

# 50th anniversary celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bates, RR 1, Burgessville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, August 15, and in honor of the occasion, their family held open house on Sunday, August 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the North Norwich Gore United Church.

They were married in Chatham with Rev. R.J. Perkins officiating and James Harper and Francis E. Williams, attendants. Mrs. Bates was the former Yvonne Williams, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams of Toronto, and Mr. Bates' parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. A.

Bates of Norfolk County. Following their marriage, they resided in Toronto until 1932, when they moved to a tobacco farm at Ranelegh, later residing in Norwich for three years prior to buying the John Boyce farm, RR 1, Burgessville, where they retired and still reside.

Both are members of North Norwich Gore United Church. Mr. Bates is a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge, No. 104, Norwich, and The Past Time Club. Mrs. Bates is a member of the U.C.W. of the church.

They have six children, Mrs. William (Marilyn) Rogers of Oakville, Jack of Thamesford, Mrs. Earle (Barbara) Lee of Louisville, Kentucky, William of Beaconfield, Mrs. Grant (Nancy) McCurdy of Princeton, and Barry of Burgessville, also nineteen grandchildren.

On Sunday, around 150 relatives, friends and neighbours called at the open house to extend

congratulations and best wishes.

For receiving the guests, the bride of 50 years chose a street-length gown of printed knit jersey, in shades of blue, with coral roses and forget-me-nots corsage.

Attending the register were two granddaughters, Tracy and Kris Bates. Serving were the granddaughters.

The bride's table was decorated with gold cloth with gold wedding bells, centred with the three tiered wedding cake, with a gold 50 years ornament and two floral arrangements, gift of friends, also tall, lighted tapers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates were the recipients of many messages of congratulations and best wishes, also flowers, cards and gifts.

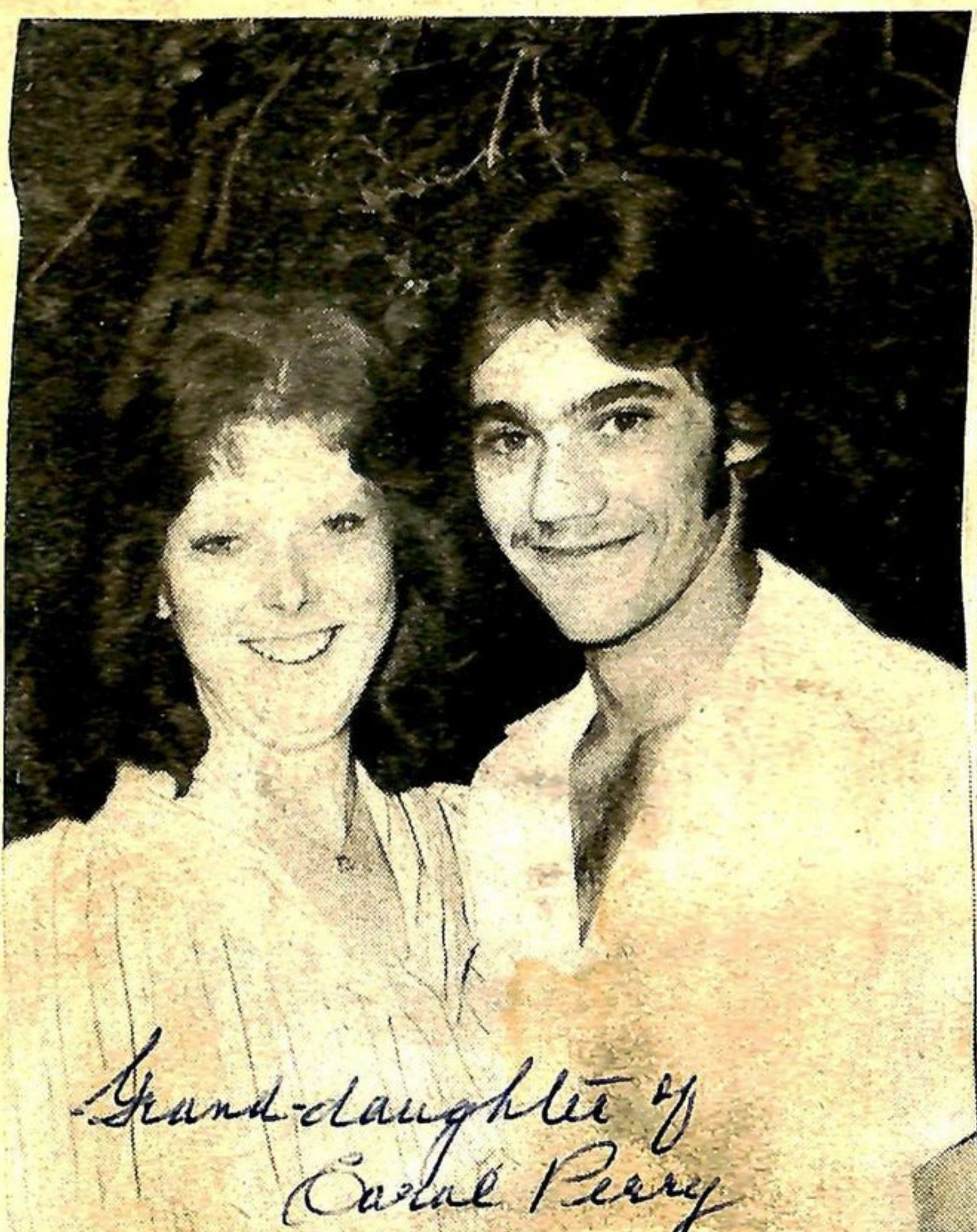
On Saturday, the family entertained them to an anniversary dinner at the Town and Country, Woodstock, followed by a get-together at the home of their son, Bill, at Beaconsfield.



