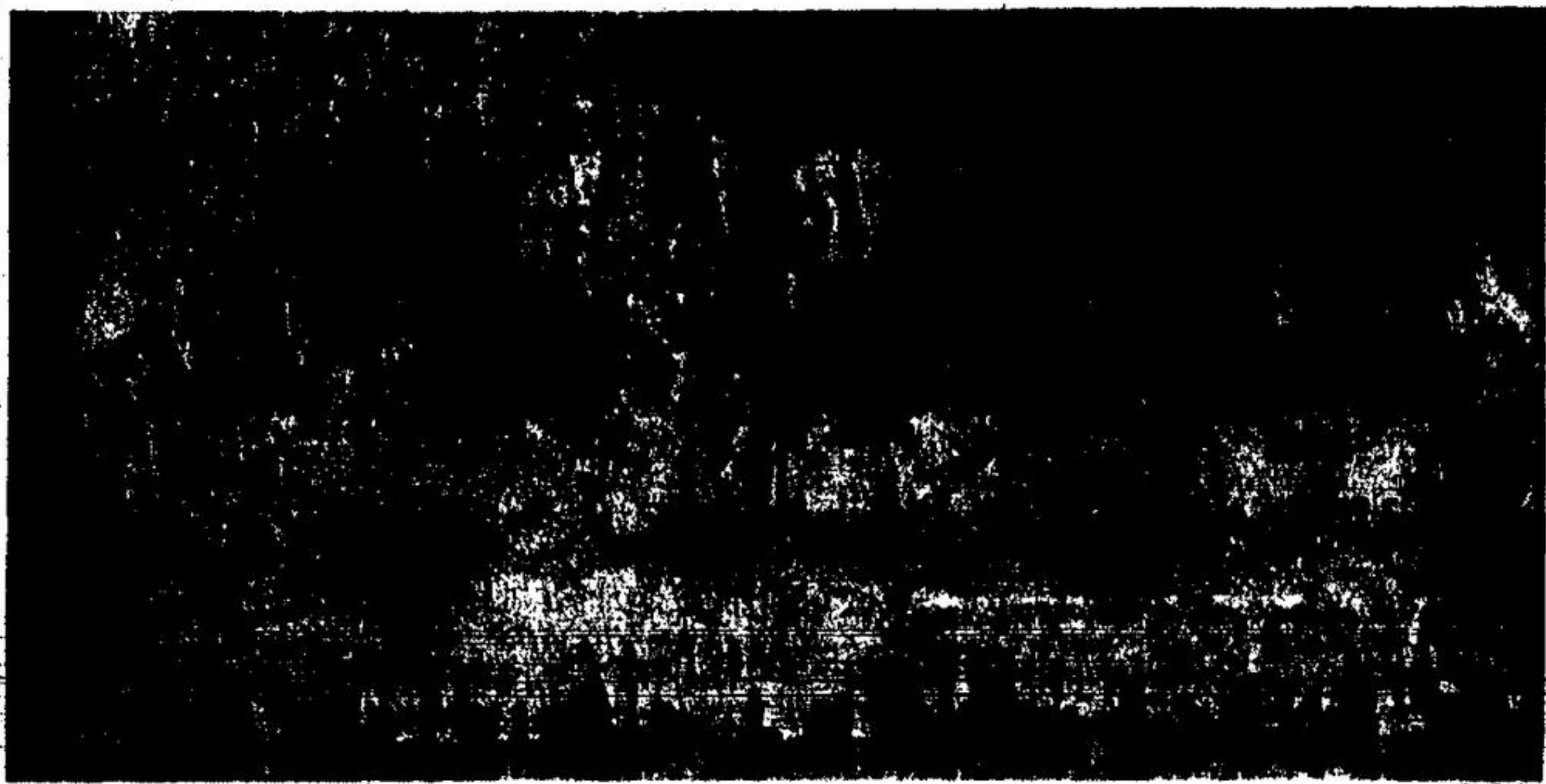


## LIGHTNING HITS DISTRICT, BARN SAVED



—Staff Photo

GRADUATING CLASS members of Acton public school were entertained at the annual graduation banquet in the public school auditorium last week. Members of the Home and School Association provided the banquet that was followed by an address by George Force, Hamilton. Members of the graduating class are shown above with Principal G. W. McKenzie. Back row, J. Fleming, A. Roach, G. Fountain, W. Wagner, R. Holloway, Yuklum Lee, J. Denny, Principal

G. W. McKenzie. Second row, L. Ritchie, R. Braida, B. Gervais, B. Stewart, H. McFadden, G. Williamson, F. Cooper, B. Wahlman, M. Marks, F. Mason, B. Heatley, R. Clow, D. Brown, J. Musselle, M. Kirkness. Front row, J. Molody, R. Landsborough, M. Woods, C. Graham, C. Lambert, E. DeForest, D. Lambert, P. Barnes, R. Cripps, D. Lambert, M. Dennis, L. Mann, B. Smith, E. Massey.

