

Globe YC presents...
Globe's Youth Company presents The Wizard of Oz with from from left, Matthieu Verdon (Scarecrow) and Rachel Currie (Dorothy). In back, Jake Zanth (Lion) and Thomas Morley (Tin Man). The show runs May 9-10, 8 p.m., and May 10-11 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.globe-productions.ca or directly from the Milton Centre for the Arts at 1010 Main Street East, Milton, 905-878-6000.

Unique tea and fashion show—just in time for Mom's day

By **LOIS FRASER**
Special to the IFP

St. John's United Church is hosting a Trousseau Tea and Wedding Gowns through the Decades Fashion Show on Saturday (May 10), Mother's Day weekend. Wedding dresses, from the 1930s forward, including Janice Campbell's grandmother's gown, shown in this 1932 photo, will be worn.



David Hopkins and Edith Larson with Harry Furness and Edna Larson.

Naturally, none will be worn by the actual brides, since who can get into their wedding dress? So far, 25 gowns have been assembled, but organizers are still looking for a WWII bride's attire, when women often got married in suits.

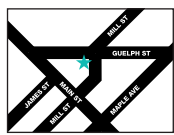
Many readers may not know what a Trousseau Tea is. The name comes from the French word *trousseau*, which is a diminutive of *trousse*, meaning bundle. A traditional trousseau, stored in a hope chest, included brand-new outfits for a bride's wedding and honeymoon, including bridal accessories, jewelry, lingerie, toiletries and makeup, plus bed linens and bath towels for her new home. Traditionally, the "tea" was attended by female friends, neighbours and relatives, who came to ooh and ahh over the assembled treasures.

Naturally, males did not collect or display a Trousseau, because nobody cared what they were wearing. The last Trousseau Tea I went to was in the 1960s and was held for Patricia Hyde by her mother Helen. Quickly thereafter, Trousseau Teas fell out of fashion and they seem quaint, or even ridiculous, today. Apparently, nobody wants to show off the undies they bought at Joe Fresh or the perfume they bought at Costco!

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