.

The couple has been married for 11 years and have been active as husband and wife for 10 years.

And because the couple come to the congregation as a family, Mrs. Fox said they also plan to reach out to local troubled families.

"We want to work on building better relationships in families, especially today when everything seems to be falling

apart," she explained.

The Salvation Army was introduced in Bermuda 90 years ago. Bermudan couples are required to train in Canada. Once recognized as officers, the couple can either be given congregations here or in their homeland.

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## Excellent financial report

# Relief fund hands Salvation Army \$10,000

By RICK HUGHES  
of The Sentinel-Review

INGERSOLL — The inter-church Christmas relief committee finished 1985 in an excellent financial position, its recently released annual report and financial statement shows.

The inter-church committee was able to hand more than \$10,000 to the Salvation Army for emergency relief and welfare for the rest of the year. The Salvation Army administers the fund for all area churches.

The \$10,000 is what was left over after all the expenses from the preparation and distribution of the Christmas baskets were taken care of, and after

\$689 in start-up funds were set aside for the 1986 drive.

"The financial picture is very bright right now," said committee coordinator Bonnie Mott.

During the 1985 Christmas drive, the committee raised \$16,373. Of that total, almost \$10,500 came from the telethon, \$5,580 came from the kettles, and \$365 was a transfer from 1985.

The \$10,500 raised by the telethon means that despite initial reports that it had fallen short of its objective, late donations brought it over that total.

### MORE THAN '84

Kettle chairman Jack Savage was once again able to report an increase in

the money raised in that effort. The \$5,580 raised is \$526 more than what was raised in 1984.

The number of people who registered for assistance was approximately 200. That total has remained generally constant for the past seven years. One year, during the height of the recession in the early 1980s, it went up to 250.

The committee spent \$5,684 to prepare and distribute the baskets. Food for the baskets gobbled up \$3,336, while \$1,468 went to clothing. Advertising expenses were \$277 and supplies were \$409.

While the inter-church committee is in good financial shape heading into the 1986 drive, it is in a far more precarious

organizational position.

Mott, after seven years as coordinator of the effort is leaving.

"I have exhausted every idea, every person, every contact I have. It's time for someone with new ideas. It's a worthwhile project, not only for the people it is able to help, but that it provides an agency for people to give. And people do want to give."

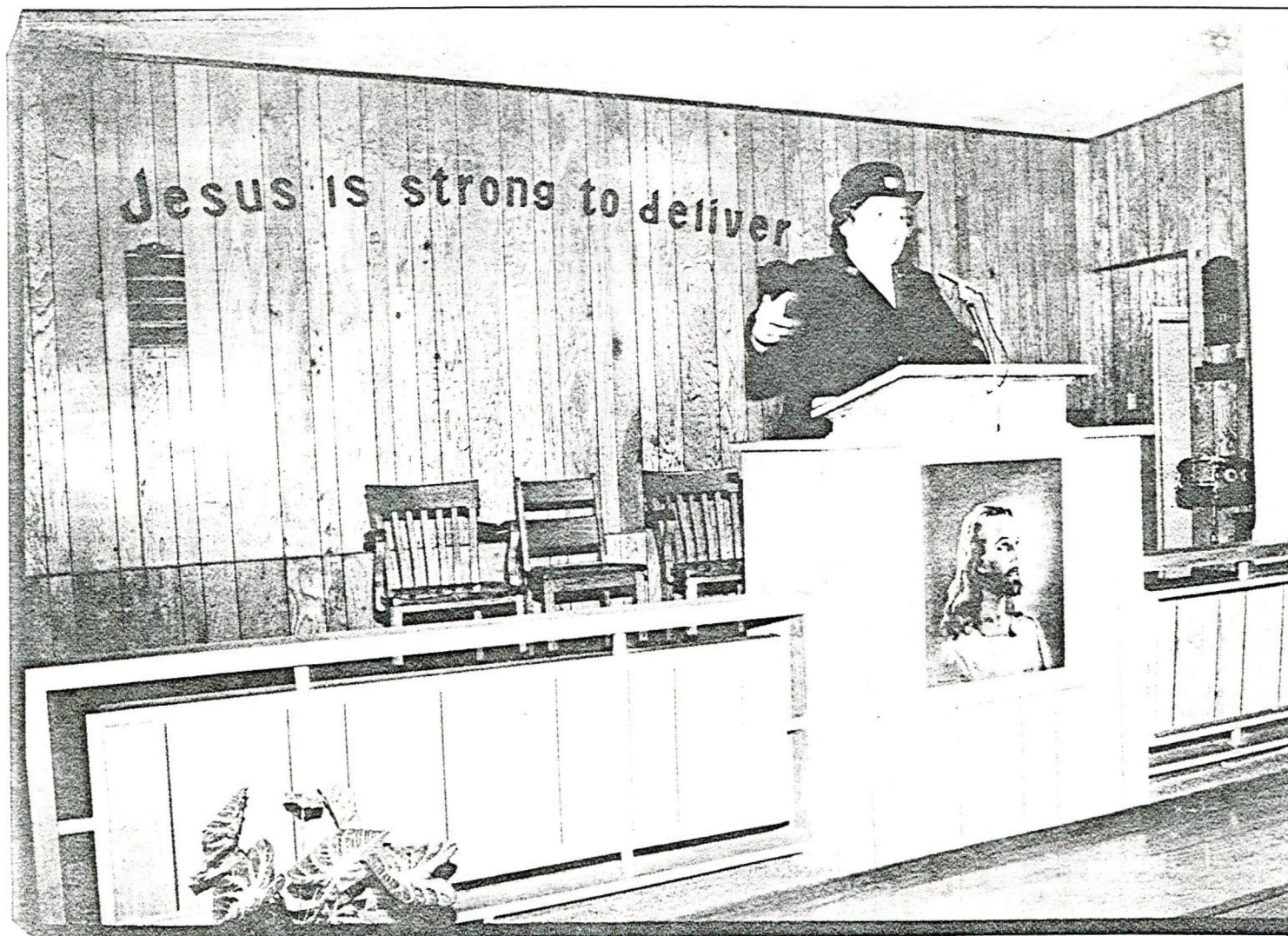
The Ingersoll ministerial association is now in the process of trying to find a replacement for Mott.