### BRIGADES SAVE BARN AS STORM HITS TRANSFORMER BURNS, DRAINS FLOOD

Firemen, town workmen and hydro employees fought through Wednesday night and early morning to restore services and control a fire following a torrential down-pour of rain accompanied by sharp lightning. The barn on the farm of John Oakamp, half a mile south of No. 24 highway on the first line was struck by lightning during the storm and three brigades from Erin, Acton and Rockwood battled to save the barn until the early hours of Thursday.

The corner of the barn was hit first and a bucket brigade hastily formed, to a nearby pump, was unable to control the flames that smouldered in the hay mow. Erin brigade responded to the call and Acton brigade was called shortly after 10 p.m. Rockwood was also summoned and water was used from the branch of the lower Speed river passing through the farm, as well as the hand pump.

Relays carried buckets of water from the pump to the Rockwood and Acton pumps, while the Erin pumper was located near the river to supply water from that source.

The barn was saved from destruction with only minor damage to the outside. The straw in the mow had to be completely removed to prevent a further outbreak.

Town employees worked into the night to make sure storm drains were operating. The drains were running full but could still not cope with the heavy downpour that flooded basements and created small rivers in the ditches and along the curbs.

Hydro employees worked to maintain electric service from the time-street lights went out about 9 p.m. until after midnight. A transformer was burned out at the Beardmore plant when lightning struck the tall chimney, scattering bricks and disrupting a bank of transformers at the base, affecting the pole transformer feeding the plant. Many smaller cut-outs also had to be replaced.

The Griffin Sprawl barn was also hit by lightning during the storm but sufficient help was around to bring the blaze under control without calling the fire brigade.

Telephone lines in some sections were also put out of operation and are being repaired Thursday (today).

Teacher: "Johnny, can you tell us who defeated the Phoenicians?" Johnny: "I'm not sure, but I think it was Notre Dame."

### NEW BOARD PLANS WASHROOM CHANGES

G. W. McKenzie was named chairman of the board of directors of the Y.M.C.A. at the annual meeting held in the Y on June 19. Other board members for the ensuing year are secretary, Rev. Ralph Price; treasurer, Cliff Sutton.

Committee chairmen finance, Gordon Odey; program, John Molles; building, Mansell Nellis; membership, Walter Woodburn; other members, Jack Ridley, Dick Bean, Lorne Garner, Ken Allen and Jack Greer. The vice-chairman is to be appointed in the fall.

A special meeting of the new board was called on June 26 to consider washroom facilities at the Y. Plans and specifications were reviewed and it was decided to advertise for tenders. Adequate washrooms and showers are to be provided in the basement of the Y.

The financial statement of the Y for the past year showed a surplus on the year's operations of \$67.39. Receipts, including fees, donations and rentals, totalled \$4,527.34. Expenditures, including salaries, maintenance and equipment, totalled \$4,459.95.

Bob Redfern, the Y secretary the past year, was unable to be present at the meeting. He has left Acton and is taking a summer course.

### Takes Bee Swarm From Bower Tree

A two hour job of catching a swarm of bees on Bower Ave. was successfully completed last Saturday by Colin McCall. It was believed the bees had swarmed to the tree on Bower Ave. from behind the Storey Glove factory.

To remove the bees, the branches on which they were clustered were cut by Mr. McCall and the bees were shaken off into a hive. No official number of bees could be reported but one observer said it was "the biggest bunch I've ever seen."

The only frightening experience for watchers was when the first limb being removed was dropped. The bees were piled on the road as Mr. McCall hurriedly searched through them with his bare hands to find if the queen was there. No stings were reported. The bees were taken to Mr. McColl's hives on Cameron Ave.

### LIMEHOUSE 92nd Anniversary Marked by Church

Ninety-second anniversary services were celebrated at Limehouse Presbyterian church on Sunday, with Rev. James Sutherland, B.A., of Campbellville preaching at both services. He also baptized the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Alex Calder at the morning service. The child's name was William Murray.

Knox church choir of George town, under the direction of Mrs. E. Gowland, provided music. Anna Spitzer sang a solo in the morning and Sam Gibby in the evening, the male quartette, Ed Gowland, Wm. Turner, Joe Young and Richard Packer, contributing a number at each service.

Surprise Shower Fourteen neighboring ladies surprised Mrs. Briggs in her new home on Monday afternoon with a shower of useful household gifts. They took lunch with them and enjoyed a social hour before the guest of honor took snapshots of the group to send to her relatives in Scotland.

Miss Olive Marshall and Mrs. T. A. Ivens of Toronto with Miss Ivens and Mrs. Newton. Rev. James Sutherland and Mr. and Mrs. W. Greenlee, Marianne and Lois of Campbellville, with the A. W. Norton's.

