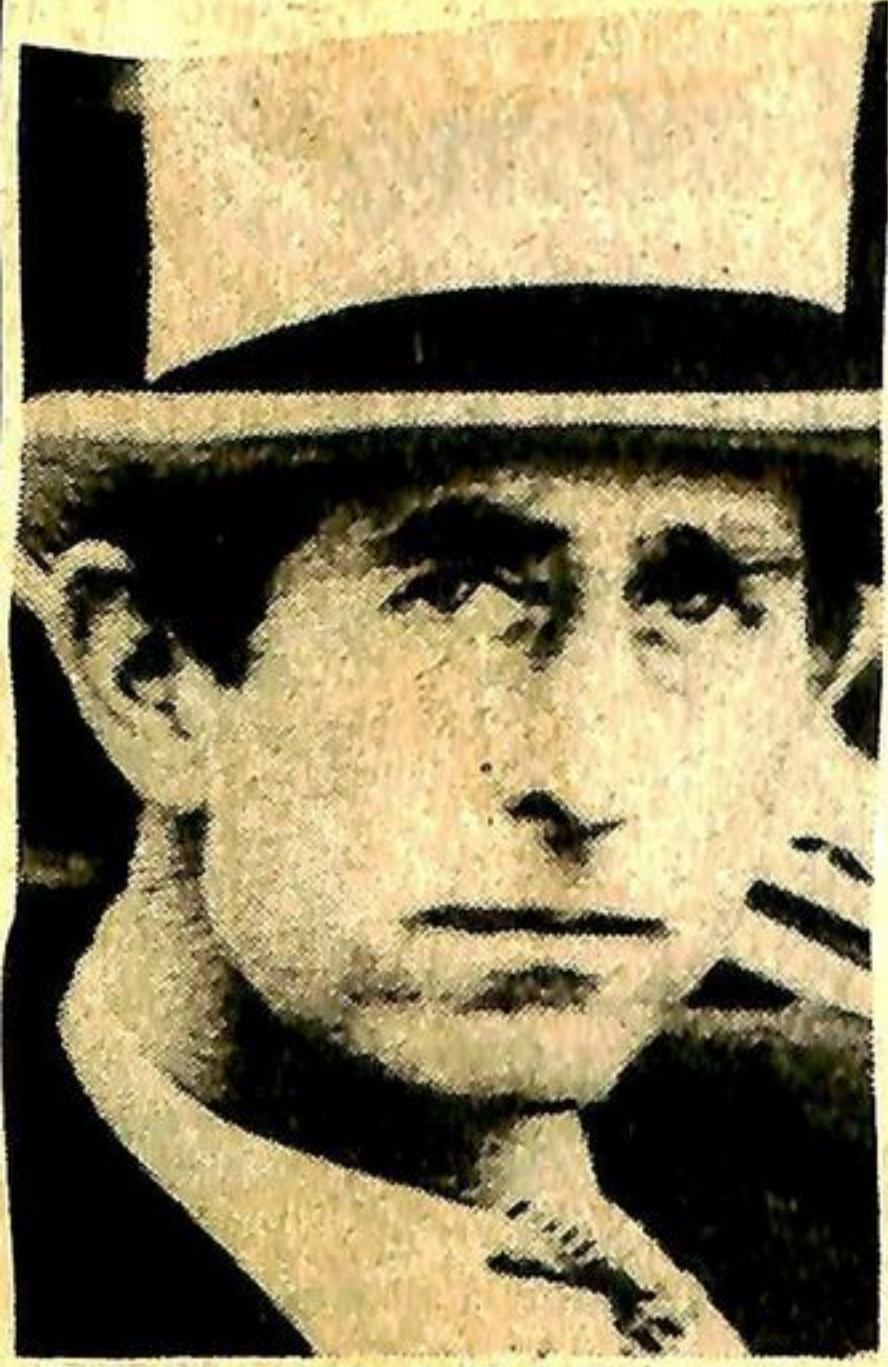


FIRST ROYAL WEDDING EVER AT WREN'S DOMED MASTERPIECE

Prince Charles and Lady Diana anxiously await their July wedding 1981



PRINCE CHARLES
...heir

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles's marriage to Lady Diana Spencer in St. Paul's Cathedral on July 29 will be the first royal wedding ever held in Sir Christopher Wren's domed masterpiece on Ludgate Hill.

