



Woodstock Bureau

Organizer Ivan Buchan and his puppet mascot Angus took to the streets of Embro Thursday to spread the word about the upcoming 50th annual Highland Games.

## Big 5-oh coming up for Highland Games

EMBRO (Staff) — Just another birthday bash on Canada Day, right?

Not quite.

There is a wee bit more to it when you're talking about the 50th anniversary of the Zorra Highland Games, an event that has helped put this village on the map.

Ivan Buchan and Ron Totten, two members on the executive of the sponsoring Zorra Caledonian Society, said Thursday the excitement is already starting to build.

"The 50th is really a milestone," said Totten, whose earliest recollection of the Highland Games is getting paid a penny for every 10 promotional leaflets he delivered to homes in the Embro area almost 45 years ago.

The society members extended an open invitation for people across Southern Ontario to join the celebration, hear the pipers and have a hotdog or two Wednesday.

There will be Highland-style dancing, performances by 10 bands and traditional Scottish

sporting events throughout the day at Matheson Park, Buchan said.

For many, the characteristic skirl of the pipes is what it's all about.

Totten said the tuning up begins early July 1 and gets the day off to a rousing start for village residents, many of whom get involved in organizing the event.

"Many recall hearing the pipes and seeing the bands from our early youth," said Totten as he and other society members sat down at the town hall to regroup.

The 50th anniversary celebration actually gets under way Saturday night with a wine and cheese party at the Embro West Zorra Community Centre.

On Sunday, there will be an open air interdenominational church service at 2:30 p.m. at Memorial Park with performances by the Ingersoll Pipe Band and area choirs.

This year a new event, a 10-mile (16-kilometre) marathon race, will be added to the July 1 competitions.

## Marriage vows exchanged in July



Hooper - Holden

Marriage vows were exchanged between Sandra Florence Holden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Holden of RR 3 Lakeside, and Warren Clifford Hooper, son of Mr. Gordon Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. George Haigh of Owen Sound, on July 4, 1987 at Knox United Church, Embro.

Rev. Pease officiated.

The bride wore a floor length gown of satin and chiffon accented with a cathedral train trimmed with lace and ribbons.

The maid of honour was Brenda Holden, sister of the bride, and the bridesmaids were Denise Fraser, cousin of the bride, Lisa Davidson, friend of the bride, and Wendy Hooper, sister of the groom.

The flowergirls were Emily and Rebecca Nichols, friends of the bride.

The bridesmaids wore a rainbow of colours—light pink, mint green, pale yellow, and baby blue with matching hats, respectively. The flowergirls wore white eyelet dresses with a pink sashes.

Bestman was Al Amos and the ushers were Darin Dirk, Tom Stobbe, and Les Armstrong, all friends of the groom.

The groom and ushers were dressed in black tuxedos with cummerbunds and bow ties to complement the bridesmaids' colours.

Following the ceremony, family and friends attended a dinner and dance at the Embro Community Centre.

David Holden, cousin of the bride, acted as MC for the evening. Guests attended from Toronto, Georgetown, Chatham, Kitchener, Wingham, Owen Sound, London, St. Marys, Embro, and surrounding areas.

The bride and groom spent their honeymoon in Vancouver and Calgary and are now residing in London.

Special thanks to all who helped to make our day a special and memorable one. A special thanks to Mom and Dad Holden.