Mrs. Warrington of Sharbot lake and Mr. D. Warrington of Oshawa with the A. W. Norton's. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morrow and Elaine of Toronto with Mrs. Lane and the H. Norton's.

Miss Betty Yake and Miss Helen Mills of Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mills. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shelbourne of Eileen and Dianne were guests at the Mills-Cunningham wedding at Thornton United church on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roughley, David and Bob visited relatives at King on Sunday. Mrs. F. T. C. Brown and Miss Still are taking a course in advanced handi-crafts at McMaster university this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron were week-end visitors with the F. T. C. Browns. Their two sons spent the previous week with their cousins there.

Miss Kay Norton is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morrow and Elaine in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dalziel and family of St. Catharines were guests at the Glynn's on Sunday. Ann staying for a holiday.

Recommended—McDonald, Jim; Stuckey, Bill. (Continued on Page Eight)

### Rotary Committees For Year Appointed

In charge of the meeting of Acton Rotary club for the first time as president, V. B. Rumley Tuesday read the appointments to committees for the ensuing year. These are:

Club service committee, chairman, E. Bliton; attendance, T. Jones; A. Long; classification, J. Jones; H. Baxter; club bulletin, D. Dill; program, B. Coon, T. Hansen, H. Leib, J. Goy, A. Dilla, W. Woodburn; membership, A. Long, T. Jones; sergeant-at-arms, W. Masalle; youth, D. Dill.

Vocational service committee, chairman, J. Blow; school projects, T. Hansen, A. Dilla; projects, H. Kinread, J. Goy, W. Coon. Community service committee, chairman, H. Leib; crippled children, T. Tyler, A. Padbury, H. Leib; rural-urban, A. Padbury, W. Masalle.

International service committee, chairman, J. Goy; international contacts, A. Mason, A. Dilla. Other officers are vice-president, A. Padbury; secretary, E. A. Hansen; treasurer, W. Woodburn.

### Lorn School Lists Grade Promotions

Following is the list of promotions at Lorn school. Each grade is listed in the order of the pupil's standing. H denotes honors.

To Grade 8—Gall Dobbie II, Ronald Davidson, Gordon Holmes, Bob Vilestra.

To Grade 7—Barbara Davidson, H. Charles Saul H.

To Grade 6—Emily Saul H. Ann Watkins II, Jane McPhedran, Mervin Broughton, John Vilestra.

To Grade 5—Beverley Holmes, Donald Swackhamer, Leslie McPhedran.

To Grade 4—Lynda Vickery H., Sandra Davidson H.

To Grade 3—Linda Swackhamer H., Wayne Bowen H., Valerie Crofts.

To Grade 2—Lloyd McIntyre H., Peter Taylor H., Maureen Lazenby, David Butler.

### Gifts Presented At Picnic-Meeting

The Friendly Circle held its annual picnic-meeting in the Sunday school room of the church on Wednesday, June 17. The evening began with a delicious supper of sandwiches, salads, meats, cakes, etc. A meeting was conducted by the vice-president, Mrs. Doris Doby. Mrs. Bunny Stewart read the report of the previous meeting.

It was decided to have special letters put on the plaque for the picture of Miss Bennett, which is to hang in the hallway of the new school. Business and correspondence were considered. Gifts were presented to Miss Jean Kirby, who is leaving Acton, and to Miss Jean Harris on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage.

Group one conducted a few games and contests, which were enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Shirley McKeown thanked the group for the pleasant evening.

### ST. MARY'S COUPLE WED IN KNOX CHURCH

A quiet wedding was solemnized in Knox Church, Acton, on Saturday, June 27 by Rev. R. H. Armstrong, when Barbara Marie Wood of St. Mary's was married to Lyle Patterson, also of St. Mary's. A natural colored linen suit with matching accessories and an orchid corsage were worn by the bride. Her only attendant was Mrs. J. Ingles, Acton.

Roy Patterson, Toronto, the brother of the groom, was groomsman. After a reception at the Royal Hotel, Guelph, the couple left for a trip to the Thousand Islands amid showers of confetti and good wishes. On their return, they will live in St. Mary's.

### Seek More Information On Housing Subdivision

A report on securing more housing in Acton was given at the special meeting of Acton council on Monday by the chairman of the industrial committee, E. Tyler. He reported that a representative of the firm of Davies and Davies, Toronto, had been in town and viewed several possible locations for a housing subdivision to include from 25 to 50 houses. The representative was expected to return by the end of the week to secure more details.

The houses under consideration would be solid brick, five room bungalows with full basement, furnace and hardwood floors. The estimated prices would be \$8,950, \$9,250 with down payments of \$1,950 and \$2,250 respectively. The representative was to bring four different plans when he next visited Acton. The firm is presently opening a new subdivision in Milton and plans to build 100 houses there with construction starting almost immediately.

