

# Hamilton To Write

## E.K. Centennial History

Gwain Hamilton, a resident of East Kildonan for the past nine years, has been commissioned to write the centennial history of East Kildonan.

Ald. Douglas Brewer, of the city's Centennial Committee, announced that City Council had ratified this decision at the Monday night Council meeting.

The history, which is to be completed by the beginning of Canada's centennial year, will deal with historical aspects of the Kildonan settlement and the people who refused to be discouraged by famine, pestilence, war and flood.

Particular reference will be made to the east side of the Red River; the wood and hay lots of the original settlers.

The history will also trace the development of the school and municipal systems down to the present day. There will also be sections dealing with place names of the area and the pioneers.

The history will also include 1,500 to 2,000 word biographies of Miles Macdonell, whose name is perpetuated in an East Kildonan collegiate; John Pritchard, the first teacher here, and Rev. John Black, the "Apostle of the Red River," the first Presbyterian minister in Kildonan whose name is carried on by a United Church in the city.

Part of the North Kildonan story will also be told up until the year 1924, when the area was detached to become a municipality of its own.

Ald. Brewer said Mr. Hamilton is well qualified to produce a definitive history of the area. He is a former newspaperman with 25 years' experience in writing and editing.

He is the son of the late Zachary Macanby Hamilton, a prominent Saskatchewan historian and authority on the life of Riel.

Mr. Hamilton's spare time hobby is the study of Manitoba history and he has written a book, published last fall, entitled "In The Beginning". It is a historical dictionary of Manitoba.

Mr. Hamilton, who resides at 83 Cameo Crescent, is married to the former Ilse Gerstl, of Vienna, Austria. They have three children.



GWAIN HAMILTON

## Gordon United Church Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation of Gordon United Church was held on Monday evening, Jan. 24th.

The evening was opened with a pot luck supper with approximately 35 present. Rev. W. C. Christie chaired the meeting.

The suggested budget for 1966 was approved.

During 1965 28 new members had been received, 23 baptisms performed, and eight weddings conducted.

During the vacation period of the minister, the following groups conducted services: The Session, Stewards, AOTS, C.G.I.T. and U.C.W.

The Committee of Stewards sponsored four bowling parties.

All groups in the church carried on with various activities, both to raise funds and to promote fellowship in the congregation.

The Old Timers' social hour, which has become a very special feature over many years, was not held this year. For many years Mr. Alex. Officer accepted the responsibility for planning the Old Timers' evening.

At the annual meeting this year Mr. Officer assisted Mr. Christie in a short memorial service for those who died

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