

# Large Congregation Attends Wesley United Dedication Service Sunday

Notwithstanding the torrid heat which prevailed over the week-end, an assembling of friends filled the new church, Wesley United Church, situated at the north-east corner of Melrose and Golspie, to take part in the dedication service Sunday afternoon.

Taking part in the service were Rev. D. A. MacLean, Gordon United Church; Rev. F. J. Douglas, retiring president of the Manitoba Conference; Rev. G. M. Marshall, incoming chairman of the Winnipeg Presbytery; Rev. J. Ezek Stewart, retiring chairman of the Winnipeg Presbytery; Rev. C. H. Forsyth, John Black Memorial Church; Rev. H. C. Wyman, Grey Street United Church. Prayers were offered by J. Kerr Brown and Hector Cross.

Rev. Mr. Stewart, who addressed the gathering, said:

"To arrive at this special event in the history of this community and of this congregation has been the

result of great team work. Many committees, organizations and people have worked together to make this possible. As God used Joshua and Caleb, so He has used many in order that He may be glorified by the erection and dedication of this building.

"Many of you have worked, served and sacrificed, often against odds and at times a minority group, to bring us to this occasion.

The name that has been chosen, 'Wesley', reminds us of one who always retained his steadfast purpose to do the will of God; at times finding life and its call to service difficult, but never giving up.

"Conscious of the inability to accomplish great things for God with his own resources, but ever ready to offer without reservation all of his resources of time, talent and abilities to bring honour and glory to God.

"In a rapidly expanding and developing community some things are a necessity and the Church is one of the first. You have recognized this fact and in so doing you have become messengers of encouragement to all new and expanding communities.

"The boards and Session of this congregation will present to you situations demanding fortitude, service and sacrifice. You will grow, you will expand, you will build greater. You will attempt great things for God and you will and have a right to expect great things from God."

Members of John Black Church choir, with W. F. Mann at the piano, led the service of praise.

The new church was beautifully decorated for the auspicious occasion.

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