### Projects, Meetings Reported to W.I.

Mrs. A. Ross was hostess for Dublin Women's Institute recently, with Mrs. C. Thompson in charge of the meeting. Donations were made to the district treasurer for Home and Country and \$5.00 was sent to the Federation of Agriculture picnic.

Mrs. W. Frank, convener of the rug committee, gave a cheque of \$10.00 to the treasurer. This was donated by the Salada Tea Co. for competition held at the district annual in Burlington. The rug will be sent to the area convention in Guelph in September.

Plans were discussed for the A. C. W. W. convention in August. Mrs. Ross read a paper giving some timely hints. Mrs. G. H. Somerville gave a report of the district annual. Mrs. A. Near reported on the bus trip to Buffalo.

Roll call was answered with a highlight of the coronation. Mrs. C. Thomson reported a very successful sale at the booth at Mr. Moore's auction sale.

### 54 Busloads Attend Picnic of T.W.U.A.

Joining nine buses from Guelph, two busloads of Acton Wool Combing employees and families traveled in a convoy Saturday to Crystal Beach for the first picnic of the Hamilton joint board of the Textile Workers' Union of America.

About 70 attended from Acton, with some travelling by car as well. Bringing union members from the district, which includes Galt, Preston, Hespeler, London and St. Catharines, 54 buses altogether converged for the event. Others arrived by car and train. It is expected the picnic will become an annual event.

In charge of arrangements in Acton were union president, J. J. Smith and recording secretary Mrs. J. Wilds.

Between five and six thousand enjoyed the day's program, which included sports events, a draw and a picnic lunch. Tea, coffee and ice cream were provided.

Although none of the big draw prizes were won by Actonians, prizes for sports and special events were taken by some Wool Combing entrants.

The picnic was a day-long outing, with the buses leaving Acton shortly after 8 a.m. and some not returning home till after midnight.

### Lorn School Ends Year With Picnic

Lorn Home and School took charge of the annual picnic on Friday evening. The ladies served a bounteous lunch and the men looked after the games and races, after which a ball game was played.

Winners in races were: Pre-school, Margaret Guthrie, Simmy McPhedran; girls 6 and 7, Valerie Crofts, Linda Swackhamer, boys 6 and 7, Lloyd McIntyre, Lyle Broughton; girls 8 and 9, Lynda Vickery, Sandra Davidson, boys 8 and 9, Leslie McPhedran, Wayne Bowen.

Girls 10 and 11, Beverley Holmes, Jane McPhedran, boys 10 and 11, Ron Broughton, Don Swackhamer; girls 12, Gall Dobbie, Catherine McPhedran; boys 12, Charlie Saul, Ronald Davidson; boys over 12, Gordon Holmes, Mervin Broughton.

Girls' three-legged race, Bev Holmes and Gail Dobbie; boys' three-legged race, Charlie Saul and Ron Broughton; sack race, Charlie Saul, Mervin Broughton; shoe scramble, Barbara Davidson, Gail Dobbie.

Ladies' kick the shoe, Mrs. Saul Mrs. Simpson; pie plate race, Bill Dobbie and Inis Graft; Bill and Ruth Watkins; married men, Bill Watkins; married women, Mrs. Taylor; spot race, Mrs. Simpson.

"Here is my report card" said Johnny to his Dad, and added triumphantly, "And here is an old one of yours I found in the attic."

### GOWN OF LACE, NET WORN BY JUNE BRIDE

In Acton United Church on Saturday, June 20, Rev. E. A. Curry united in matrimony Alma Jean Harris, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Harris, Bower Ave., Acton, and William Kerwin McPhail, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. McPhail, R.R. 3, Acton. Baskets of white and pink peonies had been placed in the church for the afternoon ceremony, with white bows and orange blossoms marking the pews of the guests.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ankle length gown of white lace and net. Her long veil of tulle was held by a coronation headdress. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

The matron of honor Mrs. Joan Floto of Guelph, wore a mauve ankle-length dress of net and lace, with matching headdress and mittens. She carried bronze roses.

Groomsman was Kenneth Allan of Georgetown and ushers were Melvin Jordan, Acton and Harold Floto, Guelph.

Miss O. Lampard played the wedding music and accompanied the soloist, C. E. Lyness of Guelph, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Because."

Guests were received in the Sunday school room of the church by the mothers of the bride and groom, each wearing a navy blue with matching accessories and corsages of pink roses.

Mr. and Mrs. McPhail left on a motor trip north, the bride wearing a green suit, cream and green hat, black accessories and corsage of yellow roses.

Guests attended the wedding from Orillia, Tottenham, Dundas, Toronto, Freeton, Rockwood, Georgetown and Guelph as well as Acton.