The couple surprised everyone by choosing the 271-year-old cathedral instead of Westminster Abbey, the medieval church that for more than nine centuries has been the setting for most coronations and royal weddings and funerals.

The official explanation from Buckingham Palace is that St. Paul's can accommodate more people — about 2,600 guests plus more than 500 clergy, musicians, ushers and press. The Abbey normally holds less than 2,000.

But the Palace also stressed that St. Paul's is very much the "personal choice" of the heir to the Throne and his blue-eyed bride.

The choice of St. Paul's came as a shock to the Abbey staff. Some members had already been interviewed on television about arrangements for the wedding following the

engagement announcement Feb. 24.

At St. Paul's, about three kilometres away on the edge of the financial district, "there was great surprise, but obviously everyone is delighted," said the registrar of the cathedral, Charles Shears.

"Most of us couldn't believe it," said 12-year-old David Judges, one of the 30 boys at the Cathedral Choir School who will sing at the wedding.

"We were all expecting it to be at the Abbey. There is quite a rivalry between the two choirs."

Officials of the Abbey concede that their church has unhappy associations as well as happy ones for both Charles and Lady Diana.

The prince's parents were married there in 1947 and his mother was crowned there in 1952. But the prince last visited it for the funeral of his beloved great-uncle, Earl Mountbatten, who was blown up by the Irish Republican Army in 1979. Charles read the lesson during the service and left in

tears.

Lady Diana's parents were married there in 1954, but the marriage ended in divorce.

Presumably she is not worried by what happened to a royal marriage in Old St. Paul's, which was destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666. Prince Arthur, King Henry VII's oldest son, was married there in 1501 to Catherine of Aragon. After he died, she became the first wife of Henry VIII, and her refusal to give him a divorce resulted in the formation of the Church of England. But she did keep her head.

Wren's Italianate cathedral, with a facade of classical columns leading to a spacious, arched interior topped by a 112-metre dome, is the fifth church on the site. The great architect undertook to rebuild much of London after the fire, and the cathedral was completed in 1710.

