



It took some scrambling on the part of everyone concerned, but Lt. Col. John McEwing finally touched down at the Port Elgin Airport Friday morning. The Colonel, a former Port boy, arrived in town to officially open the first Highland Games. Waiting to greet him were, Dr. Bill Dronyk, co-chairman of the Highland Games Committee, (Lt. Col. McEwing) Reeve Howard Collins, Ian Kennedy, co-chairman of the committee, and Kathy Cook, promotional committee chairperson. Alex Smith of the Port Elgin Legion Band piped McEwing in.

Col. McEwing almost grounded

Lieut. Col. John McEwing arrived in Port Elgin Friday morning. On hand to welcome him as he got off the plane were Reeve Howard Collins, Ian Kennedy and Dr. Bill Dronyk, co-chairmen for the Highland Games Committee, Kathy Cook head of the promotional committee, and Alex Smith, a member of the Port Elgin Legion Pipe Band, who piped McEwing in. The welcoming party presented McEwing with a Bruce County tartan tie, and extended greetings on behalf of the whole town.

Apparently, there was some difficulty in getting him here from Spokane, Washington, as the number of DC 10's that are grounded made it a problem to

get a flight. At the Toronto Airport there was a highly co-ordinated operation set up to aid in transferring McEwing to a small plane. An R.C.M.P. officer complete with drawn gun and walkie-talkie picked McEwing up and immediately took him to the aircraft which brought him here.

McEwing told his welcoming committee that he was very impressed by the tremendous amount of work they have accomplished in such a short time. They have done in two or three months what usually takes a year to plan. He said he really commends the Committee for taking on an event of this magnitude, and hopes it will continue next year. If it does, he will come back each year for our Highland Games.



Lt. Col. John McEwing is greeted at the Port Elgin Airport by Highland Games officials, l-r Bill Dronyk, Kathy Cook, Ian Kennedy and Bruce County Reeve Howard Collins. Alex Stewart of the Port Elgin Legion Pipe Band is the piper.



1986 Wedding - Southampton

Joan Marie Hamilton and Bob Hope exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, July 12, at 4 p.m. in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Southampton, Ontario, with Rev. Douglas Gordon officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hamilton of Southampton, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Della Hope of Victoria, B.C.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a full length white polyester satin gown, which featured a long train falling from the waist, with three layers of ruffles at the hemline. The bodice featured intricate embroidery, sweetheart neckline, and large satin shoulder bows above puff sleeves. Her headpiece consisted of dainty white flowers and pearls and a shoulder length veil. She carried a cascade bouquet

of three reuben lilies, freesias and pink rosebuds.

Matron of honour was friend of the bride Sheila Henry, bridesmaids were Mrs. Beverly Berndt and Mrs. Sandra Smith, sisters of the bride. All attendants wore cocktail length, pink polyester gowns and carried bouquets of reuben lilies, freesias and pink rosebuds. For headpieces they wore mini sprigs of baby's breath.

Mel Sangha, friend of the groom, was best man and ushers were Hank Krawn and Jim Hamilton.

The mother of the bride wore a cocktail length, pink polyester crepe gown, with an orchid corsage. Mother of the groom wore a cocktail length blue polka dot polyester gown and also wore an orchid corsage.

A dinner reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.



Members of the Port Elgin Legion Pipe band added another first Saturday to their already long list of achievements. The band took the grade three championship at the Georgetown Highland Games on the weekend and are currently gearing up for the First Port Elgin Supreme Highland Games set to get underway this Saturday at the Gustavus Street park.

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