The committee will also have to fill a huge void created by the death of Bob Hill earlier this year. Hill was heavily involved in the effort and over the past few years had made a major contribution to its success.

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## Officer reaches out to community

By ANNE LONDON

Arlene Adey's heart is in the right place.

It has to be in order for the Salvation Army lieutenant to carry out her day-to-day activities ministering to the community.

Adey has been in Ingersoll—her first posting since graduating from bible college—for just over a year.

She is originally from Cornerbrook - Newfoundland and also attend officer's college in that province.

After graduating from the Salvation Army College for Officer Training, she received her first appointment and headed out for Ontario.

Prior to being placed here, she said she had no idea of where Ingersoll was. "When you think Ontario you think Toronto," she said in a recent interview.

At school she received training for a life of service.

Every morning she attended classes and studied while afternoons were spent in practical areas of ministry.

She visited the sick in hospital, met with young offenders and spread the gospel message.

Adey even took up night patrol along pub alley with a partner when it came her turn.

Once she was attacked in a pub by

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Arlene Adey, an officer in the Salvation Army, believes the message appearing behind her on the wall. Adey has been placed in Ingersoll after graduating from officer's college.

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# Newfoundland native reaching downtrodden

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a woman who resented her boyfriend's sudden departure when the bible school students showed up.

She cursed Adey and spat at her, scratching her furiously. Reluctant to fight back, the religious student waited for help to arrive which it eventually did.

Another night found she and her partner being verbally attacked by drunken Hallowe'en party goers, safe in the knowledge that they couldn't be identified behind their masks.

She also made trips to Harbor Lights, a home for alcoholics and participated in open air services every Friday night.

Her first summer internship placed her in a church where she learned to carry out some of the responsibilities of the vacationing minister.

"Whatever happened while he was away you did it," she said, referring to funerals, and some other ministerial duties.

Her dedication to the army can perhaps be at least partially attributed to her family's history.

Her mother and father are both soldiers in the Army in Newfoundland, as are her brothers and sister.

In Ingersoll her responsibilities include overseeing the ongoing activities of the army.

Assistant Lieutenant Maxine Cooper also helps out with some of that. The pair also share the church's home together.

The army provides help to those in need in the community.

That help can come in the form of groceries, or a light or heat bill be-

ing paid.

"We have never given out cash," Adey said pointing out that grocery vouchers are used which can be redeemed at local stores.

Transients in need of a place to sleep have a friend in Adey, as do those who need a meal or a helping hand.

Recently the lieutenant said some travellers recently passed through town but experienced car trouble and a major repair that depleted their funds.

The Salvation Army pitched in,

providing the couple with enough gasoline to reach their destination.

"Those repairs took every cent they had," Adey said.

The church also has a women's group that meets regularly and there are also children's programs.

A youth group is also in the works. And Adey said all of the groups are open to the entire community, not just families who regularly attend the Salvation Army.

But Adey is adamant about the church's role in the community.

"Our aim is not to steal from other

churches. Our aim is to win people to Christ."

When not involved in church activities, Adey likes to devote time to visiting people.

In fact you can often see her making her way along Thames Street, her officer's epaulets gleaming darkly scarlet above resolutely held shoulders. She's a woman with a mission.

And a proud member of what she calls a "church with a social outlook."

Adey has her own strategy for win-

ning souls based on common sense.

"If they are hungry or without a place to stay you can't lead them to Christ. Not until you've met their needs first."