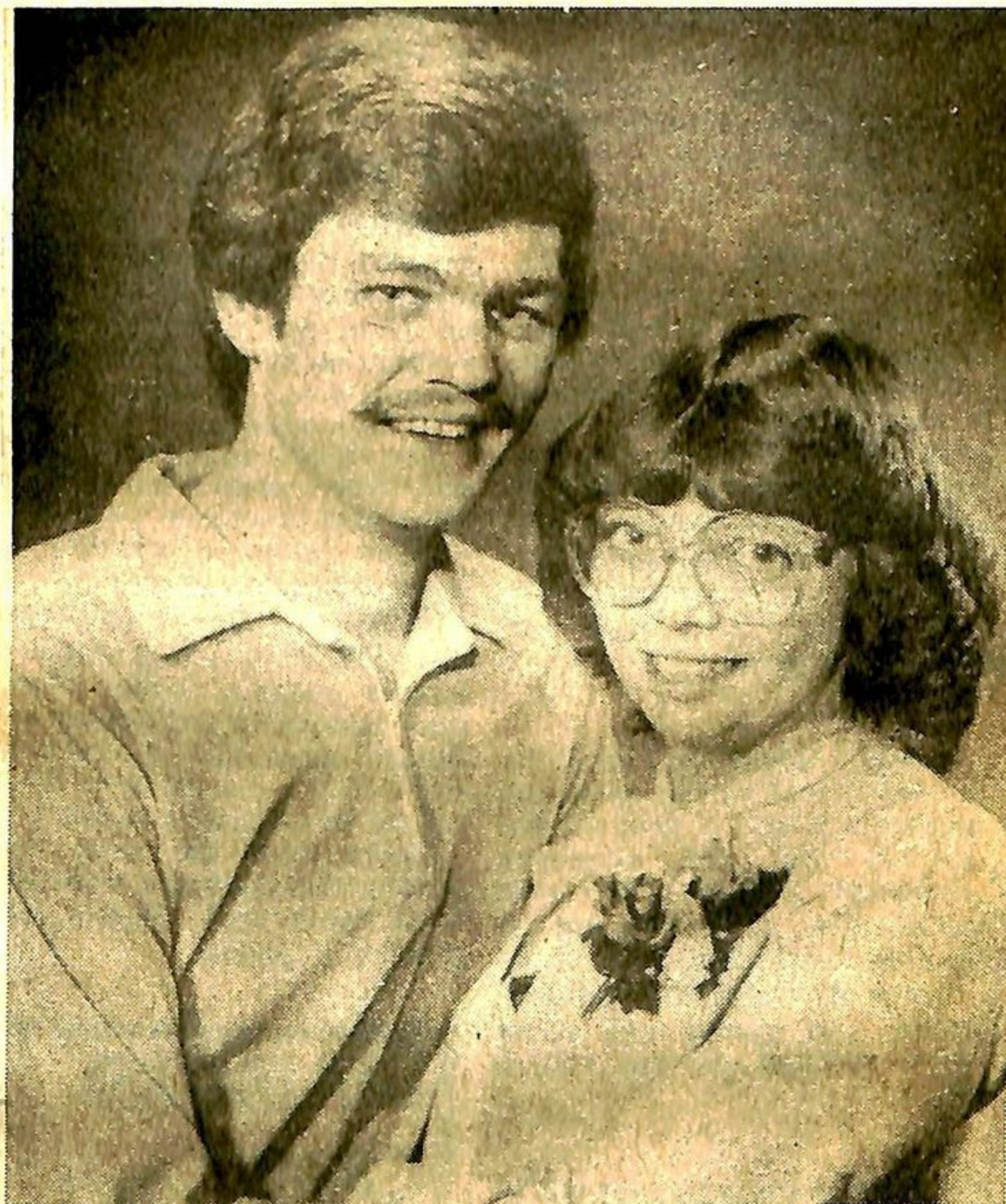
The Queen's Silver Jubilee was celebrated there in 1977. And the Thanksgiving Service for the Queen Mother's 80th birthday was held there last year.



LADY DIANA
July bride



A TUMULTUOUS reception rose to a mighty crescendo when the prince and his bride appeared after their 80-minute wedding ceremony. *June 1981* (CP Laserphoto)



Van Ravenswaay-Jansen

Mr. and Mrs. Evert Van Ravenswaay of RR 1, Burgessville are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their only daughter Angie to John Jansen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jansen of RR 4, Brantford. The wedding will take place July 31 at Netherlands Reformed Congregation, Norwich.

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Burgessville News

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BURGESSVILLE (C) — Group Three of the Burgessville United Church Women met at the home of Mrs. Morley with one member absent.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Morley reading "The Letter E". Mrs. Penny answered the roll call by reading "Old Age is Wonderful" and Mrs. Sackrider chose "Treasury of Thought".

During the business part of the meeting, it was moved by Mrs. Penny and

seconded by Mrs. Sackrider that we donate \$50 to the Burgessville United Church. A donation was made to the memorial fund in memory of William McMillen.

It was decided the members will make lap quilts to be given to the residents of the Norvilla Nursing Home in Norwich. Some discussion followed as to the size and content of the quilts. The rest of the meeting was spent sewing the quilts.

The hostess served lunch during which we enjoyed a social time. The next meeting will be held at the

Wedding-works

LONDON (AP) — In his last official act as a bachelor, Prince Charles lit the first in a nationwide chain of wedding beacons Tuesday night, and London's sky blazed with a spectacular fireworks display.

More than 900 people were reported injured in the crush of spectators.

Half a million people swarmed into 138-hectare Hyde Park and cheered wildly as Charles — using an Olympic torch handed him by a disabled youth in a wheelchair — lit the first of 101 beacons symbolically carrying the news of his marriage to the farthest reaches of the British Isles.

Buckingham Palace said the event drew one of the largest crowds in the world today in an Iranian military plane Iran's leading leftist underground newspaper.

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