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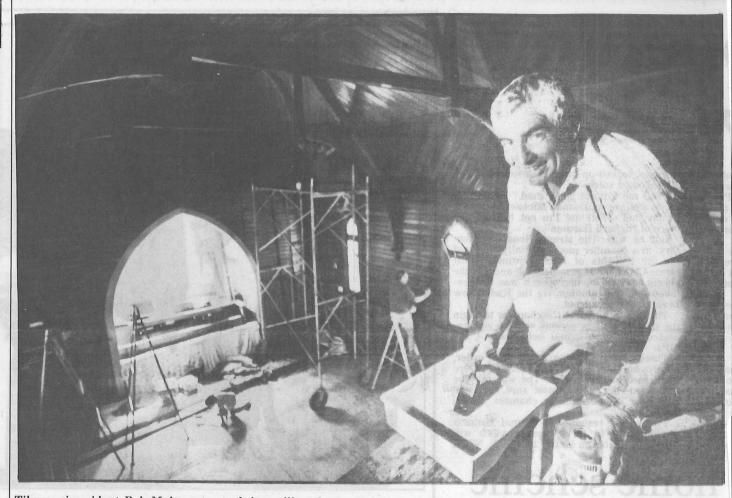
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Tikorangi resident Bob Mahy gets stuck into oiling the woodwork in the Tikorangi church yesterday. Also up in the rafters (background) is Jan Turner, on the ladder is Ian Vickers and sweeping the floor is Sam Turner (7). Photo: ADRIAN MALLOCH

Tikorangi church spruced up

A CHURCH which had its first wedding congregation standing up because it did not have the pews in celebrates its 90th anniversary next month.

St Lukes Church at Tikorangi had its first wedding on May 18, 1900, but had no seating for the congregation.

The couple married were Mr and Mrs Tom Jury (nee H. Foreman), said former Tikorangi resident Wilf Faull.

Ninety years on the church is being refurbished before its special day on February 17 which the Bishop of Waikato Roger Herft will attend.

St John vestry representative Ian Vickers' said several residents had been helping to replace the old conduit lighting, oiling the timber and basically giving the place a

good spruce up over the past fortnight to get the church ready for its anniversary.

Mr Vickers said the renovation work had been done voluntarily although about \$1000 was needed to finish off the work which includes new carpet

He said a number of people who had been associated with the church in the past had made donations.