And in an age of humanistic sophistication, Adey's faith remains simple.

She has been healed of back and kidney trouble which would have prevented her entry to college.

And she believes in miracles.

"It's a miracle every time an alcoholic turns to Christ," she says.

# Women find refuge in home

Life at the Women's Emergency Centre in Woodstock can be an emotional roller coaster for everyone—including volunteers.

The woman we interviewed for this story did not wish to be identified by name.

She was afraid that an angry boyfriend or husband may try to do her harm.

It hasn't happened yet, but we agreed that publishing her name would probably not be in her best interest.

So we'll call her Jane, just for the sake of having a name to tack on to the quotes we received from her during an interview in her home recently.

Jane has been volunteering at the centre for about two-and-a-half years now, after being persuaded to join by a friend involved in the centre's work.

She works when they need her, although she holds a full time job and is also a part time university student.

At the centre Jane helps out with household duties and any jobs that a normal staff member would be expected to complete.

Confidentiality plays a big part in the centre's code of ethics. The names of the women in the centre at any given time can never be repeated in public, even by fellow-women living there.

If a woman breaches that code she is asked to leave, Jane said.

Jane meets with women on a weekly basis, working with the women on a six week cyclic basis.

Regular group meetings help orient the women and help them make their ultimate decision to go or stay with the abusive mate.

And although the women may appear different, they all have the same sad stories to tell, Jane said.

They have all suffered name calling, psychological manipulation and emotional or physical abuse.

Jane said relationships of the destructive bent are also cyclic. Anxiety of an attack, or incident is followed by violence, the honeymoon period and then more walking on egg shells before the next incident.

Some of the women at the home have been abused for long periods of time. Others have suffered a single episode.

For some, the incidents first happened during pregnancy, when sexual activity is diminished.

"A lot of men can't see beyond their own needs," Jane said.

Most of the women in the shelter

have little idea of their legal rights during a separation.

Which is why lawyers give lectures there.

Although guests can only stay for six weeks, many women keep reappearing over the course of a year.

But the shelter will always be there to provide women with "the time and the space to make those important decisions," Jane says.

Although her work is draining, Jane finds great personal reward in helping a woman who has been abused and downtrodden, back to her feet again.

She says the women also become quite close to each other during their time together.

They have two things going for them: a desire to regain dignity, and volunteers like Jane to help them do just that.

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## Inter-church Christmas committee starts planning for Cheer Fund

The planning for the 1989 Christmas Cheer Fund commenced with an executive meeting held in the Salvation Army Citadel at which time Captain Leslie Rowe was given a friendly welcome by the committee as he commences his tour of duty in Ingersoll.

The first meeting of the committee will be a "Coffee Break" meeting at 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 18th in the Salvation Army Citadel and the members of the Ministerial Association have been invited to attend.

This will be the 11th consecutive year of operation for this community-orientated group of volunteers from all the main line churches of Ingersoll and area. The committee was formed in 1979 by Lieut. Ernie Reid during his time as the Salvation Army officer in Ingersoll.

It was announced by Jack Savage, Kettle Chairman that the familiar Christmas kettles will make their initial appearance on the night of the annual Midnight Madness Sale,

November 24th and that they will be manned by members of the committee on that night.

Regular schedule will commence on Friday, December 15th and will conclude on Christmas Eve. As in other years, assistance will be

sought from the various fraternal associations and churches in the area for manning the kettles which will be out from 9:30 a.m. until time of store closing.

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## Committee helps 133 families

The Inter-church Christmas Cheer committee helped 133 families, consisting of a total of 436 adults and children, during the holiday season.

Treasurer Keith Stokes said the committee received "considerably more" money and food this year, resulting in more being turned over to the Salvation Army to help families throughout the rest of the year.

A good portion of the money was raised for the cheer fund through the use of Christmas kettles which were placed at the two shopping plazas and in front of the drop-off centre (Jim Young's former drug store) on Thames Street.

The kettle was also placed at the CAMI plant for one day, receiving a good response.

Prior to Christmas, the ARC Industries building on Ingersoll Street was bustling with activity as 20 volunteers sorted the donated food, clothing, toys and knitted items for packing in boxes. Each box contained a turkey or ham dinner, complete with potatoes, cranberries, apple sauce, as well as other food which

was donated.

The boxes for families with small children contained pyjamas, knitted items and toys.

Last year, \$13,500 plus a small portion of leftover food and clothing was given to the Salvation Army. This year \$16,170 was given to the organization, along with 20 cases of food, Stokes said. In addition, \$500 was donated by the committee to the Friendship Club, a local support group.

The committee appreciates all the hard work by the area churches, schools, service clubs, lodges, employee groups, professionals and industries which supported this cause through donations of goods, services and time.

The Inter-church Christmas Cheer committee has been helping needy families for the past 10 years. Prior to that the Salvation Army took on the task alone.

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