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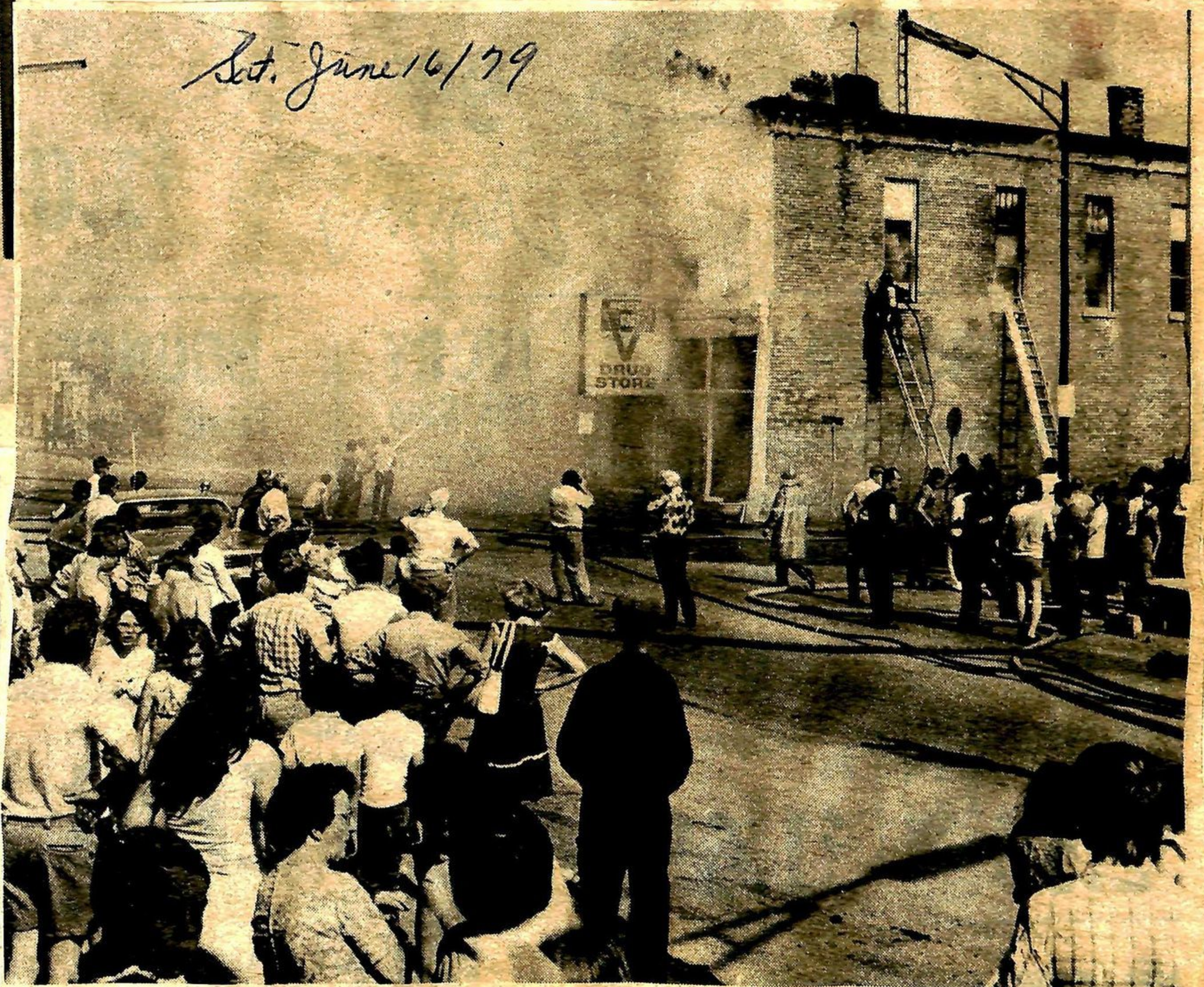


Bob Mighton, left, presented Darcy Nettleton with the Novice House League Most Improved Player trophy at the Minor Hockey night on April 12.



Grand-daughter of Carol Perry

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, RR 6, Woodstock are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brenda Jean, to Mr. Steve Albrecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Albrecht of Millbank. The wedding will take place September 22, 1979 at East Zorra Baptist Church at 5 p.m.



A scene during Saturday's fire which destroyed the Big V Drug Store on Main Street. The fire broke out after the store had closed for the day.

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BURGESSVILLE (C) — Mrs. Bill McMillen was a guest of honor at the 50th anniversary luncheon of the West Oxford Women's Institute, held in the Foldens community Hall. Mrs. McMillen played several selections on the mouth organ, which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Morley were guests of honor at a family dinner on Sunday on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, at the Elm Hurst Restaurant, Ingersoll. Attending were their daughters and families, nieces and nephews and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Len Boyce,

Goderich, called on Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Morley on Friday to wish them congratulations on their anniversary.

Mrs. George McGill, Detroit, Michigan is visiting her sister, Mrs. Stafford Smith. Mrs. Frank McDonnell, Woodstock, spent the weekend with her sisters.